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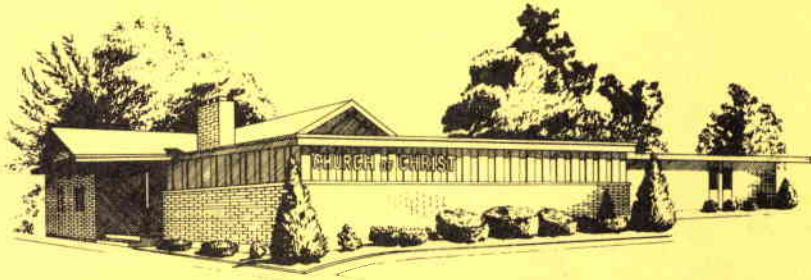
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Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.
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Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

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THE BIRD CAGE

I heard a story once that goes like this: A man was walking down the street one day and came across a little unkept, unwashed boy who was carrying a bird cage with several birds in it. The birds were rather scrawny and not very pretty, so the man asked the boy what he was going to do with them. The boy answered, "Oh, I'm going to play with them and have fun with them, but they're mean birds so when I get tired of them, I'm going to feed them to my cat."

The man pondered the boy's reply for a moment and then said, "Son, how much do you want for the birds?" "Fister," the boy replied, "you don't want these birds. They're just plain old field birds and not good for anything. All they'll do is peck at you, scratch you and hurt you."

But the man again said, "Just tell me how much you want for them." Well, they finally agreed on a price of two dollars. After the boy left, the man took the cage, opened the door, and let the birds go free.

Jesus one day came across the Devil and the Devil boasted how he'd trapped a world full of people. Jesus wanted to know, "What are you going to do with all those people." The Devil replied, "Oh, I'm going to play with them and use them to fight and hurt each other, and when I get tired of them, I'll damn them. They're no good anyway."

"How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked. The Devil said, "You wouldn't want them. All they will do is hate you, mistreat you, and finally kill you. They're no good." "How much do you want?" Jesus asked again. The Devil replied, "It will cost you all your tears and your life." So Jesus took the people and paid the price by dying for them, and set them free.

We are those people and that Jesus who set us free is our Savior. He paid a debt he didn't owe and we are free. PRAISE GOD!!!

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday	9/28	10/5
Bible Classes	161	125
Morning Worship	200	149
Evening Worship	122	?
Contribution	\$864.36	\$900.00
Wed. Bible Study	9/24 99	10/1 84
Thur. Keenagers	9/25 56	10/2 37

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning	9/28	10/5
Bus 1 Fred Oakley	23	25
Bus 2 D. Hostetler	12	8
Bus 3 Mike Hall	19	17
Total Riders	54	50

"Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me".

VISITORS

We are always happy to have visitors come our way. Those visiting Sunday, Sept. 28: Adeline Dumpierres, Ypsilanti, Mi. Jeff & Paula Herron, Garden City, Mi. Joe Turpin, Cleveland, Oh. Wade Noe, White Pigeon, Mi. Elaine Moser, Ligonier, Ir. & Mrs. Sam Glick, Mongo. Jackie Hicks, Stroh. Mae Moore and Vada Powell, LaGrange. Oct. 5: Adeline Dumpierres, Ypsilanti, Mi. Elaine Moser, Ligonier. Mrs. Beulah Morr, Glen & Paul, Kendallville. Ir. & Mrs. Ed Moore, Vada Powell, and Christena Miller, LaGrange.

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, October 12, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Dean Hoggatt	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Joe Hughes	Joe Hughes
Helpers	Stan Palmer Harold DePriest	Stan Palmer
Helpers	Mike Hall Keith Adkins	Mike Hall
Scripture & Prayer	Bob Sowles	Dave Weaver
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Fred Oakley	Phil Hostetler
Nursery	Sue McAlpin	

Wednesday, October 15

Songs	Bob Sowles	Invitation	Stan Palmer
Prayer	Devon Hostetler	Closing Prayer	Norm Herron

GOSPEL MEETING

The attendance for our recent meeting with Goebel Music left much to be desired. Most members were contacted personally and encouraged to attend, but many never came. Truly, Jesus' words to his generation have a familiar ring to us as well, "the love of many shall wax cold." (Mt. 24: 12). If it hadn't been for the good number of visitors from other congregations plus the senior citizens from the community the attendance would have been dismal. The attendances at the evening services were: Wed. 99, Thur. 80, Fri. 103, Sat. 97, Sun. 122, Mon. 122, Tue. No count. We can do better than that, in fact, we must do better! We wish to thank Bro. Music for the fine lessons and the very informative question and answer sessions afterwards.

RESPONSE

Annie Oakley came forward during the meeting to confess faults and ask for prayers. Annie stated, "Personal problems have kept me away from God. I want to let him back in my heart and life."

CLEAN UP TV

The next major step in the "Clean Up TV" campaign was initiated Sun. Oct. 5. Commitment forms were passed out to the audience to be signed and returned. Additional forms were also distributed so that members can solicit the help of other concerned individuals. Fifty members signed the forms plus six visitors, which leaves fifty-one members yet to sign. We received a total of 800 forms, so there's much work to be done by all in this campaign.

NEWS & NOTES

Several members were away this past Sunday. Blanche Dauberman and her husband Willard visited their daughter in Ft. Wayne. Gil & Georgia Hanson along with Linnea and Diane Martin drove to MCC to visit with their daughter, Debbie. Devon & Ellen Hostetler were in Garden City, Mi. to visit with Jeff & Paula (Devon also installed a new furnace for them). Jim & Pat Lee family were in Muncie to see relatives.

SICK

Flossie Harris was transferred to Lutheran Hosp. in Ft. Wayne for further tests and treatment. Thelma Hoggatt was released from LaGrange Hosp. and is now home recovering from her surgery. Goldie Pulley remains in the LaGrange Hosp. for more treatment. Patsy Craig was home with a bad cold. Lets remember these with our calls and prayers.

NOTE: See announcements in south foyer for area happenings. Found, set of car keys for Gil car in parking lot.



THE RICHARD HOSTETLER FAMILY
810 Victoria Avenue
Williamstown, West Virginia 26187
Phone (304) 375-9759

September 30, 1980

Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

We think of you often and count it a privilege to include you in our daily prayers. May God give you peace and prosper you in your daily walk for Him.

We thank God for all the wonderful experiences we had while serving Him at LaGrange. Our working in the Bible Hour and with the young people are precious memories that we will always cherish.

We wish to express our love and appreciation to all who have supported us these past two years at the Williamstown Bible College. Your support has enabled us to be active in every program of the church here, such as: bussing, Jolly 60's, Bible school, administration and youth. Our training at Williamstown involves not only the learning, but the doing as well.

I have just graduated from the two year course of study. I am very excited about the prospects for our third and final year. Brother David Powers who is the minister at Williamstown has asked me to assist him in his duties. This is an opportunity for some special training that is only given to one student each year. I am thankful to the Lord for this honor and privilege.

We have had to work very hard these past two years, but we look upon it as the best years of our lives so far. We have received support of between \$200-\$300 each month and have had to supplement this with the money we earned from the sale of our house. This money has now been all used up.

We are coming to you with an urgent appeal for support to enable us to finish our schooling. We need an additional \$400 per month for the next nine months. I have tried working at a secular job to supplement our income, but found it impossible to keep up with my studies at school. We must raise this additional support or consider leaving school.

We earnestly ask for your prayers - and if you can find it in your finances - your support, for the next few months. God bless you and keep you always.

Because of Christ,

Dick Hostetler

We commend to you the Dick Hostetler family as worthy of your prayers and financial support. Funds may be sent to him through the LaGrange Church and earmarked "Special Schooling - Dick Hostetler.

The elders
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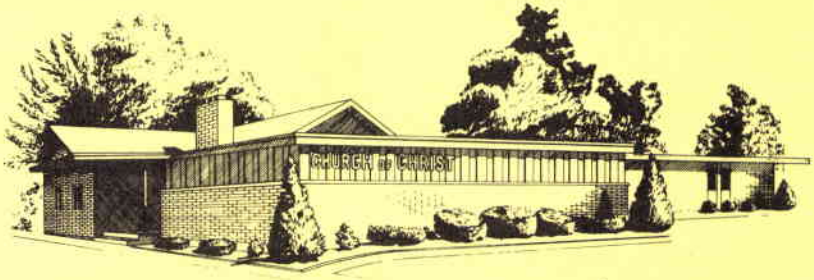
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Dean Hoggatt

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WHAT IS THE LORD'S WORK?

If done in the name of the Lord and for His glory, the Lord's work is a cup of cold water, a genuine compliment, listening to a child talk, showing friendliness to a new person on the job, stopping to render aid, overlooking a slight, developing the mind through study and discipline, practicing good sportsmanship, waiting on the Lord's Table.

It is preparing a good meal for your family, building shelves for your wife, being kind to a new student at school, visiting someone who is ill, giving a hand to the person carrying a load, aiding a blind man across the street, writing a letter to your Congressman, teaching a Bible class, visiting a prisoner.

The Lord's work is visiting the sick room, giving a stalled car a push, fishing with your dad, shopping with an aged aunt, baking a cake for shut-ins, writing to a friend, thinking about God.

It is giving financial aid to needy relatives, attending PTA, taking an orphan to a football game, calling to say hello to an old-time friend, handing someone a tract, checking a widow's needs.

The Lord's work is performing everyday jobs well, thanking your wife for her devotion, rejoicing over your child's progress, stopping to explain "why" to a teenager, working with your daughter to solve a school problem, taking an evening to be with your wife, visiting an absentee from worship, building a better neighborhood, etc., etc., etc., etc., ...

- Howard Norton

The moment a man can really do his work, he becomes speechless about it; all words are idle to him; all theories. Does a bird need to theorize about building its nest, or boast of it when built? All good work is essentially done that way; without hesitation; without difficulty; without boasting.

- Ruskin

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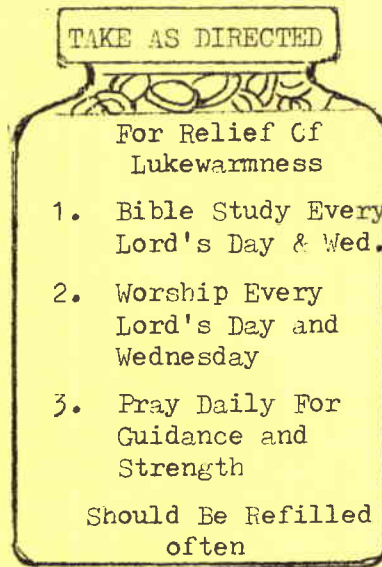
Bible Classes	131
Morning Worship	157
Evening Worship	97
Contribution	\$941.00

Wednesday Bible Study	10/8	75
Thursday "Keenagers"	10/9	48

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning

Bus #1 Fred Cakley	22
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	13
Bus #3 Mike Hall	21
Total Riders	56



VISITORS

From last Sunday's registration cards we show the following visitors for services: Mrs. Veda Powell, Lagrange; Elaine Moser, Ligonier; Beulah, Paul and Sue Morr, Kendallville; Adoline Dumpierres, Ypsilanti, Mi.; and Lesly Hoggatt, MCC, Rochester, Michigan. We appreciate so much the interest of all these to attend our services.

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, October 19, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Bill Cakley
Lord's Table	Dean Hoggatt	Dean Hoggatt
Helpers	Gil Hanson Joe Cakley	Gil Hanson
Helpers	Jim Lee Brian Leslie	Jim Lee
Scripture and Prayer	Gary Pieratt	James Pieratt
Lesson	Kent Hoggatt	Kent Hoggatt
Closing Prayer	Darrell Moates	Jim Lee
Nursery	Luella Cakley	

Wednesday, October 22

Songs	Fred Cakley	Invitation	Mike Hall
Prayer	Brian Hoggatt	Closing Prayer	Devon Hostetler

CUR PREACHER IN GOSPEL MEETING

Norm and Marilyn will be leaving this Friday for West Lafayette, Ohio where Norm will be starting a meeting Sunday. It will continue through Wednesday evening at 7:30 each evening. Cur prayers will go with them for their safety in travel and also that much good will be done through this gospel endeavor. In Norm's absence this Sunday, Kent Hoggatt will be visiting and speaking for both morning and evening services. We look forward to having Kent, Debbie and little Ryan come home for the week-end.

CLEAN UP TV

So far, there has been 113 signed commitment cards which have been turned in, however, some of our members, who said they would do so (by the initial sign-up a few weeks ago), as yet have not signed a card. Please do so this Sunday, as we do want to get as many of these cards sent in right away. The top portion of the card which lists the products which we agree not to purchase, should be kept for easy referral when grocery shopping. At the end of 3 months, we'll inform everyone in the bulletin how our united efforts with thousands of other congregations is being felt.

CUR SICK

At this writing, sister Flossie Harris is still in the Lutheran Hospital, Rm. 627 undergoing tests. Although her condition remains about the same, there is some hope that she may return home soon. Sister Goldie Pulley has returned to Miller's Merry Manor, but assigned to another room, #26, in the NW wing. Sister Thelma Haggatt is recovering from her surgery and expresses her thanks to so many who sent her cards, flowers and offered prayers in her behalf. It was good to have her, Patsy Craig, and Zoa Herr back to services Sunday.

PLEASE REMEMBER

To bring one or more of the following items for Shults Lewis Children's Home: Cereal, Green Vegetables (all kinds) and Dish Towels. These will be taken or sent over at the end of October.

Lectureship at Goshen, starts Thursday, through Sunday (Oct. 16-19) Bill Cline, from Bellville School of Preaching, Pensacola, Fla. to speak on subjects of: Translations of the Bible, Abortion, ERA & the Lord's church, and Marriage, Divorce and remarriage. Workshop at Niles, Michigan this Saturday (Oct. 18) on theme "Securing Homes For God". Bible teachers from Michigan Christian College, Paul Southern and Len Knight, along with Jesse and Andrea Clayton will be speaking on this theme.

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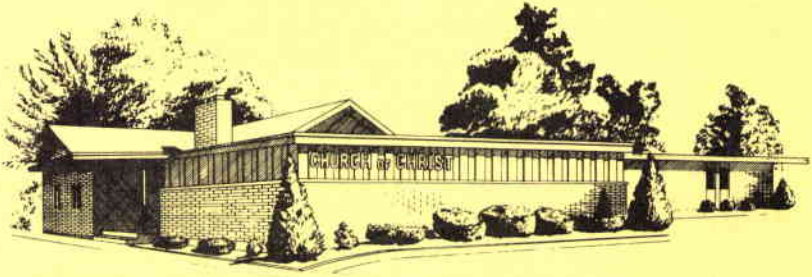
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WHAT LECKS NATURAL IN YCUR HANDS?

Sometime ago I read about a woman who had died and her husband requested that when she was placed in the casket that she have an open Bible in her hands. The husband explained that she looked more natural that way. I thought about what a life she must have had to have been remembered in such a way. The article I read revealed that they had been married 53 years and had 5 children, with 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. All who were old enough were Christians.

Isn't this evidence enough of the influence of a Bible reading life? This good woman also requested no flowers at her funeral. Instead, she asked that the money be given to the poor.

Now, when you die, what if someone put the thing in your hands that seemed most appropriate? What would it be? A cigarette? A bottle? A fishing pole? Car keys? A TV Guide? A deck of cards? A dollar bill?

Think about it. What object would your family pick that would most accurately represent your life?

- David Sain

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Sunday, October 19, 1980

Bible Classes	131
Morning Worship	152
Evening Worship	87
Contribution	\$894.28

Wednesday Bible Study	10/15	71
Thursday "Keenagers"	10/16	42

BUS ATTENDANCE

Sunday Morning		
Bus #1	Fred Cakley	22
Bus #2	Devon Hostetler	14
Bus #3	Mike Hall	20
Total Riders		56

THE CHRISTIAN PARADOX

IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WE MUST:

Lose To Gain
Give To Obtain
Be Humble To Be Exalted
Be Least To Be Greatest
Die To Live.

--- WE NEVER GET ALL OF GOD ...

UNTIL GOD GETS ALL OF US ---

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, October 26, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Darrel Moates	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Bob Sowles	Bob Sowles
Helpers	Dale Dorris Joe Hughes	Joe Hughes
Helpers	Brian Hoggatt Phil Hostetler	Phil Hostetler
Scripture and Prayer	Perry Miller	Stan Palmer
Lesson	Norm Herron	
Closing Prayer	Bill Cakley	Fred Cakley
Nursery	Lois Cakley	

Wednesday, October 29

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Invitation	Joe Hughes
Prayer	Dave Weaver	Closing Prayer,	James Pieratt

VISITORS

We were happy to again have visitors for services last Sunday. Those registered were; Mr. & Mrs. Don Dankelfsen, Kendallville; Mr. & Mrs. Ed Moore and Julie, Christina Miller, Lagrange; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bellaire and family, Middlebury; Beulah Morr, Suzan and Paul, Kendallville; Elaine Moser, Ligonier; Lesly Hoggatt, Debbie Duzan, and Kent, Debbie & Ryan Hoggatt from Rochester, Michigan.

OUR SICK

Sister Flossie Harris reportedly had suffered an heart attack, and is in intensive care in the Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. Sister Goldie Pulley has been moved back to her former room #12 at the Miller's Merry Manor Home. John Ray remains in Room #7 at Millers. Bob Sowles' girl, Becky, was admitted to the Sturgis hospital last week-end, but was released Sunday. Remember these in your daily prayers.

4TH SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Come to services this Sunday evening (Oct. 26) with plans to stay for the get-together in the fellowship room following evening services. Coffee and kool-aid will be provided, but each family is to bring some finger foods for their own, besides a little extra for guests.

NEEDED

Toys for the preschool age, room 5. If you have any toys you no longer want or need that are still usable, you might think about donation them to the preschoolers. They would be greatly appreciated. (Please see Pat Lee about this).

CLEAN-UP TV COMMITMENT CARDS

Even though the first registration has been completed, please feel free to continually talk to others about this campaign. We will send a second supply of signed cards in within a couple of weeks. We will keep everyone abreast of the results as they are forwarded to us.

TAPES FROM THE GOSHEN LECTURESHIP

Lessons by brother Bill Cline on the subjects: Translations of the Bible, Cross-roads Philosophy, Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage, Abortion, ERA and the Lord's church will be available on tape (cassette) soon. We encourage the use of these, as our members need to study these important subjects. Bro. Cline did an excellent job in dealing with these subjects.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY AT MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Michigan Christian College has made arrangements for Lagrange to be a geographic center for all junior and seniors who are interested in attending the one day session. One of our busses will be leaving Thursday evening, Nov. 13 and return Friday evening, Nov. 14. Hopefully there will be several high schoolers (juniors & seniors) from the tri-state area who will want to get a first-hand look at life on the campus of MCC. We presently have four attending MCC from Lagrange: Debbie Duzan, Debbie Murphy, Sandy Adkins and Lesly Hoggatt - all enjoying their schooling at MCC. Great!!

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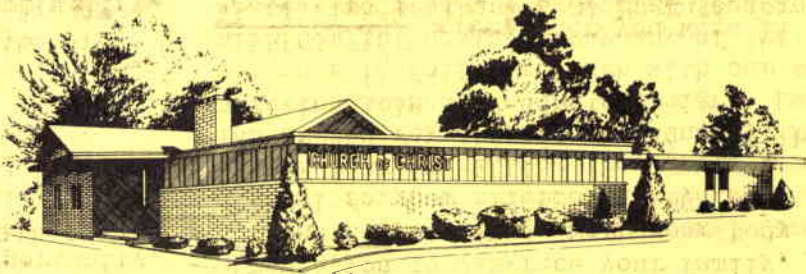
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"and he shall separate them one from another," (Matt. 25:32)

"I understand you and your wife are going to be separated," said a friend to a well-known judge. "How dare you insinuate any such thing?" shouted the judge, his face purple with anger. "My wife and I love each other very much."

"Is that so?" queried the friend. "Well, I heard from your doctor, a Christian she will go to be with her Lord. Where are you going when you die?" The judge stood awhile quietly thinking. His face began to turn pale as the words took effect.

The reality of eternal heaven and eternal hell is to be faced by every individual man and woman upon the earth. Heaven and hell can be denied but will not ultimately be ignored. For Jesus is coming again to separate the righteous and unrighteous, to deal out retribution to those who do not know God nor obey the gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Thes. 1:7-10). Every man and woman, husband and wife, father and mother, will stand before the throne of God and the open books (Rev. 20:11-15), and receive the reward of heaven or the just sentence to eternal hell.

And all the nations will be gathered before him; and he will separate them from one another." (Matt. 25:32). "For we all shall stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Rom. 14:10-12). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." (2 Cor. 5:10).

-W.K. Boyce
Jefferson City, Mo.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, October 26, 1980

Bible Classes	145
Morning Worship	159
Evening Worship	99
Contribution	\$844.43

Wednesday Bible Study 10/22	?
Thursday "Keenagers" 10/23	52

VISITORS

We hope you find the services uplifting and according to God's word. Those visiting with us last week; Elaine Moser, Ligonier; Sue & Terri Morr, Kendallville; Vada Powell and Christine Miller, LaGrange.

BURIED IN BAPTISM

We are happy to report the baptism of Enos & Norma Miller following a study with Mike Hall and Fred Cakley last Thursday evening. Norma is the sister of Mike, and now enjoys the added privilege of being his sister in Christ. We welcome the Millers into the fellowship of the Lord's church in LaGrange. Please add them to your directory, Enos & Norma Miller, Box 58, Mongo, In, 46771

GOOD TO BE BACK

It's good to be home again following the four day meeting in West Lafayette, Ohio. We enjoyed our stay in the home of Eddie & Margaret McGuiggan and their family. We also enjoyed the opportunity of working with the church in their gospel meeting. One interesting highlight was being interviewed on a local radio talk show. This was a new experience for me.

The church in West Lafayette is small and struggling but desire to serve the lord. Brother Eddie and his family are doing a good work there and are loved and appreciated by all. We can expect to hear many good things from this congregation of the Lord's people.

HOUSE BURNS

The home of Jim & Dottie Haas was damaged extensively by fire last Saturday afternoon. The Haas family were away shopping and returned to find their home engulfed in smoke and fire. Jim & Dottie and their two little girls attended a Sunday evening service a couple of months ago. They are presently staying with the Spears until more permanent arrangements can be made. Several items of clothing and furniture were given by the church to help them in this emergency.

CONDOLLENCE

We wish to express our condolence to Sister Gay Ray in the passing of her sister Mary Fields in Rushville, Il.

Also to Mike Bowen in the death of his step-father Mr. Gordon Smith.

Lets remember these families in our prayers.

TRAY FAVORS

All young boys and girls in the 3rd grade and up are invited to come Friday, Nov. 7, to the Herron's to make tray favors for the hospital and nursing homes. See Marilyn for details.

EXAMPLE

A father sat in his easy chair reading his Sunday morning newspaper. Suddenly he turned to his little boy and said, "Now son, put down that funny paper and get ready for Sunday School." The little fellow said, "Daddy, aren't you going with me?" "No," he said, "I'm not going with you, but I want you to hurry up and get dressed." After a few minutes the little fellow said, "Daddy, did you go to Sunday school when you were little?" "Certainly I did, I went every Sunday." "Well," said the little fellow, "I bet it won't do me any good either."

SHULTS-LEWIS

The assignment for the next 3 months commodities for the Shults-Lewis childrens home was recieved recently. Since we got such a late start on last quarters assignment, maybe we can include them with this quarter. They were: Cereal, Green Vegetables, and Dish Towels. The commodities for this quarter are:

Month	Commodity
November	Fruit Juices
December	Cereal
January	Canned Meats

If you prefer, you may send a check or money order and they will purchase the above items locally. Lets really fill up the "food barrel" this time.

CLEAN UP TV

The first package of Personal Commitment forms was mailed to the Joelton church in Tenn. Altogether there were 132 signed forms for forwarding to the targeted sponsor in the campaign. Lets remember to follow through with our promise not to knowingly buy any of the listed products under General Food and American Home Products. Additional forms are still available if you haven't signed up or if you know of other concerned adults who would like to help in this campaign.

HOW THE ADS SHOULD READ

If the places that sold whiskey and beer told the truth in their ads they would read as follows:

"Wanted". One hundred new customers ~~present~~ of our old ones have dropped out. Ten committed suicide; twenty are in jail; fifteen are in the poorhouse; one was electrocuted for murder; seven were killed while driving drunk; three are in a mental hospital; and the rest are broke. We must have new customers immediately, young, fresh and strong for they will not live to stay with us long. Come to see us. We have brands that will cause you to disgrace your family, paralyze your mind, warp your body and lose your friends. Also, lose your soul in HELL!

That's the way the ads should read, but unfortunately they don't.

APPRECIATION

I wish to thank Kent Hoggatt for coming to speak in my absence. I also wish to thank Stan Palmer and Dean for teaching my classes. Norm

Elaine Harris Pat Lee *Ray Campbell* *David O'Rourke*

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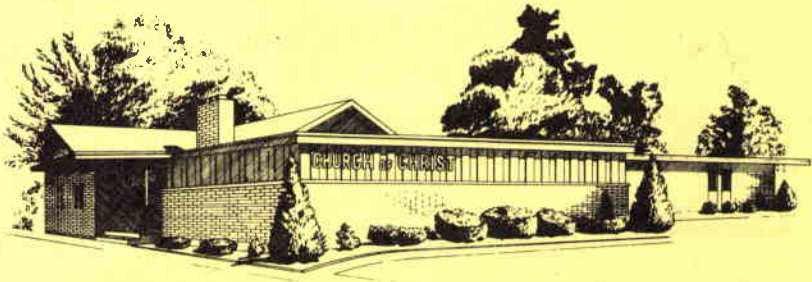
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O GOD, BLESS AMERICA

O God, bless America, if you can. Never before have so many had so much worth so little. Never before have so many young people been willing to sacrifice so much to own their homes, and so little to save their marriages. Never before has a nation moved from city rows to sprawling landscaped subdivisions, only to build houses equipped with fences instead of porches. (Now we have the neighborhoods without the neighbors!) Never before has a nation achieved such a low infant mortality rate, only to legalize abortion. Never before has a nation so increased its mechanization, without corresponding increase in productivity. Never before has a nation produced a generation that is both more educated and less literate than their parents. While our leisure time has steadily increased, so too has our crime rate, our divorce rate, and our suicide rate.

Today we have two cars for every garage, but we can't afford the gas to use them. We have a TV set for every room, but there is nothing worth watching. Life expectancy is up, but expectation is down. Here at home, more and more buys less and less, while in the world we have an ever larger circle of allies, and an even smaller circle of friends. We have more and more power, but less and less influence. Never before has our arsenal been so strong, and our will so weak. By making technology our theology, we have managed to raise our standard of living, while lowering our standards for living.

O God, bless America, if you can. If you can't, we'll understand.

-Tony Ahlstrom

"Righteousness exalteth a nation;
but sin is a reproach to any people."
Proverbs 14:34

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, November 2, 1980

Bible Classes	129
Morning Worship	149
Evening Worship	?
Contribution	\$889.50

Wednesday Bible Study 10/29	88
Thursday "Keenagers" 10/30	53

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Gakley	19
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	9
Bus #3 Mike Hall	19
Total Riders	47

A POINTED STORY

Several ladies were discussing church going one evening. One lady said, "Our congregation is some times down to thirty and forty on Sunday night". Another said, "That's nothing, sometimes our group is down to six or seven". An older lady added her little bit, "It's so bad in our church on Sunday night that when the Preacher says, 'Dearly Beloved', it makes me blush".

Seems that getting people to come out Sunday evening is a universal problem. I wonder how WE as INDIVIDUALS could help solve the absenteeism?

-Selected

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, November 9, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Bill Gakley
Lord's Table	Stan Palmer	Stan Palmer
Helpers	Brian Hoggatt Joe Hughes	Joe Hughes
Helpers	Brian Leslie Joey Gakley	Joey Gakley
Scripture & Prayer	Darrel Moates	Dave Weaver
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Perry Miller	Phil Hostetler
Nursery	Marcia Palmer	

Wednesday, November 12

Songs	Fred Gakley	Invitation	Bob Sowles
Prayer	Devon Hostetler	Closing Prayer	Jim Pieratt

Bible

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS

You are invited to be part of a group that will be traveling by bus from LaGrange to a Regional Guest Day at Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Mi. The group will leave LaGrange late Thursday afternoon on Nov. 13 in order to arrive at MCC for the regular weekly devotional. After spending the evening on campus, the group will participate in a class, campus tours, chapel, and lunch with entertainment before returning to LaGrange on Friday afternoon. To make reservations to join the group, or for more information see Joe Hughes (Ph. 562-3017).

ANNUAL AREA-WIDE THANKSGIVING BANQUET

The church in Kendallville wishes to invite you to the first Annual Area-Wide Thanksgiving Banquet, Nov. 21st at 6:00 p.m. Among various surprizes, the Chansonnaires from Michigan will present a program of songs. The meal and entertainment will be provided for a cost of \$3.50 per person. To insure proper amounts of food, reservations will not be accepted after Nov. 17th. Anyone not having a reservation may purchase a ticket at the door for \$4.00. See Norm for tickets and info.

SATURDAY WORK PARTY

A Work Party has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for all men, women, and young people. There are a number of repairs and improvements that need to be made to the building and grounds before winter. Bring a sack lunch for the noon meal and some tools, and come prepared to work!!!

(repair) (painting) (drilling) (building storage shelves) (cleaning) (mechanic work on bus)

BUSINESS MEETING

Due to many favorable comments, it was decided to have regular business meetings as a part of the fourth Sunday evening fellowships. For the first meeting, the men and women will meet in different rooms to discuss and plan the various phases of the Lord's work at LaGrange. The children will remain with their parents during the meeting. The meetings will precede the evenings period of fun and fellowship. The meetings will help to keep each of us better informed about the work and needs of the church.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

The fifth Sunday of November has been set aside as a special contribution in order to get caught up on this year's budget. The elders are encouraging all that can to double their contribution, or give what extra that you can so we can end this year's finances in the black. Since the beginning of this year, we have been running almost one week's contribution behind in paying our commitments. Let's all get ready to sacrifice a little more on this Sunday.

Jim Lee

BUS VISITATION

All of us were moved by Fred's talk Sunday evening about our bus ministry. We should be concerned when the buses are down in attendance. Let's make our calls promptly this Saturday and be sure to notify the respective bus captains. Why not make two extra calls to recruit some new riders or encourage some who have stopped.

We mourn the passing of our Sis. Flossie Harris from this life Sat. Nov. 1, 1980.

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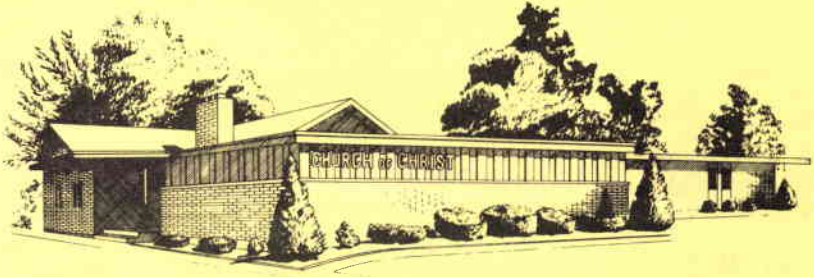
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CHEERFUL GIVING

"Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whosoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he's decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

Those who attend church only occasionally are sometimes heard to say, "The church is always asking for money." But who is the church? It is not some abstract power out there with its hands out for money. It is the people who love the Lord saying, "We want to accomplish this or that for the Lord, here or abroad, and we will give to accomplish it."

These are the ones who have the opportunity constantly to worship the Lord with their cheerful, purposeful giving. "The Lord loves a cheerful giver." Who should give to support the Lord's work?

1. ONLY those who are the Lord's - "They went forth taking nothing of the heathen." (3 John 7)
2. ALL who are the Lord's - "Let every one of you lay by in store as God has prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2)
3. ALL whose needs have been supplied by the Lord - "Freely you received; freely give." (Matt. 10:8)
4. ALL who want their needs supplied by the Lord - "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19) This is a promise written to those who have given for the Lord's work.

-Richard Rogers

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, November 16, 1980

Bible Classes	149
Morning Worship	160
Evening Worship	93
Contribution	\$1,000.00

Wednesday Bible Study 11/5	82
Thursday "Keenagers" 11/6	48

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Cakley	25
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	19
Bus #3 Mike Hall	21
Total Riders	65

A POINTED STORY

A preacher was preaching very pointedly to his congregation one Sunday. He said, "Now let the Church walk." Some responded, "Amen, let the Church walk." The Preacher then said, "Let the Church run." They responded, "Amen Preacher let It run." He excitedly cried, "let It fly." They responded, "Amen Preacher, Let It fly." "Now" said the Preacher, it's going to take money to let It fly Brother." They answered "Let It walk Preacher, Let It walk".

Maybe there's a lesson for us in there somewhere..What do you think?

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, November 16, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Darrel Moates	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Jim Lee	Jim Lee
Helpers	Mark Craig Keith Adkins	Keith Adkins
Helpers	Gil Hanson Bob Sowles	Bob Sowles
Scripture & Prayer	Brian Hoggatt	Fred Cakley
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Dean Hoggatt	Gary Pieratt
Nursery	Kathy Hughes	

Wednesday, November 19

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Invitation	Stan Palmer
Prayer	Dave Weaver	Closing Prayer	Joe Cakley

WELCOME VISITORS

Those visiting with us last Sunday were: Paul Savage, Nashville, In.; Jamie and Sue McAlpin family; Dayton, Ch.; Jo Turpin, Missy Noe, White Pigeon, Mi.; Elaine Moser, Ligonier; Beulah Morr and Susan, Kendallville; Mary Wiby, LaGrange.

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear LaGrange Church of Christ,
We would like to extend a very warm thank you to all of you for your thoughtfulness and prompt action in helping us through a very trying time. Perhaps some day God will allow us to repay your kindness by passing it on to others in need. It's a very comforting feeling to know we have friends like you. Thank you again and may God bless all of you richly.
Love & Blessings,
The Jim Haas family

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 21	Area Wide Thanksgiving Banquet Kendallville
22	Work party at building 9:00am - 3:00pm
23	Fourth Sunday fellowship, also business meeting men & women
25	Roller Skating at Elkhart
30	Fifth Sunday singing

SICK

Goldie Pulley returned to Millers Merry Manor, Roy Campbell still in LaGrange Room #163, Sharon Simpson was in Memorial Hospital in South Bend for tests and observation, Ray Yoder who attends "Keenagers" is in LaGrange hospital following a slight stroke.

BUS #3 WINNERS

For several weeks the riders on bus #3 have had a contest going to pick the best student. We are pleased to announce that the first place winner is Jeff Fuller and runner-up, Tammy Pastor. Congratulations Jeff and Tammy!

APPEAL

Darrell C'Rourke, who conducts Fishers of Men training class, has made an urgent appeal for funds. If you can help please see Norm.

ARE YOU?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?
Do you ever go and visit
A member that is sick
Or leave the work for just a few
And talk about the clique?
Come to the meeting often,
And help with hand and heart!
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.

Anonymous

TRAY FAVORS

"Busy as bees", best describes the little hands that put together 40 attractive tray favors for the hospital. The tray favors had a magnet on the back so they could also be used to pin notes to the refrigerators. A big thanks to Amy Bowen, Heidi Herron, Brenda Knight, Lisa Cakley and Katie Cakley and also Mary Anne Wade, Jean Bowen and Marilyn for their efforts.

WORD OF THANKS

To Mary Ann Johnston for volunteering to type the bulletin. To Midge Hughes and Diane Martin for folding them each week. To Dean for delivering them to the post office.

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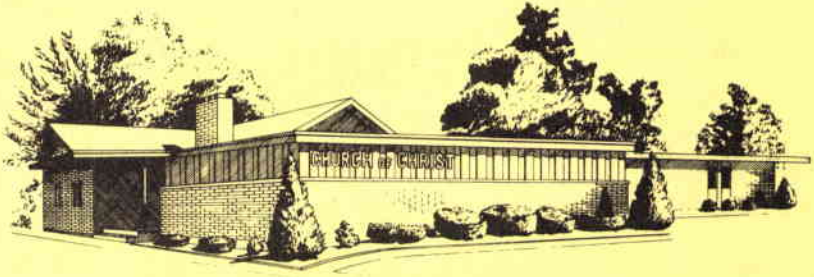
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GIVE

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that you meet with all it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38)

We are not given life in order that God might honor us, but that we might honor him. This is true of our living and of our giving. We do not give to get from God, but to honor God. And we can do this best with systematic, proportionate giving - a definite percentage of our income given to the Lord to honor him who is the source of all we have.

And then, grace upon grace, we find that it is his delight to honor those who honor him. He will not have any man be poor by giving. Many verses may be summed up in this one in Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given unto you." With pure motive, let us so give that we may honor God.

Why should we give? There are several reasons:

1. Because all we have comes from the Lord. "Every good gift is from above." (James 1:17)
2. Because all we have is the Lord's. "All things come of Thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given unto Thee." (I Chron. 29:14)
3. Because he claims a certain portion for himself. "The tithe is the Lord's." (Lev. 27:30)
4. Because Christians should have the mind of Christ, a mind for others. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." His love in our hearts should keep us from being selfish. (Phil. 2:5)
5. Because he promises to give to those who give. "Give, and it will be given unto you." (Luke 6:38)

For all these reasons, let us worship the Lord with our systematic, proportionate giving.

- Richard Rogers

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, November 16, 1980
 Bible Classes ?
 Morning Worship 166
 Evening Worship 91
 Contribution \$861.42

Wednesday Bible Study 11/12 81
 Thursday "Keenagers" 11/13 40

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley 20
 Bus #2 Devon Hostetler 19
 Bus #3 Mike Hall 24
 Total Riders 63

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, November 23, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Devon Hostetler	Devon Hostetler
Helpers	Darrel Moates James Pieratt	James Pieratt
Helpers	Dale Doris Phil Hostetler	Phil Hostetler
Scripture & Prayer	Gary Pieratt	Bill Oakley
Lesson	Norm Herron	?
Closing Prayer	Bob Sowles	Joe Oakley
Nursery	Pat Hall	

Wednesday, November 26

Songs	Bob Sowles	Invitation	Perry Miller
Prayer	Stan Palmer	Closing Prayer	Norm Herron

CARD OF THANKS

To the members of the church of Christ, I want to say thank you for the lovely lavender colored mum plant sent at the time of my aunts passing away and a special thanks for calling at the funeral home as it was very much appreciated, also for the plant sent to her at the LaGrange Hospital as she enjoyed that.

Irene Balyeat

WHO IS THIS JESUS?

"...thou shalt call his name Jesus..."
 -Matt. 1:21

In a song we sing, the question is asked, "Who is this Jesus you talk about everyday?" Who is this Jesus? His name answers...

J - The Just One of God: Righteous by his own merit, he is the only one qualified to stand before God. Thank God! We can hide behind Jesus at the Judgement. (Acts 3:14)

E - The Eternal One of God: Because he has always existed, men have always discussed him. In eternity, he will be the ONLY ONE men discuss! (John 8:58)

S - The Serving One of God: To think that the Holy and Righteous one is my servant is beyond comprehension... but he is! (John 13:1-11)

U - The Unique One of God: "Never man so spake" they said of him. No wonder...he is the only one of his kind! Jesus is the "only begotten" of God. (John 3:16)

S - The Saving One of God: "Call his name Jesus," the angel said, "for.. he shall save his people from their sins." This Jesus is my Saviour! (I John 2:1-2)

"Who is this Jesus?" the song asks. The Name answers, echoing the song, "He is my everything, He is my all!"

Norm Petersen

BIBLE HOUR PROGRAM

The parents who attended the Bible Hour enjoyed the special program put on by the children. A big "THANKS" to all who worked so hard on this program.

VISITORS

We are always happy to have visitors at our services. Those with us last Sunday were: Ralph Slezek, Ontario, Canada; Mrs. Wilma Curtis, Athens, Al.; Mrs. Mary Van-Deubosch, and Mary Loy, Portland, In.; Elaine Moser, Ligonier; Cindy Glick & Eric, Mongo; Ike Hochstetler, LaGrange.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MRS. CRAIG???

The following news appeared in the Nashville Banner on June 19, 1956: "Mrs. Ella Craig 81 hasn't missed church in 1040 services --a perfect record of 20 years."

1. Doesn't she ever have company on Sunday?
2. Doesn't she ever have headaches, colds, tired?
3. Doesn't she ever sleep late on Sunday morning?
4. Doesn't it ever rain or snow in Oklahoma on Sunday?
5. Doesn't she ever get her feelings hurt by someone at church?
6. Doesn't she ever get mad at the teacher at 10:00, or at the preacher at 11:00?
7. Doesn't she ever stay home to read the Sunday paper?
8. Doesn't she have any friends at all - friends who invite her on a week-end trip to the sea shore or mountains?

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MRS. CRAIG???

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Lets remember to try and double-up on our giving the fifth Sunday. If we all plan, purpose, and sacrifice a little we can accomplish this goal.

SPECIAL MEETING

The men and women will be meeting after the Sunday evening service to discuss the work at LaGrange. Everyone come and bring your ideas and suggestions so we can improve our program of work.

SPECIAL THANKS...

To Missy Herron for sweeping out the buses. To Harold DePriest for staining and painting some trim to be installed Saturday. To Zella Bellaire and Blanche Dauberman for their usual good job of cleaning the auditorium. To Thelma Hoggatt for ordering the Bible School literature for this quarter.

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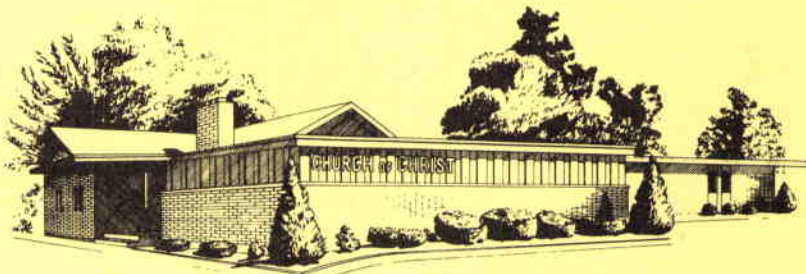
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AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Friend,

I just had to send a note and tell you how much I love you and care for you. I saw you yesterday as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you... and I waited... but you never came. It hurts me, but I still love you, because I am your friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night and I longed to touch your brow. So I spilled moonlight on your pillow and your face. Again, I waited... wanting to rush down so that we could talk. I have so many gifts for you. But... you awakened late the next day and rushed off into the world... my tears were in vain.

Today you looked so sad... so all alone. It makes my heart ache because I understand... my friends let me down and hurt me so many times too... but... I love you. Oh, if you would only listen to me. I REALLY love you! I try to tell you in the blue sky and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves on the trees and breathe it in the colors of the flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain streams and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warmth, sunshine and perfume the air with nature's scents. My love for you is deeper than the oceans and bigger than the biggest want or need in your heart.

If only you knew how much I want to help you... I want you to meet my father. He wants to help you too... my father is that way you know, Just call me, ask me, talk with me. Please...PLEASE... don't forget me, I'll wait..... because I love you.

Your friend,

JESUS

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

(Matt. 11:28)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, November 30, 1980

Bible Classes	143
Morning Worship	174
Evening Worship	77
Contribution	\$1625.25

Wednesday Bible Study 11/26 92

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1	Fred Oakley	22
Bus #2	Devon Hostetler	9
Bus #3	Mike Hall	21
Total Riders		52

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, December 7, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Fred Oakley	Fred Oakley
Helpers	Joey Oakley	Joey Oakley
Helpers	Bob Sowles	Brian Hoggatt
Scripture & Prayer	Joe Hughes	Jim Pieratt
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Jim Lee	Darrel Moats
Nursery	Hazel Miller	

Wednesday, December 10

Songs	Bob Sowles	Invitation	Joe Oakley
Prayer	Phil Hostetler	Closing Prayer	Dean Hoggatt

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Tremendous!! We believe this word best describes the special contribution of \$1625.25. We almost made our goal of \$1800.00 and we feel that if all would have been there we would have reached it. Almost every member "doubled up" on their giving. It was the highest contribution that this congregation has ever given. This was especially a good month with three contributions over \$1000.00. The Lord will richly bless us in the liberality of our giving.

AND THE LORD ADDED....

Miss Elaine Moser responded to the invitation last Sunday and was immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of sins. Elaine has been attending the services for several weeks and has also been studying privately with Stan and Marcia Palmer. We welcome Elaine into the family of God and ask that you add her name to your directory. Her address is: 5 Hawthorne Dr., Ligonier, In. 46767 Phone # 894-4349.

CONDOLENCES

We wish to express our condolence to the Millers in the tragic death of Perry's niece (9 yrs. old) and nephew (17 yrs. old) in a motorcycle mishap. The Miller family have driven to Sarasota, Florida to be with Perry's brother for the funeral.

NEW YEARS' PARTY

Arrangements have been made at the Maple Lanes bowling alley for the annual New Years fellowship. We have reserved time from 9:30 - 12:00 and then meet at church building for food and fellowship

MEMORIAL GIFT

A card of acknowledgement from Shults-Lewis Children's Home for a gift in memory of Flossie Harris.

WELCOME VISITORS

The holiday brought us a number of extra visitors our way. Those visiting last Sunday were: Jeff & Paula Herron, Garden City, Mi.; Dick & Fran Hostetler family, Williamstown, W.Va.; Matt & Susan Grate, Waterloo, In.; Danny & Lucille Frasure family, Ike & Mary Hochstetler, Harley Doty and Vada Powell, LaGrange. Also home from Michigan Christian College were: Sandra Adkins, Deb Duzan, Leslie Hoggatt and Bebbie Murphy.

SHULTS-LEWIS

Bro. Rick Shur stopped by Friday to pick up the commodities for the childrens home. He informed us that the response to this program has been going so well that he will be bringing a van the next time. Lets see if we can't have so many commodities that Rick will eventually need a truck! The food items for this quarter are: November - Fruit Juices, December - Cereal, January - Canned Meats. Mike Hall has volunteered to bring a barrel in from work that will be kept in the south foyer. Ladies it's up to you to pick up a few extra items as you shop each week for this worthy cause.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The Sycamore View congregation in Memphis, Tenn. is collecting funds for the earthquake victims in Italy. These funds will be forwarded to the Prato, Italy congregation and dispersed by the elders of the church there.

The latest casualty figures showed 2,915 people dead, 1,547 missing and 7,079 injured. There were 608 villages and towns destroyed and over 300,000 left homeless.

The Ron and Ruth (Wilson) Winfree family who are missionaries in Naples, escaped injury during the quakes. They called to say that some plaster fell from their apartment ceiling but that was all. We are thankful that they were spared any harm during this tragedy. Those wishing to contribute can give their money to Dean.

SINGING AT NURSING HOME

The first Sunday of each month is the scheduled singing at the area nursing homes. This is a good opportunity to share in song the message of God's saving grace with the residents of the homes. We will meet at Millers at 4:30 and then LaGrange at 5:10. Come and help us bring some happiness and hope into some of these people's lives.

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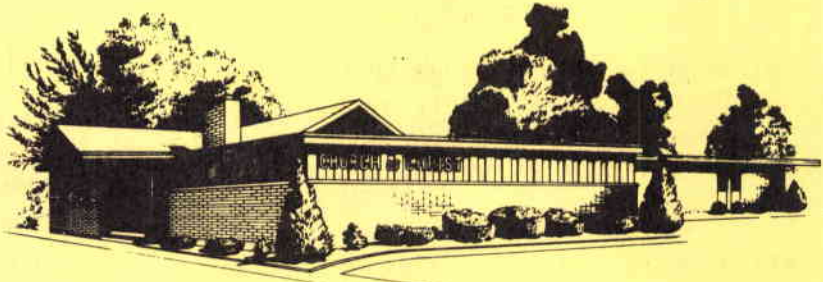
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BE SELFISH: HELP SOMEONE ELSE

"...and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."
-Acts 20:35

"Whenever I'm feeling down and out," says one woman, "I try to find someone who could use my help. I always feel better, and maybe I help them a little too."

It's one of the laws of nature that we can't help enriching our own lives when we seek to enrich the lives of others."

Paul says it this way in II Corinthians 1:3,4. "Blessed be God.... who comforteth us in all tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

Try it. Send a cheery note to someone in the hospital. Pay a shut-in a visit. Offer to read to someone with failing eyesight. Compliment someone on a job well done. Try it, and see how much better you feel. One man says that giving oneself away actually quickens the circulation and produces a healthy glow. He finds himself savoring life more when he's been able to help.

Through the ages poets and philosophers have expressed their view on the subject. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Happiness is a perfume which you can't pour on someone without getting some on yourself."

But you don't have to read the great writers to practice the principle. In fact, you don't have to read at all. "I have an extra hug," said a beloved three-year-old. "Would you like to have it?"

I accepted, and who's to say which of us benefited more?

-Walter Buchanan-

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, December 7, 1980

Bible Classes	150
Morning Worship	164
Evening Wroship	?
Contribution	\$1165.15

Wednesday Bible Study 12/3 84

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1	Fred Oakley	24
Bus #2	Devon Hostetler	14
Bus #3	Mike Hall	24
	Total Riders	62

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, December 14, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Joe Hughes	Joe Hughes
Helpers	Harold DePriest	Mike Hall
Helpers	Mike Hall	Keith Adkins
Scripture & Prayer	Gary Pieratt	Brian Hoggatt
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Joe Oakley	Stan Palmer
Nursery	Penny Oakley	

Wednesday, December 17

Songs	Fred Oakley	Invitation	Mike Hall
Prayer	Norm Herron	Closing Prayer	Dave Weaver

VISITORS

We are a friendly church who welcome your coming. Those visiting last Sunday: Mrs. Beulah Moor & Sue, Kendallville; Danny & Lucille Frasure, Mrs. Ruth Engle, LaGrange; and Jan McCullough, Wolcottville.

BAPTIZED

We rejoice with the obedience of Mrs. Vada Powell to her Lord in baptism Monday night, Dec. 8. Vada's address is: RR1, Box 510, LaGrange, In. 46761 Phone No. 463-3601.

COMMODITIES

The following letter was received from Shults-Lewis Children Home.

Dear Brethren:

I would like to thank you for your recent gift of commodities to Shults-Lewis. It is such a great blessing to see your gifts fill our pantry shelves. The approximate total of the commodities came to \$30.00.

Thank you again for your help in this very special way.

Rick Shur

Development Director

Also a big thanks to Mike Hall for getting the barrel where the commodities can be deposited. Remember the food item for this month is cereal. Lets get busy and fill up the barrel.

CONTRIBUTION

The church is to be commended for another good contribution. Many times after a special contribution the following week is way down and most of the ground that has been made up is lost once again. But such was not the case. We praise God for your continued liberality.

YOUTH RALLY

The time is fast approaching for our Winter Youth Rally. The young people will need help with housing.

A WORM IN AN APPLE

How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside. No, scientists have discovered that the worm comes from the inside. But how does he get in there? Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out. Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works out through the person's thoughts, words and actions. For this reason, David once wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

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A POINTED STORY

A friend told me a little story about her father who did a lot of swearing. When something went wrong, he would take off, walking and swearing. One day something went wrong and he started down the path toward the barn, walking and swearing. Soon he heard a voice behind him, he looked around and saw his 4 year old daughter following him, stretching her little legs out so she could step in her father's footprints, and repeating word for word what he was saying. He stooped down and picked her up, and loved her. He decided that if that was what he was doing to his little girl, he would stop swearing. He did!

CLEAN-UP TV UPDATE

Good response has been forthcoming across the nation to our efforts to improve the quality of TV programming. The boycott of products of General Foods and American Home Products has been well observed.

Because of product confusion, and some ownership change, you are asked to delete from the boycott list the following: Gostess Products, Vivianne Woodward Cosmetics, and Burpee Seeds. Hostess Snacks and Chips are General Food Products, but being confused with Hostess Cakes, which are unfairly penalized. Vivianne Woodward and Burpee Seeds have undergone ownership change and are no longer affiliated with General Foods.

In fairness to all and to avoid confusion, delete these three from the boycott list.

AREA SINGING

The Goshen church of Christ is hosting the monthly areawide singing Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. The building is 1 1/2 miles north of Goshen on Highway 15.

AREA ROLLER SKATING

The monthly area skating party in Elkhart have been discontinued due to poor attendance. There is a skating party in Ft. Wayne for area Christians and if enough are interested the bus will be driven there.

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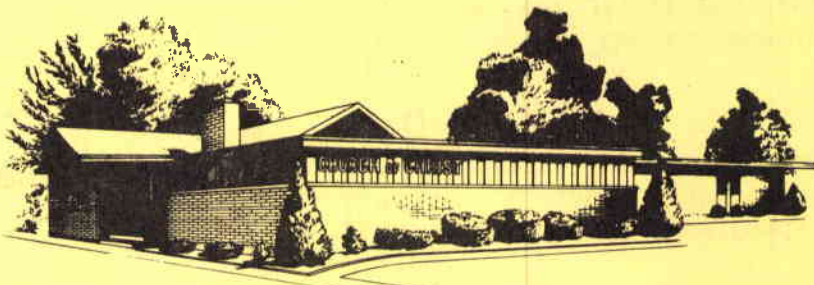
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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas, according to its derivation, means Christ-mass, a mass celebrated in honor of the birthday of Christ. We as New Testament Christians do not observe it as a religious festival. In the first place, no one knows when Jesus was born, and secondly, if He wanted us to observe it, He would have told us. The Bible warns against observing days, and months, and times, and years. Gal. 4:10. "Faith comes by hearing God's word" Rom. 10:17. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Rom. 14:23.

The Schaff Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge has this to say, "The supposed anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ occurs on December 25th. No sufficient date, however exists for the determination of the month or day of the event." It also says, "There is no historical evidence that our Lord's birthday was celebrated during the apostolic or early post-apostolic time." "Vo. 3, pp 48, 49.

We must learn to be discriminating. This is a season of peace, joy, good will and love. We can enter into the spirit of the season without making it a birthday celebration. Indeed that should not be hard for a Christian to do. Joy and good will, loving service to others is the normal attitude of a true disciple 365 days in the year.

The most practical question growing out of the season is not that Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, but whether or not He has been born in our hearts. Just as Mary and Joseph stood without the Bethlehem Inn asking for a place to abide, Jesus stands outside the door of human hearts saying, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me." Rev. 3:20. When Christ comes into your life, each day will be filled with peace, joy, good will, and loving service. That is the way the Lord intended it to be.

---W.D. McPherson
Conyers, Georgia

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, December 14, 1980
 Bible Classes 130
 Morning Worship 153
 Evening Worship 84
 Contribution \$953.00

Wednesday Bible Study 12/10 91

Thursday "Keenagers" 12/11 47

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1	Fred Oakley	19
Bus #2	Devon Hostetler	16
Bus #3	Mike Hall	20
	Total Riders	55

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, December 21, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Dean Hoggatt	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Perry Miller	Perry Miller
Helpers	James Pieratt	Gil Hanson
Helpers	Brian Leslie	Dale Doris
Scripture & Prayer	Fred Oakley	Keith Adkins
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Joe Hughes	Joe Oakley
Nursery	Mary Ann Johnston	

Wednesday, December 24

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Invitation	Fred Oakley
Prayer	Gary Pieratt	Closing Prayer	Devon Hostetler

OUR VISITORS

We appreciate those who visited and worshiped with us this past Sunday: Gary and Sharon Samford, Sturgis, Mi.; Paul McDonald, White Pigeon, Mi.; Cindy Glick, Eric & Angie, Mongo; Beulah Morr & Sue, Kendallville, Danny & Lucille Frasure, Harold & Kay Eller family, Ruth Engle, LaGrange.

OUR SICK

Sister Ellen Hostetler was in LaGrange Hospital several days for surgery to have a pin removed from her ankle.

We received word that little Kristy Morgan, the daughter of Dale and Connie is in the Childrens Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, with a brain tumor. Kristy was to undergo surgery Monday morning and be in intensive care for 3-4 days. We plan to send them financial help. Individual members desiring to contribute, please see Devon. Lets keep the Morgan family in our prayers.

TRAY FAVORS

Another forty tray favors which also can be used as refrigerator magnets were made and delivered to the hospital. Those who participated this week were: Lisa Oakley, Amy Bowen and Heidi Herron; adult helpers: Jean Bowen, Jan DePriest and Marilyn Herron. All girls in the third grade and over are welcome to help each Friday after school from 3:30 - 5:00. Take bus #19 to the church building. Parents can pick up the girls by 5:00 pm. Thanks girls!

OUR THANKS

There is always a lot of volunteer work being done around the building. We would like to thank Penny Oakley for cleaning the south end restrooms, Sharon Pieratt for typing and Devon Hostetler for working on the gas pump.

RESPONSES

Mary Campbell came forward at the evening service for prayers. She stated, "I want to confess I have several weaknesses. My main one is, I say things that I shouldn't sometimes. I want to overcome this and ask for prayers of the church."

Sharon Simpson also came for prayers. She requested, "I ask for strength and prayers to be a better example to those at work and in my family, both mine and Wes's."

BEST WISHES

We would like to express to all the members of the church and our many friends our best wishes for the Holiday Seasons.

We love and appreciate each one of you. We are thankful for the past eight years of service together. God bless you all.

The Herrons

SEATING IN AUDITORIUM

We would like to ask that all who can (and especially the young people) to sit towards the front of the auditorium. There is all too much talking and commotion going on and many are distracted during the worship service. Some recent visitors remarked about the excessive noise in the auditorium.

OFFICE NEEDS

With the erection of the wall in classroom #10, Norm's "corner" has taken on the appearance of an office. This has pointed up the need of some much needed equipment. We desperately need an electric typewriter (preferably IBM Selectric) for the typing of the bulletin. We would appreciate any leads on a good used one. We also could use some filing cabinets and an electric heater.

FUNDS FOR ITALY

In response to the appeal for funds for the Italy disaster. \$64.00 was collected and sent to the East Allen church for forwarding to Italy.

FELLOWSHIP

Due to the New Years' Eve fellowship on Wednesday, December 31, it was decided to forego having our fellowship on the fourth Sunday evening.

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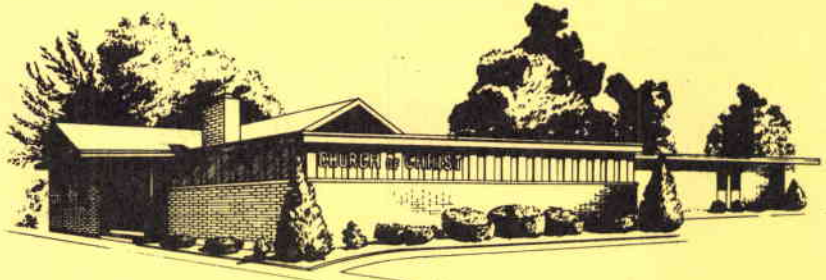
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ABOUT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions are like babies crying in church. They must be carried out to be good.

And the weakness of most New Year's resolutions is that they're allowed simply to go in one year and out the other.

But here is a good recipe for a Happy New Year:

Take twelve whole months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut up each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work. Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity and kindness. Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed. Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness. You're bound to have a Happy New Year.

"For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."
 James 4:15

We can't hold back the clock



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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, December 21, 1980

Bible Classes	154
Morning Worship	168
Evening Worship	111
Contribution	\$941.32

Wednesday Bible Study 12/17 76

Thursday "Keenagers" 49

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1	Fred Oakley	15
Bus #2	Devon Hostetler	12
Bus #3	Mike Hall	18
	Total Riders	45

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, December 28, 1980

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Dean Hoggatt	Dean Hoggatt
Helpers	Mark Craig	Jerry Palmer
Helpers	Mike Hall	Phil Hostetler
Scripture & Prayer	Jim Lee	Darrell Moates
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Perry Miller	Dave Weaver
Nursery	Kathy Sowles	

Wednesday, December 31

Songs	Bob Sowles	Invitation	Joe Hughes
Prayer	James Pieratt	Closing Prayer	Phil Hostetler

RESPONSE

Austin & Patti Copeland came forward for prayers and restoration. They stated, "We've had much sickness in our home this year with Opal and have neglected coming to church. We want to do better in the new year ahead. We would like to have your prayers and guidance. Lets keep the Copelands in our prayers."

MEN'S MEETING

A very important Men's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 29, at 7:00pm. The proposed budget for the new year will be reviewed and discussed. Also the work assignments for the coming year will be presented along with a list of job responsibilities and goals. We urge all who can to be present.

NEWS OF THE MORGANS

We learned from an aunt of Connie Morgan, that Kristi had her surgery Monday morning. The doctors found a cyst instead of a tumor which they removed successfully. Little Kristi was to be in intensive care for several days. The church, along with several individuals gifts, sent some financial assistance to help the Morgans.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

A full night of activities and fellowship has been scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 31. After our regular mid-week Bible Study, we will enjoy an hour of fellowship. Then on to the bowling alley where we have it reserved for ourselves from 9:30 - 12:00. Following this, those who are still able will return to the building for a period of singing and more fellowship.

FRIDAY, JAN. 2

Another ping pong tournery has been scheduled at Fred Oakley's on Friday, Jan. 2 at 7:00 pm. All men are invited for this rematch.

VISITORS

We were blest with a good number of visitors for Bible School and worship this past Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Luther Umphenour, Ottawa, Ka. (Parents of Janet DePriest); Marcella Ritchie, Pueblo, Co. (sister Hazel Miller); Max Litke, Louisville, Ky.; Dick & Fran Hostetler family, Williamstown, W.Va.; Michail Powers, Mt. Pleasant, Mi.; Beulah Morr, Sue, Terry, Glen & Paul, Kendallville; Cindy Glick, Mongo; Gene Mack, Danny & Lucille Frasure, and Harley Doty, LaGrange.

Also home from college for the holidays Sandra Adkins, Deb Duzan, Leslie Hoggatt, and Debby Murphy, MCC; Terry & Cherry Hostetler and Jim North, Harding.

CONDOLENCE

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Kathy Sowles grandfather, Jim Carpenter, in Grant, Mi. this past week. The funeral will be Wednesday.

ROLLER SKATING

The area churches will host a roller skating party at North Rollerdom in Ft. Wayne on Monday, Dec. 29. Several cars will be leaving from the church building at 5:30 pm. Those interested see Missy Herron.

NO TIME

I knelt to pray, but not for long.
I had too much to do.
Must hurry off and get to work.
For bills would soon be due.

And so I said a hurried prayer
Jumped up from off my knees.
My christian duty now was done,
My soul could be at ease.

All through the day I had no time
To speak a word of cheer.
No time to speak of Christ to friends,
They's laugh at me, I feared.

No time, No time, too much to do.
That was my constant cry.
No time to give to those in need-
At last twas time to die.

And when before the Lord I came,
I stood with down cast eyes.
Within his hands He held a book,
It was the book of life.

God looked into His Book and said
"Your name I cannot find.
I once was going to write it down,
But never found the time."

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