

POWER OF INFLUENCE

In a little cemetery stands a white stone marking the grave of a dead little girl, and on the stone are chiselled the words, "A child of whom her playmates said, 'It was easier to be good when she was with us!'" Who can estimate the worth of a life?

Perhaps we better understand the teaching of Christ, "Verily, (truly) I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Mtt. 18:3) "Ye are the salt of the earth but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." "Ye are the light of the world; a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid..." "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." (Mtt. 5:13-16).

You, my friend, have the wonderful power of influence. Use it wisely, that others might walk aright in the light you leave behind.

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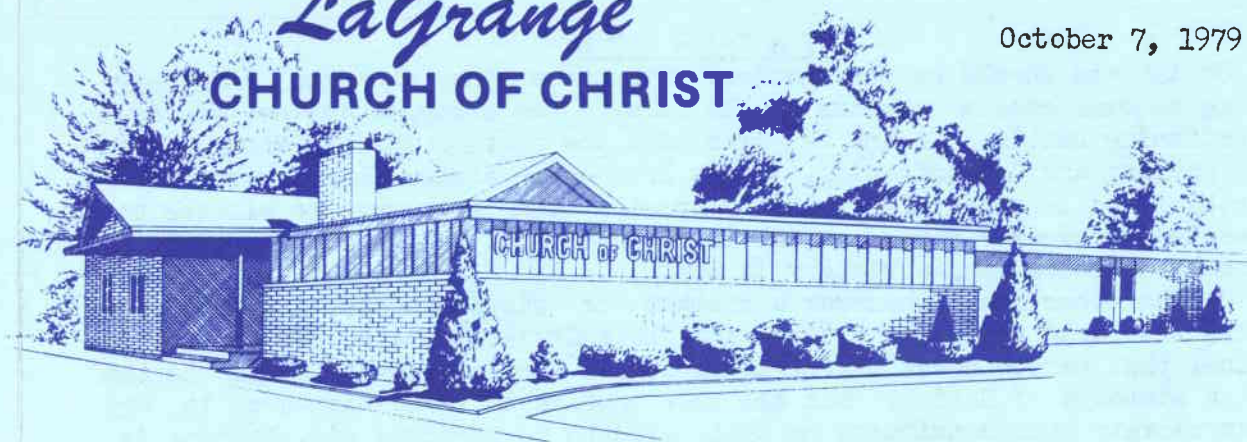
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WE INVITE YOU TO BE OUR GUEST

You visit us as a welcomed and respected guest. At the close of the sermon, those wishing to become Christians are invited to step to the front. Never is anyone singled out for public attention.

Since our purpose is to be governed in all things by the Bible alone, our worship consists of only those items which were part of the worship of the church of the New Testament. Each Lord's Day we sing and pray, partake of the Lord's Supper, preach God's Word for our instruction, and give of our means.

We believe that friendliness is a natural attitude among people who truly love God. Our visitors always receive a warm welcome. We truly hope you will accept our invitation to attend our services. It will be a pleasure to have you.

The confusion of the religious world today is far different from the unity enjoyed by the early Christians. Loyalty to traditionalism and distinctive names divide men religiously. Surely, such loyalties are contrary to the scriptures. We have no sectarian organization or name, doctrine, or creed. Thus, following the teaching of Christ and His Apostles, we are simply Christians - it is the only name by which we are known.

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P A T I E N C E

Christians should be very patient with one another when one is struggling to overcome a weakness in his life. The struggle against sin is a continuing battle. We are to bear with one another in this struggle, to be patient and long-suffering. If a brother or sister has a particular problem and is sincerely trying to wrestle with it we must be willing to forgive 70 times 7 times. That is an awful lot, yet we must be patient, for by patience many a victory is won.

On the other hand whenever a brother or sister cheats, tries to live like the world part of the time and be a Christian another part of the time, that person needs urgent attention. None profess to attain to the high standard of Christ, but all must profess to be committed to it, and demonstrate this commitment by their efforts to overcome sin. Nothing is more destructive to the vigor and power of the gospel than hypocrisy. Perhaps the extreme punishment administered to Ananias and Sapphira was to teach us the importance of this. (Acts 5)

To the sincere person who is struggling, the church must extend the strong arm of forgiveness repeatedly, but the insincere cheater needs to be made aware of the wrath of the Lord. There are few influences that are more powerful at persuading people of the value of the gospel than the sincere, earnest Christian, who doesn't claim to be perfect, but who does sincerely, steadfastly seek to live as Christ teaches men to live.

-Ted Waller

ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP

There are some who are, because of conditions beyond their control, unable to assemble with the saints when the Lord's Supper is eaten; and because of that, arrangements are made for a later observance on that day. But it is exceedingly that the Lord will accept the worship of those who deliberately neglect the regular service in order to do their own bidding. This should cause those who want some extra sleep, to visit or engage in pursuits of pleasure, to examine more closely the word of the Lord. (Jas. 2:10; 4:17)

-Leslie G. Thomas

GATHERED THOUGHTS

* A good man does not hesitate to own he has been wrong. He takes comfort in knowing he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

* Blessed is the man who digs a well from which another may draw faith.

* It is easier to say a good thing about a bad fellow than to say a bad thing about a good fellow.

* To really enjoy religion, one must first have it, then use it!

THE RECORD

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WHAT I WANT AND HOW I CAN GET IT

I want the congregation to radiate a wholesome influence in the community; therefore, I can set an example of a wholesome life.

I want the strangers who visit the services to feel welcome; therefore, I can put forth a big effort to be friendly toward all.

I want the leaders of the church to have the support and appreciation of the congregation; so I can assure them of my cooperation in all the works that are planned.

I want the congregation to meet all of its financial obligations promptly; therefore, I can give my money regularly and generously.

I want the congregation to grow; therefore, I can dedicate myself to the high task of winning souls to Christ.

I want the congregation to thrive in its love for Christ and others; therefore, I can joyfully demonstrate my love for Christ in all of my associations.

Of course, if I don't do much of anything, I can't have the things I want. -Bill Gipson

GOSPEL MEETING October 14-19 at Elkhart with Don House of Flint Mi. preaching. The time is 7:30 each evening. Attend if possible.

T.U.D. IS COMING! WATCH FOR IT!

NURSING HOME SINGING This Sunday evening at both Nursing Homes. Merry Manor 4:30. IaGrange 5:10

WELL ATTENDED The Singing last Sunday evening and the fellowship afterward was well attended.

NO TEACHER TRAINING CLASS Sunday because of the Nursing Home services.

NEW CLASSES The Daniel class on Tuesday had 31 present; the Teacher Training class last Sunday evening had 28 in attendance. Keenagers had 58 present last Thursday. The YOUNG ADULTS are studying the book of Hebrews with Norm Herron. The Older Adults will begin "Some Rules Of Bible Study" October 14th. The Men's Class on Wednesday evening is starting a "My God and My Service" class Oct. 3rd. AND another FISHER'S OF MEN class begins Friday morning 9 a.m. October 5th at the church building for 10 weeks. with Darrell O'Rourke of Naperville, Ill. directing it. Attend any of these that are for you!

AWAY Paul and Geneva will be with the 43rd Street church in Bradenton, Fl. this week. They will return Saturday.

In hospital Carry Gaskill has been in hospital a few days this past week.

HOW COULD YOU

Some months ago a traveler through Montgomery Al. stopped for gasoline/ Unbeknowing to him his wife departed the car. When the attendant finished filling and servicing the car the man left his wife and drove for 5 hours before he realized that he had left her. We are amazed and bewildered/ How could he do such a thing?

But wait! Do we not follow such a pattern of action often, and without even realizing it? God knew the frailty of man. Therefore, He said to Israel, "When the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which He sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not, and houses full of all good things, which thou fillest not, and wells digged, which thou diggest not, vineyard and olive trees, which thou plantest not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of this land of Egypt, from the house of bondage."

How easy we forget, Hast thou forgotten?

-Curtis Sampley

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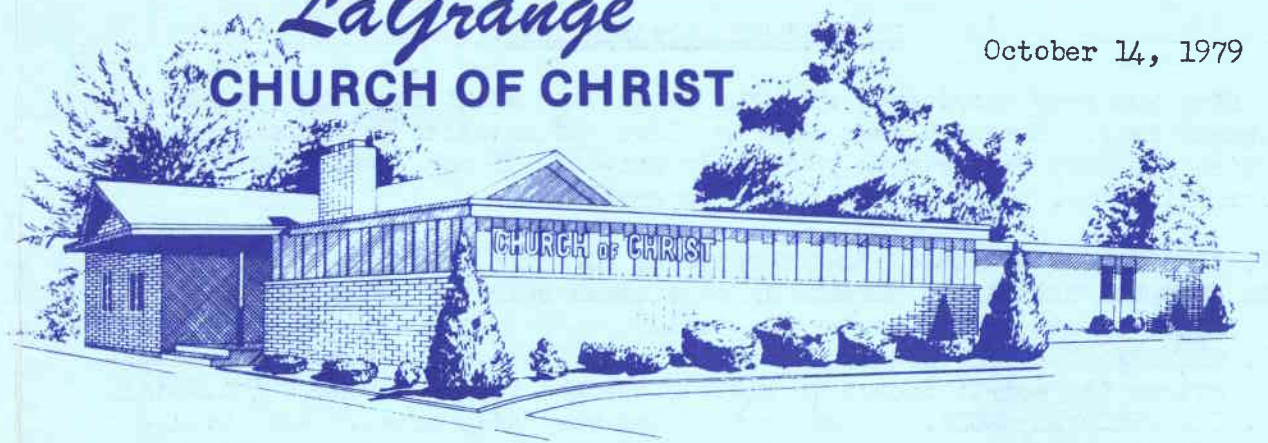
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ARCHEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

Do you beleive that the Garden of Eden was a real place? We often hear this question or one like it in regard to many places, persons and events recorded in the Bible. Somehow, many have come to believe that, for one reason or another, the Bible is an untrustworthy book.

It is true that we cannot precisely locate the Garden of Eden today, but it is equally true that its location is generally referred to in the book of Genesis. We are told in the second chapter of Genesis that four rivers were in and about the area. One of those rivers is said to encompass the whole land of Ethiopia. Another of the rivers was named Hiddekel, which is the ancient name for the Tigris. A third river is said to be the Euphrates. The only conclusion is that the Garden of Eden lay somewhere within the Tigris and Euphrates Valley; this area, of course, being Mesopotamia which means the area between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

The geographical cues in the book of Genesis which relate to other more demonstrable places and events lends credence to the view that the Garden of Eden is also historical and should be literally understood so.

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DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER LIST?

Have you ever considered what the Bible says about what and for whom we should pray? Have you ever made a list of specific things and persons which you will remember in your daily prayer? If not, would you consider compiling one, using the following suggestions? -

1. FORGIVENESS OF SINS. "And forgive us our sins..." (Luke 11:4)
2. PERSONAL CLEANSING. "Create in me a clean spirit, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." (Ps. 51:10)
3. VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION. "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mt. 26:41)
4. OUR PERSONAL NEEDS. "Give us this day our daily bread." (Mt. 6:11)
5. OUR ENEMIES. "Love your enemies...and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." (Mt. 5:44)
6. ALL MEN, ESPECIALLY RULERS. "I exhort, therefore...that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." (1 Tim. 2:1-2)
7. RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS. "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me." (2Cor. 12:7-10) also see James 5:14-15
8. WISDOM IN FACING PROBLEMS. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally ... and it shall be given him." (James 1:5)
9. ADDITIONAL LABORERS IN GOD'S VINEYARD, "Pray ye to the Lord...that he send forth laborers into His harvest." (Mtt. 9:38)
10. ONE ANOTHER. "... and pray one for another ..." (James 5:16)
11. OUR MISSIONARIES. "Brethren, pray for us also." (1Thess 5:25)
12. THE SUCCESS OF GOD'S WORD and WORK. "Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of God may have free course and be glorified."

EVOLUTION? Maybe people did ascend from animals - because some church members are as stubborn as MULES about church work, sly as a FOX in their business deals, busy as BEES spreading the latest gossip and quiet as a MOUSE in spreading the gospel. They have eyes like a HAWK to see fault in others, and mean as a SNAKE when they don't get their way. They are as eager as a BEAVER about barbecues, but lazy as a DOG about prayer meeting. They are noisy as CROWS between worship and Bible study, but slow as a SNAIL in church visitation programs. Many are night OWLS on Saturday night, and BEDBUGS on Sunday morning. Some are as slippery as EEIS on Sunday afternoon, and scarce as HEN'S teeth on Sunday night.

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Those added to the Lord - 14

VISITORS Visiting with us last week: Mr. & Mrs. James McAlpin, Dayton, Ch; Mr. & Mrs. Pete Graves, Muskegon, Mi.; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hanson, Wadsworth, Il.; Mr. & Mrs. Ed Moore, Lagrange.

SYMPATHY Word was received about the passing of Shirley Hall, brother of the late Martin Luther Hall. Sis. Nannie Hall is in Ohio for the funeral.

SICK Paul McDonnald, husband to sis. Nancy, suffered a heart attack and was rushed to the Goshen hospital. He is out of intensive care and recovering slowly.

Sis. Carrie Gaskill was released Monday from Lagrange hospital. She wishes to thank the church for the visits, cards, prayers and plant during her illness.

NEEDED Volunteers to help clean the church building for the next 3 to 4 months..... Babysitter at church building Friday morn. from 9-11:30 for those taking the Fishers of Men training class.

AWAY THIS WEEK Paul & Geneva Himes are visiting in Florida. Also, Dean and Thelma attended the lectureship at Michigan Christian

College. They are staying with Kent and Debbie, who are expecting this month.

AREA FELLOWSHIP The church in Kendallville is hosting an area fellowship and singing on Sat., Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m.. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or desert dish and they will furnish the meat and beverages. Let's support this effort to revive fellowship among churches in Northeast Indiana.

TRAINING CLASS The Fishers of Men class got off to a good start last Friday. Those taking the class are Clayton & Clive Langston, Zoa Herr, Pat Lee, Hazel Miller, Jeff & Sally Mead, Diane Martin, Thelma Hoggatt and Meryllyn Herron. Teacher is Darrell C'Rourke from Naperville, Ill.

THREE UNUSUAL DAYS COMING UP - IN NOVEMBER - WATCH FOR IT.

TEACHERS CLASS Starts again this Sunday eve. at 5. Three more sessions are scheduled - Oct. 14, 21 & 28. Attendance is good. Don't miss any remaining session!

DON'T CRIPPLE THE CHURCH BY

ABSENTEEISM

INDIFFERENCE

STINGINESS

IGNORANCE

LOVELESSNESS

THE VISIT -

One day I rang a doorbell
In a determined sort of way:
'Twas not a lengthy visit
There wasn't much to say.

I don't remember what I said.
It matters not I guess ...
I found a heart in hunger,
A soul in distress.

He said I came from heaven.
And often wondered why
He said I came to see him
When no other help was nigh.

It meant a lot to me
To knock on a visitor's door
And it meant heaven to him
And God's peace evermore.

WHY USE YOUTH?

It is the duty of the church to put its young people to work. The church must provide opportunities for young people to serve. Why should we use our youth? Dr. Roy B. Zuck answers this question by giving these reasons:

1. To hold their interest in the church.
2. To develop their talents and leadership abilities.
3. To teach them to take responsibilities.
4. To give them a sense of belonging.
5. To relate to them in specific ways to the local church.
6. To channel their desire to serve the Lord.
7. To promote their spiritual growth.

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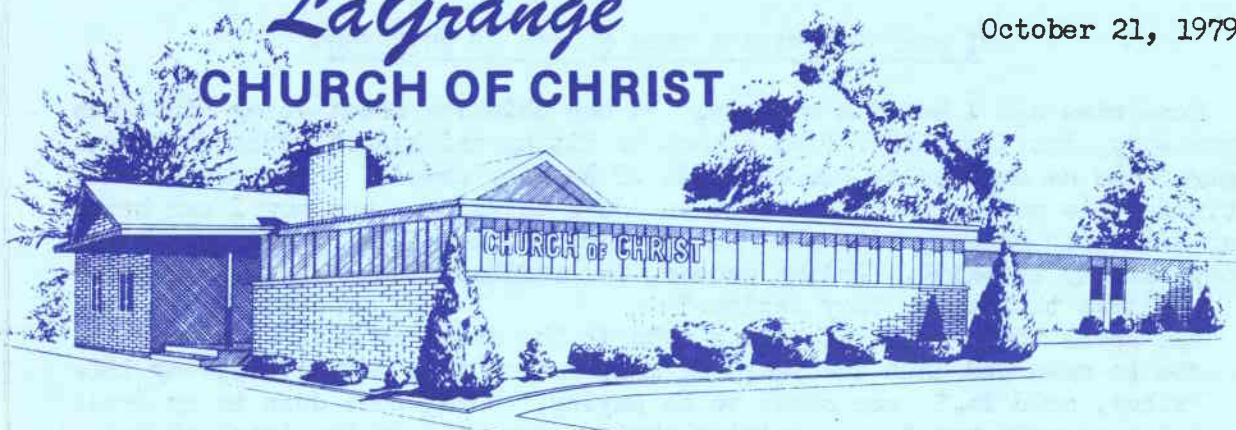
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TREES

Psalms 92:12 "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon."

These trees are not trained and pruned by man. Palm and cedar are "trees of the Lord," and it is by his care that they flourish. Even so it is with the saints of Jehovah, they are his own care. These trees are evergreen and they are beautiful objects at all seasons of the year. Believers are not sometimes holy and sometimes ungodly. They stand in the beauty of Jehovah under all weathers. Everywhere these trees are noteworthy. No one can gaze upon landscape in which there are either palms or cedars without his attention being fixed upon these royal growths. The followers of Jesus are the observed of all, the observers. They are like a city set upon a hill - they cannot be hidden.

The child of God flourishes like a palm tree, which pushes all of its strength upward in one erect column without a single branch. It is a pillar with a glorious capital. It has no growth to the right or to the left, but sends all its forces heavenward, and bears fruit as near the sky as possible. Lord, fulfill this type in us!

The cedar braves all storms, and grows near the eternal snows, the Lord himself filling it with the sap which keeps its heart warm and its boughs strong. Lord, so let it ever be with us, I pray thee. Amen

-Richard Rogers

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"I COULDN'T FIND A SECT TO FIT MY THINKING"

Some time ago I heard a man say, "I was thinking about going into the ministry, but I couldn't find a sect to fit my thinking." This statement struck me as expressing the attitude of so many people. The general attitude does not seem to be, what is God's thinking, and how I can bring my life into harmony with it? But rather, how can I bring God into harmony with my thinking. Julius Caesar, is credited with saying, "Men freely believe that which they desire."

Man seems to forget that he was made in the image of God, instead he wants to make God into the image of man. Rather than saying, "Take my life O Father, mold it," man seems to be saying, "God, come down to my level and let me mold you." Recognizing that we are made in the image of God, and that God expects great things of His creation, elevates mankind and rejoices when man does advance to a higher plane. Trying to make God into the image of man and remold Him to fit our thinking degrades and brings down the human race in general.

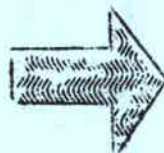
There is an important reason why we should strive to know and follow the thoughts of God. Isaiah states it this way: "Seek the Lord while he may be found, calling upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isa. 55:6-9

When man follows his own thinking and his own ways he never gets any higher than this old sin-cursed earth. To rise above this level he must think the thoughts of God as revealed in the inspired word, the Bible, and follow the Word of God revealed through the only begotten Son.

Solomon says of man, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Man has the choice of thinking his own thoughts and following his own ways and being lost eternally, or thinking the thoughts of God and following the Way of God and being saved eternally. Which way are you following?

Benny L. Stephens

You can always find excuses for not doing the things you do not want to do.



WE NEED TO GO TO THE BIBLE

FOR our opinions instead of WITH our opinions.

THE RECORD

Bible Study	159
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T.U.D. IS COMING! Three Unusual Days of increasing in GRACE, FAITH, NUMBERS, WORKS & GIVING." "You'll want to be present for eight hours of inspirational and motivational instruction from God's Word by God's man, Keith Hammond." Each lesson builds upon the other in building ourselves to build the kingdom. NOVEMBER 9, 10, 11!

Friday - You Can Do It!
Saturday

- One Family Under God, Part I
- One Family Under God, Part II
- Why Frown, When You Can Smile?

- Sunday -
- Pathways to Prosperity, The Grace of Giving.
- You're Special

THINK THIS OVER

Some folks think they are honest; yet they rob God of their GIVING, rob Christ of their WORSHIP, rob the church of their SERVICE, and rob their children of their RELIGIOUS BIRTHRIGHT - ALL BY NOT GOING TO CHURCH

* A smile on the face is worth two in the heart.

HALLOWEEN PARTY at Jim Pieratt's for all Saturday October 27th 5:30 - 8:00. Come!

WEINER ROAST For Young Adults at church building this Saturday at 5 o'clock.

OUR SICK Paul McDonald is now at home after a stay in hospital with heart attack. Bobby Hanson, Michelle Hall, Mary Fretz have been on sick list - Some of our "Keenagers" were in an automobile wreck at Ft. Wayne last Saturday. We are happy to say there were no broken bones.

LAST WEEK'S VISITORS signing our register cards last week were: Viola Wenk of Bradenton, Fl; Ike Hochstetler of LaGrange; Annette Hardman of Shippshewana; Michael Walker from LaGrange; M/M Kenneth McDonald of LaGrange and Ned Worley, Wolcottville. Come again!

BAPTISM Annette Hartman put on her Lord in baptism last Wednesday night. We are happy to see her desire to serve the Lord.

DANIEL CLASS last week had 31 present.

TEACHER'S CLASS 24 attended the 3rd session of the teacher's class last Sunday evening. We have scheduled only 5 sessions do don't miss a single one. COME SUNDAY EVENING AT 5!

THIS REALLY HAPPENED continued -

D I D Y O U ?

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 Bull.

The Doctor went to see him:

The Preacher didn't go.
The Doctor was sent for;
The Preacher didn't know.
The Doctor, for his going,
Got a big fat check.
The Preacher, for not knowing,
Got it in the neck.

1. Ever stop to ask yourself if you really know what your intentions are in life?

2. Ever wonder what class you are in as far as the Lord is concerned?

3. Ever try to estimate the value of the soul you might be prone to condemn.

4. Ever go to a brother whom you had offended and ask his forgiveness?

* The man who expects to go to heaven should take the trouble to learn what route will get him there.

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THIS REALLY HAPPENED ...

On Sunday March 22, 1979 a family placed membership at a church in Arkansas - hardly significant news. We probably visualize three or four people walking down the aisle at the singing of the invitation song, sitting down on the front row, putting their names on a card, then checking the little black book in the corner in front of "To Place Membership". They may have done that, but the significant thing is, they did more. 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 will 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 grow and as soon as possible try us again. We view membership in a congregation as an obligation to be subject to its eldership, to be

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THE CRISIS OF BEREAVEMENT

Since the pale of death pierces every mortal it is necessary for all of us to learn how to handle bereavement. I have watched with great admiration and respect the courage that has borne many a saint through hours of sorrow. Here is some practical advice I have seen others use in dealing with grief:

1. EXPRESS YOUR EMOTIONS. It should not be considered a Christian virtue to be unmoved by the loss of a loved one. There is a difference between suppressing one's emotions and losing one's self control. The Bible does not say, "Sorrow not"; but it says, "Sorrow not as others who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13).

2. SEEK THE AID OF YOUR FRIENDS. The very presence of friends is an encouragement. When Paul neared Rome, the brethren came to meet him and he "thanked God and took courage" (Acts 28:15).

3. COMPELL YOURSELF TO BE WITH PEOPLE. Your inclination may be to retreat into the refuge of privacy, but there is a greater need than one realizes to associate with others. David did (2 Sam. 12:19-23).

4. EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS WITH WORDS. Talking about it will help you to accept it. If this is done at the outset of bereavement, one will sooner be able to stabilize his life.

5. AVAIL YOURSELF OF SPIRITUAL RESOURCES. Even though you may not have realized the importance of the scriptures and their comfort, now these can help in building your faith. The power of prayer and the peace of God are very precious possessions.

6. DON'T BROOD OVER WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. Both Mary and Martha said, "If thou hadst been here my brother had not died" (John 11:21-32).

7. ACTIVELY PURSUE WORTHWHILE TASKS. Once the initial shock has been dealt with, get busy at other things. Resolve like Paul to "reach forth unto things which are before" (Phil. 3:13).

8. MAKE CAREFUL AND THOUGHTFUL DECISIONS. Many an individual humps hastily into deciding the full scope of the future rather than waiting until he has regained a proper perspective of life. Don't get in a hurry. Make prayerful decisions.

9. INCREASE YOUR TRUST IN GOD. Those who have come through their sorrows with deeper faith can verify that God who rules over all truly does make all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28).

After the crisis of grief, you can serve more fully and sympathize more completely with men of like passions. With Paul you too can thank God for the comfort received knowing that it has now given you the ability to comfort others who are in any trouble (2 Cor. 1:4). -Hardeman Nichols

THE RECORD

Bible Study 152
Worship 183
Evening 93
Wednesday Night 99
Contribution: \$ 625.40

THREE UNUSUAL DAYS! Share these coming dates

November 9, 10, 11 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) with others by inviting and bringing them to hear the following lessons:

Friday Night: You Can Do It!

Saturday:

- One Family Under God, Part I
- One Family Under God, Part II
- Why Frown, When You Can Smile?

Sunday

- Pathways to Prosperity, The Grace Of Giving.
- You're Special

Make these unusual days for YOU and THE CHURCH!

AT NILES, MI. A Teacher's Skill-shop will be held November 2 & 3 (Friday evening and Saturday morning. See Norm for more details.

GOOD Attendance at the Daniel class last Tuesday evening was 34 present - The class for teachers last Sunday evening had 19 present. This Sunday will be the last session - so attend!

ATTEND EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

4th SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP immediately after the evening service Sunday night. Bring finger foods.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dean & Thelma Hoggatt who became grandparents last Sunday at the birth of Ryan Blake to Kent & Debbie Hoggatt, Auburn Heights, Mi.

TO SPEAK AT KENDALLVILLE Norm will speak at Kendallville Sunday morning but be back Sunday night. Paul Himes will be speaking her at LaGrange Sunday morning.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS Joe Oakley is in need of volunteers this Saturday for canvassing for our bus routes. Anyone of any age is invited to help

VISITORS Grace Ruffolo and Debbie Murphy of Kenosha, Wisc. were visitors last Sunday.

THE SICK Olive Langston fell at home and broke a collar bone and some ribs. She is home and taking it easy - Nannie Hall is ill with an ulcer attack. She will be entering Park View hospital at Ft. Wayne Thursday for additional surgery following an earlier mastectomy - Becky Sowles is home from hospital after a bout with croup - Ryan Worley, Leigh McAlpin, Heidi Herron and Carrie Gaskill have been on sick list. Pray for our sick.

FUNNY

Funny how \$10.00 looks so big when you take it to worship but so small when you take it to the supermarket. Funny how reading the church bulletin is a chore, but reading a 30 page newspaper everyday is a habit you've grown to enjoy.

Funny how long and hour is in worship, but how short it is when golfing, fishing or attending a ball game. Funny how we applaud when the ballgame goes overtime, but we complain if the worship hour is five minutes longer than usual.

Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible but how easy it is to read a 300 page novel.

Funny how much difficulty some have learning the simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple the same people find subjects that are much more difficult.

Funny how we can't fit a gospel meeting into our schedule with a year to plan for it, but we can adjust it for other events at a moment's notice.

Funny, but there will be some people who won't think this is "Funny".

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THREE UNUSUAL DAYS

You'll want to be present for eight hours of inspirational and motivational instruction from God's Word by Keith Hammond. Each lesson builds upon the other in building ourselves to build the kingdom.

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STRUGGLE AND STRENGTH

"Do each of you take the other through good and through bad? In sickness and in health? In adversity and prosperity?"

I've never said a marriage ceremony that I didn't breathe a silent prayer that there would be lots of good, health, and prosperity - and not much of the bad, sickness, and adversity. Yet anyone who has been married long and happily will testify that the strongest building blocks have been hammered out by adversity.

The marriage is doomed from the beginning if she whines when she has to give up some frills she is accustomed to, and he gripes when he has to work long hours to make ends meet. Weathering the storms, fighting the heartaches, and suffering the adversities together is what makes the relationship strong.

The Christian life is like that. None of us wants adversity, but if we could see the end result perhaps we would. We can never grow strong without pushing against difficulties. God does not cause adversity but He often USES it to build character.

We've grown soft. We don't want to stick with anything which demands effort. We want pleasant results. But we don't want to pay the price for them. If the work is not for fun, forget it!!!

But only the person who trains and sweats qualifies to enjoy the glory. When we seek the easy way - no struggles, no trials, no hardships - we deprive ourselves of blessings and spiritual vitality.

If you're having hard times, beware that God can use it to make you strong. You can't develop spiritual muscles without pushing against the hard realities of life.

There is no strength without struggle.

-Joe R. Barnett

ANONYMOUS -

That great writer so modestly called "Anonymous" has come up with this intriguing comment:

"When you were born, your mother brought you to church ... When you were married, your wife brought you to church ... When you die, your friends will bring you to church ... Why not try coming on your own sometime?"

THINGS YOU NEVER REGRET -

1. Showing kindness to an aged person.
2. Destroying a letter written in anger.
3. Stopping a scandal that was wrecking a reputation.
4. Helping a boy find himself.
5. Offering the apology that saves a friendship.
6. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.

THE RECORD

Bible Study	156
Worship	183
Evening	103
Wednesday	75
Contribution	\$ 783.50

NEW BUS CONTRIBUTIONS ... \$ 777.50

NEXT LCRD'S DAY Nov. 11



Keith Hammond will be presenting a most UNUSUAL LESSON on Giving. Between now and then, we are asking each contributing member to review the level of their giving, and come Sunday morning November 11th prepared to indicate that you will increase your contribution some. This is an urgent request and we ask that every-one give serious attention to it.

DOES GOD EXIST? lectures will be conducted by John Clayton Nov. 9,10 at Jackson Middle School Auditorium, 5001 S. Miami Rd. South Bend 7:30-9:00 each evening.

VISITORS LAST SUNDAY We were happy to have with us Deane Bills, sister to Connie Weaver; Dexter Willets, friend of Jim Keeler and Melissa Noe, granddaughter of Nancy McDonald. Come again all of you.

HELPERS FOR KEENAGERS last week were: Jean, Bryan & Leely Hoggatt, Missy & Heidi Harron of teenagers.

NURSING HOME SINGING this Sunday at both nursing homes. Merry Manor 4:30 and LaGrange at 5:10. Come.

WE REJOICE over the addition of Sandra Doles to the family of God. Sandra put on her Lord in baptism Thursday night after several weeks of study with Norm.

ABOUT THE SICK Nanny Hall is recovering from surgery in Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne. Room 231 - Viva Rush is in Houston, Tx. to be with her daughter-in-law who is very sick - Fern Huff, one of our Keenagers fell and broke her shoulder. She is in LaGrange hospital - Olive Langston is still recuperating from her fall at home.

AREA FELLOWSHIP and singing at Kendallville Saturday Nov. 10 Singing begins at 5:00 p.m. - pot luck 6:30-7:30. A short devotional by Jack Exum Jr. of Auburn afterward.

ANETTE HARDMAN who was recently baptized has re-joined her husband in Red Lands, California. They plan to return in about one month for furniture.

TEACHER'S CLASS finished last Sunday evening with good attendance. Bro. Himes thanks all for their attendance and interest in this study.

THE DECADE OF THE 80's

The 60's and 70's have been designated by some as a period of revolt, rebellion and disillusionment. The 80's are being projected as a time of revival. Let us trust that the next decade will see a return to religion, for unless we do we may not get back.

A recent Gallup Poll shows that 61 million adults in America are without religious affiliation. It shows further that "church membership" is declining. Only 38% of the unchurched expressed any confidence in the church. They criticize organized religion as: (1) having lost its spiritual parts (2) being too concerned with organization as opposed to spiritual issues (3) ineffective in helping people find meaning for their lives.

But the rest of the sample is brighter. 91% welcome more emphasis on home life; 89% desire a greater respect for authority; 69% want the work ethic to be stressed more; 62% oppose more sexual liberty.

Perhaps if the church will stand strong in its opposition to sin and will help men and women find meaning for their lives the 1980's will be a decade of revival.
-Curtis Sampley

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A RENEWED LIFE

Do you feel that your spiritual life is lacking in depth and dedication? Are you displeased with your rate of spiritual development? Any Christian who so desires may experience a radical spiritual rebirth. The important question is HOW? Where do I start? Here are some suggestions:

1. Get thoroughly dissatisfied with yourself. Spiritual progress cannot be made until a need for improvement is seen.
2. Carefully determine the areas of your life where you need to make changes, and begin NOW to make them.
3. Do a thorough job of repenting. Let Godly sorrow do her healing work. Where sin has been of a public nature, let a public confession be made.
4. Make a definite place in your life for daily worship. Do not neglect prayer and Bible study for any cause. Never be too tired or busy to spend time alone with God.
5. Deliberately narrow your interest. You must decide what is most important to this renewed life, and invest your time accordingly. There are many activities and projects which use up time and energy but bring you no nearer to God.
6. Begin immediately some definite labor for Christ. Be sure that time is devoted each week to the Lord's work.
7. Trust the Lord. Begin to expect a resurgence of spiritual power and joy. The Lord will not disappoint you. -James LeFan

IT HURTS MORE THAN YOU THINK!

Members are mistaken when they say, "It doesn't hurt anything for me to stay away from the meetings of the church." It hurts far more than you realize.

It hurts YOU. It hurts your standing with God when you disobey His commands (Heb. 10:25). It hurts you because you sin, and sin always hurts.

It hurts God. He is grieved when we disobey (Gen. 6:6). He smiles with pleasure only when we obey His will.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

- Study your Bible.
- Pray regularly
- Visit the sick
- Send a card of cheer
- Encourage the weak
- Commend someone's work
- Count your blessings!

As we sometimes hold a crooked rod over the fire to straighten it, so God sometimes holds us over the fire of affliction to make us more straight & upright.

Patty Copeland strained her back while trying to lift a patient at LaGrange hospital where she works Wednesday afternoon.

THE RECORD

Bible Study	166
Worship	184
Evening	103
Wednesday Night	94
Contribution	\$ 826.55

RECIPE FOR A GREAT

CHURCH OF CHRIST:

First, assemble a collection of devoted believers. Carefully combine the talents of all. Be sure to maintain purity. Sift out all sin and worldliness. Fold in equal amounts of zeal and knowledge. Listen with vision of greatness. Now, allow all ingredients to rise fully (to the task). Avoid the chilly effect of unfriendliness. Maintain a high degree of warmth with human kindness. Blend all together with pure love. The result is now molded into His likeness. This recipe serves the Lord and all His saints. Even others find it most pleasing. -Selected

SERMONS IN SENTENCES:

"God never does His work by halves, but performs that which He promises and perfects what He begins.

Faith in God's keeping power is the link between our finite need and the comfort of His infinite resources.

God speaks to those who take the time to listen.

100% ATTENDANCE! Calls are being made throughout

the congregation to encourage all to be present Friday night, Saturday all services and Sunday for the THREE UNUSUAL DAYS being conducted by Keith Hammond. Every one cooperate and be present!

CARRY-IN-MEAL immediately after the morning service in the fellowship room. Bring enough for your family and come.

VISITORS We were happy to have the following attend our services last week: Marjorie Harding, OmaKnauss, Ruth Engle & Diane Bills (sister to Connie Weaver).

OF OUR SICK Olive Langston was able to attend services last week - Jeff Meade hurt his foot - Jan Worley been sick - Melease Chaffee from Country Side is in LaGrange hospital Rm. 159A.

WENDELL HUGHES passed away November 3rd at Sturgis, Mi. (nephew of Millard Hughes) Norm Herron and Joe Hughes conducted services Tuesday Nov. 6.

ATTENDANCES Keenagers had 50 present last week - the Daniel class had 35 present.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY AT MCC this Saturday and Thelma Hoggatt is driving up with 4 of our young people.

IN THE CHURCH

IF YOU THINK THE CHURCH is so bad that you no longer care to be a part of it, let me ask you: "How would you like to rear your family in a country where churches were not allowed?" If it came to a vote, would you vote to do away with the church in this country? I doubt it! I doubt that one percent of the population of this country would want to do away with the church. As bad as you may think the church to be, it is a fact that cannot be successfully disputed, that without the church, Christianity would and could not survive. In fact, real Christianity is THE CHURCH. Christ is the head and Christians are the body. The church is the fulness of Christ, and Christ is the fulness of God (Eph. 1:22; Col. 2:9). When you turn from the church you turn from Christ, and there is no alternative but eternal damnation. Whatever you may find wrong with the church, it is still the body of Christ, the kingdom of heaven, the called out people of God and there is no salvation outside it.

You cannot be good enough out of Christ to pass judgment. And I would prefer to have my association with the imperfect and the hypocrites now than in eternity. If the church is marred by the sins of men like you and me and if the Lord thought enough of it to die for it, I should think enough of it to live in it.

-Central Bulletin, Del Rio, Tx.

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DO YOU THINK OF YOUR SOUL?

OF COURSE YOU THINK OF YOUR SOUL. Every responsible individual should wish, above all things, to go to heaven when this life is over. You want to enjoy all the happiness of the eternal home of the soul. It is possible that you are planning to begin taking better care of your soul sometime in the days that you think lie ahead; but perhaps things are not just convenient right now as you would like for them to be.

BUT HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THIS: You may not be afforded the time to get things right, for there is seldom a "convenient season" to serve the Lord and save your soul. WHAT OF YOUR SOUL THEN? Important as the things of life seem, how important will they seem when your soul is required in the day of judgment?

REMEMBER, we have only this life-time to prepare for the soul's great home. We must not fail to be ready.

BEGIN NOW GIVING YOUR SOUL the preparation it must have for the eternal home. Come worship and study God's Word with us. -Adapted

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"THE SIN PROBLEM"

"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 Jn. 1:8,9)

SIN? What do you do with SIN? This is the issue of life and problem.

(1) Some try to CONCEAL their sin. Adam and Eve hid in the bushes. Man in sin has been hiding in the "bushes" ever since! Sin is disguised as idiosyncrasies, complexes, or imaginations! Man treats the symptom but not the disease. These men fail.

(2) Some try to cover their sins with DISTANCE. Escapism, "on the run." Franzied activity. But sin is within. Men cannot "outrun himself." This fails.

(3) Some think that TIME will cover sin. Time can forget; time in a degree can heal. But the cause remains. A zillion years of history cannot remit sin!

(4) Some cover their guilt with RELIGIOSITY. Church attendance, liberal giving, benevolent deeds. We have the silly notion one good deed will blot out a bad one!

SIN. What do you do with sin? You cannot forgive yourself and make it go away! You turn to God! You confess it! God alone, forgives sin. Christians are forgiven, released, saved! This is the GOSPEL. "I am forgiven." "I can now forgive." This is the GOOD NEWS! Why has the church buried its most important product? Where is our joy? Our song? Our thanks? It is located in confession. -Charles Hodge

PRICELESS GIFTS

Here is a list of priceless gifts that are good for any occasion:

- To your enemy - forgiveness
- To your opponent - tolerance
- To your friends - your heart
- To your children - a good example
- To your father - deference
- To your mother - conduct that will
~ make her proud.
- To yourself - respect
- To everyone - charity

PEN POINTS -

"The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work."

"Study to show thyself approved unto God." 2 Tim. 2:15

"Obstacles are things you see when you take your eye off the goal."

"You will never offend a person by returning a smile"

THE RECORD LAST WEEK

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Worship	196
Evening	101
Wednesday Night	83
Contribution	\$ 1,111.50

WEEDS AND A RUSTY HOE

There are two things in my garden I don't want there: weeds and a rusty hoe. Once I begin using the hoe again, both the weeds and rust will disappear.

The same principle is true in our spiritual growth. The Bible is the "sword of the Spirit". The more we study God's Word and put it to use in our lives, the more "weeds", or unwanted things we'll get rid of. But once we stop studying the Bible or when God's Word is no longer active in our lives, the sword becomes rusty and sin takes over.

Jesus was able to overcome every temptation by using the sword of the Spirit. He knew God's Word intimately through long hours of study, and lived a life of obedience to God's Word. When Satan tempted Him in the wilderness, the Sword had not become rusty. Jesus answered every temptation by saying "It is written", and then quoted from the Scriptures.

We are never too young or too old to study the Bible. It is the great weapon that God has given to overcome sin. It is a precious gift that we can take with us through eternity.

Don't let it get rusty!

VICTORY The "Three Unusual Days" meeting with Keith Hammond was a great success. The Unusual high contribution \$ 1,111.50 and the response from the cards returned were most encouraging. Of those cards returned 84% indicated and increase of 22% in their giving or \$175 per week. Praise God for this wonderful spirit of giving.

This coming Sunday will be "Victory Sunday". We will now have opportunity to transfer our new resolve about giving into action. The elders will be sharing with the church where this increase can be put towards more good works. The budget for the rest of the year will be raised from \$847.00 per week to \$1022.00 to reflect this new commitment.

RESPONSES Margaret Tuttle, Zoa Herr came forward Saturday night asking for prayers.

THE SICK Patty Copeland has been dismissed from hospital and is recuperating at home - Jim Keeler was injured in an auto accident but not hurt seriously - X'Rays have disclosed Terry Adams has ulcers - Glova Spear has been suffering from a reaction to a flu shot - OTHERS - who have been sick are: Thelma and Lesly Hoggatt, Jamie McAlpin, Zoa Herr.

DID YOU KNOW? Daniel class had 30 Tuesday night and 50 at "Keenagers" last week.

PRAYER MEETING - SUNDAY EVENING 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Come!



I THANK THEE LORD,

- for the privelege of seeing
- the rosy tint of the sky at dawn;
- the simmering dew on an untrod lawn;
- the myriad hues of blaoming flowers;
- the refreshing touch of gentle showers;
- the flaming sky as the day grows old;
- the ethereal beauty of winter cold;
- the majetic mountains, rugged and high;
- the jagged lightning piercing the sky;
- the omnous clouds where storms have birth;
- the rainbow arching the laundered earth;
- the fresh, new life of a warm spring day;
- the dazzling brilliance of autumn gay;
- the world caressed with soft moonlight;
- the stars that shine in the darkest night.

I thank Thee, Lord, for the privilege of seeing.



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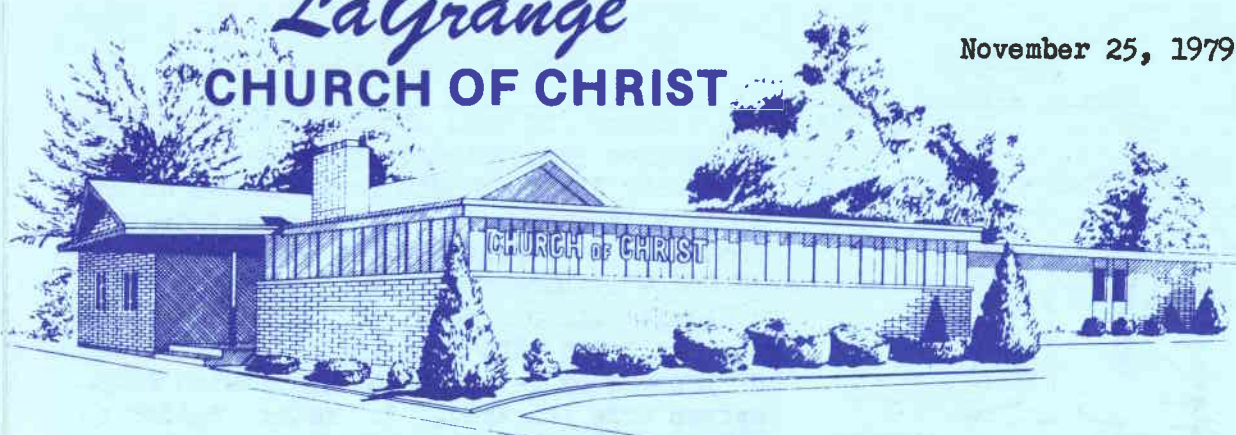
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PRESIDENTS AND THE BIBLE

"Above all, the pure and benign light of Revelation has had a melio- rating influence on mankind, and increased the blessings of society. It is impossible to govern the world without the Bible." George Wash- ington.

"Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law bkok, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited, every member would be obliged in conscio- ence to temperance and frugality and industry, to justice and kind- ness and charity toward his fellow-man, and to purity, love and rever- ence toward Almighty God. In this commonwealth no man would impair his health by gluttony, drunkenness or lust; no man would sacrifice his precious time to cards or any other trifling or mean amusement; no man would steal or lie; or in any way defraud his neighbor, but would live in peace and good will with all men; no man would blaspheme his Maker or profane his worship; but a rational, manly, sincere and unaffected piety and devotion would reign in all hearts." John Adams

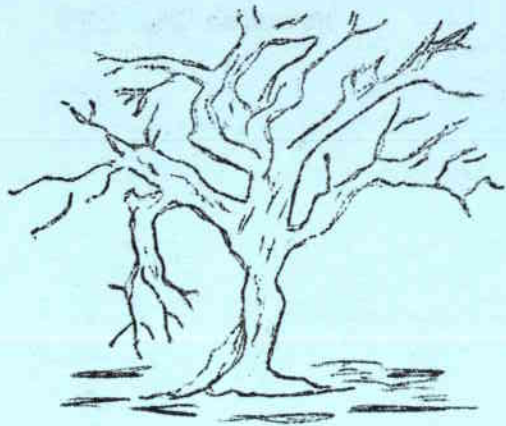
"I have always said and always will say that the studious persual of the Sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and bett- er husbands. The Bible is the cornerstone of liberty." Thomas Jefferson

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THAT UNUSUAL TREE

The story is told about an unusual tree which grew just outside the gates of a desert city in the Middle East. It was an old tree, a landmark. But more than this, it seemed to have been touched by the finger of God - it bore fruit perpetually.

Despite its old age, its limbs were constantly laden with fruit. Although hundreds of passers-by refreshed and nourished themselves from the tree, it never failed to give freely to a tired, dusty traveler.

Then one day a greedy merchant purchased the property on which the tree grew. Once he saw hundreds of travelers "robbing" his tree, he built a high fence around it.

Stunned, the travelers pleaded, "Share with us."

Growled the merchant in return: "This is my tree, my fruit, bought with my money."

Then early one morning as the first of the travelers passed the old tree, they were shocked to find that, after all its years of helping others, the old tree had suddenly died.

What had happened? The law of giving, as predictable as the law of gravity, had expressed its immutable principle: When the old tree stopped giving, it stopped bearing. When it stopped bearing, it died.

This law, God's universal law of giving, is as much a part of our lives as the physical laws that guide our steps day after day.

It's the law of give-and-receive. And when I think how much I take from God's world, I bow in guilt at how little I give to his work. -Selected

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

MERCY abundantly given
HELP for the difficult place -
COURAGE when its sorely needed,
STRENGTH for the problems we face
COMFORT when grief assails me
LOVE when we need someone to care -
These are the blessings of God that
He gives in answer to prayer!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Better to have nothing to live on and something to live for than plenty to live on and nothing to live for."

THINK ABOUT IT - "If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you tried to do nothing and succeeded."

THE RECORD LAST WEEK

Bible Study 167
Worship 207
Evening 97
Wednesday Night
Thursday "Keenagers" 56
Contribution \$ 851.50

FISHERS OF MEN banquet will be on Friday December 14, 6:30 at Family Affair Restuarant, Lake James. Nick Young, Anderson, In. will be the speaker. The meal will be a fish dinner \$3.75 plus beverage and all you can eat. See Norm Herron if you plan to go.

A PRAYER FOR OUR ELDERS - "Our Father, let me be a pillar of strength to them, not a thorn to sap their strength, nor a burden on their backs to pull them down. Let me support them without placing shackles on them. Let me give them help that they may devote more time to watching after souls.

Let me work and not compel them to spend precious time bragging on me and gratifying my vanity. Let me be unselfish in what I do for them, not selfish and demanding that they do more for me. Help me to be as good a member as I expect them to be good elders. Help me to appraise them in love for I have never walked in their shoes. Help me to love them better and work under their direction in a way to please Thee, and fulfill righteousness.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

OUR HEARTS REJOICE that two came responding to the Lord's invitation Dorothy Bolen of Howe and Mark Murphy on Friday and Saturday of last week.

ROLLER SKATING Next Monday at Ft. Wayne and Tuesday at Elkhart. Are you going?

4th SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP After evening service Sunday. Bring finger foods and be with us!

"KEENAGERS" After one week off we meet again November 29th. Shirley Souder of NE Center will be speaking on the needs of Senior Citizens and what they offer. We appreciated Mary Kauffman who is celebrating her 97 birthday in November being with us last meeting. She is the mother of Ruth Engle.

VISITORS LAST SUNDAY Mrs. Wanda and Dennis Wenzel, Marjorie Harding, Becky Moore, Oma Knauss of LaGrange; Jaunita Bates and Dexter Willits of Howe; Christine Hicks of Wolcottville; Johnny Carver, Sturgis, Mi.; M/M Paul Everidge, Candy and Sandy Shepherd of Bronson, Mi. Come again all of you.

THE SICK Viva Rush' daughter-in-law, Mrs. John D. Vaughn is not doing well in Texas; Nanny Hall, Olive Langaton, Zoa Herr remain on the sick list.

THAT GOOD MAY COME

If there were some way that during the dark days of trial and suffering one could see that good may come from it! But how difficult that is! While Joseph was confined to an Egyptian dungeon he had years to ponder the question "why"? Just as these experiences worked out for his good and the saving of his people, blessings often come in disguise today. Consider the testimony of those who learned by experience:

- DAVID: "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes" Psalms 119:71
- JOB: "He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" Job 23:10
- PAUL: "If so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" Romans 8:7
- JAMES: "The trying of your faith worketh patience" James 1:2
- PETER: "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partaker of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" 1 Peter 4:13 -Selected & Adapted

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LET US PROVOKE ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE & GOOD WORKS

Do we want a church in our community? Are we interested in our children being in Bible study and under the influence of godly teachers? Would we desire to live in a community where the influence of Christianity was unknown? It seems to me that all these are rhetorical questions and imply the correct answer. To the first two questions our answers would surely be "yes!" To the last question our answer would surely be "no!"

I realize that we have crime and violence in our streets. But I am convinced that we would have far more if it were not for the influence of Christianity.

You say, "surely no one would disagree with that, especially those who read this article." And, of course, you are right.

But do we not in practice deny that which we confidently affirm with our lips? If it depended on you how long ago would the church have closed its doors and ceased to be an influence in our community? How long would it have been since a Bible class would have been taught if you had taught the last one? How long would it have been since a gospel meeting was planned if you had promoted the last one? How long ago would the church have ceased out of the community if all had done as you have done?

I would hope these are stimulating questions and not antagonizing questions. They are written to cause us to think, not to offend.

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C L E A N U P T V!

A campaign to clean up TV programs is rapidly spreading across the brotherhood. Over one thousand congregations have already committed themselves to take part in this project.

Most of us are aware of the amount of filth, immorality and violence now being shown on television. And simply turning off the TV's, which is sometimes necessary, just won't get the job done. As one has well said, the only language that those who try to foster off all this immoral programming upon the viewing public understand is "money" spelled with a capital "M".

This campaign involves the boycott of those company's products which sponsor such shows. Will it work? You might ask. Most assuredly yes. Already recent results of similar opposition has caused Sears Roebuck Co. and Clorox to drop its sponsoring of certain objectionable shows.

This Sunday, every family will be given a copy of the "clean up TV" booklet and encouraged to support this campaign. Later cards will be distributed to every member and young person to be sent to those companies which have been selected for boycotting.

In the words of Edmond Burke, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." -Norm Herron

FAITH and OBEDIENCE are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys GOD trusts GOD; and he that trusts GOD obeys GOD. He that is without faith is without works; and he that is without works is without faith.

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

WHAT ARE WE TEACHING THEM?

A four year old was spending the night away from home. At bedtime she knelt at the hostess' knee to say her prayers, expecting the usual prompting. Finding the hostess unable to help her, she concluded thus: "Please God, 'scuse me, I can't remember my prayers and I'm staying with a lady who doesn't know any."

* It isn't enough just to be on the right track - you must be heading in the RIGHT DIRECTION!

THE RECORD

Bible Study 143
Worship 168
Evening 85
Wednesday 94
Contribution \$ 796.05

JUST PLAYING IT SAFE

A Georgia farmer sat one day at his shanty door. Along came a stranger - "How's your cotton coming?" he asked. "Ain't got none," replied the farmer. "Didn't you plant any?" "Nope," he said. "Am afraid of boll weevils." "Well, how's your corn crop?" "Didn't plant none; 'fraid of the drouth," "Well," finally asked the stranger, "How are your potatoes?" "Ain't got no taters either," he said, "Scared of tater bugs." "Well, what did you plant?" "Nuthin'," declared the farmer, "just playing it safe."

Too often the progress of a congregation is blocked by a pessimistic attitude of "playing it safe," -Selected

OUR TASK

To teach young people to want to do what they ought to do, so that they will grow up to be adults who are free to do what they want to do is what they ought to do.

* A problem is an opportunity in work clothes.

SHULTS-LEWIS HOME Exciting things are happening at the home in Valparaiso, In. Two new homes are presently under construction which will have a capacity for 8 to 10 children plus the houseparents and their families. These new facilities are due for completion in January of 1980.

Rick Shur, who serves as a houseparent and development director for the home will be speaking here Sunday December 9th to share with us news of these recent developments. Rick will also be showing a slide presentation to the combined adult classes on that day.

NURSING HOME SINGING this Sunday at both nursing homes. 4:30 Merry Manor - 5:10 at LaGrange. Attend.

OUR SICK Zoa Herr is now at Merry Manor and she seems to be much improved. Why not send her a card and perhaps visit her - Nanny Hall, Olive & Clayton Langston are improving.

VISITORS LAST WEEK Ruth Engle, Nancy Hart of LaGrange. A number of our college students were home sometime during the week.

THIS & THAT Good attendance at fellowship last Sunday evening - more attended prayer meeting at 5 p.m. last Sunday.

OUR WONDERFUL SAVIOR

This wonderful Savior we worship today
Was born in a manger, His bed made of hay.
The shepherds and wise men were gathered around
And angels above made a beautiful sound.
A prophesied star led the wise men along,
And shepherds, while angels sang glorious song.
And that is the Jesus I'm telling about,
Who'll some day return with the angels and shout.
And He is the one who will heal us within,
And with His own blood, wash away all our sin,
If only we trust Him and ask Him today
He'll help us and heal us and guide all the way.
I'm telling you all of this now, for I know
I've trusted and tested and with Him I go.

- Gay Ray

If the life of Christ is not your pattern, the death of Christ will not be your pardon.

Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.

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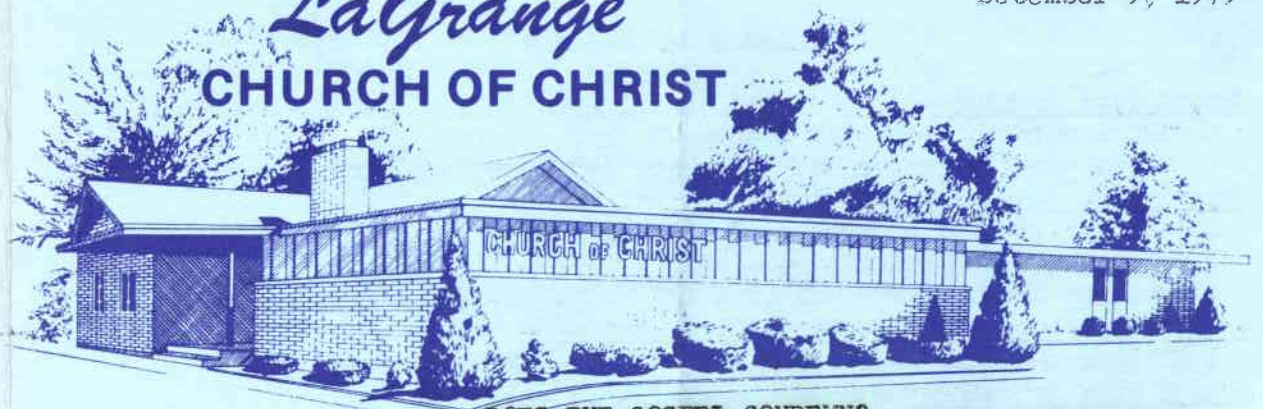
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DOES THE GOSPEL CONDEMN?

The gospel of Jesus Christ does not condemn anyone, contrary to what you may believe. You may say, "Well, I thought preachers went around condemning everyone."

Wait a minute, my friend! If you think that the pure gospel of Jesus Christ condemns you have everything backwards. Jesus Christ came to this world to save, not condemn. John wrote: "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the worlds should be saved through Him" (John 3:17).

Suppose that there were people on an island who had contracted an incurable disease. Everyone of those people were doomed to death without an hope of recovery. However, suppose a man found his way to the island with a vaccine that was guaranteed to cure the disease. If some refused to take the vaccine, would you say the vaccine condemned those people? Did the man who brought the vaccine condemn those people who refused the medicine? Of course not!

The fact of the matter is that the world has an incurable disease brought about by sin. The only cure for sin is Jesus Christ. It doesn't matter who you are or how good you think you have lived. The naked fact is that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). No amount of good works and no amount of pleading can change the wretchedness of your soul. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can lift you out of the mire of sin.

Yes, Jesus died to save, not condemn. If you refuse the cure and remain in a condemned state, you have no one to blame but yourself.

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WHEN I GIVE

When I Give Nothing -

I cast a vote to close the church

I take a "free ride" on the gifts and services of others.

When I Give Less Than Last Year -

I have experienced a decrease in income - or

I have changed my priorities - or

I question the need for the work the church is doing.

When I Give Less Than One-Tenth Of My Income -

I do less than was required of the poorest of the Jews.

When I Give Grudgingly -

I find no joy in my giving.

I am a disappointment to the Lord, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

When I Refuse To Purpose In Advance -

I fail to follow God's Plan (2 Corinthians 9:7)

I make it difficult for the elders to make plans for the year.

When I Give Weekly -

I help fulfill the planned programs of the church.

I make it much easier for myself by avoiding the accumulation of my stewardship obligation.

I find joy and satisfaction in my giving

I follow the God-given plan (1 Corinthians 16:2)

When I Give Proportionately -

I shall be blessed in my giving and will be enriched in every way.

(2 Corinthians 9:11)

I shall increase my gifts as my income increases. -Joe R. Barnett

SEVEN CHURCH PROBLEMS

1. The unbedded knee.
2. The unread Bible
3. The neglected attendance.
4. The unpurposed, unplanned giving.
5. The unrealized cross.
6. The impassionate heart.
7. The unconcern for the lost.

The wonderful part about all these: THEY CAN BE SOLVED!

QUOTABLES

"Sometimes you can know which way you are headed by looking at the crowd going with you."

*Kindness is a hard thing to give away. It usually comes back to you

"A wise man acknowledges his mistakes, a fool defends his."

THE RECORD

Bible Study	157
Worship	183
Evening	100
Wednesday	94
Contribution	\$ 885.40

BIBLE QUIZ The young people at LaGrange have been challenged to a "Bible Bowl" by the youth at Kendallville. Questions will be over the first 30 chapters of the book of Genesis. This event will take place the first Friday in January. It requires a great deal of study and preparation, so lets all encourage our young people in this endeavor.

BIBLE ANSWERS

TO QUESTIONS FROM THE LCST

Q: "Why should I be interested in becoming a Christian?"

A: Because all have sinned. Rom. 3:9-12, 23; Isa. 53:6

Q: What is sin?

A: The transgression of God's law. 1 John 3:4

Q: What are the consequences of sin?

A: Separation from God, spiritual death, consequences while on earth, eternal punishment in Hell. Rom. 6:23; Lk. 16:19-31; Mk. 9:42-47; 2 Thess. 1:7-9.

* Spiritual investments always bear heavenly interests ...*

GOOD NEWS Monday evening Linnea Murphy made the good confession and put on her Lord in baptism. She has been studying with Merilyn Herron. We welcome her into the family of God.

MORE GOOD NEWS Jamie and Sue McAlpin are the parents of a baby boy, Erik James. We rejoice with the parents in their latest addition.

REMEMBER Rick Shur of Shults-Lewis Home will be here speaking to us Sunday Dec. 9th. He will also be speaking to the combined adults classes at 9:30.

VISITORS Mrs. Trix and Laura McAlpin & DeAnn Harbin of Dayton, O.; Carl Pieratt of Camden-ton, Mo.; Gerald Wonnacott, Mi.; Janet Moore, Mongo; Dexter Willits of Howe; Christine Hicks, Wolcottville and Nancy Hart of LaGrange.

THE SICK Little Becky Sowles is home from hospital after another bout with croup; Nanny Hall and Zoa Herr ate both on the mend it seems. Be sure and pray for the sick.

TWO EVENTS Graduation for the OBS class is set for Dec. 14th. Be sure and make reservations with Norm Herron- TO WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR - bowling will be had at Maple Lanes followed by fellowship at the church building on December 31st.

T O M O R R O W

"Tomorrow" is the great enemy of advancement. Boasting of tomorrow is the lazy man's way of evading today's duties. "Tomorrow" leaves more tasks undone, more books unread, more houses uncleaned, more programs unlaunched, more resolutions unkept than any other factor in life.

"Tomorrow" is the great enemy of the church. Our greatest liability is not our ignorance, or our unconcern, or our unwillingness...but "tomorrow". More absentees have been neglected, more prospects have gone unlisted, more lessons have gone unprepared, and more lost people have gone unsaved because of "tomorrow" than any other reason.

"Tomorrow" is the enemy of the soul. "Tomorrow" has sent more men to hell than all other crimes combined. Where one man has died and gone to hell because he was an infidel, an agnostic, or an atheist, thousands have gone because they counted on "tomorrow".

"Tomorrow" is Satan's best scheme in keeping men lost. Yes, Satan knows he will never destroy your faith in the Bible, or your belief in the love of God. He does not care when you realize that you are lost and that you need to be a Christian. He knows all of these things are of no avail to you if he can keep you waiting until "TOMORROW".

One of the devil's most successful wiles is, "WAIT AWHILE". -Selected

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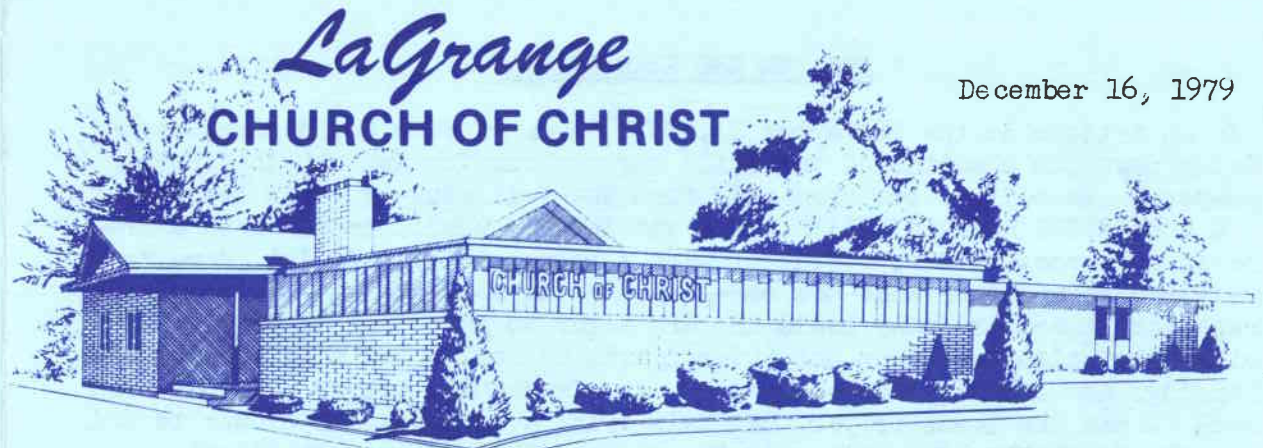
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"ALL, OR NOTHING AT ALL"

David Lloyd Goerge once remarked, "The most dangerous thing in the world is to try to leap a chasm in two jumps." The story is told of the little boy who cut off his puppies' tail an inch at a time to keep it from hurting so badly by cutting the whole tail off at once. These two situations illustrate the tragic error of many persons with respect to Christ.

Accepting Christ is an all-or-nothing commitment. Trying to accept Christ without total commitment to him is like trying to leap a chasm in two jumps - you leave one bank and miss the other. Jesus said it like this: "He that is not for me is against me." The Lord will not share a divided heart. Look to Christ, commit your life, your talents, your service, your all. Look not for a stone or island halfway. There is none.

The second situation above may well illustrate the other side of commitment to Christ. Commitment to one thing means forsaking other things. "You cannot serve God and mammon." You cannot hold both God and the world. Sometimes a person tries to give up the world like the boy cut off his puppy's tail - an inch at a time. The result is the same - pain is multiplied.

Make clear decisions. Leave the world. "Come up - come all the way up" to Christ. You can't leap a chasm in two jumps. Leave the shores of sin decisively, with finality, holding no mementoes of a single past. Commit your all to Christ!
-Howard Horton

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FOR MEN WHO LEAD PRAYER

(In an article in the September 13, 1977 issue of Firm Foundation, Raymond Kelcy presents a number of worthwhile suggestions for men who lead public prayers. We believe brethren will find the following excerpts helpful.

A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY. Men who lead in public prayer have a tremendous responsibility. Think of what a responsibility it is! Here is a waiting congregation that has come together to worship God. In the congregation there are many souls who are eager to go to God in prayer with other Christians and pour out their hearts to God. Yet many times their longings are unsatisfied because of an inadequate prayer that has been led. A man who leads prayer can help bring a congregation closer to God or take it farther from Him. Again, we say, What a responsibility!

PRAY IN JESUS' NAME. Another important thing; pray in the name of Jesus. Do not say to the Father, "We pray in thy name." We are to pray to God the Father in the name of his Son. (Heb. 13:15; 4:14). Do not abruptly close the prayer without mention of our great High Priest through whom we approach the Father.

AT THE LORD'S TABLE. When at the Lord's Table you are offering thanks for the bread, do that. Some ask God to bless others; some thank God for the many blessings of life, including the Lord's Day; but they do not offer thanks for the bread. They do just about everything except what they should do. It is good to pray for others, to thank God for our many blessings, etc. But what about offering thanks for the bread and the cup? Isn't that what Jesus did when he instituted the supper?

Occasionally we have someone thank God for the fruit of the vine "which so beautifully represents thy shed blood." Let's remember that it was not the Father who shed his blood on the cross. R. L. Whiteside wrote these words: "Certainly a Christian should know who was crucified." We would add that of a double certainty one who leads a congregation in prayer should know that it was the Son, not the Father, who shed his blood on the cross.

SPEAK SO AS TO BE HEARD. Paul, discussing tongues, asked, "How shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?" (1 Cor, 14:16) We can apply the same question to those who speak in such a low and indistinct voice when they lead a prayer. How can others assent to the prayer unless they can hear it? How can they join in the prayer? Speak up! If necessary, practice speaking out in the open spaces. Develop a voice that can be heard. ... We should not pray being motivated by a desire to be heard by men; but if we lead in public prayer, we surely ought to pray in a way that can be heard ...

-Selected & Adapted

RECYCLE YOUR BIBLES -

What do you do with your old Bibles after they have been replaced by newer ones? Maybe a few loose pages, a torn or missing cover, but still useful. Somehow I just can't get myself to throw it away so it sets on the shelf or packed away in some box gathering dust. But now some brethren have come up with a bold plan to put these old Bibles to good use. Its called "Recycle Your Bible For Africa".

Millions of English speaking people in Africa have no Bibles. One missionary in Zambia Africa writes that he teaches 280 students each week and most do not have Bibles, but have to share Bibles for study in classrooms. Their goal is collect 2,000,000 used Bibles for this need. The Bibles will be collected here and then forwarded to the church in Orlinda, Tenn. to be repaired and shipped to Africa. It costs about \$1 to pack and ship each Bible so a small donation would also be appreciated. -Norm

COMMODITY PROGRAM A way that you can help the Shults-Lewis Home is thru giving of good. A collection bin will be placed in the foyer to enable those who wish to drop in a can or box of some food items. These will be picked up every 3 months by Rick as he travels on behalf of the home.

THE RECORD

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Contribution	\$ 1133.45

SHULTS-LEWIS Our thanks to Rick Shur and Roger Ruth for their report of the work at Shults-Lewis Children's Home. The colorful slides and comments by Rick and Roger gave us a summary of the home's beginning and its development.

Rick commented that LaGrange was one of the most receptive churches to the homes' appeal for financial support and personal involvement.

You are to be commended for having a spirit which is characterized as pure religion James 1:27.

VISITORS Carl Pieratt, Camdenton, Mo.; Trix McAlpin, Dayton, O.; Melissa Noe, White Pigeon, Mi.; Christine Hicks, Wolcottville; Bonnie Bates, Howe; Nancy Hart of LaGrange were our visitors last Sunday. Welcome all of you.

THE SICK It was good to see Nanny Hall and John Ray with us after recent illnesses. Sick with the flu and colds are: Michelle Hall, Erik McAlpin, Carrie Gaskill and Katie Oakley.

NEW YEARS PARTY December 31st. More details next week.

COVETOUSNESS

A fly on a nice strip of gooey, sweet-smelling flypaper, not seeing a challenger in sight happily announced, "My flypaper". Sinking his nose in the syrupy stuff, he dined sumptuously. Then deciding to leave, he began hopelessly heating his wings against the air...and the paper announced, "My fly!"

That is often the way it is with a man and his possessions. Surveying his accumulations he proudly says, "My possessions!" The possessions knowingly announce, "My man!"

Francis de Sales, reputed to have heard more confessions than any other Catholic priest said that the sin of covetousness never one time confessed to him. We wonder how often it is confessed to God. This is the problem with covetousness ... it is seldom recognized by the victim.

Covetousness is easily camouflaged. Most of those who are guilty refuse to face it. Jesus preached about it. "And the Pharisees also who were covetous, heard all these things and they derided Him" (Luk 16:14) Lovers of money scoff at (or at least "shut out") the preacher who warns them of their sin.

Covetousness is Satan's "home field." In this park he has won his most stunning victories. Covetousness is to the soul what cancer is to the body. No wonder Jesus said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness." (Luke 12:15)

-Joe Barnett

WE INVITE YOU . . . TO STUDY AND WORSHIP WITH US

.. Sunday	Bible Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

A GOING CHURCH
Matt. 28:19-20

FOR

A COMING LORD
Tit. 2:11-13

PLAN OF SALVATION

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

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WHY KEEP PUSHING?

Many are active in the Lord's work. More zeal, more mission work, more preaching, more baptisms are reported everywhere among brethren in the Lord. The church is growing and much good is being done. In the midst of this fine progress, however, the church's situation is similar to this story:

The late William Wrigley was riding with a friend in a crack express train, from New York to Chicago. His companion was curious to know why the magnate continued to spend so much money in advertising.

Your gum is known all over the world," he said, "why don't you save the millions you are spending on advertising?"

Mr. Wrigley pondered a second, then asked, "How fast is this train going?" "About 60 miles an hour," replied the other. "Then," asked Mr. Wrigley, "Why doesn't the railway company remove the engine and let the train travel on its own momentum?"

SO YOU SEE: Too much depends on our progress for us to stop pulling and boosting the Lord's work. Say, ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART? -Sel.

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THE OLD YEAR and THE NEW

I sat and wrote the record of the year,
Marred with the stains of many an idel day,
When a stern angel, who was standing near,
Stretched forth his hand and took the page away.

"Stay thou, dread Angel, but an hour!" I cried,
"For many things I have as yet to write"
But not a word in answer he replied.
He swiftly sped across the wintry night.

Then as I bowed my head in silent woe,
O'er many a blot upon the vanished scroll,
Another angel, whiter than the snow,
Drew near, and spoke a message to my soul:

"Waste not thy time in grief for work undone,
Nor let regret thy passing days engage.
Thou canst not bring again the year that's gone,
But God hath given thee another page!"

-Author Unknown



MY INFLUENCE
FOR EACH DAY
1980

My life shall touch a dozen lives
Before thus day is done,
Leave countless marks of good or ill
Ere sets the evening sun.
This is the wish I always wish,
The prayer I always pray,
Lord, help my life help others lives,
It touches by the way.

-Unknown

NO RELIGION!

Once a man remarked to Samuel Coleridge, "I will not teach my children anything about religion. I will let them grow up, and when he is old enough to judge for himself, he can choose his religion."

As the two men walked together they paused in Mr. Coleridge's garden. "I thought I wanted to set out some strawberry plants here this spring but you have given me a new idea. I think I will wait until next August. Then I will see whether it would rather have weeds in it."

"But, Mr. Coleridge, the weeds, will take over the place by then."

"My friend, the weeds will also grow unbidden in the heart of your child," answered the poet.

The Lord places a great responsibility upon a parent. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Parents must nourish their children in the fear and discipline of the Lord. And if any provide not for his own, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel. The supreme tragedy of our times is that too many parents make no effort to influence their children for truth and righteousness. The time is here when each parent needs to take this responsibility seriously. Bring your children to Bible school and seek to influence them in behalf of the Lord. Don't let them grow up with "No Religion" in 1980!

NEW YEAR'S EVE A pot luck at the church building Monday evening at 6:30 followed by games & singing then to bowling from 9:00 to 12:00 for recreation and fun. Join us in the fellowship and close out the old year and "roll" in the new!

WELCOME! To our young people who are away but home for holidays - it was good to see all of you. Back were: Steve and Kim Herron from OCC; Jim North, Phil, Dianne, Cheryl & Terry Hostetler of Harding; Dick and Fran & Craig Hostetler from Williamstown; Jeff Herron, Detroit, Mi.; Mary Wilson, Kenny & Kathy Long from Charleston, S.C.; and Marcella Richie.

OUR SICK Goldie Pulley, the Dave Weavers and others. We were pleased to see Zoa Herr and Nannie Hall at services Sunday.

OUR THANKS To Eddie McGuiggan of Kendallville who spoke at the morning services last Sunday and to those who attended the preview of the proposed budget of 1980. AND for the fine contribution of \$1249.45 last Sunday. We need \$1012.29 this Sunday to end the year meeting our 1979 budget. You are to be commended for your giving to the work here in 1979!

CORRECTION The Dean Hoggatts new address is RR 5 Box 235 instead of 234. Sorry.