

ADDED IN '79 Nineteen precious souls were added to the Lord's church following their baptism into Christ this year.

	Date		Date
1. Phil Hay	2-11	11. Jim Keller	7-31
2. Mike Hall	2-27	12. Helen Keller	7-31
3. Pat Hall	2-27	13. Viriginia Keller	7-31
4. Brian Leslie	4-1	14. Mike Boyd	8-1
5. Patricia Leslie	4-1	15. Annette Hardman	10-17
6. Shirley Rumsey	4-16	16. Sandra Doles	10-25
7. Gary Hollowell	6-14	17. Dorothy Bolen	11-16
8. Ruby Hollowell	6-14	18. Mark Murphy	11-17
9. Gil Hanson	7-17	19. Linnea Murphy	12-3
10. Georgia Hanson	7-17		

There were also 11 members who responded in asking for the prayers of the church.

YOUTH RALLY The LaGrange anual Winter Youth Rally is scheduled for Jan. 19 & 20. This year's theme is: "TOGETHER, there is much we can do". Speakers will be Randy Gill, Kent Hoggatt, and Neil Parsons. Housing will be provided.

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

January 6, 1980

**RULES FOR HAPPY LIVING**

By Alan Bryan

1. Count your blessings and not your troubles. Other people don't need your troubles, they have enough of their own. (Mal.3:10).
2. Live one day at a time. You can control and conquer any sin if you will learn to live one day at a time. (Jas.4:13-15).
3. Learn to say: "I love you". Break the "alabaster box" of kindness to as many people as possible each day. (Mk.14:3-6).
4. Learn to be a giver and not a getter. If you are failing to get out of life what you want it is because you are expecting to get instead of give. (Lk.6:38).
5. Seek for good in everyone and in everything. Be a good seeker and not a "fault" finder. (Mt.7:1-5).
6. Pray every day. Reserve a time in your day to thank God for His many blessings and ask for His help and guidance. (Lk.18:1).

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RULES FOR HAPPY LIVING (Cont.)

7. Do at least one good deed each day. Plant the seed of "goodness" and it will produce after its kind. (Acts 10:38).
8. Learn to count. All things have a place in life. Some people cannot keep the important things in first place. (1it.6:33)
9. Let nothing bother you. We let too many little things destroy our life. We even allow imaginary things to bother us. (Phil.4:7).
10. Practice the "Do it now habit". The road to hell is paved with good intentions. (2 Cor.6:1-2).
11. Fill your life with good. Clean out the trash and fill your life with good thoughts and good deeds. (Phil.4:8).
12. Learn to laugh and learn to cry. Over 70 percent of all physical ills could be overcome if we could learn this. (Rom.12:15).
13. Learn to practice the happiness habit. Learn to smile, and the world will smile with you. (Phil.4:4).
14. Learn to fear nothing or no one. Think on your powers and not on your weaknesses. Crowd out fears with faith. (Heb.11:1-6).
15. Let go and let God take over. The only way to find peace and happiness is to let God take the controls of your life. (Psalms 23).

A Note From The Herron's

Dear Loved Ones,

As we begin the new year and a new decade, we wish to express our appreciation to all at LaGrange.

We have now worked with the church here over seven years and look upon them as some of the most rewarding in our lives.

We feel that we have grown along with you. We believe that working together and with God, we can grow even more. You're great and we love you all.

Norm and Merilyn

FOR THE RECORD Sun. 12-31-79

Bible Classes.....	134
Morning Worship.....	206
Evening Worship.....	122
Contribution.....	\$889.15
Wed. Bible Study 1-2-80..	95

SHULTS-LEWIS Childrens' home  
Commodity assignment:

Month	Commodity
Dec.	Canned Tomatoes
Jan.	Laundry Baskets

VISITORS We were delighted to have the following with us last week: Ken & Kathy Long, Mary Wilson, & T. Bolen, S.C.; Kent & Debbie Hoggatt, Jeff Herron, Ken Graves, & Terri Van-Raalte, Mi; Dale & Connie Morgan, Oh; Tami Stutzman, Topeka; Dexter Willits, Howe; Nancy Hart, LaGrange; And the college young people home for the holidays.

THEY WILL BE MISSED There were many wet eyes and sad hearts as Paul and Geneva Himes said their good-bye to the church after the evening service. A small token of appreciation was given to them to help in getting settled in their new work.

They will be greatly missed in the work at LaGrange. Paul, for his excellent Bible class, helping with the Keenagers, general handyman skills, putting out the bulletin, and willingness to work. Geneva, for her wonderful teaching, helping those in need, cleaning the building, and cheerful disposition.

Yes, they will be missed, but we wish them God speed and much success in their new work with the church in Bradenton, Florida. Our lives are richer from having you among us.

BIBLE QUIZ The long awaited Bible Quiz between the young people of LaGrange and Kendallville will take place this

Sat. Jan. 5, at 6:00 PM at Kendallville. The eight who will be competing from LaGrange are: Debbie Duzan, Jerry Lee, Gary Pieratt, Brian Hoggatt, Susan Pieratt, Jeannie Hoggatt, Keith Adkins, and Lesly Hoggatt. The questions will be taken from the first 30 chapters of the book of Genesis. Come on along and help to root on our young people.

CONTRIBUTION We did it! The final two weeks contribution, along with some extra given afterwards enabled the church to finish 1979 in the black. The elders commend each one for their extra giving to reach this goal. What a good way to start off the new year.

ATTITUDE ...

The story is told of two shoe salesmen who were sent to a place in Africa. One of them wired back, "The case is hopeless, nobody here wears shoes." The other wired his home office, "Unlimited opportunities here; everybody needs shoes."

Attitude means so much in any endeavor. What is your attitude toward the opportunities Christ has set before you? Do we, as a congregation, look to them and say "Hopeless" or "Unlimited Opportunities"?

-- Selected

The best recipe for living is to laugh some and to cry some but don't become either a clown nor a grouch in doing it.

Measure not life by the hopes and enjoyments of this world but by the preparation it makes for another; looking forward to what you shall be rather than backward to what you have been.

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# LaGrange CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 13, 1980



**SHULTS LEWIS CHILDREN'S HOME  
NEEDS: 1. Canned Tomatoes  
2. Laundry Baskets**

Please bring to the  
church lobby



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LAGRANGE WINTER YOUTH RALLY

January 19-20, 1980

THEME: "TOGETHER, There Is So Much We Can Do."

Saturday, Jan. 19:

- 1:00-2:00 Registration Fee \$3.00
- 2:00-3:00 Group Singing led by Jeff Herron
- 3:00-3:45 "Entertainment & Music in Worship"  
Randy Gill, MCC
- 3:45-5:30 "Autumn" From MCC at Farmers State Bank
- 5:30-6:30 Supper - Return to building
- 6:30-7:30 Speaker - Neil Parson
- 7:30-8:00 Devotional, Go to homes

Sunday, Jan. 20:

- 9:30-10:30 Bible Class - Randy Gill (Aud.)
- 10:30-11:45 "The Priceless Ingredient in Togetherness"  
Kent Hoggatt, MCC
- 12:30- 1:30 Potluck Dinner
- 1:30- Rally ends

HOUSING We need to have housing for about 100 young people. How many can YOU house? Please let Joe Hughes know how many you can accommodate. (562-3017)

POTLUCK Each family planning to stay for the potluck is asked to make a donation towards the ham. There is also a need for potatoes, vegetables, salad, deserts, and some beverages. Please let Thelma know what dish you can bring. Donations for the ham may be given to Thelma or Marilyn.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV Due to the expected increase in attendance from the Youth Rally a closed circuit TV will be used during the Sunday morning worship service. A TV monitor will be in the lobby to handle the overflow crowd.

SUPPORT Our young people have worked hard to make this years rally one of the best ever. Many who attend say the LaGrange rallies are the best they have attended. We can be proud of our young people for their efforts. But better yet, let's support them fully in this endeavor.

FOR THE RECORD Sun. 1-6-80

Bible Classes..... 169  
 Morning Worship..... 175  
 Evening Worship..... 115  
 Contribution..... 945.30  
 Wed. Bible Study..... 92

GIVING The church is to be commended for its giving last Sunday. The new budget calls for an increase of almost 17% or \$99.29 for 1980. This is a good start towards reaching that goal.

VISITORS We were delighted to have the following with us last week: Judy Combs, Nancy Hart, and Ruth Engle, LaGrange.

THOSE TO SERVE - Jan. 13, 1980

	Morning	Evening
Song Leader	Perry Miller	Bill Oakley
Lord's Table	Devon Hostetler	
Helpers	J. Hicks, F. Oakley, J. Pieratt	B. Leslie
Scripture & Prayer	Stan Palmer	Dave Weaver
Closing Prayer	James McAlpin	Jeff Head

BIBLE QUIZ RESULTS The Bible Quiz which took place on Jan. 5, was an event that will be remembered not only by the eight who participated but also by the bus load of fans who cheered and boosted them on. The three teams which took part in the quiz were LaGrange, Lake Gage, and Kendallville. LaGrange won the Senior round against Kendallville with a score of 69 to 50, while Kendallville took the Junior round against LaGrange with a score of 72 to 48. But no matter what the score, everyone did a super job and should be greatly commended. During the intermission the ladies at Kendallville served some delicious refreshments to everyone.

Plans are already underway to have the next Bible Quiz at LaGrange in late June. Several other area congregations have expressed interest in entering teams for this event. Watch for more information in the near future.

CLEAN UP TV We have been asked to conduct a survey regarding which programs each member feels are the five worst (from standpoint of morality, profanity, excessive violence, etc.) and which are considered the five best. Cards will be distributed next week and each are encouraged to list those programs where there is strong feeling even if less than five are listed. It won't be necessary to sign the cards.

### KEENAGERS

Perhaps some are unawares that the church provides an active program for the Senior Citizens of LaGrange called the "Keenagers". The meetings are every Thursday morning from 10:00 to 12:30 and include a variety of activities, such as: singing, eating, movies, games, but the main part is a 45 minute verse by verse study of the Bible. We now beginning a study of the book of Hebrews. A field trip by bus is scheduled Jan. 24, to the Prarie Heights High School planetarium. If you know of any who would be interested in attending this program please contact Dean or Norm.

### CLEAN UP TV

More than 1400 churches of Christ from all over the nation have committed themselves to take part in the "Clean Up TV" campaign. Almost a third of a million cards to signed have been requested and the number continues to grow daily.

But still, thousands of churches have not responded in writing as yet to the appeal. Just think how much more 14,000 churches taking part in the campaign would effect the TV and advertizing industries. So plans are underway to enable even these uncommitted churches to participate.

March 16, 1980 has been set as the official date for signing cards nation-wide. "Together, there is so much we can do".

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## CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 20, 1980



### TEN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

The past year was a good one for LaGrange. This new year promises to be even better. The following resolutions will help to insure that we grow even more for the Lord.

1. RESOLVE TO FORGET THE PAST AND PRESS ON TO NEW THINGS.

Read Phil. 3:13-14. "Onward and upward for Christ!" This should be our motto for 1980. The past is past, never to be reclaimed.

2. RESOLVE TO BRING A SOUL TO CHRIST.

Read Prov. 11:30; Dan. 12:3. Let's become all things to all men, that we might by all means save some! (1 Cor. 9:22). "I sought myself, myself I could not see. I sought my God, my God eluded me. I sought my brother, and found all three!"

3. RESOLVE TO BRING ONE SOUL BACK TO CHRIST.

Read Jas. 5:19-20; Gal. 6:1. Many have left their first love. Several of our own number have become unfaithful in recent weeks. Choose ONE and make them the object of your daily prayers and persistent efforts.

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(RESOLUTIONS Cont.)

4. RESOLVE TO BE AT EVERY GATHERING OF THE SAINTS.

Read Heb. 10:23-25. We need one another. I'm convinced that one of the secrets of success of the early church was their "TOGETHERNESS" (Acts 2:42,44,46). Let's GET together and GROW together!

5. RESOLVE TO BE TRULY RELIGIOUS.

Read Jas. 1:27. There is more to religion than attending church and "talking Bible". We must be not only hearers of the word but doers as well. "I sought to hear the voice of God, I climbed the top-most steeple. But God declared, Go down again, I dwell among the people".

6. RESOLVE TO BE A DELIGENT STUDENT OF GOD'S WORD.

Read 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17. God's word lights the path to salvation and strengthens the soul for service. Let's ALL determine to be in Bible class every Sunday and Wednesday. And let's study God's word at home.

7. RESOLVE TO GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.

Read 2 Pet. 3:18; Eph. 4:11-16. Growth is natural. God designed his church to grow. Let's grow to be more like Christ every day!

8. RESOLVE TO BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER.

Read 1 Thes. 5:18; Eph. 6:18. Prayer really works! (Jas. 5:16). It has worked for LaGrange and will continue to work.

9. RESOLVE TO FILL OUR PLACE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Read Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-25. There are many different members in the body of Christ. All the members do not have the same function but EVERY member has some FUNCTION. Every member is important!

10. RESOLVE TO ADOPT A THEME OF LOVE FOR LIFE.

Read 1 Cor. 13:1-8; 16:4. Love, like prayer, works! Love causes us to work together. Christianity is "faith working thru love".

-Adapted from Netherwood Park Bulletin

FOR THE RECORD Jan. 13, 1980

Bible Classes.....	146
Morning Worship.....	187
Evening Service.....	98
Contribution.....	\$825.90
Wed. Bible Study.....	107

URGENT REQUEST Housing is still needed for about 25 young people who will be staying the night after the youth rally. If you can help to eliminate this need, please call Joe Hughes (562-3017). Thanks.

VISITORS

Those who visited last week with us in our worship to God were: Tom Longfell, Mi; Charlotte Dowell, Angola; Christine Hicks, Wolcottville; Rod & Kathy Blankenship, Howe; Nancy Hart, Marjorie Harding, & Wanda Wenzel, LaGrange.

THOSE TO SERVE Jan. 20, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Song Leader	Bill Oakley	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Fred Oakley	
Helpers	G. Pieratt, J. Oakley, J. McAlpin, J. Oakley III	
Scripture & Prayer	Joe Hughes	Stan Palmer
Sermon	Kent Hoggatt	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Devon Hostetler	Max Litke

RESPONSES

Sunday morning a letter from sister Johny Carver was read to the assembly. In the letter Johnny made public confession of sins and asked for the church's forgiveness and prayers for strength to live a faithful life. We rejoice with the angels in heaven over the restoration of our sister in Christ. Johnny and Stan are making their home in Angola.

Tuesday afternoon Joe Hughes immersed Chuck Phillip, a fellow worker at Sealed Power, into Christ. Joe and Chuck have been studying the Bible together for several months. We welcome this newborn one into the family of God.

ANNUAL MEETING

The regular fourth Sunday fellowship Jan. 24, will also include an Annual Report meeting for the members. We will review the past year's work and also discuss the programs for 1980. All members are encouraged to attend and express their views during the meeting.

PICTURES

Pictures of the recent graduation of the Fishers of Men training class are posted in the lobby. If you wish to order copies are 25¢ each.

ROLLER SKATING

Monday, Jan. 28, Rollerdome, Fort Wayne. Teenagers leave church building at 5:30 and return about 10:30 pm. Transportation is provided by individuals.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, Holiday Roller Rink, Elkhart. Bus leaves the building at 5:30 and returns at 10:00 pm. The cost is: bus ride .35¢, Admission \$1.00, and skate rental .75¢. Parents must drive children to and from the building.

BUS EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The church in Kendallville is having a Bus Evangelism Workshop Jan. 25-26. The speakers for the workshop are Nick and Debbie Young from Anderson, In. The program begins Friday night at 7:30 pm. The Saturday lectures start at 9:00 am and continue to 3:45 pm with an hours break for lunch.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new church directory is now in the making and should be completed in another couple of weeks. Efforts are being made to insure the accuracy of those families listed. Those who have not attended for some time will not be included.

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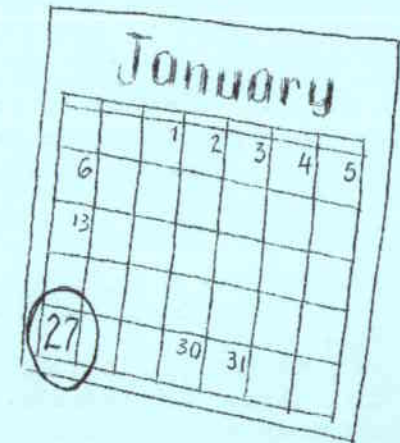
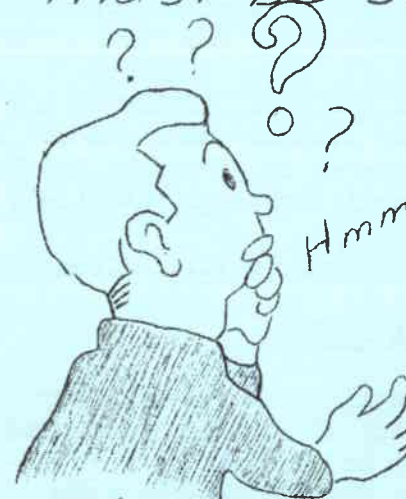
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# LaGrange CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 27, 1980



*Why do you suppose I circled that date on the calendar? It must be something important.*



*It is! Don't forget the Annual Report meeting Sun. Jan. 27.*

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## "GUILT MOTIVATION"

GUILT MOTIVATION is one of the strongest, but most destructive, driving forces in the world and unfortunately in the church. We are married to an unbeliever. Our children have gone wrong. We have been divorced. A preacher beats us over the head with our shortcomings in relation to evangelism and Christian service. We feel so inadequate. GUILT! GUILT! GUILT! It drives us to submerge ourselves in "good works" and "church activity"! Maybe, just maybe, we might in some small way make up for what we are or are not. Maybe, just maybe, we can do something to offset what we have done or have not done. Still we feel inadequate!

This is not the Christian way. GRACE IS! "By the grace of God I am what I am," Paul declared. He then went on to say, "and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me" (1 Cor. 15:10). This was Paul's concept of Christian being and service. What he was was a forgiven apostle. He was forgiven of his sins by the blood of Christ! He was commissioned to preach the gospel by the power of God.

All Christians are what they are by the grace of God and should serve accordingly. They are forgiven of their sins by God's grace! They are intrusted with their tasks and the resources to perform those tasks by God's grace. Christianity is "faith working through love" (Gal. 5:6).

By Dwayne Hollis, Albuquerque, N.M.

## A CARD FROM THE HIMES

Hello All,

Well we got to Florida, finally, after about four times with carburetor trouble. Enough of that, so traded cars on Friday after getting here Wednesday.

Thanks so much for the gift from the church. We certainly appreciated it. We miss all of you. Our first "Keenager" meeting will be January 29th.

Love, Geneva and Paul

A mother and son were arguing about going to church. The son insisted that he was not going to church. The mother asked, "Give me two good reasons why you're not going to church". The reply was, "I don't like the people and the people don't like me". The son then asked his mother two good reasons why he should go to church. The mother answered, "because you're forty years old and you're the preacher"!

## FOR THE RECORD Jan. 20, 1980

Bible Classes..... 221  
Morning Worship..... 247  
Evening Service..... 116  
Contribution..... \$956.35  
Wed. Bible Study..... 96

## IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to Dean and Thelma for the purchase and installation of kitchen cabinets. Also to Devon and Jamie for much needed work on the PA system, installing mercury lights around the building, and getting some stones for the parking lot.

## VISITORS

We were thankful to have the following with us last week: Melissa Noe, White Pigeon; Kathy Blankenship, Howe; Linda Handshoe, Ina Archer, Mary Penrose, Lometta McKibben, Betty Radostits, Nancy Hart, Esther Beaver, Grace Wolfe, LaGrange; and a host of young people and adults from the tri-state area.

## THOSE TO SERVE Jan. 27, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Song Leader	Dean Hoggatt	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Perry Miller	
Helpers	Stan Palmer Jim Lee	
	Jeff Mead Dale Dorris	
Scripture & Prayer	Jim Pieratt	Joe Oakley
Closing Prayer	Joe Hughes	Gary Pieratt

## OUR SICK

Sister Olive Langston was unable to attend services. Zoa Herr, Carie Gaskill, and John Ray were reported sick.

## IMPRESSIONS

The embracing of friends from camp. The making of new friends. Singing inspirational songs unto God. Hearing timely lessons to help us with our problems. Plenty of good home-cooked food. Staying the night at Christian homes. All these and more made the 4th Annual Youth Rally at LaGrange a success! Thanks to everyone who had a part.

Missy H., Youth Group

## ANNUAL REPORT

All members are encouraged to attend the Annual Report meeting immediately following the Sunday evening service. Some of the items to be considered: reports on last year's work, proposed budget for '80, plans and assignments for various ministries. Following the meeting we will get together for the regular monthly fellowship.



## SATAN'S AUCTION

It is said that Satan announced once upon a time that he was thinking of retiring from business, and would offer all his diabolical inventions for sale to anyone who would pay the price.

On the day of the sale, the tools were all attractively displayed, despite the ugliness of most of them. "Malice", "hatred", "jealousy", "sensuality", "deceit", and all the other instrumentalities of evil each was marked with its price.

Apart from the rest lay a plain wedge-shaped tool much worn, and priced much higher than any of the others. Someone asked, Satan what it was.

"That's discouragement," was the reply.

"Why have you priced such a simple tool so high?" someone asked.

"Because," Satan answered, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that when I could not get near him with any of the others; and once inside I can use him in whatever suits me best. It is much worn because I have used it on nearly everybody, and few, know that it belongs to me."

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

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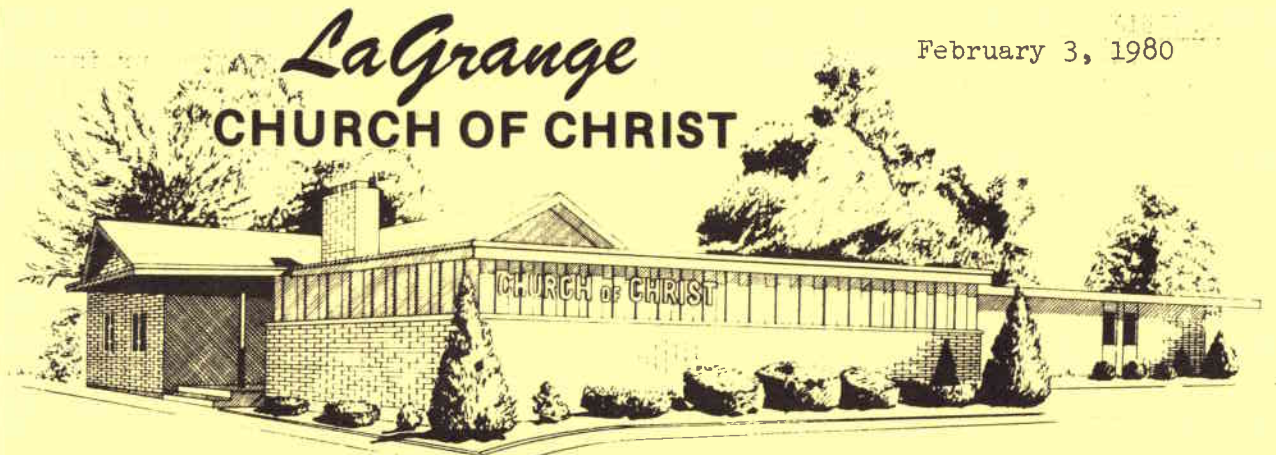
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February 3, 1980

### PUTTING OUR BOYS TOGETHER RIGHT

A little boy and his father were left at home alone one evening. The father wanted to read the paper, watch TV, and relax; but his son kept demanding attention. Finding a map of the United States in a magazine, the father cut it into pieces and suggested that his son occupy his time by putting it back together. In just a short time the boy was back with them all in place. His father was amazed that he had done it so soon, so he asked how he was able to do it so rapidly. The boy replied, "You see, there was a picture of a boy on the other side; I figured that if I put the boy together right, the country would turn out right."

He hit the nail squarely on the head. When we put our boys (and girls) together right, the nation will do just fine. Solomon wrote, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). Paul teaches, "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). It's imperative that this training begin early. There's no time to waste. This is something that can't be redone, so we must do a good job the first time. There's no room for error. Happiness in this life and in eternity depends upon how we put our young people together!

By: Walter Buchanan

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MONTHLY SINGING

All who can are invited to sing and visit this Sunday at the nursing homes. The times are: Millers 4:30 pm, and LaGrange 5:10 pm.

WEDDING BELLS

Saturday, Feb. 2, our own Mary Wilson of LaGrange will be united with T. Bolin of North Charleston, S.C. in holy matrimony. The wedding will be at 4:00 pm at the North Charleston Church of Christ building. Although distance will prevent most of us from going, we do ask for God's blessing upon Mary and T and wish them a long and happy life together.

SWEETHEART BANQUET

The church in Elkhart is having their 5th annual Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 16th at 7:00 pm. The place is McNaughton Park pavilion across from the Elkhart General Hospital. The banquet is for adults and teens and costs \$3.00 per person. There will be lots of good food, gospel singing, some crazy skits and most of all a time for fellowship. Bring some of your own talent to share with us. Please send money before Feb. 10, to: Mrs. James Hardin, 157 Parker Ave., Elkhart, In. 46514.

STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR

A very challenging seminar is being held Feb. 25-27 at the Benton Harbor Church of Christ. Brother Nick Young of Anderson, In. will be speaking on the vital topic of "Biblical Principles of Money Management". The six-hour seminar will be Monday and Tuesday at 7:00-9:00 pm, and Wednesday at 7:30-8:30 pm. A special ladies session will be conducted by Debbie Young on Tuesday at 10:00 am with a luncheon to follow.

MEETING

Our long awaited meeting with Brother Jim McGuiggan of Lubbock, Tx. (formerly of North Ireland) has finally become a reality. For some years we have been trying to get Jim to come to LaGrange, but something has always come up to keep it from happening. But now, the Lord willing, Jim will be with us March 16-20. This is one meeting you wont want to miss a single lesson. McGuiggan is not only one of the most Biblical and interesting speakers in the brotherhood, he has also written several commentaries which are already becoming classics among the church. We will be making full use of Jim's talents while he is here by having him to teach a class prior to the evening meeting plus an all-day session on Tuesday the 19th beginning from 9:00 am thru 3:00 pm.

SICK McAlpin family, Mary Fretz, Zoa Herr, Carie Gaskill, John Ray.

FOR THE RECORD Jan. 27, 1980

Bible Classes.....	160
Morning Worship.....	179
Evening Service.....	99
Contribution.....	\$817.90
Wed. Bible Study 1/23.....	96

BUS ATTENDANCE

Joy Bus Riders	Sunday
Bus #1	31
Bus #2	16
Bus #3	24
Total	71

Ride the JOY BUS!

VISITORS

We appreciated those who visited with us last week: John & Linda Handshoe, Nancy Hart, Majorie Harding, Oma Knauss, LaGrange; Christine Hicks, Wolcottville; Dexter Willits, Mongo.

THOSE TO SERVE Feb. 3, 1980

	Morning	Evening
Song Leader	Dean Hoggatt	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Joe Hughes	
Helpers	Keith Adkins Mike Hall	
	Dale Dorris Bill Oakley	
Scripture & Prayer	Joe Oakley	Gary Pieratt
Closing Prayer	Fred Oakley	Dave Weaver
Nursery Attendant	Glova Spears	

RESPONSES

We rejoice over the addition of two more precious souls to the Lord's church in LaGrange.

Wednesday evening, Kathy Blankenship confessed Christ as Lord and was baptized for the forgiveness of her sins. Kathy was taught by Mike Hall and Joe Hughes.

Saturday night, Debbie Murphy was immersed into Christ following a study with Norm and Marilyn.

Let's all be sure to welcome our new sisters in Christ and make them feel a part of the Lord's family.

TRAY FAVORS

Come join the "Tray Favor Girls"! Girls in the 3rd grade and up are invited to come and make tray favors for the patients in the hospital and nursing homes. The group will meet every Friday after school at the Herron's home. Parkside students should take bus #19, and Junior High students bus #24 to the church building. Parents may pick up their children between 4:30-5:00 after the workparty.

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Ladies, (and girls)

Thank you for the darling "snowman" favors you made for our patients. They are so cute - I sneaked one to put on my desk.

Please feel free to visit us at any time.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Stummer, Administrator  
LaGrange Nursing Home

KEENAGER NEWS

We received word from Brother Paul Himes that the church in Bradenton, Fla. had 28 in attendance at their first Keenager's meeting. Isn't that a great start! We wish Paul and Geneva the best of success in their work there.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, Norm will be at the church in Garden City, Mi. to show some films of the Keenager program to their adult Bible class. Garden City plans to launch into a program similar to ours.

REMEMBER Sweetheart Banquet, Sat. Feb. 16, 7:00 pm. McNaughton Park Pavilion in Elkhart. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

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PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Batsell Barrett Baxter, who has spoken on the Herald of Truth TV series for many years, makes the following observation concerning evangelism:

"The more experience I have in preaching the gospel in the local congregation and on the radio and television, the more convinced I am that the crucial matter of bringing people to Christ is that last FACE-TO- FACE effort by some devoted Christian near the prospect. We can do a great deal in laying the foundation, providing much of the teaching, and establishing the desire, but the final decision is nearly always made as a result of PERSONAL evangelism.

Somehow, somehow, we must overcome the fear, the preoccupation with other matters, the inadequacy of Biblical knowledge, and the failure to realize that people are really lost without obeying the Lord. All of which keep the great body of Christians from giving themselves fully to personal evangelism. We can do it; and we must!"

The message is clear. Nothing can take the place of the personal concern for another's soul. You are your brother's keeper!

Norm

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I DARE YOU FOR ONE MONTH TO...

1. NOT MISS A SINGLE SERVICE of the church. Please! No excuses! Give up those material things which you have been able to have and enjoy only because of your neglect of duty to the Lord. Make a few sacrifices! Really put Christ first!
2. STUDY YOUR BIBLE EVERY DAY...Even if it means letting some other really important (?) things go ... like turning off your T.V.
3. BRING AT LEAST ONE VISITOR to Bible classes and worship. Most people visit a church the first time because someone asked them. Invite one, two, or three people to church with you today!
4. GO VISITING AT LEAST ONE NIGHT A WEEK and not to just the ones you know and like best! This time - visit those you do not know too well or that you don't know at all.
5. PRAY EVERY TIME YOU HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE. When you feel the slightest need, pray! Pray when you don't feel the need! And while you are at it - pray for your enemies, for those who hinder the truth by their gossip and laziness! Oh, yes, pray for those who "murmur".
6. ALSO MAKE IT A POINT TO PUT YOUR WHOLE HEART INTO THE WORSHIP SERVICE. God, not you, is the only spectator during the worship service. All are active participants and recipients!
7. DO ALL THIS FOR JUST ONE MONTH ... and you will not want to return to your former state! That is, if you really are in earnest about going to heaven and loving Christ. You will also be surprised at the results ... both in others as well as yourself. TRY IT! You have nothing to lose and your own soul to gain!

-Via Wellington,  
Arkansas City, KS

Take my hands and let them move,  
At the impulse of thy love.

Take my life and let it be,  
Ever, only, all for thee!

FOR THE RECORD Feb. 3, 1980

Bible Classes.....	138
Morning Worship.....	166
Evening Service.....	100
Contribution.....	\$931.25
Wed. Bible Study 1/30.....	92

JOY BUS ATTENDANCE - Sunday

Bus #1	19
Bus #2	12
Bus #3	11
Total	42

Ride the JOY BUS!

VISITORS

We welcomed the following visitors with us for worship last week: Vern & Cindy Yoder, Nancy Hart, Wanda Wenzel, Betty Radostits, and Lometta McKibben, LaGrange.

THOSE TO SERVE Feb. 10, 1980

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Song Leader	Bill Oakley	Jamie McAlpin
Lord's Table	Dean Hoggatt	
Helpers	Jim Pieratt     Joey Oakley	
	Gil Hanson     Clayton Langston	
Scripture & Prayer	Stan Palmer	Jim Lee
Closing Prayer	Devon Hostetler	Joe Oakley
Nursery Attendant	Kathy Sowles	

RESPONSES

Jesus explained being "born anew" as a birth of water and spirit, as opposed to the first birth of flesh or of our parents (Jn. 3:3-5). It is only by this birth that we can enter the kingdom of God.

Becky Moore, who will be 15 yrs old Feb. 16, experienced her spiritual rebirth on Monday, Feb. 4, at 5:30 pm. Becky has been studying with Norm after school at the church building for the past few weeks. She has also been a rider on the Joy Bus for some time. Lets welcome Becky into the kingdom of God.

TRAY FAVORS

Three hundred tray favors were made and delivered during January! A big thanks goes to Zella Bellaire, Carrie Gaskill, Flossie Harris, Thelma Hoggatt, Marilyn Herron and our new "Tray Favor Girls", for this act of kindness to the patients in the hospital and nursing homes.

Our first Tray Favor meeting had nine girls present: Amy Bowen, Jane Frazier, Heidi Herron, Brenda Knight, Tammy Morrison, Katie Oakley, Jean Pieratt, Laura Shears and Lisa Shears. All girls 3rd grade and over are invited to come Friday after school at the Herron's. Bring your sissors. Parents are to pick up girls between 4:30-5:00.

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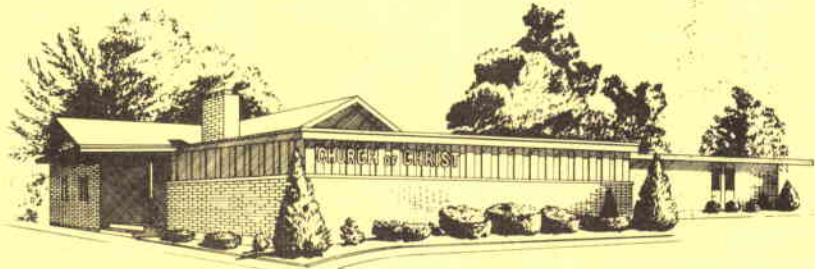
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### ON BEING LIKE JESUS

*"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus..."(Phil.2:5).  
Jesus left an example that we should "follow his steps"(1 Pet.2:21).*

We want to be like Him as He walks on the water...

*But we don't want to walk on 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 money 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 will not aid the handicapped or help those who are weak.*

We would restore the deaf man's hearing...

*But will not share with him or those who can hear 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 a scepter, but not a shepherd's staff. We prefer to be robed in a royal garment of purple, not girded with the towel of service.

We want to be like Jesus as KING and MIRACLE WORKER, but not as a SERVANT!

Max Hughes

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday February 10, 1980  
 Bible Class 154  
 Morning Worship 188  
 Evening Service 91  
 Contribution \$751.40  
 Wednesday Bible Study 2/6 89  
 Thursday "Keenagers" 2/7 45

JOY BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bus #1, 23; #2, 14; #3, 28.  
 Total JOY BUS Riders 65

VISITORS

Those who visited last Sunday were:  
 Ida Fisher, Bev Adwater, Jan McCullough,  
 Nancy Hart, Betty Radostits, and Lometta  
 McKibben.

THOSE TO SERVE February 17, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>
Song Leader	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Bob Sowles
Helpers	Brian Leslie Fred Oakley Jerry Hicks Jeff Mead
Scripture & Prayer	Jamie McAlpin
Lesson	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Dean Hoggatt
Nursery attendant	Jean Bowen

LAST CALL!

Rick Shur from Shults-Lewis will be here soon to pick up the items for the home. It's still not too late to bring in some canned tomatoes, clothes baskets, and your old used Bibles. Let's have a full carload for Rick when he arrives.

THANKS

The church expresses their thanks to Zella Bellaire and Lucille Penn for the work they do in cleaning and straightning the auditorium each week. Also a thanks to Gil Hanson for making some necessary plumbing repairs in the mens and ladies restrooms.

NEW DIRECTORY

The new directory has been finalized and is now being typed by Sue McAlpin. Shortly it will be printed and available for our use. It has been quite some time since we have updated the old directory, so this should help us to get to know one another better.

NEW FORMAT

With this issue of the bulletin we begin with a new color, design, format, and method of folding. We hope that the "new" appearance will be pleasing to all and easy to read. We are making every effort to get the bulletin in the mail as early as possible (Thurs. morning) so it will reach you before Sunday. Any news or articles of interest should be turned in to the office by Tuesday. Please let us know of any corrections or changes of address. If you know of any who like to receive this bulletin just give us their name and address. Thank you.

HOSPITALIZED

Sister Sharon Mills is in St. Joseph Hospital in Ft Wayne for tests from an auto accident which she had several weeks ago. Remember her in your prayers.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 16 Sweetheart Banquet at Elkhart  
 McNaughton Park, 7:00pm, \$3.00

25- Stewardship Seminar at Benton  
 27 Harbor, Speaker Nick Young

25 Skating Rollerdom, Ft Wayne

26 Skating Holiday Rink, Elkhart

28- 1980 Midwest Evangelism Seminar  
 3/1 Indianapolis, Hilton Hotel

Mar. 7- Meeting at Angola,  
 9 Speaker Norm Herron

16- Meeting at LaGrange  
 20 Speaker Jim McGuiggan, Lubbock

<u>Evening</u>	<u>Wed. 2/20</u>
Bill Oakley	Brian Hoggatt
Bob Sowles	
Fred Oakley	
Jeff Mead	
Jim Pieratt	Joe Hughes
Norm Herron	Jeff Mead
Max Litke	Jim Pieratt

HAVE YOU QUIT THE CHURCH?

Perhaps you have quit the church and don't know it! A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years said that he had never thought of quitting the church. He was reminded that he had already withdrawn his presence from its services, refused to give moral support to the activities of the congregation, and had withdrawn his financial support from the Lord's work. Then he was asked, "What else would you have to do in order to quit the church? In case you decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what else would you do in quitting the church?"

As his true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected sober and deep thoughts. He replied, "Why I've already quit, haven't I?" Then he continued, "Well I sure did not mean to! And I don't know when I did it, but I guess I have quit the Lord and His church. But I'll tell you right now I'm coming back!"

Dear Reader, how about YOU? Have you quit the Lord and His church? Without intending to, come have neglected their relationship to the Lord so long that they truly can no longer be considered members of the Lord's living body. They neither help the church by attendance at services, by financial support of the Lord's work, nor by personal participation in the church's activities. Instead of saving souls they are leading others to an eternal hell by their own example, including the very ones they claim to love so dearly.

Such members need to get right with God and be restored before it is too late!

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If a *hypocrite* is between you and God, Then he is actually closer to God than you are.

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### OUR BUSING PROGRAM

There is no substitute for experience. Come April 14, we will have completed six years of bus work. During this time, many of our members and especially our teenagers have been involved in the busing program. The program has been a blessing for the church, the community, and especially for the souls that have been led to Christ; not to mention the many lives that have been influenced for good because of the efforts put forth to "bring them in". We cannot express enough our appreciation for the work and dedication that has gone into making the program such an effective one over the years.

We see, however, that the bus work falls on too few people and that the ones involved have little relief from the continual schedule of Saturday canvassing and the Sunday route. In order to give some help to the bus captains, the elders are proposing that the congregation as a whole be responsible for the canvassing work. That none be overburdened, each member will be responsible for one or two (or more if desired) bus riders in his/her area. The riders should be visited personally or contacted by phone each week, but preferably a personal visit would be made initially. The calls should be made towards the end of the week and at each members convenience. Information as to "riding", "not riding", or "illness" will be forwarded to the particular bus captain for that route so he can schedule his route for Sunday morning.

This plan spreads the work around and could be even more effective than the present method of canvassing in that more time could be personally given to each rider and potential new riders. Time, concern, and love are essential ingredients to a good busing program.

We hope that each member will see the benefits of this plan and will respond positively to the assignments when they are given this coming week.

The Elders

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday February 17, 1980

Bible Class	150
Morning Worship	174
Evening Service	96
Contribution	\$1,187.95
Wednesday Bible Study	85
Thursday "Keenager Program"	57

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning	
Bus #1-22; Bus #2-17; Bus #3-19.	
Total JOY BUS Riders	58

MARCH MEETING

It is now less than a month until our coming meeting with Jim McGuiggan. It will be "five unusual days" of power, packed, preaching and teaching of God's word. Your heart and soul will thrill from the inspiring lessons of this humble Irishman. There will be two lessons each evening with an all-day sessions on Tuesday the 18th. Mark the dates of 16-20 on your calendar and start inviting those you know to come with you.

The success of our meeting to change lives for Christ and bring glory to God depends on each one of us.

VISITORS

We were delighted to have the following visitors at our services last Lord's day: Mr. & Mrs. Pete Graves, Muskegon; Jeff Herron, Garden City, Mi: Ida Fisher, Mark Ty, Jan McCullough, Nancy Hart, Elizabeth Good, Ruah Grate, Betty Radostits and Lometta McKibben, LaGrange; Rick Yoder and Jess Spry, Elkhart.

THOSE TO SERVE February 24, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Song Leader	Devon Hostetler	Dean Hoggatt	Mike Hall
Lord's Table	Jim Pieratt	Jim Pieratt	
Helpers	Gil Hanson Gary Pieratt	Gil Hanson	
	C. Langston Jim Lee	Jim Lee	
Scripture & Prayer	Jeff Mead	Max litke	Dave Weaver
Lesson	Eddie McGuiggan	Eddie McGuiggan	Jamie McAlpin
Closing Prayer	Joe Hughes	Stan Palmer	Bill Oakley
Nursery Attendant	Midge Hughes		

SICK & INJURED

Pat Lee suffered a bad fall on the stairs at home and tore some ligaments in her ankle. She is on crutches and confined to home. Becky Sowles has the croup again and was admitted to the Sturgis hospital. She will be able to return home in a few more days. Bob Sowles got a small piece of steel in his left eye at work and has had to make several trips to the doctor's office for treatment. Sharon Mills has been released from the hospital and is home recuperating from her car accident. She welcomes any cards, visits, and prayers during her recovery. Jeff Mead had a sore throat last week-end and unable to attend services. Zoa Herr and John Ray at the Country Place Apts. are not feeling well enough yet to attend the services.

SURGERY

Sharon Simpson and her son Terry are having similar operations on their wrists this Thursday at the Caylor-Nickel Hospital in Bluffton, Ind.

TRAY FAVORS

The Tray Favor Girls made 300 Valentine heart tray favors for the hospital and nursing homes. A special thanks to the LaGrange Publishing Co. for donating the paper and cardboard stock for the last two months projects.

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Upper Midwest Campaigns for Jesus Christ - LOOKING AHEAD

At present there are 317 Christian men and women in the Upper Midwest who have successfully completed the FISHERS OF MEN person-to-person Evangelism Training Course. By the end of 1979 we expect that number to be at about 400. That's exciting!

In 1980, and each year thereafter, we plan to train approximately 300 brethren. Thus, by January 1, 1985 we will have graduated 1,900 Christians from the FOM course. That's very exciting!

Our experience so far shows that we can very reasonably anticipate that each FOM graduate will bring, at the very mininum, at least one lost soul to the Lord Jesus Christ. This means that on New Year's Day, 1985 we will look out on the Upper Midwest and see the equivalent of at least 15 additional congregations with 100 members. That's super exciting!

Obviously, many FOM graduates will teach and baptize considerably more than one person in the next five years. Some may baptize none. It is entirely realistic, however, to project that each graduate, on the average, will teach and baptize at least one soul each year. Even that conservative estimate translates into 6,500 souls daved in the Upper Midwest through the efforts of FOM graduates in 1980-84. That's extremely exciting!

Most exciting of all, however, are the results we can expect if we just keep believing that... God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us (Eph.3:20).



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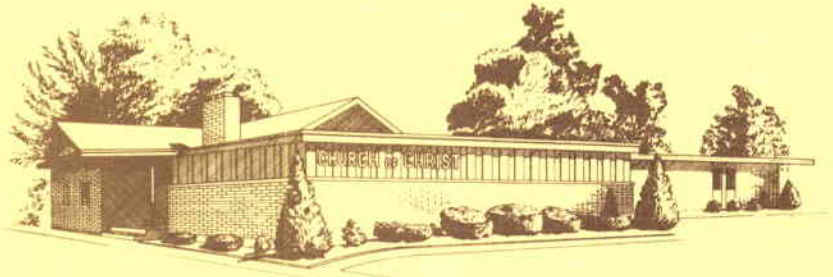
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## MAN HAS A PROBLEM

The Philosopher Calls It:

IRRATIONAL THINKING

The Sociologist Calls It:

CULTURAL LAG

The Psychiatrist Calls It:

MALADJUSTMENT

The Psychologist Calls It:

BEHAVIOR DISORDER

The Marxist Calls It:

CLASS STRUGGLE

But GOD Calls It SIN

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:23

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday February 24, 1980  
 Bible Class 164  
 Morning Worship 186  
 Evening Worship 95  
 Contribution \$746.10  
 Wednesday Bible Study 2/20 88  
 Thursday "Keenager Program" 2/21 46

BUS ATTENDANCE  
 Sunday Morning  
 Bus #1-32; Bus #2-20; Bus #3-28.  
 Total JOY BUS Riders 80

HGW ARE YOU LOOKING?

LOCK BACKWARD ...  
 ...see Christ dying for you  
 LOCK INWARD ...  
 ...see Christ living for you.  
 LOCK UPWARD ...  
 ...see Christ pleading for you.  
 LOCK FORWARD ...  
 ...see Christ coming for you.

THANKS

To brother Eddy McGuiggan for the two excellent sermons last Sunday. It was good also to have his wife, Margaret, and his children, Ann, Kathryn, Edward, Lee and Curtis with us. We appreciate the vividness with which Eddy expresses God's Word, both in the Daniel class he teaches on Tuesday evenings and in his preaching. About his brother, Jim McGuiggan, Eddy says he can sit and listen to him all day long. We have a pretty good idea, then, what is in store for us coming up Mar. 16-20. Remember to hold open those dates for the evening lessons as well as all day Tuesday the 18th, if possible. He plans also to speak to the "keenagers" on Thursday morning. One feature about this "meeting" with Jim McGuiggan is that we're scheduling some open forum sessions (question and answer sessions) so that particular questions from the audience can be answered. You'll not want to miss out on this!

THOSE TO SERVE

March 2, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Song Leader	Dean Hoggatt	Devon Hostetler	Bob Sowles
Lord's Table	Jamie McAlpin	Jamie McAlpin	
Helpers	Mike Hall Joey Oakley	Joe Hughes Fred Oakley	
Scripture & Prayer	Jim Lee	Stan Palmer	Bill Oakley
Lesson	Norn Herron	Norm Herron	Joe Oakley
Closing Prayer	Joe Oakley		Gary Pieratt
Nursery Attendant	Diane Martin		

OUR VISITORS

We extend to you a cordial welcome. Those attending last Sunday include: Dawn McCreery, Michael Tye, Virginia Moore, Wanda Wenzel, Lometta McKibben & B. Radostits.

Hospitalized: Mrs. Marjorie Harding, room #106, Lagrange.

The Sick : Several missed services Sunday: Becky Sowles - home from hospital - but not quite ready to face the cold weather; Mike Hall, flu; Pat Lee, recuperating from an ankle injury; Sharon Simpson, -minor surgery over with-hopes to be out Wednesday evening; Nannie Hall and John Ray still confined to home.

Welcome back: Sister Zoa Herr. We've missed her during her absense and hope that she can again attend on a regular basis.

ADDRESSES

T. and Mary (Wilson) Bolen 2583 Delhi Rd. Charleston, S.C. 29405	Terry Adams New Hope Foundation 8450 Payne Rd. Indianapolis, In 46268	Veva Rush c/o John D. Vaughn 8136 White Oak Place Huston, Tx 77040
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1st SUNDAY SINGING at the Nursing Homes at 4:30, Miller Merry Manor, and at 5:10 Lagrange. Come and be a part of this effort to encourage the shut-ins.

TEACHERS should pick up their new material for the next quarter in classroom #3. Please return Teachers Manuals and Visual Aids from last quarter.

VISIT TO OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

We are grateful to be back home from our short visit with Steve and Kim at OCC. We attended the annual "Spring Sing" where all the clubs put on a very entertaining musical variety program. We also got to visit Steve and Kim's dorms, meet some of their friends, along with their parents and visit some of their classes.

Another highlight of our trip was getting together with Ken and Betty Baird who were our co-laborers in Norway for five years. We also stayed with Gerd and Lucky Fecht who worked in Sweden about the same time. It was a sort of "Scandinavian Re-union".

Coming home we ran into a bad ice and snow storm in Illinois and Indiana. We crept along for several hours on icy roads while both sides of the road were strewn with jack-knifed semis. It was one of those drives you like to forget about.

We appreciate Eddy McGuiggan filling in for us while we were away..

Norm & Merilyn

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## CHURCH OF CHRIST

### ELDERS

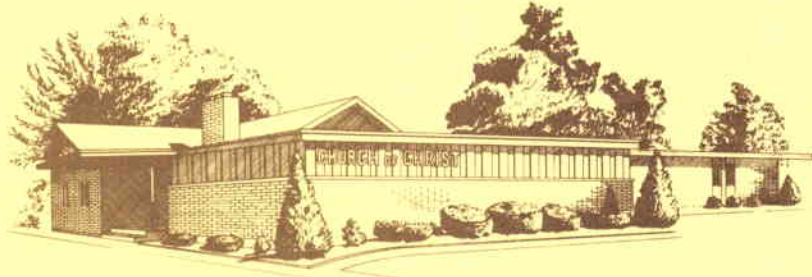
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### THE CHURCH IS NOT A HOSPITAL

*"I am come that they might have life, that they might have it more abundantly."*

John 10:10

Several times I've heard it said that the church is a hospital for sick Christians. I believe this is a most unfortunate description. It is normal for a hospital to be filled with sick people, and this description gives the impression that the normal thing in a church is sick Christians. There are sick Christians in churches and it is the duty of the church to minister to them, but they should be the exception and not the rule. There are no perfect Christians, but we should all be healthy Christians. One may be healthy without being perfect.

Today we expect the subnormal as though it were normal. The New Testament standard is not imperfection. But let any minister preach the high standards of the scriptures and he will hear the complaint, "nobody could be that good. According to that there isn't a Christian in town."

Our Lord came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. A revival is simply a return to spiritual good health. The church is not a nursery for babies still on milk who should have long since been on meat. Sometimes the church does become a spiritual hospital for we'll need examination, diagnosis and treatment, and even surgery. And it does partake of the function of a nursery to young Christians. But we must get over the idea that it is normal to be weak and sickly when we should be living abundantly.

Richard Rogers, Lubbock, Tx.

LITTLE THINGS THAT WILL MAKE OUR MEETING GREAT

Each of us need to ask ourselves, "What can I do for our meeting?" If each individual member does his or her part we can be assured of a great meeting. Here are some "little things" each of us can do:

1. **PRAY** for its success. Pray for the lost. Pray for the erring brother or sister in Christ. Pray for brother Jim McGuiggan who will be presenting the lessons. And finally, pray *"the Lord of harvest, that he send forth laborers into the harvest"*. (Matt.9:38).
2. **PROMOTE** the meeting. Talk it up! Tell everyone about it. Invite all our friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Offer to provide transportation for those who need it. Be enthusiastic! Remember, enthusiasm is like the measles, it's contagious.
3. **PREPARE** for the meeting. Study prayerfully the word of God. Go to the services expecting to be blessed. Realize that there is yet much for you to learn. Gospel meetings are designed, not only for the unsaved, but also for Christians.
4. Be **PRESENT** at every service. Think of it as MY meeting. Make every possible effort to attend all the services you can. Attend, not from a sense of painful duty but with a heart filled with gratitude for the privilege of hearing the word of God. *"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled."* (matt.5:6).
5. **PARTICIPATE** in the service. Everyone needs to sing with all their heart and pray fervently unto the Lord. We need to listen attentively to each lesson. We need to be friendly with our visitors after the services and show them that we really appreciate their coming.
6. **PUT** first things first. Make up your mind that nothing will be allowed to take precedence over our gospel meeting. Put God where He belongs in your life ...crown Him as Lord of your life. *"But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* (Matt.6:33).

Let each one of us accept the challenge to do faithfully these "little things" which will help to make our meeting "great". What will you do for our meeting?

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday	March 2, 1980	
Bible class		143
Morning Worship		158
Evening Worship		99
Contribution		\$958.95
Wed. Bible Study	2/27	85
Thursday "Keenager Program"		54

SHULTS-LEWIS

Commodity Assignment for 3 months:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
February	Green Beans
March	Cammed Fruits
April	Misc. Canned Vegetables

If you prefer, you may send a check and they will purchase the above items locally.

Bro. Shur stopped by Friday and picked up the commodities and Bibles that had been collected for the past few months.

Although February is already past let's double up in March and fulfill our commodity assignment.

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning	
Bus #1-17; Bus #2-14; Bus #3-22	
Total JOY BUS Riders	53

THOSE TO SERVE March 9, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Song Leader	Devon Hostetler	Bill Oakley	Fred Oakley
Lord's Table	Stan Palmer	Stan Palmer	
Helpers	C. Langston Jim Pieratt Brian Leslie Jeff Mead	Jim Pieratt C. Langston	
Scripture & Prayer Lesson	Joe Hughes Guest Speaker	Max Litke Guest Speaker	Dean Hoggatt Joe Hughes
Closing Prayer	Fred Oakley	Gary Pieratt	Brian Hoggatt
Nursery Attendant	Pat Hall		

OUR VISITORS

We extend to you a cordial welcome. Those visiting last Sunday: Dick Bellaire family, Middlebury; Nancy Hart, Lometta McKibben, and Francis Penix, LaGrange.

CLEAN UP TV CAMPAIGN

The mail in cards have arrived for the nation-wide Clean Up TV campaign. Target date is set for March 16th. More to follow in next weeks bulletin.

LATE NOTE:

Steve Herron is to undergo surgery Monday, Mar. 10, in Oklahoma for a hernia.

GUEST SPEAKER: March 9, Bro. Dick Forsyth, preacher for Angola Church of Christ.

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### CLEAN UP TV CAMPAIGN

*"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works  
of darkness, but rather even reprove them."*

Eph. 5:11

The Campaign among members of the Lord's church to clean up TV of filth, immorality, and violence is now underway. Spearheading this drive is the Joelton Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee. In a recent newsletter they reported that over six tons of forms were sent to over 16,000 churches throughout the nation.

Beginning March 16, hundreds of thousands of Christians and concerned individuals will be indicating their commitment to improve the moral quality of television programming. A warning has been issued to three companies who presently sponsor some of the most offensive shows on television. This warning in affect says, unless they discontinue sponsorship of such shows promptly, we intend to sign a solemn promise not to knowingly buy any of their products for a period of three months. The cards also make it clear that if no action is forthcoming than this promise will be automatically renewed for additional three month periods for as long as may be necessary.

Due to the Gospel Meeting on March 16, cards were handed out and signed the 23rd. The response was most encouraging. Already 104 signed cards were sent to the Joelton church for a nation-wide tabulation and to be delivered to the companies involved. Since the campaign will continue until Sunday April 13, we have requested an additional 500 cards. This will give each member an opportunity to involve five other interested individuals in this campaign. We have also ordered some bumper stickers and posters for display around the community. We believe it's about time the "silent majority" in America began to be heard about this problem which is contributing to the problem of our nation's moral decadence.

For your information the five most offensive programs on TV as indicated from a recent nation-wide survey of Churches of Christ were: 1. "Soap" 2. "Three's Company" 3. "The Newlywed Game" 4. "Dallas" 5. "Saturday Night Live". The three companies that sponsor these shows and some of their better known products are as follows: *General Foods*: Kool Aid, Orange Plus, Log Cabin Syrup, Gravy Train and Jell-O. *Warner-Lambert*: Listerine, Dentyne gum, Certs, Bromo-Seltzer and Shick razor blades. *American Home Products*: Chef Boy-Ar-Dee, Jiffy Pop popcorn, Brach's candies, Woolite and Black Flag insecticides.

Norm

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday	3/16	3/23
Bible Classes	166	180
Morning Worship	209	204
Evening Worship	151	88
Contribution	\$1,019.30	\$900.00
Wed. Bible Study	3/12 94	3/19 ?

Thursday "Keenagers" 3/13 55 3/20 59

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning	3/16	3/23
<u>Captain</u>		
Joy Bus #1 Fred Oakley	30	26
Joy Bus #2 Mike Hall	16	19
Joy Bus #3 D. Hostetler	23	30
Total Riders	69	75

Ride the JOY BUS Call 463-3571

THOSE TO SERVE March 30, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Song Leader	Dean Hoggatt	Bill Oakley
Lord's Table	Devon Hostetler	Devon Hostetler
Helpers	Clayton Langston Mike Hall	Clayton Langston
Helpers	Bob Sowles Gary Pieratt	Gary Pieratt
Scripture & Prayer	Jim Pieratt	James McAlpin
Lesson	Dick Hostetler	Song Service
Closing Prayer	Perry Miller	Joe Oakley
Nursery Attendant	Lois Oakley	

OUR VISITORS

Those who visited with us last Sunday were: Fran Hostetler, Craig Hostetler, Williamstown, W.Va.; Terri VanRaalte, Ken Graves, Muskegon; Paul & Doshie Everidge, Bronson; Paul McDonald, White Pigeon; Richard Rasler, Dexter Willits, Howe; Ida Fisher, Nancy Hart, Sandy Richie, and Harley Doty, LaGrange.

NO BULLETIN!

Wondering about what happened to last weeks bulletin? Good. That shows that you are looking forward to getting it each week. But the truth is, we simply didn't put one out. This was due to the busy schedule of our Gospel Meeting and also having to complete the final test for the Daniel class. Sorry about that, but we felt that you would understand.

MEETING

Our meeting with Jim McGuiggan was a great success. The building was filled each night; the singing was uplifting; the audiences were attentive; the lessons were Christ-centered; the preaching was power-presented; and most of all many hearts and lives will never be the same again. Thank you Jim for lifting up Jesus for us to see and be drawn unto.

REQUESTING PRAYERS

*Deb Duzan:* "I have trouble showing and acting as a Christian in school and at home. I seem to be influenced to go along with the crowd and do things that set a bad example."

*Sandra Witham:* "I've sinned and hope I can be forgiven. And I hope Jesus can forgive me."

BAPTIZED

*Blanche Dauberman* was buried with her Lord in baptism Thursday, March 20. She lives in the Country Side Apts. #61. We welcome her into God's family.

SICK

*Sandra Witham* entered LaGrange hospital Wednesday night and will undergo surgery Thursday for the removal of a tumor.

*Lorena Miller*, step mother to Sharon Simpson, suffered a heart attack Saturday but swift treatment prevented more serious damage. She is now recovering at home in Jonesville, Mich.

*Steven Herron* is back at school after having surgery for a hernia. He is doing fine, but it will be several days before he can resume his normal schedule.

*Carrie Gaskill* fell at home and suffered some minor cuts and bruises.

COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 28 Fellowship Night.
- 31 Roller Skating, Ft. Wayne.
- Apr. 6 Singing at Nursing Homes.
- 12 Ladies Day Together, Anderson.
- 18 Camp Indogan Banquet.
- 24 "Keenagers" 2nd Aniversary.
- May 9-10 Youth Encounter, Ft. Wayne.
- 16-17 Junior Rally Camp Indogan.
- 23-24 Senior Rally Camp Indogan.

CAMP BANQUET

The Annual Associates Banquet for Camp Indogan will be Friday, April 18, 7:00pm at the Ramada Inn in Ft. Wayne. Tickets will cost \$15.00 each or \$30.00 a couple. Proceeds from the banquet will go towards the addition of a canteen and sports center to the Pavilion. There will be an informative slide presentation of the camp and some entertainment by the Journeyman Quartet. Why not use this opportunity to help the camp plus enjoy some fellowship with area Christians.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Arrangements have been made for a night of fellowship and fun for the whole family. The adults and young people will be at Parkside gym for some recreation while the children will enjoy an evening of films and cartoons at the church building. The time is from 6:30-8:30 pm. Some plan to share hotdogs and chips afterwards.