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

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Keenager Program 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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YES, WE DO GIVE A HOOT



WE WANT YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR THE RECCRD

Sunday June 29, 1980

Bible Classes	154
Morning Worship	192
Evening Service	102
Contribution	\$755.50

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning

Bus #1	Fred Cakley	31
Bus #2	Terry Hostetler	18
Bus #3	Mike Hall	20
Total Riders		69

Wednesday Bible Study 95

In making your bus calls this week, stop at one extra house for potential riders.

Thursday "Keenagers" 54

VISITCRS

The summer months normally cut into our attendance, as many are traveling, vacationing etc., so its particularly nice to have visitors come our way. Last Sunday, Kent and Sarah Monesmith and their children, Brent & Shayne were here from Ft. Wayne; Mark & Pat Craig, Harold & Janet DePriest, from Kendallville; Marjorie Harding, Ruth Engle, from Lagrange and Harley Doty from Howe.

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday July 6, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Fred Cakley	Fred Cakley
Helpers	Jim Pieratt Keith Adkins	Jim Pieratt
Helpers	Joe Hughes Max Litke	Joe Hughes
Scripture & Prayer	Gary Pieratt	Steve Herron
Sermon	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Bill Cakley	Bob Sowles
Nursery	Kathy Hughes	

Wednesday, July 9

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Invitation	Mike Hall
Prayer	Stan Palmer	Closing Prayer	Phil Hostetler

Singing at Nursing Homes

This being the first Sunday of the month, the two Nursing Homes will be expecting us to have a song service. Please meet at the Miller Home at 4:30 and then we'll go to the Lagrange Home at 5:10.

CAMP INDCGAN NEWS

Notices were sent out to area congregations about a 4th of July "Work & Fun" day, which will be the last scheduled activity day before the summer sessions open, beginning with the Junior session starting July 13. Brothers Devon Hostetler and Dean Hoggatt have been visiting area congregations lately with camp information, hoping that this year the sessions will be full. The complete camp schedule is posted in the foyer. We say "thanks" to all from Lagrange who have worked in order to get the camp in readiness and also for the staff who will be giving of their time this summer.

SHULTS LEWIS NEED

A letter from Shults Lewis Children's Home informs about a new work program designed to develop good work habits and responsibility among the children. Many of these jobs were listed, however there is a need for tools to work with. If you could donate any of the following items, new or used, please bring to the building and well see that they get them: Hoes, Shovels, Assorted Paint Brushes, Picks, Sledge Hammer, and baskets for picking vegetables.

FRANKE PARK TRIP

Last week, most of the particulars were given concerning the proposed Family Bus trip to Franke Park in Ft. Wayne: Date, July 12; Leave building at 9 a.m. and expect to return about 2 p.m.; Cost: \$1.50 for adults and .75¢ for children (2-14 yrs.); Everyone to bring a sack-lunch (kool-aid will be provided); Bus fare cost .40¢ ea; We hope that it will be a good day, that many families will come and enjoy the day together.

A CONTINUING WORK

There is always a need of visitation and follow up work in the church. Every Christian can do something (telephone call, letter, personal visit, etc.) which will show concern that we ought to have for one another. Every week brother Joe Hughes has a number of contacts that should be made and he just needs the volunteers to say "I'll take one"! Do you suppose that our lower attendance of recent weeks has anything to do with the amount of visitation work being done? Think about it!

OUR SICK

Sister Goldie Pulley suffered some heart problems and was admitted to the hospital Sunday, but recovered and was allowed to return home Tuesday. Bob Hicks is in Rm#109 with a recurring back problem. Little Becky Sowles is doing fine now.

The children of Israel groaned under the heavy burden of Egyptian slavery. God heard their cry and sent Moses to deliver them. Concerning their deliverance God said: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles wings, and brought you to myself." (Ex. 19:4). But they to LOOKED BACK! Their faith faltered. When commanded to possess the Promised Land, they "were not willing to go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord... and grumbled." (Deut. 1:26-33). Consequently, they were forced to wander in the wilderness for forty years and most of them saw neither the promised victory nor land.

How many of God's promises go unfulfilled and victories go unwon because God's children "LOOK BACK" instead of "PRESSING ON"? Too many! The faithful child of God has been forgiven of his past sins, fortified for the present struggle and destined for future glory. He can't afford to LOOK BACK to the world. He must press on, press on to claim the promises of God, press on to win the victory with Christ!

- by Dwayne Hollis,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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	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**

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

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**"DON'T LOOK BACK!"**

*"No one who puts his hand to the plow and LOOKS BACK is fit for service in the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62)*

Staying power! Sticking power! This is what the kingdom of God requires. The King himself said: "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life." (Rev. 2:10). There is an old saying: "Winners never quit! Quitters never win!" It's true. It's Biblical. Unfortunately, one of Satan's most successful devices of deception is getting God's children to LOOK BACK!

Sodom was totally corrupt! Because the outcry of this city was so great and its sin so exceedingly grave, God sent his angels to destroy it. But God stretched out a hand of grace to Lot and his family to rescue them from the sin and destruction of this evil city. But Lot's wife "LOOKED BACK", and she became a pillar of salt." (Gen. 19:26).

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, July 6, 1980

Bible Classes	158
Morning Worship	196
Evening Service	?
Contribution	\$1,032.70

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning

Bus #1	Fred Oakley	21
Bus #2	Terry Hostetler	8
Bus #3	Mike Hall	25
Total Riders		54

Wednesday Bible Study 7/2 101

Thursday "Keenagers" 7/3 40

Don't forget the "Family Outing" at Franke Park in Ft. Wayne Sat. July 12. Lets fill a couple of buses!

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, July 13, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Bill Oakley	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Devon Hostetler	Devon Hostetler
Helpers	Clayton Langston	Clayton Langston
Helpers	Bob Sowles	Bob Sowles
Scripture & Prayer	Steve Herron	Joe Oakley
Sermon	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Joe Hughes	Gary Pieratt
Nursery	Pat Hall	

Wednesday, July 16

Songs: James McAlpin  
Prayer: Dave Weaver

Invitation: Bill Oakley  
Closing Prayer: Devon Hostetler

OLD FOLKS FEAST

The teens of the church would like to invite everyone to their annual "Old Folks Feast" on Friday, July 18. This exciting and fun-packed evening will begin at 6:30 and end at 10:00. The prices are \$3.50 for singles and \$6.99 (what a savings. NH) for couples. Please give your money to either Lesly Hoggatt, Jerry Palmer, or Deb Duzan. We have worked hard to make this an exciting and memorable evening, so we hope you will be there.

The LaGrange Youth Group

FISHERS OF MEN CLASS

Plans are to have another Fishers of Men Class this fall. The class will meet on Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 10:30. Brother Darrell O'Rourke who has conducted two previous classes at LaGrange will again be the teacher. This class will not only train you in an effective way of sharing the "good news" of Christ with others, but it will also strengthen your faith and increase your knowledge of God's word. The class is for all members 16 years and over. Also those who have already taken the class may attend and are not required to do the weekly assignments. If you wish to enroll for the class or desire more information see Norm. The first class will begin on Sept. 13.

COMMODITIES

A few commodities for the Shults-Lewis Children Home have been brought to the church building. This is a good start, but we need to do much, much more. The commodity assignment for this three months is canned vegetables, dish cloths, and cake mixes. The home has also informed of us a need for used or new garden or lawn tools and other general hand tools. Lets look around the house to see if we have a few extra tools that we can spare.

PICTURES

The Millers will be on vacation in Michigan for the next two weeks so there won't be any pictures taken. If you haven't had your picture taken yet, be sure to see Perry when he gets back.

CAMP INDOGAN

The first session begins this Sunday at Camp Indogan. Much time and hard work has gone into preparing the camp for this year's sessions. Sister Sharon Simpson will be working as head cook for all the camp sessions. We are proud that Sharon was chosen for this important job and know that she will do her usual terrific job of preparing tasty food for the campers. Others from the church here will be helping Norm in his session in August. Another way to help the camp would be to give any extra fresh vegetables that you might have from your garden. Every little bit will help to cut costs at the camp.

LIBRARY TAPES

The church has a number of excellent tapes that are available on a check-out basis. There are two series that deal with the family and home. These are: "Focus on the Family" by Dr. James Dobson, and "Good Times with the Bible" by Charlie Shedd. There are also a number of tapes on "The Existence of God" by John Clayton.

SICK

Sister Carrie Gaskill has returned to her apartment after a short convalescence with her daughter in Colon, Michigan.

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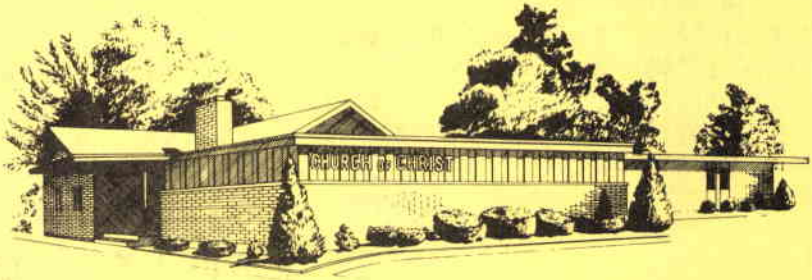
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### THE SUPREME BEAUTITUDE

*"In everything I did I showed you by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'."*

The Sea of Galilee is surrounded by grass, trees, parks, animals and birds, and by people who come there to play. The Dead Sea which receives its water from the same source and in the same amount, is surrounded by wasteland occupied by no living thing. People go there only out of curiosity. What is the difference? Galilee gives as it receives; the Dead Sea keeps what it receives.

This is a parable of life. Keep and become a Scrooge, friendless and barren. Give and be a happy, full person. It is indeed "more blessed to give than to receive." Let us get in on the blessedness as we worship the Lord with our giving.

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than receive." (Acts 20:35)

Some people praise God for the church; and yet if all gave in the same proportion as they, there would be no church. They need to learn stewardship. Some people give frequently; but not during vacation time or some special seasons. They need to learn the discipline of systematic giving. Some start, sputter - and then quit when their own wants require all they have. They need to learn the grace of proportionate giving. Some give systematically and proportionately. They carry the load and are blessed in their stewardship. The more we learn the grace of giving the more we discover the blessedness of giving and the more good will be done for others and for the Lord.

Let us discover this blessedness as we worship the Lord with our giving.

-Richard Rogers  
Lubbock, Texas

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, July 13, 1980

Bible Classes	151
Morning Worship	175
Evening Worship	117
Contribution	\$1,021.70

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning

Bus #1	Fred Oakley	22
Bus #2	Terry Hostetler	24
Bus #3	Mike Hall	19
Total Riders		65

Wednesday Bible Study 7/9 107

Thursday "Keenagers" 7/10 47

BECAUSE WE LOVE YOU... we invite you to ride our buses to Bible school and learn about Jesus with us.

VISITORS

We want you to know that a cordial and warm welcome awaits you at every service. Those visiting with us last Sunday: Mrs. Janice Wharton & Tim, Jim, Debbie, Fullerton, Calif; Mark & Pat Craig, Mrs. Janet DePriest, Kendallville; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, and Harley Doty, LaGrange.

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, July 20, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Dean Hoggatt	Bill Oakley
Lord's Table	Max Litke	Max Litke
Helpers	Dale Dorris	Dale Dorris
Helpers	Terry Hostetler	Mike Hall
Scripture & Prayer	Stan Palmer	Mike Hall
Sermon	James McAlpin	Joe Hughes
Closing Prayer	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Nursery	Jim Lee	Dave Weaver
	Diane Hostetler	

Wednesday, July 23

Songs: Brian Hoggatt

Prayer: Jim Pieratt

Invitation: Joe Oakley

Closing Prayer: Dean Hoggatt

FAMILY OUTING

Forty three children and adults enjoyed the scenic surroundings of the Childrens Zoo at Franke Park at the recent "Family Outing". Our thanks goes to Mike Hall for planning the outing and to Devon Hostetler and Jim Pieratt for sharing the driving duties on the bus.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The long awaited church membership directories are finally completed and ready for distribution. We would like for each member to have a directory and use it to become better acquainted with other members in God's family. A plus (+) has been placed by the name of each person who is a member of the Lord's church. The mere fact that one's name appears in a directory isn't proof of their faithfulness to the Lord at all times.

There are a number of extra features in the directory for your convenience. We have included the names of all those attending college and the addresses of their schools. There is also a listing of local nursing homes, most hospitals, and space provided for new members and frequently called numbers.

APPRECIATION DAY

The Shults-Lewis Childrens Home is pleased to host another Annual Appreciation Day, Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9:00-3:00. The keynote speaker for the day will be Hobart Ashby who preaches for the church in Garden City, Mich. The Garden City church has earlier helped support the work here in LaGrange for a number of Years. There will be two singing groups to entertain, plus a special program for the youth. This would be an excellent time to visit the homes and families and to share in some wonderful fellowship among Christians of the area.

INJURED

Bro. Roy Campbell fell while visiting in the home of the Hoggatts and cracked three ribs. Following a brief stay in the hospital he was moved to Millers Merry Manor Nursing Home where he will complete his recovery.

WITHOUT IT, I WOULD BE LOST

It used to bother me to have to admit it, but it doesn't anymore. I guess I finally realized that most people know I am no spiritual giant. I desperately need the extra strength and edification that gathering with each of you for fellowship and worship on Sundays and Wednesdays gives. Without it, I would be lost! That's why you always see me here at every service. If I am going to conquer sin, I just have to come. But a lot of you don't come, at least not all the time. Now, if you are weak like me, you should, for your own sake! But if you are spiritually strong, you need to come for my sake. We weak brethren need the edification that being in your presence for worship brings.

-Martinsburg Messenger  
Martinsburg, W.Va.

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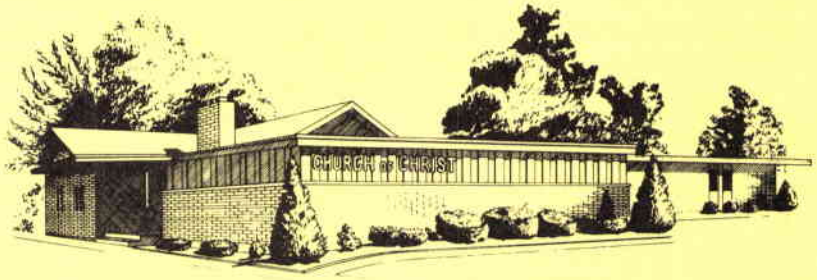
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### ARE YOU TELLING HIS STORY?

Are you telling the sweet story of Jesus,  
As to others you speak each day?  
Are you spreading His gospel of grace,  
As you travel life's troublesome way?

Have you told it to your neighbor,  
Who lives across the street?  
Did you mention Him to the stranger,  
That you came by chance to meet?

Have you told your fellow-workmen,  
By whose side each day your stand?  
Did you tell them of salvation,  
As you labored hand in hand?

Have you told your dearest friend,  
With whom you all your secrets share?  
Did you tell him of the ancient cross,  
And salvation purchased there?

Have you told your friendly merchant,  
Of salvation full and free?  
Did you mention Jesus to him,  
As you bought your bread and tea?

Have you told His story to them all,  
To your neighbor and your kin?  
Did you tell them of His precious blood,  
Which can purchase them from sin?

Would you stop for just a minute,  
And think on what's been said?  
Would you ask yourself quite frankly,  
"How many by my hand to the Savior  
have been led?"

-Dwayne Hollis

In the rush of every day living we often lose sight of just how souls are brought to Christ - that's by word of mouth. The apostle Paul's simple formula was: "I believed, and therefore did I speak." (2 Cor.4:12).

Our brother in Christ has said it well in his poem, "Are You Telling His Story". Dwayne has gotten to the heart of Personal Evangelism, talking to others about Christ.

All of us can talk and most can even carry on an intelligent conversation. But how do we use this ability to talk?

I'll tell you, we talk about the heat-wave, politics, the Olympic boycott, or the penant race, and fail to "Tell His Story", the most thrilling news of all!

Lets begin to "Tell His Story" with those we meet today!

-Norm

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, July 20, 1980  
 Bible Classes 162  
 Morning Worship 178  
 Evening Worship 92  
 Contribution \$804.95

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning  
 Bus #1 Fred Oakley 15  
 Bus #2 Terry Hostetler 16  
 Bus #3 Mike Hall 18  
 49

Wednesday Bible Study 7/16 100  
 Thursday "Keenagers" 7/17 46

Will it be a SUMMER SLUMP or SUMMER SURGE! You can make the difference by making your calls each week.

VISITORS

We are always delighted to have visitors with us each week. Those visiting with us last Sunday were: Mrs. Janice Wharton, Tim, Jim & Debbie, Fullerton, Calif; Mrs. Fran Hostetler, Williamstown, W.Va; Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Borchet, Redford, Mi; Mr. & Mrs. Art Schmidt, Elkhart; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Robbins, Wabash; Rae Jean Stockberger, Frankfort; Harold & Janet DePriest; Mark & Patsy Craig; Darrel & Nina Moates; Mrs. Beulah Morr, Susan & Paul, Kendallville; Ray & Betty Stutzman, and Mr. & Mrs. Ken McDonald, LaGrange.

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, July 27, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Steve Herron
Lord's Table	Joe Hughes	Joe Hughes
Helpers	Gary Pieratt Brian Leslie	Gary Pieratt
Helpers	James McAlpin Keith Adkins	Keith Adkins
Scripture & Prayer	Jim Pieratt	Bob Sowles
Lesson	Bob Danklefsen	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Perry Miller	Phil Hostetler
Nursery	Hazel Miller	

Wednesday, July 30

Songs	Jim North	Invitation	Fred Oakley
Prayer	Terry Hostetler	Closing Prayer	Brian Hoggatt

OLD FOLKS FEAST

Fort five adults attended the annual Old Folk's Feast which was put on by the youth of LaGrange. The theme was "Stop and Smell the Roses" and we might add the delicious roast beef dinner which was prepared and served by the young people. The young people then entertained us with their own "Gong Show", with commercials and all, and a take-off of the once popular TV show "This Is Your Life". For the devotional, an inspiring talk was given by brother Eddie McGuiggan, who now preaches for the church in West Lafayette, Ohio. Those who attended wish to once again thank the young people for a wonderful night out.

GUEST SPEAKER

Speaking to us this Sunday will be Bob Danklefsen who is an instructor for the White Ferry Rd. School of Preaching in West Monroe, La. Bob is no stranger to this area having worked with the Donmoyer church in South Bend in their school of Personal Evangelism. Bob's purpose in coming to this area is to recruit perspective students in the School of Preaching and other areas of Christian training.

WINFREES HOME FROM ITALY

We are happy to have Ron & Rusty (Wilson) Winfree with us for a few days. The Winfrees have been missionaries in Italy for the past six years. Ron works with the church in Naples which has an attendance of 25 and continues to show steady growth. Ron & Rusty will be in the U.S. until September to raise more monthly support. They are presently under the oversight of the Central church in McMinnville, Tenn.

GRADING OF PROPERTY

The church wishes to express our appreciation to Jim Thomas for leveling and grading the dirt north of the parking lot. This will enable us to seed the area to improve the looks of the church property. Jim has three children who ride the Joy Bus each week and donated his time and equipment. Thanks again Jim.

DIRECTORIES

There are still a number of copies of the new directory available in the office. If you haven't received your copy yet, be sure to stop by and get one.

CAMP INDOGAN

The first Junior session of camp was a great success with 65 campers in attendance. The first Intermediate session is now in progress and from all reports is also well attended. Norm will be directing the second Intermediate session which will run Aug. 3-8. There is still a need for young men to work as Junior Counselors and also additional staff workers. If you are interested, see Norm for more info.



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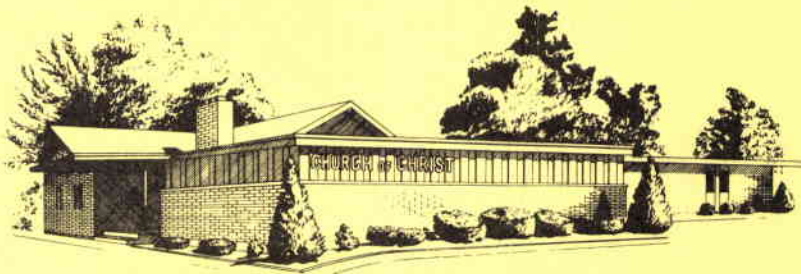
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### MY LAST DAY...

If I could plan my last day on earth and live it entirely according to my wishes, I believe I would want to make the most of my remaining hours. I would ask God for wisdom to use my time well.

Very early in the day I would want to hear from God. My favorite Scriptures would now be especially precious to me: "The Lord is my shepherd..." (Psalm 23); "In nothing be anxious..." (Phil. 4:6); "Let not your heart be troubled..." (John 14:1). My whole day would be blessed by thus reading the Bible.

To a degree never reached before, I would want to "put on love, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:14), I would want to correct any misunderstandings, feelings of malice, personal slights or grudges between me and others. I would not want to leave this life without doing all I can to encourage, rather than discourage, my fellow man.

My time would be scheduled carefully. I would insist on time with my family, uninterrupted by television or telephone. I would want to listen to any problems that bother them and pray and study about them together. I would want to spend some time with my spiritual family too; if there was a meeting of the church on that day, I would cherish the opportunity for fellowship. I would want to give some time to a non-christian friend, telling him about the Lord and urging him to obey the gospel.

Really, we should live each day as though it were our last. Any day could be, and someday will be. Let us not wait to start living for God.

-Pat Hardcastle  
Via the Donmoyer Digest

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, July 27, 1980	
Bible Classes	160
Morning Worship	200
Evening Worship	112
Contribution	\$901.25

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning		
Bus #1	Fred Oakley	20
Bus #2	Terry Hostetler	16
Bus #3	Mike Hall	23
	Total Riders	59

Wednesday Bible Study 7/23	104
Thursday "Keenagers" 7/24	46

SPECIAL! This month the buses will be filled with children and adults. Lets see if we can reach 100 total riders.

VISITORS

We were blest with a good number of visitors last Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Danklefsen, West Monroe, La. Mrs. Lee DePriest, Martha & Phil, Ottawa, Ks. Mrs. Marcia DePriest, Kirk & Laura, Topeka, Ks. Mr. & Mrs. Dick Swift, Canton, Mi. Rae Jean Stockberger, Frankfort, In. Harold & Janet DePriest, Mr. & Mrs. Don Danklefsen, Kendallville, Cindy Swihart & baby, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Haas, & nieces Teresa & Julie, Howe, In. Mr. & Mrs. Ken McDonald, John Hale, Ruth Engle, and Marjorie Harding, LaGrange.

PLACE MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to have the addition of Darrel and Nina Moates who expressed their desire to be members of the church in LaGrange. We welcome them into the fellowship and work of the church. Please add their names and address to your directories.  
201 W. William St., Kendallville, In. 46755

RIDE THE BUS MONTH

The month of August has been designated as "Ride the Bus" month. We would like to encourage all parents and adults to take one Sunday morning during August and ride the bus with your children. We think you will be impressed to see how much teaching is done on the buses and what a good time the children have riding to and from the church.

SINGING AT NURSING HOMES

How would you like to bring some cheer and happiness into the lives of others? Then join us in singing at the area nursing homes this Sunday at Millers 4:30 and then LaGrange 5:10. Even if you don't feel that you have a "good enough" voice to sing at least come along to shake a hand and join in on the visiting afterwards.

YOUNG PEOPLE

The young people of LaGrange are planning an evening of recreation and fellowship with the surrounding youth between the ages of 13 to 18, on Saturday, August 9. It will be from 4:00 to 10:00 pm and will take place at the church building. We hope that many will attend this evening of fun and fellowship.

CAMP INDOGAN

This Sunday begins the fourth week of camp which will be directed by Norm. Others from LaGrange who will be working on his staff are: Fred & Penny Oakley, and Joe & Lois Oakley, Counselors; Melissa Herron and Terry Hostetler, Jr. Counselors; Merilyn Herron and Sandy Adkins, Crafts; Sharon Simpson and Deb Duzan, Kitchen. There are 50 campers pre-registered and more expected on Sunday. Pray for these workers and the campers that much good may come from this effort.

VISITING

The Hoggatts are expecting a visit from their daughter Cathy and son-in-law Kenny Long this weekend. The Longs are expecting a new addition this January.

We just got word that Kim Herron is coming home this Sunday for three weeks before resuming her studies this Fall at OCC.

WANTED!

1. The man who PUTS GOD'S BUSINESS above all other business.
2. The man who BRINGS HIS CHILDREN TO CHURCH rather than sending them.
3. The man who MEASURES HIS GIVING BY WHAT HE HAS LEFT rather than the amount he gives.
4. The man who HAS A PASSION TO HELP rather than to be helped.
5. The man who CAN SEE HIS OWN FAULTS before he sees the faults of others.
6. The man who IS WILLING TO BE A RIGHT EXAMPLE to every boy he meets.
7. The man who THINKS MORE OF HIS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS than he does of his sleep.
8. The man who IS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST than he is about winning worldly honor.

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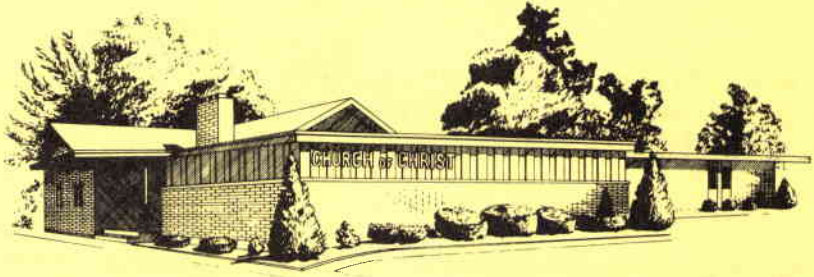
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"AND THEY ALL WITH ONE CONSENT BEGAN TO MAKE EXCUSES". (LUKE 14:18)

I CAN'T - "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13)

I HAVEN'T TIME - "Seek ye first the kingdom of God!" (Mt. 6:33)

GET SOMEONE ELSE - "Here am I; send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

IT CAN'T BE DONE - "With God all things are possible!" (Mark 10:27)

I AM TOO TIRED - "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." (Is. 40:31)

I WILL, SOME OTHER TIME - "Now is the accepted time." (11 Cor. 6:2)

I KNOW I OUGHT TO BUT - "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17)

I MAY FAIL - "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Mt. 28:20)

I DON'T LIKE TO - "For even Christ pleased not himself." (Rom. 15:3)

I NEGLECTED IT - "How shall we escape, if we neglect?" (Heb. 2:3)

LET THEM HELP THEMSELVES - "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:12)

HOW DO THESE AND ALL OTHER EXCUSES APPEAR TO GOD ??

Read Luke 14: 15-24

"UNCALLED FOR EXCUSES ARE PRACTICAL CONFESSIONS"

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, August 3, 1980

Bible Classes	142
Morning Worship	191
Evening Worship	81
Contribution	\$879.50

Wednesday Bible Study 7/30 99

Thursday "Keenagers" 7/31 43

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning

Bus #1	Fred Cakley	6
Bus #2	Terry Hostetler	20
Bus #3	Mike Hall	21
		<u>47</u>

Many ARE won and many CAN BE won through our busing program. Help enroll!

VISITORS

The summer months have brought us many visitors. We appreciate having the following in attendance last Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Eddy McGuiggan and family from West Lafayette, Ohio; Mrs. Jean Stockberger, Frankfort, In; Mark & Patsy Craig, Harold & Janet DePriest, Glen & Sue Moore from Kendallville; Mary Rockie, Harold Doty from Lagrange and Vicki Kicks & Larry Jr. from Topeka, Indiana.

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, August 10, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Bill Cakley
Lord's Table	Bob Sowles	Bob Sowles
Helpers	Clayton Langston, Joey Cakley	Joey Cakley
Helpers	Fred Cakley, Jim Pieratt	Fred Cakley
Scripture & Prayer	Terry Hostetler	Jim Pieratt
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Dean Hoggatt	Gary Pieratt
Nursery	Mary Ann Johnston	

Wednesday, August 13, 1980

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Invitation	Stan Palmer
Prayer	Joe Hughes	Closing Prayer	Jim North

CAMP INDOGAN NEWS

From reports coming from camp, all is going well there. Bro. Norm is directing the second intermediate session of camp with many from Lagrange as helpers. Those helping are Joe & Lois Cakley, Fred & Penny Cakley, Kim & Melissa Herron, Marilyn Herron, Terry Hostetler, Sandy Adkins, Deb Duzan and of course Sharon Simpson, who is working all summer as head cook for each session. There are some fifty campers in attendance this session, which with all the staff and children make a capacity session. Thanks to all who give of their time for this worthy work.

MEMBERS RETURN

It's good to have Kim Herron back for a while. She has been in Germany this summer on a campaign. Her plans are to stay here for three weeks before returning to Oklahoma Christian College for another school year. Also, Kenny and Kathy (Hoggatt) Long are here for the week from N. Charleston, So. Carolina Since they are driving, they must leave Saturday and will miss seeing many here, however they said to say "Hello" to all.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The announcement concerning the wedding of Paula Hostetler and Jeffrey Herron was read last Sunday. The congregation is invited. If you plan to come to the wedding, please sign the guest sheet which is in the south foyer. The wedding is set for August 23, at 3:30 in the afternoon. Reception will follow immediately in the church fellowship rooms.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Classes will be dismissed this Wednesday evening so that everyone can be in the auditorium. Brother Jimmy Helmes from North Ireland will be here with two girls (one from Michigan and one from Indiana). The girls attended the AIM mission program at Sunset school in Lubbock, Texas and are seeking help to go to N. Ireland to work. Regular Wed. evening classes will be held again on August 13.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Heidi Herron for winning the runner-up to star camper award at Camp Indogan last week at the Junior session.

THE SICK

Bro. Roy Campbell was to return home on Tuesday, from Millers Merry Manor. Remember that Bro. John Ray and sis. Goldie Pulley is still there. Clayton and Clive Langston had the flu Sunday, and sis. Carrie Gaskill is not feeling well. These would appreciate our prayers and concern.

RIDE THE BUS MONTH

Let's make it 100%! Sometime this month each member ride a bus, each parent of a bus child ride a bus, to see what can and is being done in instructing the bus children in transport, and the fun they can have along the way to and from church.

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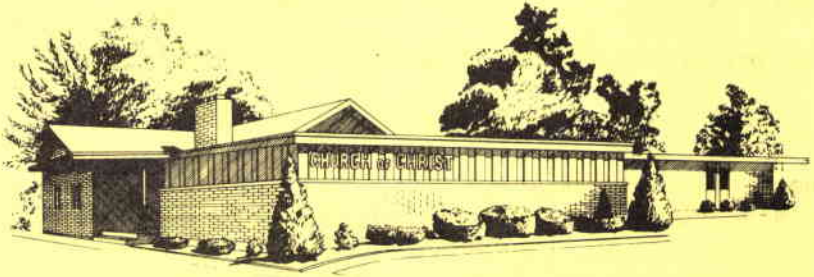
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### "ABSENTEEISM DOES NOT KILL CHURCHES"

Despite all you may have heard to the contrary "absenteeism does not kill churches". Does that sound strange coming from a preacher? Well, it's true, and preachers certainly should tell the truth.

You see, absenteeism is not the disease but a symptom, and symptoms do not kill. "Symptom" is defined as: "a condition accompanying or resulting from a disease and serving as an aid in diagnosis."

Our disease may be lack of love, unbelief, selfishness, worldliness, lust, etc. These things in turn produce undesirable fruits in our lives.

A man is more concerned with his own pleasure than with the things of the Lord, so he is at the lake rather than in God's house on the Lord's day. His trouble is not in being absent but his real trouble is whatever caused him to be absent.

Another man does not give as he has been prospered. His real problem may actually be covetousness. He wishes to keep for himself what rightfully belongs to God.

One of the reasons for our slow progress in the Lord's church is our widespread practice of working on the symptoms rather than the disease. We harp on one's being absent when we would do well to spend the time cultivating his love for the Lord, in enlightening him about the values of regularity of worship and the dangers of neglect, in building his faith and confidence in God. Introduce him to the joy of saving a soul!

No, absenteeism does not kill churches. But cold and selfish hearts will. Covetous hearts will. Lust will. In whatever form it comes, sin will. When we put away sin, absenteeism will die.

-Lewis Hale

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised; and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works;" (Heb. 10:23-24)*

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, August 24, 1980

Bible Classes	157
Morning Worship	185
Evening Worship	103
Contribution	\$803.42

Wednesday Bible Study 8/13	81
Thursday "Keenagers" 8/14	38

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	23
Bus #2 Terry Hostetler	17
Bus #3 Mike Hall	23
Total Riders	63

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 23 Jeff &amp; Paula's Wedding 3:30 PM

24 Fourth Sunday Fellowship

30 Softball Game with Elkhart

Sep. 7 Singing at Nursing Homes

13 Youth Rally at New Haven, In.

24-30 Gospel Meeting Goebel Music

26-27 Junior Camp Rally

Oct. 3-4 Senior Camp Rally

VISITORS

We always appreciate and welcome those visiting our services. Visiting last last Sunday were: Mr. & Mrs. Omer Clark, Medaryville; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clark, Franklin; Mrs. Beulah Morr, Sue, Glen & Paul, Kendallville; Elaine Moser, Ligonier; Mrs. Matie Troyer, Angola; Ruth Patrick, Wolcottville; Karen Moore, Howe; Mrs. Esther Beaver, Mrs. Grace Wolfe, Mrs. Raymond Chrystler, Inz Archer and Mary Penrose.

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, August 24, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Stan Palmer	Stan Palmer
Helpers	James McAlpin Brian Leslie	James McAlpin
Helpers	Phil Hostetler Steve Herron	Phil Hostetler
Scripture & Prayer	Bob Sowles	Max Litke
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Jim Lee	Devon Hostetler
Nursery	Kathy Sowles	

Wednesday, August 27

Songs	Fred Oakley	Invitation	Mike Hall
Prayer	Terry Hostetler	Closing Prayer	Brian Hoggatt

FELLOWSHIP

Don't forget the fourth Sunday fellowship this Sunday after the evening worship. It will be the last Sunday we will have to be together with many of our young people who are going to college. Those who will be leaving or returning to college are: Sandy Adkins, Deb Duzan, Leslie Hoggatt and Debbie Murphy to Michigan Christian; Cherry Hostetler, Terry Hostetler and Jim North (returned earlier), Harding; Kim Herron, Oklahoma Christian; and Steve Herron, Central State, Oklahoma.

KEENAGERS

The planned trip of the Keenagers to the Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station and the Pigeon River Game Preserve was postponed last week due to wet weather. Plans are to try again this Thursday, August 21. The trip will conclude with a picnic lunch and Bible class along the Pigeon River.

PLACE MEMBERSHIP

Mark & Patsy Craig express their desire to be members of the church in LaGrange. We welcome this fine Christian couple into the fellowship of the family of God in LaGrange. Please add them to your membership directories. Their address is: Rt. 4, Kendallville, In. 46755

RESPONSE

Sister Mary Anne Wade came forward at the evening worship with this request: "I ask the prayers of the church to help me to strengthen my faith. I'm really a very fortunate individual."

ANOTHER FISHERS OF MEN CLASS

There are still a number of openings in the Fishers of Men Class scheduled to begin Saturday, Sept. 13. Nursery facilities will be provided for those with small children. This class will greatly increase your knowledge of God's word and also equip you to teach others the gospel of Jesus Christ. Those interested should see Norm for an enrollment form.

THOSE SICK

We received word that *Sister Flossie Harris* is not feelin well. She is taking medication and resting at her apartment.

*Sister Veva Rush* is still suffering from pain in her spine and is not able to attend servicees.

*Sister Goldie Pulley* was admitted to LaGrange Hospital last week. She is in room 113.

It was good to see *Brother Roy Campbell* out to services for the first time after his fall and stay in the nursing home.

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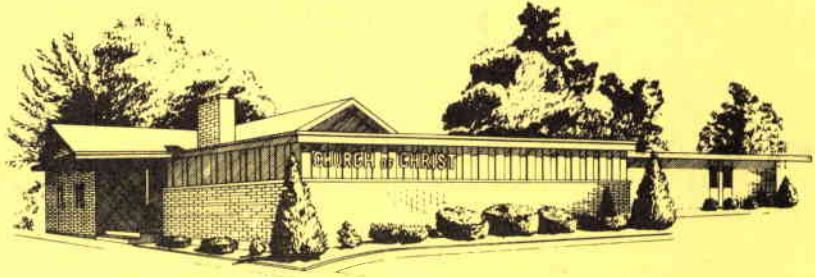
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### WILL THIS CONGREGATION BE REMEMBERED?

If the New Testament may be used as a pattern, we need to control more carefully what men will remember about us. Note the facts which can be cited about the Thessalonian church.

LOCATION:	Thessalonica
TIME:	About 52 A.D.
BUILDING & FACILITIES:	Not Mentioned
PREACHER:	Not Mentioned
ELDERS:	Not Mentioned
ATTENDANCE:	Not Mentioned
BUDGET:	Not Mentioned

This church, however, was well remembered by Paul. It was "on the map" and recognized for its activity. Note the remembered facts:

Their WORK OF FAITH	1 Thessalonians 1:3
Their LABORS OF LOVE	1 Thessalonians 1:3
Their PATIENCE OF HOPE	1 Thessalonians 1:3
Brethren BELIEVED OF GOD	1 Thessalonians 1:4
They were FOLLOWERS OF THE LORD	1 Thessalonians 1:6
They were EXAMPLES TO BELIEVERS	1 Thessalonians 1:7
They SENT FORTH THE WORD	1 Thessalonians 1:8
They TURNED FROM IDOLS TO GOD	1 Thessalonians 1:9
They RECEIVED THE WORD AS FROM GOD	1 Thessalonians 2:13

If Paul visited us, what would he remember?

... Continue ... in the things which thou hast learned ..." 11 Tim.3:14

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, August 24, 1980

Bible Classes	165
Morning Worship	183
Evening Worship	106
Contributions	\$778.05

Wednesday Bible Study 8/20	96
Thursday "Keenagers" 8/21	40

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning	
Bus #1 Fred Cakley	29
Bus #2 Terry Hostetler	17
Bus #3 Mike Hall	20
Total Riders	66

SPECIAL THANKS

To Debbie Duzan, Sandy Adkins and Lesly Hoggatt for the many years of bus service they have given. They appreciated the nice sweaters given to them at the fellowship last Sunday evening. These three will be joined by Debbie Murphy as they leave this week-end for Michigan Christian college at Rochester, Michigan. We'll miss these fine girls as they leave Lagrange, but we are happy that they have chosen to further their education at a Christian College. We wish for them the best of health and happiness and that God will bless their lives, that they may be a blessing to His cause.

VISITORS

GCSPEL MEETING, COLUMBIA CITY- KEN CHAMBERS- SEPT. 7thru13.

Again, we were privileged to have several visitors here Sunday. Those formerly from Lagrange were Dale & Connie Morgan & family, Dick & Fran Hostetler & family, (Morgan's are now in Wheelersburg, Ohio and Hostetler's are in Williamstown, W. Vir.). Also visiting were Bro. & Sis. James McAlpin, Dayton, Ohio; Lowell & Ruth Mann, Hamilton, Ohio; Marlin & Delois Ruck, Maumee, Ohio; Christine Couch, Craig Hostetler, Williamstown, W. Vir.; Dave Gaither, Jane McQueery, returning to Oklahoma Christian College; Sue & Paul Morr, Harold & Janet DePriest & family, Kendallville; Karen Moore, Howe; Ruth Patrick, Wolcottville; Harold Doty, Howe; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, Lagrange.

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Helpers	Joe Cakley, Keith Adkins	Joe Cakley
Helpers	Joe Hughes, Brian Hoggatt	Brian Hoggatt
Scripture & Prayer	Fred Cakley	Stan Palmer
Lessen	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Max Litke	Jim Lee
Nursery	Cheyrl Hostetler	

PASSING OF PERRY MILLER'S MOTHER

Mrs. Mattie Miller passed away just two days after open heart surgery, last Friday. Funeral services were last Monday. It's a traumatic thing to lose a mother and we extend sympathy to brother Perry and his family during this time.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

Last week the bulletin gave Mark & Patsy Craig's address as RR#4. It should have been RR#1. Please make this change in your directory.

MAX LITKE MOVING

We are saddened to learn that brother Max is moving to Louisville, Ky. next week. He will be in Encyclopedia Britannica saleswork. Max has been our treasurer for several years and has done an excellent (plus) job. We'll miss him very much. Max plans to unite with one of the congregations in the Louisville area and keep active in the Lord's work. We pray for him God's richest blessings in his new location.

SHULTS LEWIS CHILDREN'S HOME

One date which was missed in the COMING EVENTS schedule last week is the Shults Lewis ANNUAL APPRECIATION DAY to be held on Sept. 13 this year. Bro. Hobert Ashby from Garden City, Mich. is to speak with the gospel quartet "Varitones" also on schedule. The entire schedule will be posted in the south lobby for those interested. Last year several from Lagrange attended. That is a busy time, but we hope some can go.

GCSPEL MEETING LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY

It has been ten years since brother Goebel Music was here. He writes that he is looking forward to being with us again, for the good that can be done. Soon, we'll have some announcements which we can distribute for the meeting. In the meantime start telling others about it and pray for its success. Dates Sept. 24 thru 30.

ADDITION TO THE LORD'S FAMILY

Last Friday evening, Jerry Palmer was immersed into Christ. We rejoice along with him and the Palmer family on his conversion. Jerry will be a fine Christian example to others as he develops in the Christian life.

SINGING 1ST SUNDAY

Seems that it comes around every couple of weeks, although it's only once a month. We invite others to join us as we make our usual visits to Millers Merry Manor ( 4:30) and the Lagrange Nursing Home at 5:10 p.m.

WELCOME HOME - PAUL & GENEVA

Will be here for a week or so..

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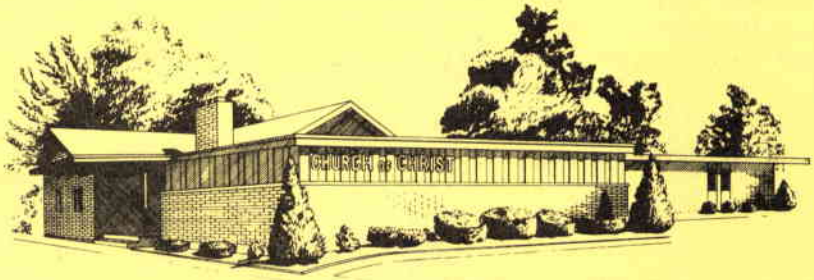
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### A TIME TO PLANT

*"A time to plant, and a time to pluck  
up what is planted." (Eccl. 3:2)*

There is a season, an "appointed time for every undertaking." You miss the time of opportuneness and all is lost. It's a good thing to plant, but if you wait until the ground is covered with ice and snow you might as well forget about it. Wisdom lies in knowing our duty for the time.

Jesus, who understood the need for planting, said, "The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11). No more pure nor valuable seed could be found. But for the seed to produce it must be sown. And it must be sown at the right time. The soil of the heart needs to be soft, warm and receptive.

It is in childhood that the mind is most open to impression. So it is at this time that we should impress on the child's mind sincerity, truth, honesty, benevolence, and a thousand and one other kindred virtues. What a responsibility it is to form the soul of a child.

With children circumstances are so fluctuating, conditions so varying, that we must get on with the business of planting before the thorns grow up and the soil is trodden down. The time to plant is NOW.

-John Gipson

The soul of a child is the loveliest  
flower.  
That grows in the garden of God.  
It climbs from weakness to knowledge  
and power.  
To the sky from the clay and the clod.

To beauty and sweetness it grows under  
care;  
Neglected 'tis ragged and wild.  
'Tis a plant that is tender and won-  
drously rare,  
The sweet wistful soul of a child.

Be tender, O gardener, and give it its  
share  
Of moisture, of warmth and of light;  
And let not it lack for painstaking  
care  
To protect it from frost and blight.

A glad day shall come when its bloom  
shall unfold.  
It will seem that an angel has smiled,  
Reflecting a beauty and sweetness un-  
told  
In the sensitive soul of a child.

-Author unknown

FOR THE RECCRD

Sunday, August 31, 1980

Bible Classes	121
Morning Worship	154
Evening Worship	100
Contribution	\$879.95

Wednesday Bible Study 8/27 91  
 Thursday "Keenagers" 8/28 50

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning

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Total Riders	50

NEW APPOINTMENT AT MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN

Bro. Milton Fletcher, who is currently Vice-President of Public Relations at Abilene Christian University, has been named President at MCC. He served as Vice-President for twelve years (1960 to 1972) and is loved and respected highly at MCC. We are happy that this appointment has been made, so that our nearest Christian College can continue to grow and offer Christian education to especially the North Central sector of our country. They are presently seeking accreditation for a four year Bible degree. (Our four new MCC students - Deb Duzan, Sandy Adkins, Deb Murphy & Lesly Hoggatt are all doing fine).

VISITORS

Many of our "regulars" were gone last Sunday, so it was nice to have several visitors present: Mr. & Mrs. Terry Clark, Lafayette; Mr. & Mrs. Kent Monesmith, Ft. Wayne; Mrs. Sue Fowler, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Beulah Morr, Sue, Terri, Paul, & Glen, Kendallville; Miss Jan McCullough, Wolcottville; Jeff & Paula Herron, Garden City, Mi.; Mr. & Mrs. John Ray & family, Bellevue, Mi.; Mrs. Ruth Engle, Lagrange; and Mr. & Mrs. David Tabb, Elkhart, In.

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday Sept. 7, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Bill Cakley
Lord's Table	Fred Cakley	Fred Cakley
Helpers	Gil Hanson, Brian Leslie	Gil Hanson
Helpers	Jim Pieratt, Dale Dorris	Dale Dorris
Scripture & Prayer	Joe Cakley	Dave Weaver
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Joe Hughes	Gary Pieratt
Nursery	Jean Bowen	

Wednesday, September 10

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Invitation	Bob Sowles
Prayer	Devon Hostetler	Closing Prayer	Phil Hostetler

MORE INFORMATION ON COLUMBUS CITY MEETING

Bro. Kenneth Chambers of Bristol, Virginia will be preaching Sept. 7-12, 7:30 ea. week-night. This will be a tent meeting at their new building site, corner of Business 30W and Lincolnway 9 (west edge of town). Since we know bro Chambers and appreciate his lessons, let's try to attend at least a night or two.

CUR GOEBEL MEETING RAPIDLY APPROACHING

Bro Goebel Music will be here Sept. 24-30 (starts on a Wednesday and ends on Tuesday). Goebel now lives in Colleyville, Texas. It's been 10 years since his last meeting here. Start doing some "jaw" work at every chance you have, so that we can take advantage of this good preacher while he is here.

DIRECTORY ADDITION

We were happy to announce last Sunday about the baptism on Tuesday evening, Aug. 26, of Harold DePriest. He and Janet want to place their membership here with us, so would you please add their address to your directory. It is 412 W. Williams St., Kendallville, In 46755. Ph. # 1-347-3797.

IN PARKVIEW HOSPITAL

Sister Mary Anne Wade underwent surgery Wednesday morning and is recovering well. Her room # is 510 at the Parkview Memorial Hospital, 2200 Randalia Dr., Ft. Wayne, In 46807.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

To the family of Melvin Terry (older brother to Cindy, a bus rider) who was killed in an auto accident. Thanks to the ladies who donated food for their dinner following the funeral services Wednesday afternoon.

REMEMBER SINGING AT NURSING HOMES

This Sunday: Miller's at 4:30 & Lagrange at 5:10. Everyone invited.

NEW TREASURER

Bro. Jim Lee has been asked to serve as treasurer to fill the vacancy left by bro. Max Litke's move to Louisville, Ky. We know Jim's ability will allow him to do a good job for the church. Thanks for taking on this all-important job, Jim.

SHUT-INS

Sis. Flossie Harris remains in Lagrange hospital, room 158, somewhat improved. Remember also John Ray and Goldie Pulley at Millers and Carrie Gaskill at Country Place. They all appreciate calls, cards & visits (along with our prayers).

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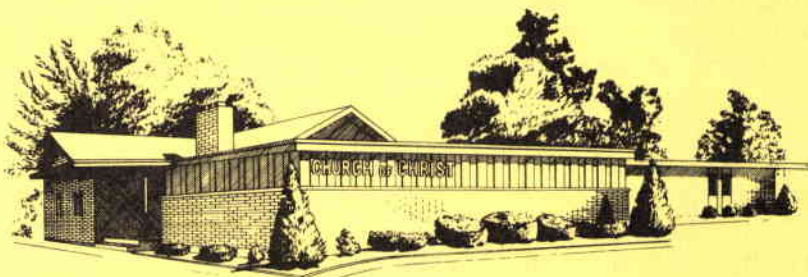
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### LORD, REVIVE US!

*"Wilt thou not revive us again: that  
thy people may rejoice in thee?"  
(Psalms 85:6)*

Some years ago brother C.E. McGaughey, a well known gospel preacher, told of a meeting that he had conducted in one of our southern states. The meeting had begun and the interest was not as great as it should have been. It looked as though they were not going to do much good.

Then something happened! A good brother was called on to lead a prayer. In his prayer he made an amazing statement which one cannot easily forget. He prayed, "Lord, send us a revival, . . . and Lord . . . start it off with me." Needless to say, the interest increased and the response for the rest of the meeting was very good.

How many times do we too sense a growing complacency and indifference in the Lord's people and His church? It seems that hardly anyone cares or gets enthused about the work and worship of the church. We say to ourselves that something needs to be done to get the interest stirred up once again. And so, a "revival" sounds like the perfect solution to all the church's ills. But how often do we also say, "and Lord, start it off with me."? Yes, I am the key to a successful revival of God's people.

So when we pray, "Lord, send us a revival", let us not forget to add, "and Lord, start it off with me."

LORD, SEND US A REVIVAL . . . AND LORD . . .  
START IT OFF WITH ME!!!

-Norm

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, September 7, 1980  
 Bible Classes 145  
 Morning Worship 165  
 Evening Worship 92  
 Contribution \$894.26

Wednesday Bible Study 9/3 84  
 Thursday "Keenagers" 9/4 40

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning  
 Bus #1 Fred Oakley 30  
 Bus #2 Devon Hostetler 14  
 Bus #3 Mike Hall 18  
 Total Riders 62

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep. 13 Shults-Lewis Appreciation Day  
 13 Youth Rally - New Haven  
 14-17 Meeting New Haven, G. Martin  
 20 Fishers of Men Class 8:30am  
 24-30 Revival - Goebel Music  
 26-27 Junior Camp Rally  
 Oct. 3-4 Senior Camp Rally  
 7-9 Michigan Christian Lectureship

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, September 14, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Dean Hoggatt	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Jim Lee	Jim Lee
Helpers	Darrel Moats Phil Hostetler	Phil Hostetler
Helpers	Bob Sowles Joey Oakley	Joey Oakley
Scripture & Prayer	Jim Pieratt	Gary Pieratt
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Fred Oakley	Stan Palmer
Nursery	Midge Hughes	

Wednesday, September 17,

Songs	Bob Sowles	Invitation	Stan Palmer
Prayer	Bill Oakley	Closing Prayer	Dean Hoggatt

FISHERS OF MEN CLASS

The first meeting of the Fishers of Men Training Class will be Saturday, Sept. 20 at 8:30 AM. The class will last about two and one half hours with nursery facilities for small children. Those who have signed up for the course are: Mike & Pat Hall, Nancy Hart, Brian Hoggatt, Dale Dorris, Jean Hoggatt, Melissa Herron and Alma Dorris. There is still room for another four students.

In a recent letter, brother Darrell O'Rourke who will be teaching the course, told us of some of the results of these classes.

"A review of the past three year's work shows that we have graduated a total of 515 brethren from the FISHERS OF MEN Course in five states. These brethren have so far reported 389 responses. Following is a breakdown by state:

<u>State</u>	<u>FOM Graduates</u>	<u>Reported Responses</u>
Illinois	179	109
Indiana	71	88
Kansas	56	26
Michigan	49	100
Wisconsin	160	66
	515	389

We think you can see from the above results why we are so excited and determined to have another FOM course at LaGrange.

GOSPEL MEETING

The countdown for our meeting will soon begin. Only 10 more days to go from this Sunday. We want to make this one of our best meetings ever. We can if every member will plan to attend every service possible and also determine to bring someone with them. Brother Goebel Music will do his part. We are fortunate to have a very powerful and capable speaker for our meeting. Lets not waste this opportunity to see that others have the chance as we to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

VISITORS

We extend a warm and friendly greetings to you who are visiting with us. Visiting with us last week were: Mr. & Mrs. Harold Robbins, Wabash; Elaine Moser, Ligonier; Mrs. Beulah Morr, Sue, Terri & Paul; Brian Douglas, Kendallville; and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Moore, LaGrange.

CONGRATULATIONS

Devon and Ellen Hostetler drove to Williamstown, W.Va. to attend the graduation of their son, Dick, from the Williamstown Bible College. Dick completed the first two years of study. He plans to stay for the third year of graduate study and training. We congratulate him for this step in preparing for their ministry for the Lord.

URGENT NEED Someone to help Zella Bellaire in cleaning the auditorium and a vacuum cleaner to replace the old one which is broken.

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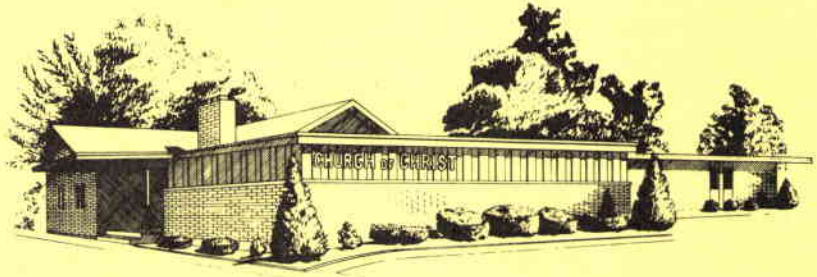
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### "CLEAN UP TV CAMPAIGN" Excerpts from August Newsletter

Several important new developments have just taken place. Our efforts are now at a very critical stage and your immediate reaction is urgently needed. Here are the facts:

First: The Campaign is now beginning to receive tremendous nation-wide news coverage. Within the past two days, a TV news representative working with the ABC Network's popular "Good Morning America" show called requesting complete information on the Campaign. Later in the day, "Christianity Today" magazine, one of the most influential religious publications in the nation, called requesting information and pictures for an article to appear in September. "Television and Radio Age" magazine also just ran an encouraging article in their August 11th issue. In addition, Joelton has already received copies of articles which have appeared in more than one hundred newspapers from every part of the nation and dozens of others continue to be received.

Needless to say, the fact that over 6,000 congregations are already actively involved and that almost half a million people have been signed up in only three months has created considerable interest all across the country.

Second: The effects of the Campaign are now beginning to be felt far beyond our Brotherhood. Literally hundreds of churches, representing almost every major religious group, have written or called expressing their interest and stating their appreciation for our efforts. There are still tens of millions of morally decent people in America and for this we should be extremely thankful. A recent Gallup Poll showed that over fifty per cent of the public is concerned over excessive sex and violence on television.

It should be emphasized again, just here, that all we are doing in this Campaign is asking people to speak up for what is right. We should, therefore, be happy to see every morally decent person in America take a stand for the truth in this issue just as we would if doctrinal issues were involved.

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Third: The Campaign has already produced significant results. In addition to our recent encouraging meetings with sponsors, hundreds of local television stations have also become keenly aware of the Campaign and the implications it holds for local programming. The public has also become much more conscious of the problem which immoral broadcasting is creating.

We understand that some syndicated shows are now finding it much more difficult to sell objectionable programs to local affiliates than was true even a few months ago. The producer of "The Newly Wed Game", "The Dating Game" and "Three's A Crowd" recently announced that he is planning to discontinue all three shows in almost all of the major markets this fall. All three, as you know, were high on our list of objectionable programs. According to "Panorama" magazine, one of the reasons for this decision is that the taste of the public has changed.

Fourth: Lengthy meetings with the Vice-Presidents and other officials of both General Foods and Warner-Lambert and with a representative of American Home Products, have just been concluded. The results, though not yet acceptable, have been very encouraging.

The Vice-President of Warner-Lambert, with whom we met, discussed the leading role their company has taken since 1971 in refusing to sponsor the showing of excessive violence on TV. They also expressed what appears to be serious interest in helping to solve the problem of immorality on TV and have requested an additional 30 days to review and update their entire policy concerning their sponsorship of such material.

General Foods, though expressing interest is currently willing only to continue their policy of many years which, they claim, is to determine their sponsorship "episode by episode" and to refrain from advertising only on individual broadcasts of a show which they deem to be inappropriate.

While in New York, we also met with a representative of American Home Products, who appeared to convey an almost total lack of interest in cooperating with the Campaign's efforts in any way.

In view of the above events, we feel that our course of action is clear. We are, therefore, asking each participating congregation to begin making plans to provide an all-out effort to have the necessary forms signed stating our actual refusal to buy the products of General Foods and American Home Products beginning Oct. 1, 1980. Additional information with regard to the final decision of Warner-Lambert will be sent to you as soon as their policy revisions are completed

-Church of Christ, Joelton, Tenn.

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, September 14, 1980

Bible Classes	150
Morning Worship	162
Evening Worship	90
Contribution	\$806.36

Wednesday Bible Study	9/10	84
Thursday "Keenagers"	9/11	55

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning

Bus #1	Fred Oakley	27
Bus #2	Devon Hostetler	12
Bus #3	Mike Hall	21
Total Riders		60

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

In connection with our Gospel Meeting with Brother Goebel Music, there will be a pot-luck dinner Sunday, Sept. 28, after the morning service. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish or dessert and join in on the food and fellowship.

MEAL SCHEDULE

A schedule for having the preacher in your home is posted in the south foyer. Bro. Music prefers not to eat before he preaches, so he will be eating dinner in the afternoon. He will also be available for a light snack following the services.

VISITORS

The following visitors were able to be with us last Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Wilson, Weed, Calif.; Paul McDonald, White Pigeon, Mi.; Elaine Moser, Ligonier, In.; Mrs. Beulah Morr, Susan, Paul & Brenda, Kendallville; and Harley Doty, LaGrange,

ROLLER SKATING

The roller skating at Elkhart and Ft. Wayne resume this month. But due to the conflict with our gospel meeting, we will not be running the bus. Plan to attend the next one in October.

SICK

Sister Flossie Harris continues to remain in LaGrange hospital for further tests and treatment. She is in room 158 and would appreciate any cards or visits.

We are happy to report that Sister Mary Anne Wade is home from the hospital following her hip surgery. She is able to stand and walk with the aid of crutches, but cannot put any weight on her left leg yet for several more weeks.

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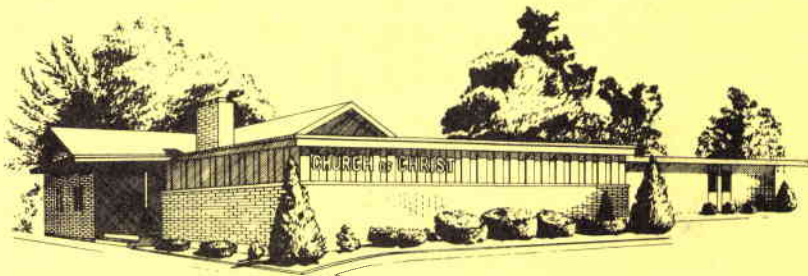
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NEVER FEAR... TRUST GOD.

*"...he trusted to him who judges justly" (1 Peter 3:23)*

I know you have heard the story of the Chinese who had one horse and one son. One day the horse broke out of the corral and fled to the hills. All of the neighbors came around that night and said, "Your horse got out? What bad luck!" "Why," the old Chinese said, "How do you know it's bad luck?" Sure enough, the next night the horse came back to his familiar corral for his usual feeding and watering, leading twelve wild stallions with him! The farmer's son saw the thirteen horses in the corral, slipped out and locked the gate. The neighbors heard the good news and come excitedly to the farmer, "Oh, you have thirteen horses! What good luck!" And the old Chinese answered, "How do you know that's good luck?"

A few days later the young son was trying to break one of the wild stallions only to be thrown off and break a leg. The neighbors came back saying, "Your son broke his leg, What bad luck!" And the wise father said, "How do you know it's bad luck?" Sure enough, a few days later a Chinese war lord came through town and conscripted every able-bodied young man, taking them off to war, never to return again. But the young man was saved because of his broken leg.

There is one thing we all desperately need to learn: Only God knows what's good for us and what's bad for us. And with that in mind we must learn to trust God.

Do you remember the last night Jesus spent with his disciples? The twelve were wrestling with desperate despondency and doubt. They were few in number, had no allies, no wealth, no credentials and no references. They had come to the city of Jerusalem with foreboding. The night streets were tense. Angry men lurked in the shadows. Religious leaders were seeking the death of their Master. There were so many things of which to be afraid. And what did Jesus say to his followers? "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God..." (John 14:1). That's it. Trust in God!

And remember that Jesus never preached anything that he didn't practice. I am glad that Peter saw fit to remind us that Jesus took his own medicine, "He trusted to him who judges justly." Why shouldn't we do the same?

-John Gipson, Little Rock, Ark.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, September 21, 1980  
 Bible Classes 142  
 Morning Worship 144  
 Evening Worship 87  
 Contribution \$875.06

Wednesday Bible Study 9/17 85  
 Thursday "Keenagers" 9/18 45

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning  
 Bus #1 Fred Oakley 28  
 Bus #2 Devon Hostetler 13  
 Bus #3 Mike Hall 18  
 Total Riders 59

VISITORS

We extend a warm and friendly greeting to all our visitors. Those visiting with us last week were: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Forrest, Hishawaka; Mrs. Beulah Morr, Susan & Paul, Kendallville; Elaine Moser, Ligonier; and home for a visit from Michigan Christian College: Sandy Adkins, Deb Duzan, Leslie Hoggatt and Debbie Murphy.

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, September 21, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Bill Oakley	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Devon Hostetler	Devon Hostetler
Helpers	Brian Hoggatt Jim Lee	Brian Hoggatt
Helpers	James McAlpin Joe Hughes-	Joe Hughes
Scripture & Prayer	Stan Palmer	Jim Lee
Lesson	Goebel Music	Goebel Music
Closing Prayer	Bob Sowles	Perry Miller
Nursery	Sharon Simpson	

Wednesday, October 1

Songs	Darrel Moates	Invitation	Brian Hoggatt
Prayer	Joe Oakley	Closing Prayer	Gary Pieratt

COMMODITIES

The Shults-Lewis Childrens Home has assigned the following commodities for this quarter:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
August	Cereal
September	Green Vegetables
October	Dish Towels

If you wish, you may send a check or money order designated for the above items and they will purchase them locally.

FELLOWSHIP

There will be a carry-in dinner this Sunday, Sept. 28, immediately following the morning worship. Bring a covered dish or dessert and plan to stay for an afternoon of food and fellowship.

Due to the afternoon fellowship there will be no fourth Sunday fellowship after the evening service.

KEENAGERS

The "Keenagers" (Senior citizens 60 yrs. & older) will begin a study of the book of Revelation. If you would like to get in on this interesting study be sure to come this Thursday.

The program starts at 10:00 A.M. and ends at 12:15 P.M. with the last 45 minutes devoted to a study of the Bible.

BIBLE CLASSES COMBINED

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Classes and the Teenage Class will be combined in rooms #13 & 14, to hear a special lesson from Bro. Goebel Music.

LAST CALL!

By the time you read this we will already be well into our gospel meeting. Here are some of the topics that Bro. Goebel Music will be speaking upon:  
 God Must Come First.  
 The Kind of Men God Needs.  
 The Baptism of Jesus.  
 God Has the Whole World in His Hands.  
 Must I Attend Every Worship Privilege?  
 Are They Few?  
 Preaching Others Into Hell.  
 Who Do We Think We Are?  
 I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel.  
 If you haven't attended yet, don't wait another evening longer.

SICK

*Sister Mary Anne Wade* phoned to express her thanks for all the many cards and visits. She had hoped to attend services last Sunday but due to some minor swelling in her hip the doctor asked her to keep her leg elevated for a few days.

*Brother Roy Campbell* fell at home last Monday but wasn't injured in the mishap.

*Sister Flossie Harris* remains in the LaGrange hospital to undergo more tests and treatment for her ailment.

*Sister Veva Rush* is still suffering from a severe pain in her lower back.

Lets remember all of these with our prayers and visits.

NEWS & NOTES

*Jeff and Sally Mead* called from Abilene, Texas to say, "Hi," to everyone in the church and also inform us of their visit to the Mission Forum in Lubbock, Texas. While there, they talked with a young girl from Norway who is studying in the Mission Program at Sunset. She is trying to recruit workers to campaign in Norway sometime next year. We hope to here from her regarding these plans. Jeff also informed us of their desire to move to Northern Ireland in 1983 to help in the work there. If you wish to write them, their address is:

Jeff & Sally Mead  
 1758 Lincoln Drive  
 Abilene, Texas 79601

"Church members like autos usually start missing before they quit."