

# LaGrange

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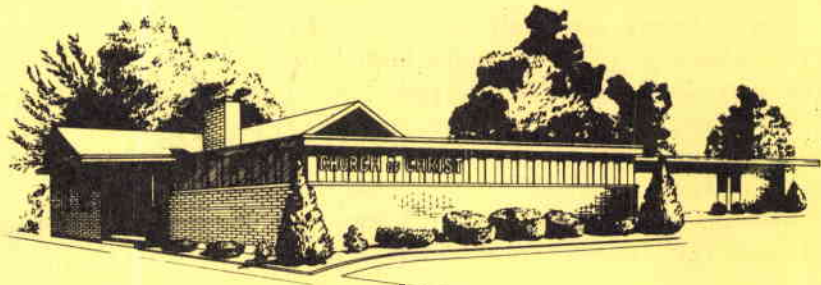
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### TEN RULES FOR IMPROVING ATTITUDES WITH THE CHURCH

"that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another" I Cor. 12:25

1. Tell yourself over and over that since you are not perfect, You would not fit into a perfect congregation if one existed.
2. Instead of picking out the worldly members to point to, pick out the sincere, dedicated, spiritual members and thank God for them. You will find what you seek.
3. If you are old, treat the young with consideration you desired as a young person. If you are young, treat adults with the respect you will want when you are mature.
4. When you are tempted to criticize others be sure to pray earnestly for them first. This may not change them, but it will do wonders for your attitude.
5. When you see a work neglected, instead of being critical, offer to help.
6. Never, Never, blame others for your own failures....every individual can be faithful to God in spite of the bad examples and discouraging attitudes of others if he is determined to be.
7. Remind yourself every day that the only way you can improve the world or the church is to begin with self.
8. Consciously look for the good qualities in every brother and sister in Christ. When you think of a brother or sister, make a mental note of the good points each possesses.
9. Constantly strive to increase your circle of associates in the church. Try to do something good for each.
10. Every church has problems. Constantly ask yourself, "Am I a part of the problem or am I a part of the solution?" "Am I trying to be merely a critical spectator?"

—Church of Christ  
Vista, California

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, December 28, 1980

Bible Classes	147
Morning Worship	169
Evening Worship	124
Contribution	\$676.70

Wednesday Bible Study 12/24 89

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1	Fred Oakley	20
Bus #2	Devon Hostetler	14
Bus #3	Mike Hall	19
Total Riders		53

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, January 4, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Bob Sowles	Bob Sowles
Helpers	Joey Oakley Jr.	Brian Hoggatt
Helpers	Keith Adkins	Fred Oakley
Scripture & Prayer	Joe Oakley	Gary Pieratt
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Stan Palmer	Perry Miller
Nursery	Jean Bowen	

Wednesday, January 7

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Invitation	Mike Hall
Prayer	Joe Hughes	Closing Prayer	Dave Weaver

AND THE LORD WAS ADDING TO THEIR NUMBER

There were fourteen precious souls baptized into Christ during 1980.

1.	Charles Phillips	1-15
2.	Kathy Blankenship	1-23
3.	Debbie Murphy	1-26
4.	Becky Moore	2-4
5.	Blanche Dauberman	3-20
6.	Nancy Hart	4-15
7.	Ida Fisher	4-15
8.	Guy Bishop	4-15
9.	Jerry Palmer	8-22
10.	Harold DePriest	8-26
11.	Norma Miller	10-23
12.	Enos Miller	10-23
13.	Elaine Moser	11-23
14.	Vada Powell	12-8

SINGING

One of our "outreach" into the community is the monthly singing at the area nursing homes. All who can are encouraged to meet Sunday, 4:30 at Millers and then onto LaGrange at 5:10. The residents in these homes are always thankful for coming and sharing with them in song and visits.

YOUTH RALLY - Jan. 24 - 25

The 5th annual Youth Rally is rapidly approaching. Eddie McGuigan, Neil Parsons, and Kent Hoggatt will be speaking to our area-wide youth and entertainment by MCC's "Brighter Days".

Following the Sunday morning service the teens are invited to a pot luck dinner in the fellowship room. Our young people are asking the members for assistance in housing their guests. If you can help contact Brian Hoggatt or Jerry Palmer. They need to know by this week, how many you can keep and what gender you prefer.

OUR THANKS

A big thanks to Mike Hall and Joe Hughes who used some of their vacation to install the trim around the building.

OUR VISITORS

We appreciate all who visited and worshipped with us last Sunday. Those visiting were: Marilyn Bolinger & Eric, Dallas, Tex.; Sally Meade & Sarina, Abilene, Tex.; Mr. & Mrs. Luther Umphenour, Ottawa, Ka.; Carl & Jessie Pieratt, Canton, Mo.; Jamie & Sue McAlpin family, Dayton, Oh.; Mike Powers, Mt. Pleasant, Mi.; Sue, Terri & Paul Morr, Kendallville; Mike & Sheryl Courtney family, Danny and Lucille Frasure family, Ruth Engle, Melvin and Mary Rocky, LaGrange.

Fill a place - not just a space!

IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,  
 Because He was not treated fair in things  
 He didn't like,  
 If only once He'd given up and said, "That is it. I'm through!"  
 "I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do.  
 "I'll give my order to the sun-cut off the heat supply!  
 "And to the moon-give no more light, and run the oceans dry.  
 "Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on,  
 "Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"  
 You know He would be justified, if fairness was the game,  
 For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain  
 Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me  
 With all the favors of His grace, and everything for free.  
 Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,  
 But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe,  
 We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like:  
 But what a mess we'd all be in, if God should go on strike.

Anonymous

NEW MAILING LIST

We are glad to send our bulletin to those desiring to receive it. We would like to update our mailing list. If you wish to continue receiving the LaGrange Bulletin, please return the bottom portion with your mailing address from the outside. All LaGrange members will automatically be placed on the mailing list.

PLEASE CHECK

- \_\_\_\_\_ Change of address  
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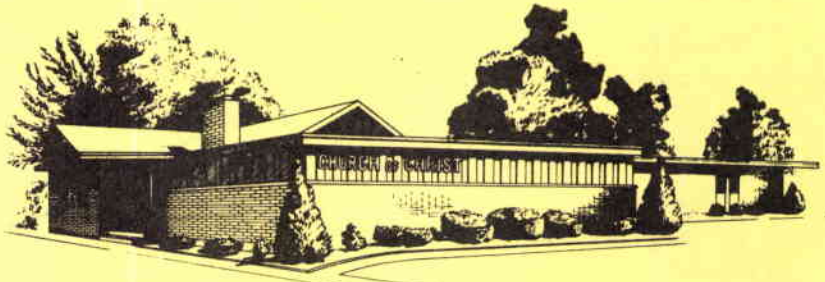
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### "I'VE BEEN THERE!"

"If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14)

For years men argued about the possibility of a New World towards the West. Some believed there was one. Others, equally knowledgable, called them fools. Around crude tables sat smart men, arguing endlessly.

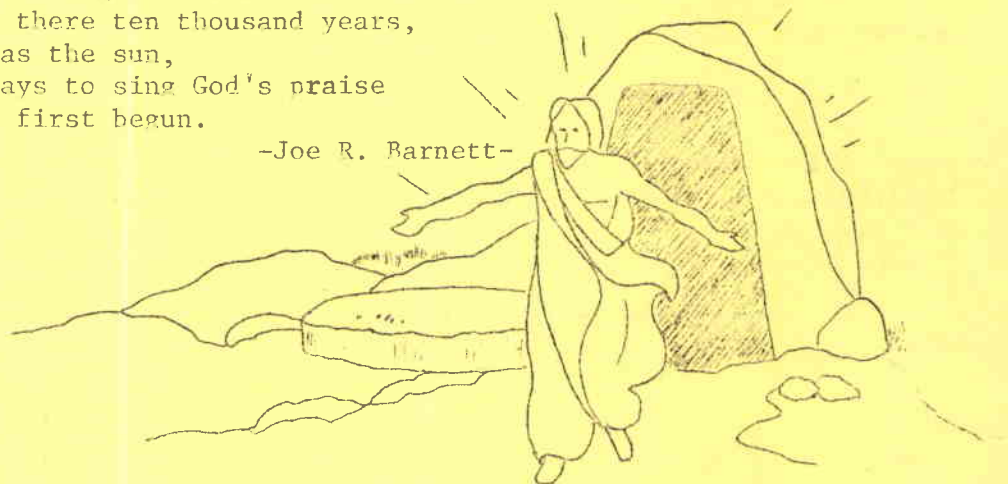
Then, one day the matter was forever settled. Not because the theories, speculations and arguments of one group overshadowed those of the other. But because Columbus sailed out towards the sunset. He came back saying, "There's a New World out yonder." And he had the clinching argument: "I've been there."

It's the resurrection of Jesus that converts promise into assurance, hope into fact. "I died," he said, "and behold I am alive for evermore" (Rev. 1:18). And he said, "because I live, you will live also" (Jn. 14:19). It was not a solitary experience-it is something which will happen to us all. He is "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor. 15:20).

Yes, Job, man shall live again! Forever!

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

-Joe R. Barnett-



FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, January 4, 1981	
Bible Classes	126
Morning Worship	157
Evening Worship	75
Contribution	\$768.29

Wednesday, Bible Study 12/31 ?

Thursday "Keenagers" 1/1 27

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	13
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	8
Bus #3 Mike Hall	18
Total Riders	39

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, January 11, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Jim Pieratt	Jim Pieratt
Helpers	Jim Lee	Dale Doris
Helpers	Mark Craig	Keith Adkins
Scripture & Prayer	Darrell Moates	Brian Hoggatt
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Jim Lee	Fred Oakley
Nursery	Midge Hughes	

Wednesday, January 14

Songs	Gary Pieratt	Invitation	Joe Oakley
Prayer	Phil Hostetler	Closing Prayer	Dean Hoggatt

OUR VISITORS

In spite of a record low temperature, we had a number of visitors last Sunday. Those who visited were: Jeff & Paula Herron, Garden City, Mi.; Paul McDonald, White Pigeon, Mi.; Mary Williamson & Kim, Howe; Beulah Morr, & Terri, Sue & Paul, Kendallville, Mike & Sherry Courtney, Danny & Lucille Frasure, LaGrange.

BUSINESS MEETING

There were 15 men and young men at the men's business meeting Monday, Dec. 29. The meeting was divided into two parts. The first half was spent in formulating a proposed budget for 1981. The second half was used to review the work assignment for the coming year. Much was accomplished during the meeting and we only wish that more could have been there.

BUS WORKERS MEETING

An important meeting of all past and present bus workers is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 11 at 5:00 p.m. Several aspects of the bus program will be discussed and reviewed. This meeting will have a great effect on the future direction of the bus ministry. Don't miss it!

ANNUAL REPORT MEETING

The first Sunday in February has been selected for the annual report meeting. We will meet at the regular time (6:00p.m.) for service, but the time will be spent in reviewing the past year's work and presenting the new program for 1981. Immediately following the service, we will get together for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

WHAT KIND OF BONE  
ARE YOU GOING TO PICK FOR 1981?

"Someone said the membership of every organization is made up of 4 kinds of bones: There are wish bones, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work.

There are the jaw bones, who do all the talking but very little else:

Next are the knuckle bones, who knock everything that every body else tries to do:

Finally there are the back bones, who get under the load and do the work.

What kind of bone are you?"

The Searcher

OUR SICK

Sister Mary Anne Wade strained her back while shoveling snow and had to be admitted to LaGrange hospital for treatment.

Little Opel Copeland is sick with a case of bronchitis. Also Patti Hughes had a bad cold.

BACK TO SCHOOL

It is always good to have our young people at college home for the holidays. The young people took advantage of this time to get together for several times of fun, recreation, and fellowship. There is always a note of sadness when they begin to return back to school. Those who had to return early were Jim North, Harding; Steve & Kim Herron, Oklahoma, and Leslie Hoggatt, Michigan (Dean and Thelma are driving Leslie and their grandson, Ryan, back to Michigan Wed. and will return Thursday). Others who will be going back this Sunday are: Sandy Adkins, Deb Duzan, and Debbie Murphy at MCC; and Terry & Cherry Hostetler left Monday for Harding. We pray that they all may return to school safely.

SHULTS - LEWIS

The commodity assignment for January is canned meats. We still have some to go to fill our barrel. Lets remember to pick up an extra item for the children's home while shopping this week.

NOTE

Don'- forget to let us know if you wish to continue receiving our bulletin.

-The CHURCH is not a select circle for the elite, but a spiritual center for the elect.

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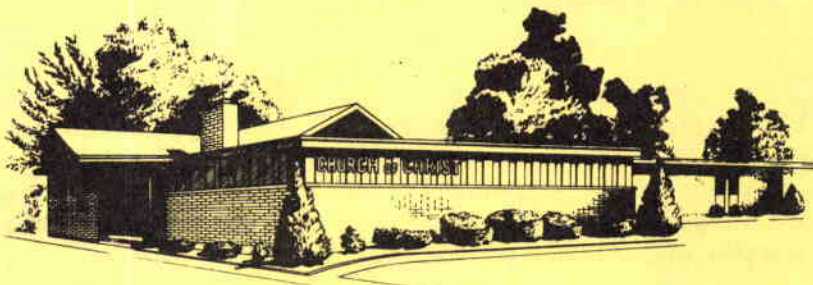
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### A RENEWED LIFE

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

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

---James LaFam---

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, January 11, 1981  
 Bible Classes 152  
 Morning Worship 171  
 Evening Worship 103  
 Contribution \$1192.00

Wednesday Bible Study 1/7/81 79  
 Thursday "Keenagers" 1/8 34

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley 24  
 Bus #2 Devon Hostetler 14  
 Bus #3 Mike Hall 28  
 Total Riders 66

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, January 18, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Dean Hoggett	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Stan Palmer	Stan Palmer
Helpers	Brian Leslie	Mike Hall
Helpers	Gil Hanson	Jerry Palmer
Scripture & Prayer	Phil Hostetler	Gary Pieratt
Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Fred Oakley	Bob Sowles
Nursery	Diane Martin	

Wednesday, January 21

Songs	Fred Oakley	Invitation	Norm Herron
Prayer	Joe Hughes	Closing Prayer	Devon Hostetler

VISITORS

Those visiting with us for worship were: Chris Deisler, Corrunna, In.; Sue and Paul Morr, Kendallville; Gale & Marsha Mapes, Mike & Sherry Courtney, Danny and Lucille Frasure, LaGrange; Mary Williamson, Kim & Kelly, Howe; Jan McCullough Wolcottville, Eulah Hall, Mongo; and Paul McDonald, White Pigeon, Mi.

NOTE OF THANKS

The Dale Morgan family sent a card to thank the church for the prayers and financial help during their daughters illness. They said that Kristi was doing fine and the biggest problem was keeping her "down" while she is recuperating from the operation.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Alma Dorris, teacher for the three year olds, shares the following results from a test. The test covered the first six lessons and had 14 questions. The scores were: Ann Leslie 100%, David Hall 100%, Kim Sowles 100%, Billy Loveall 100%, Becky 100%, and Mike Pastor 98%. Alma was very proud of her kids for doing so well!

YOUTH RALLY

There is still an urgent need for more volunteer housing for those young people who will be spending the night. Our young people have gone to a great deal of bother to make this rally one of the finest ever. Lets all help support them in this effort. We also are asking that everyone bring a little extra food for the pot luck on Sunday to help feed our guests.

SICK

We are glad to report that sister Mary Anne Wade was discharged from the hospital last Thursday. It was good to see her at church Sunday.

Several of our number our sick. Brian Leslie has a case of flu. Diane Hostetler

WOULD YOU STARVE YOUR CHILD

Would you have the heart to put your children to bed on Saturday night knowing they had not a bite to eat all day because of your negligence? You know you wouldn't!

Then think of putting them to bed on Sunday night and looking into innocent faces, knowing that their souls are starving from having missed church services because of your neglect. They are innocent victims of the one who loves them the most!

The effects of our neglect may be written across their lives in later years in terms of sin, unfaithfulness, and unbelief. Parents, do not let this happen to you and your children.

Sick Cont'd

was home with a bad cold. Sister Blanche Dauberman's husband, Willard, was admitted to Kendallville hospital on Monday.

CLEAN UP TV

During the last few weeks interest in the clean up TV campaign has literally exploded. The various news media are finally taking the movement serious. A lengthy article was carried in Time, weekly magazine. Some stores have even removed the boycotted products from their shelves or refuse to restock them once they are sold. So far, the boycott hasn't affected the sales at General Foods or American Home Products, but once they realize that we are determined to work for better TV and as the movement spreads, they will reconsider their present policy.

ANNUAL REPORT

A great deal of planning and preparation is going into the Annual Report Meeting Sunday, Feb. 1 at 6:00pm. This will take place of our regular evening service. The new budget for 1981 will be presented along with the work assignments for the coming year. You will be excited and challenged by the programs for this year's work. It's important that every member be in attendance.

MAILING LIST UPDATE

We are trying to revise and update our mailing list. If you haven't done so as yet, please return the below portion with your mailing address label from the other side. All LaGrange members will automatically receive the bulletin.

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- Change of address
- Please take my name off your list.
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*Chicken  
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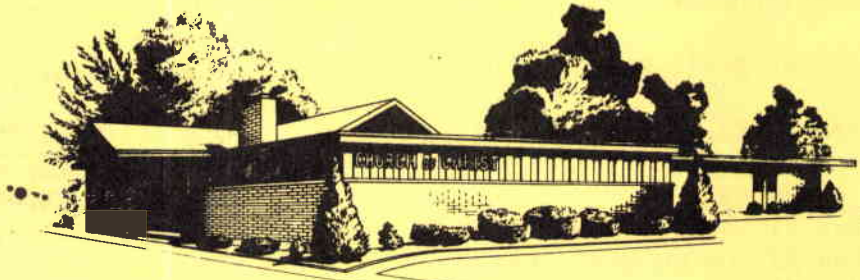
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### A REAL "SNOW-JOB"

It was 7:00 A.M. As it did habitually, the alarm sounded, calling Sue and John from their peaceful slumber. With customary stumbling John wove his way to the window to peek through and assess what kind of day it was - for after all, weather is a determinate factor.

"Why, it snowed!" he shouted.

"Then go back to bed - there's probably a sheet of ice under it; everything will be locked in today," said Sue as she rolled over for that longer snooze.

But she was to be surprised!

"That's just the way with you women - you think a little snow and ice ought to stop the wheels of progress - we've got to have a tough generation or we'll amount to nothing!" John snorted.

"But, Honey, I-"

"Don't but me! That paper better be out in front when I go get it. That's why I pay the paper boy that profit of 5¢ a week for anyhow. He's got to learn to go - heat or snow, makes a man out of him."

"But John, all I said was --"

"Listen, Sue, that office better be ready for me when I get there. It's part of the custodian's job. And if that policeman isn't on his corner, I'm going to call the Mayor - it's my tax money he's wasting. Tell you what else too - that waitress better be in the coffee shop ready to serve me or I'll take my 47 cents breakfast somewhere else. We can't stop the routine of living just because it snowed. America's got to learn character."

"But, John - you don't go to the office; it's Sunday!"

After an embarrassing silence, softly heard - "Move over, Sue, only an idiot would be out on a day like this!"

Pleasant dreams, Christian. I love the way you build character and place the emphasis. You're great!

- Jim Bill McInteer

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, January 18, 1981

Bible Classes	127
Morning Worship	138
Evening Worship	74
Contribution	\$947.06

Wednesday Bible Study 1/14 77

Thursday "Keenagers" 37

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	32
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	8
Bus #3 Mike Hall	18
Total Riders	58

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, January 25, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Jim Lee	Jim Lee
Helpers	Jim Pieratt Harold DePriest	Harold DePriest
Helpers	Clayton Langston Darrel Moates	Darrel Moates
Scripture & Prayer	Stan Palmer	Stan Palmer
Lesson	Eddie McGuiggan	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Phil Hostetler	Dave Weaver
Nursery	Sharon Simpson	

POT-LUCK

Each family who plans to stay for the pot-luck are asked to bring a main dish of chicken or meatloaf plus a side dish (bring enough to feed your family plus another family). The young people who came for the Youth Rally will be our guests for this occasion.

SKATING PARTY

The area wide skating party will be held at the Ft. Wayne Rollerdom, Monday, January 26 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Those wishing to go should be at the building by 5:15.

FIGHT TRUTH DACAY! WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

VISITORS

We appreciate having you with us in our worship unto God. Those visiting last Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. John Ray & Mary, Bellevue, Mi.; Paul McDonald, White Pigeon, Mi.; Sue Morr, Kendallville, Danny Frasure and Harley Doty, LaGrange.

SICK

Opal Copeland (daughter of Patty & Austin) spent 3 days at LaGrange Hospital with high fever last week, but is home now.

Willard Dauberman (husband of Blanche) is home after spending 5 days at Kendallville Hospital. He was treated for swelling in his left leg and congestion.

Connie, Dave & little Phillip Weaver were all ill last weekend.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Mike Hall & Norma Miller whos cousin Janet Barfell passed away from cancer.

Brenda & Jason Knight whos paternal grandfather passed away after a years illness.

Gary & Ruby Hollowell who s brother-in-law and niece were lost in a fire. This was also an uncle and cousin to the Smith girls.

ANNUAL REPORT MEETING - FEB. 1

Some very exciting new plans along with some significant changes in existing programs will be presented at the Annual Report Meeting. These changes are designed to promote a greater unity in the body of Christ and to challenge us to a greater vision for evangelizing our community. An interesting program of speakers has been arranged to report on the various aspects of the work for '81. Every faithful member should plan to attend this meeting. The report will take the place of our regular worship service at 6:00 p.m. Following the report, we will meet together for more fellowship and some light refreshments.

VACATIONING

Hazel & Perry Miller are on a two week cruise to the Bahamas. They request our prayers for their safety.

YOUTH RALLY PROGRAM

THEME: "His Love Is..."

Saturday, Jan. 24, 1981

1:00 - 2:00	Registration
2:00 - 2:30	Singing
2:30 - 3:00	Mixer Games
3:00 - 4:00	Speaker: Neil Parsons, Muncie, In.
4:00 - 4:30	Singing
4:30 - 5:00	Supper
5:30 - 6:30	"Brighter Days" from MCC, Rochester, Mi.
6:30 - 7:30	Speaker: Eddie McGuiggan, West Lafayette, Ohio
7:30 - 8:00	Singing & Close

Sunday, Jan. 25

9:30 - 10:30	Bible Class: Neil Parson
10:30 - 11:30	Worship: Eddie McGuiggan
12:30 - 1:30	Pot-luck

TRAY FAVORS

All girls 3rd grade and up are invited to make tray favors. We meet every Friday after school at the Herrons. Take bus 19 from Parkside, Bus 24 from Jr. High, and Lakeland. You may pick up your girls at 5:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

Grandma & Grandpa Hoggatt did it again!! A son was born to Kathy & Kenny Long on Monday Jan. 19, 1981. They named him Keith Duane, he weighed 6lbs. 15oz. May God bless Kathy & Kenny as they raise their new son.

WHEN A CHURCH MEMBER RESTS, HE RUSTS. IS THERE ANY DUST ON YOUR BIBLE?



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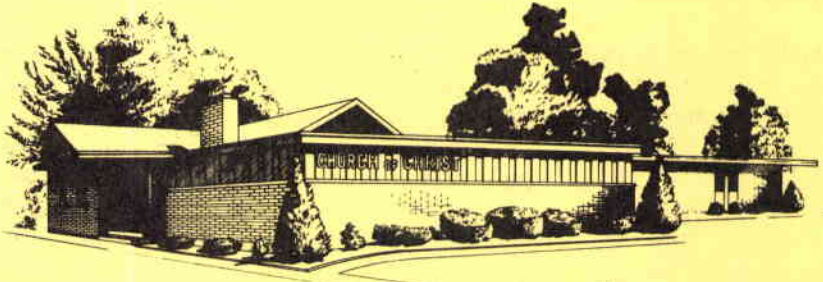
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### FIRST THINGS FIRST

*"But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:33)*

Recently a learned man made the following statement. "We worship our work; we work at our play; we play at our worship." We believe this is a fair appraisal of folk in our time. Too often that which is first is, alas, last!

**WE WORSHIP OUR WORK.** The workaholic syndrome is finally becoming recognized for the curse that it is. Responsibilities to family and our Lord's church and its works are being neglected by men and women whose careers have become the most important thing in their lives. When one's job demands excess time and energy so that God and family suffer neglect then one becomes guilty of sin! He has made his work his god.

**WE WORK AT OUR PLAY.** Adult recreation is big business. Not only do we fish, golf, jog, ski, and play tennis, but each of these activities requires its own special uniform and equipment. This generation is so hooked on recreational activities that they are demanding the church build gymnasiums (family centers so called) and provide athletic and recreational programs in order to hold them in a church relationship. We now have church of Christ ball teams and bowling leagues "to keep our folk interested in the church." More actual work is expended in our "church play" than in preaching the gospel to the lost in many instances.

**WE PLAY AT OUR WORSHIP.** Yea, we are dabblers in the religion of Christ. We want our worship in small doses. The attitude of "just enough to satisfy the minimum requirements of the Scriptures" is more widespread than many realize. One hour, once per week, is the worship program of the majority of those who claim to be New Testament Christians. Our Lord demands that we give Him the first and the best of our time, efforts, and substance. He will accept no less. When one gives less his worship is vain! Only when we offer all that we are and possess will He accept our worship and reward our service!

IN THE COMING YEAR let us all resolve to put God and His Kingdom first!

-W.R. Craig

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, February 1, 1981

Bible Classes	113
Morning Worship	121
Evening Worship	66
Contribution	\$687.20

Wednesday Bible Study 1/28 68

Thursday "Keenagers" 1/29 43

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	23
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	8
Bus #3 Mike Hall	13
Total Riders	44

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday February 8, 1981

Songs	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Joe Oakley
Helpers	Keith Adkins Jerry Palmer
Helpers	Harold DePriest Joe Hughes
Scripture & Prayer	Fred Oakley
Lesson	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Jim Lee
Nursery	Marcia Palmer

Wednesday, February 11

Songs	Gary Pieratt	Prayer	Dean Hoggatt
Invitation	Mike Hall	Closing Prayer	Brian Hoggatt

EVOLUTION

"Maybe people did ascend from animal because some of the church members are stubborn as MULES about church work, sly as a FOX in their business deals, busy as BEES spreading the latest gossip, quiet as a MOUSE in spreading the gospel. They have eyes like a HAWK to see faults in others, and mean as a SNAKE when they don't get their way. They are as eager as a BEAVER when parties are planned, but lazy as a DOG about prayer meeting. They are as noisy as CROWS between worship and Bible study, but slow as a SNAIL in the church visitation program. Some are NIGHT OWLS on Saturday nights and BEDBUGS on Sunday morning. Some are as slippery as EELS on Sunday afternoon, and scarce as HEN'S TEETH on Sunday Night.

-Bill Rose  
Midland, Mi.

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and the flowers given during my recent stay in the LaGrange Hospital. The flowers were lavender asters and yellow mums - so pretty I brought them home and also enjoyed them here.

Sincerely,  
Mary Anne Wade

RESPONSE

Bro. Fred Oakley came Sunday night to ask for the prayers of the church. He stated: I would like the prayers of the church to help me fulfill the task which is set before me. It is one of the most important tasks of the church and that is the heading up the personal work program.

We are thankful to have such conscientious and dedicated workers as Fred,

FIRE RELIEF Three boxes of kitchen utensils were given to the Emerick family.

ANNUAL REPORT MEETING

Due to a winter storm and a large amount of sickness in the congregation, it was decided to postpone the Annual Report Meeting one week to Sunday, Feb. 8. This is a very important meeting and one that every member should desire to attend. Several of the men will be sharing with us the plans and programs for the year. After the meeting, there will be a period of food and fellowship.

VISITORS

We extend a warm welcome and friendly greeting to all who visit. Those visiting last Sunday were: Sue & Paul Morr, Kendallville; Lucille Frasure & Sherry, LaGrange.

Evening

ANNUAL

REPORT

MEETING

CLEAN UP TV CAMPAIGN

"Thanks to your efforts, interest in the "Clean Up TV Campaign is now literally EXPLODING! These are the opening words of a recent newsletter from the Joelton Church of Christ. They go on to say, "Reports are coming in from all over the nation that the boycott is working and interest from the news media as well as from the general public is growing daily.

In addition to the policy changes by Warner-Lambert, Inc., over twenty major corporations have also written us stating their intentions to carefully monitor all future programs on which their ads appear.

In view of these significant developments, it's important that we don't let up in the campaign. The Joelton church has asked for help so that additional ads can be placed in national magazines. The elders have committed \$100.00 toward this and other projects to further the campaign.

COMMODITIES

The Shults-Lewis Childrens home has issued the commodity assignments for the next 3 months.

They are as follows:

February	Pork-n-Beans
March	Tomatoes
April	Cereal

For those who desire, a check or money order may be sent in place of the commodities.

ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

We received a letter of acknowledgment for our contribution for the victims of the earthquake in Italy. It was reported that over 400 congregations in U.S. gave a total of \$134,489.27.

The elders of the church in Prato, Italy have the oversight in distributing these funds. It was also reported that as best they could tell, no Christians lost their life in this tragedy.

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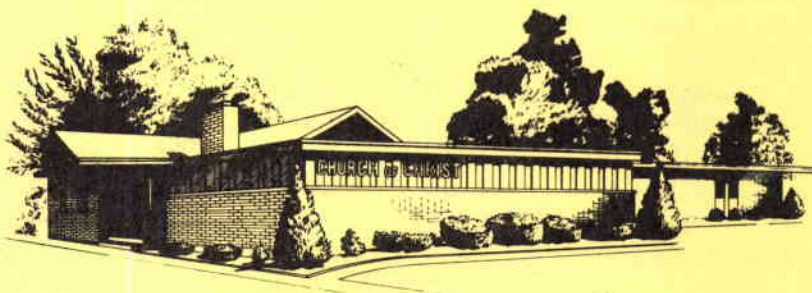
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### The Differences Between A WINNER AND A LOSER

When a winner makes a mistake, he says,  
"I was wrong";

When a loser makes a mistake, he says,  
"It wasn't my fault."

A winner isn't nearly as afraid of  
losing as

A loser is secretly afraid of winning.

A winner works harder than a loser and  
has more time;

A loser is always "too busy" to do what  
is necessary.

A winner goes through a problem;

A loser goes around it, and never gets  
past it.

A winner makes commitments;

A loser makes promises.

A winner says, "I'm good, but not as  
good as I ought to be";

A loser says "I'm not as bad as a lot  
of other people."

A winner listens;

A loser just waits until it's his turn  
to talk.

A winner respects those who are superior  
to him and tries to learn something  
from them;

A loser resents those who are superior  
to him, and tries to find chinks in  
their armor.

A winner explains;

A loser explains away.

A winner feels responsible for more than  
his job;

A loser says, "I only work here."

A winner says, "There ought to be a bet-  
ter way to do it";

A loser says, "That's the way it's always  
been done here."

A winner says, "Let's find out."

A loser says, "Nobody knows."

Author Unknown

### MEETING OF ALL ZONES

The first meeting of the newly formed zones will be Friday, Feb. 20, at 7 pm. Zone leaders for the first meeting are: Zone I, P. Miller; Zone II, J. Oakley; Zone III, S. Palmer; Zone IV, J. Hughes. All members will be notified as to their zones meeting place.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, February 8, 1981

Bible Classes	121
Morning Worship	145
Evening Worship	94
Contribution	\$1095.88

Wednesday Bible Study 2/4 60

Thursday "Keenagers" 2/5 33

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1	Fred Oakley	13
Bus #2	Devon Hostetler	9
Bus #3	Mike Hall	18
Total Riders		40

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, February 15, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Fred Oakley	Fred Oakley
Helpers	Brian Hoggatt	Brian Hoggatt
Helpers	Darrel Moates	Stan Palmer
Scripture & Prayer	Joe Hughes	Dave Weaver
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Perry Miller	Jim Lee
Nursery	Kathy Hughes	

Wednesday, February 18

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

CARD OF THANKS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Thank you for your prayers last Sunday. They did so help me to get through the day. Thanks to Dean and Devon for bringing communion to me.

Nancy Hart

SYMPATHY

Mary Fretz's brother-in-law was killed early Sunday morning in an automobile accident. He lived in Spencer, Indiana.

SICK

Willard Dauberman, husband of sister Blanche, was readmitted to McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. He is to undergo blood tests and chemotherapy.

Rachel Tuttle, daughter of Margeret, is in LaGrange hospital for treatment.

Little Bobby Sowles took a hard fall at school on the ice and bumped his head. He was taken to Sturgis for x-rays and observation. We are happy to report that he is fine.

AREA SINGING

The Willowdale Church of Christ in Elkhart will host the area singing Sunday Feb. 15 at 3:00p.m. They invite all to come and take part in this wonderful time of singing and fellowship.

AREA FELLOWSHIP

We would like to offer another opportunity for the area congregations to get together for an evening of food and fellowship on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will not be sold but a donation for the meal will be accepted. Each congregation is asked to make some contribution to the program with a song, skit, special reading, or singing group. The theme is: "Love Makes the World Go Round", so anything concerning love would be great.

VISITORS

We are delighted to have you with us in our worship to God. Visiting last week were: John Davis, Garrett; Sue Morr, Kendallville; Becky Acree, Farmland; Cindy Glick, Mongo; and Mike & Sherri Courtney, LaGrange.

RESPONSE

Sharon Simpson came Sunday evening for prayers. "I have sinned and need the prayers of the church to be stronger and to help my friends be stronger. Also be a better example to my family."

"Don't be the kind of fellow who sows his wild oats and then prays for a crop failure."

ABSENT--ONCE TOO OFTEN

"Absent," the boss said to me. It was true, I had a headache. "Absent again," he said another time soon. Yes, my brother from Illinois came to visit.

"Absent again," the boss seemed to be repeating himself. But he was right... the kids had been sick, so we took them for a ride in the fresh air....One more time he said, "Absent again," What was my excuse? I had over-slept!

The boss called me in, looked me squarely in the eye and said, "You're not interested in working for me. You don't really want this job, do you?" "Oh, yes sir, I do. I need this job. It is very important to me and my family."

But one thing after another interfered and I missed work some more. FINALLY, the boss called me in and said, "You're fired! You were absent once too often." I walked out of his office, down a long flight of stairs, out of the door...into hell. You see, my boss had been God. I had been employed as a Christian. My absences were from the worship and work of the church. God was right--I hadn't really wanted the job. I didn't really want to go to heaven. SO I DIDN'T.

The Contender  
El Paso, Texas

AREA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The monthly meeting of the Area Men's Fellowship will be Friday, Feb.20, 10:30 am. at Reed Road church building. Some time will be spent sharing our activities and reviewing books or lessons that may be of interest to the group. Afterwards, there will be a dutch-treat lunch at a local restaurant. Wives are invited to come too.

ANNUAL REPORT

Fred Oakley said it best, "There's nothing we can't accomplish, when we all work together." Lets work as ONE in 1981!

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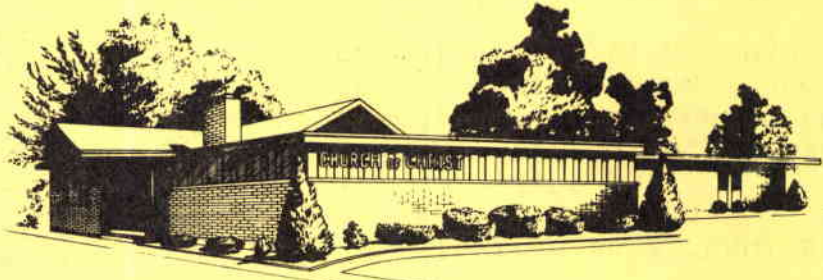
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### TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR IMPROVING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Have you ever heard someone say, "I just don't get much out of the worship service"? Sometimes this is more of a commentary on the person than on the service. Here are some suggestions that may help you improve the quality of your worship when you gather with the Saints on the Lord's Day.

1. MAKE SUNDAY WORSHIP A PRIORITY. It is the most important commitment of the week. It is nothing less than a "meeting with God."
2. DON'T BRING GOD LEFT-OVERS. God has always demanded the "first fruits". He cannot be satisfied with scraps. Get plenty of sleep on Saturday night and come to worship with an alert and refreshed mind.
3. PREPARE YOUR MIND. Discipline begins in the mind. So does discipleship. Train your mind to concentrate on things of the spirit.
4. BE ON TIME. Rushing in late makes it difficult for you to settle into meditation and disturbs other worshippers. Get up a little earlier if necessary.
5. BRING YOUR BIBLES. Coming to worship without your Bible is like going out to drive your car without the keys.
6. OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND SING. Singing is not an option. It is a command. Those who violate this command are just as guilty as if they neglected the assembly in the first place.
7. SIT CLOSE TO THE FRONT. Experience has shown that some marginal church members would rather switch congregations than change pews. Research indicates that the level of emotion and mental participation decreases as one moves closer to the back.
8. BEFORE AND AFTER THE SERVICE - BE FRIENDLY. Worship is enhanced when done as a family. Family members should know and love each other.

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, February 15, 1981  
 Bible Classes 153  
 Morning Worship 161  
 Evening Worship 94  
 Contribution \$996.88

Wednesday Bible Study 2/11 27  
 Thursday "Keenagers" 21

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley 18  
 Bus #2 Devon Hostetler 11  
 Bus #3 Mike Hall 31  
 Total Riders 60

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, February 22, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Joe Hughes	Joe Hughes
Helpers	Clayton Langston	Brian Leslie
Helpers	Phil Hostetler	Mike Hall
Scripture & Prayer	Bob Sowles	Stan Palmer
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Joe Oakley	Jim Pieratt
Nursery	Pat Hall	

Wednesday, February 25

Songs	Bob Sowles	Prayer	Norm Herron
Invitation	Joe Hughes	Closing Prayer	Dave Weaver

VISITORS

We welcomed the visit of the following individuals and families for worship last Sunday. Paul McDonald, White Pigeon, Mi.; John Davis, Garrett; Buelah Morr, Sue & Paul, Kendallville; Linda Acree, Ray McCormack, Mongo; Danny & Lucille Frasure, Pat Combs, and Ruth Engle, LaGrange.

CAMPAIGN

The dates for our upcoming Spring Campaign are March, 8-11. There will be 20 campaigners from Harding Christian University to help us in this endeavor. They will be spending one week with us in canvassing and setting up Bible studies. There will be a need of housing for the young people while they are working with us.

*Potluck*

CONGRATULATIONS

To Barbara Boyd who was chosen as "Laker Student of the Month" for February at Lakeland High School. Barbara is a senior and ranked 4th in her class. She is a member of the Concert Band and also active in many school activities and clubs.

To Kim Herron who was chosen among 33 students from Oklahoma Christian College to appear in the nation's "Whose Who in College". Kim is majoring in pre-med and plans to go into research.

ROLLER SKATING

The area Roller Skating Party will be Monday, Feb. 23, 6:30-9:00. at the RollerDome in Ft. Wayne.

Transportation will be provided and will leave at 5:15 from the church building.

LETS WORK AS ONE - IN 1981!!!

CONT'D FROM FRONT

9. LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE SERMON. Taking notes may help. Follow along in your Bible. Take the message seriously. It will help you. It will encourage the speaker. It will show non-Christians that we are serious.
10. MAKE YOUR WORSHIP GOD-CENTERED, NOT MAN-CENTERED. Worship is primarily a giving situation. Those who say, "I don't GET much out of worship" are wrongly focused. It is the GIVING of ourselves that we GET. NO GIVING - NO GETTING.

--Terry Bell

THE HUNTER AND THE BEAR

As the hunter raised his rifle the bear called out, "Can't we talk this over like two sober human beings?" The hunter lowered his gun. "What's to talk over?" he asked. "Well, for instance," said the bear, coming up a little closer, "what do you want to shoot me for?" "Simple" grunted the hunter, "I want a fur coat." "All I want is breakfast," smiled the bear. "I'm sure we can get together on this." So they sat down to work out an agreement. After awhile the bear got up - ALL ALONE. They had reached a compromise. The bear had had his breakfast and the hunter had on his fur coat!

There has never been any other result in the warfare between the flesh and the spirit when the spirit permits any compromise with the flesh. Sin is deceitful and will always destroy - even while putting forth a pretense of fair words. The word of God gives us only one possible course of action: "Flee from it!!"

--EXHORTER

Duluth, Minn.

LADIES

You are invited to a "LADIES' INSPIRATION DAY" on March 28, 1981 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

You will be lifted up, inspired and renewed, as you listen to three wonderful Christian women, Nancy Etchison, Olivia Holt, and Debbie Wright.

Enjoy the fellowship of Christian women from Indiana and surrounding states.

A salad luncheon will be served. All this at the Lindberg Road Church of Christ, Anderson, Indiana.

*Tony  
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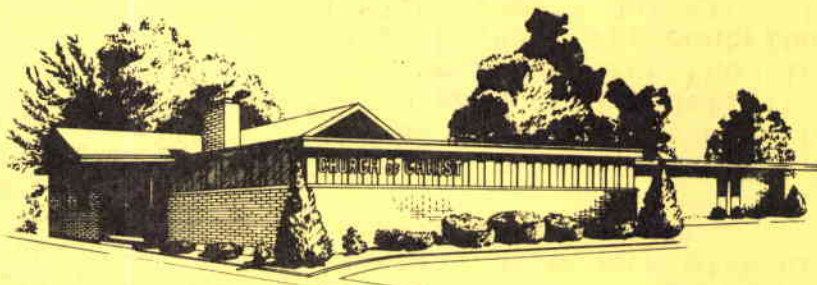
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### The Problem of SELF

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." This verse strikes right at the heart of our greatest problem in the Christian life and the church today. It is the matter of denying "SELF."

SELF...demands attention and glory that belongs to JESUS. We refer to it as egotism. Call it whatever you may, it still stands between many dear souls and the victorious Christian life.

SELF...insists on having its own way, often at the expense of the "Will of God." Self winks at clear declarations and demands of the Bible that are there for our own good.

SELF...hoards time for doing the things that please the flesh. This is why the alarm is not as important on Sunday as on other week days. The same kind of rationalization on Wednesdays would result in the loss of a job. Why can't we see the losses it brings when we cheat God out of time that is His?

SELF...demonstrating its old nature, directs our attention to newspapers, magazines, and sometimes downright hurtful reading. All the while, there lies available to us the unerring Word of God.

SELF...often ignores the call to Christian stewardship of time, talent and money. In this fast economy, it is difficult to make the income cover the expenses. If we are not careful we will be trying to pay for the things we want with money that is "holy unto the Lord".

SELF...is the old nature, and as such, it can do nothing but sin. The new nature (II Cor. 5:17) given to every born again person refuses to practice sin. It now becomes a matter of determining to which nature we will yield and obey. I will be praying for you that you will obey the very Person of Christ within you!

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, February 22, 1981	
Bible Classes	143
Morning Worship	157
Evening Worship	93
Contribution	\$969.46
Wednesday Bible Study 2/18	68
Thursday "Keenagers" 2/19	37

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1	Fred Oakley	22
Bus #2	Devon Hostetler	8
Bus #3	Mike Hall	21
	Total Riders	51

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, March 1, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Dean Hoggatt	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Bob Sowles	Bob Sowles
Helpers	Gil Hanson	Gil Hanson
Helpers	Harold DePriest	Jerry Palmer
Scripture & Prayer	Jim Pieratt	Joe Hughes
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norn Herron
Closing Prayer	Joe Oakley	Dave Weaver
Nursery	Diane Hostetler	

Wednesday, March 4

Songs	Fred Oakley	Invitation	Mike Hall
Prayer	Phil Hostetler	Closing Prayer	Gary Pieratt

ZONE MEETINGS

From all reports, it sounds like our zone meetings got off to a good start. The attendance was good and the fellowship was super.

There were many good suggestions as to how we can use the zones in the work. One idea was to have the zones provide the evening meals for the campaigners during the meeting. Each zone will meet on one night and bring enough food for their family plus some extra for the students. Zone 1 will begin Monday and the other zones will take the subsequent nights.

CLEAN UP TV

Recent word from Joelton, TN indicates a groundswell of interest in the campaign. Various religious and other groups are planning parallel efforts of their own to call attention of advertisers to their concerns. Over twenty advertisers have been in contact with them to assure them of their concern about program standards.

As of now, no positive action has been forthcoming from General Foods or American Home Products. We are in our second three months of the boycott, and our pledge was to continue it up to a full year if necessary. Continue, please, to consult your list and avoid purchasing products of these two corporations. If they respond favorably and the boycott is lifted, we will inform you immediately.

SINGING

Those who sing at the nursing homes know how much the residence appreciate our coming. See you Sunday at Miller's at 4:30 PM.

SICK : Goldy Pulley at LaGrange Hosp.

VISITORS

We were delighted to have the following visitors with us for worship last Sunday: Danny & Lucille Frasure, Carol Moore, Francis Penix, Ruth Engle, LaGrange; Harley Doty, Howe; Cindy Glick, Mongo; Beulah Morr, & Sue, Kendallville, and Paul McDonald, White Pigeon, Mi.

ENGAGEMENT

We are happy to announce the engagement of Marcella Ritchie and Armando Griego. Current plans call for an April wedding. We wish them much joy and happiness!

"YOU NEVER TRIED HIM!"

It is reported that an infidel gave an address before a large audience in which he berated anyone who was a believer in Jesus.

When he was finished, he asked that anyone having questions to come to the platform. After a little while, a man who had been a notorious "nogood" in the community until his conversion, stepped forward. He took an orange from his pocket, calmly and carefully peeled and ate it. When he was finished, he turned to the lecturer and asked, "Was the orange a sweet one?" The infidel lecturer said, "You idiot, how can I know if it's sweet or sour, when I never even tasted it?" To this the newly converted Christian said, "And how can you know anything about Christ if you never tried Him?"

-Christian Herald

CAMPAIGN

The speaker for our Campaign is brother Tony Lalli who preaches for the Reed Road church in Ft. Wayne.

Tony is a native of Oklahoma but is well known to these parts having preached several years for the church in Logansport, In. We are fortunate to have a speaker of Tony's ability to work with us in our campaign.

GIVING

It was suggested we use the 5th Sunday to make up any deficit in our budget. The budget for the first two months is \$7,960. The contributions total \$7,504, or a deficit of \$456. Just \$1 extra per week by each member would erase this deficit, or if each gave \$5 extra the 5th Sunday we could be caught up. All work as ONE.



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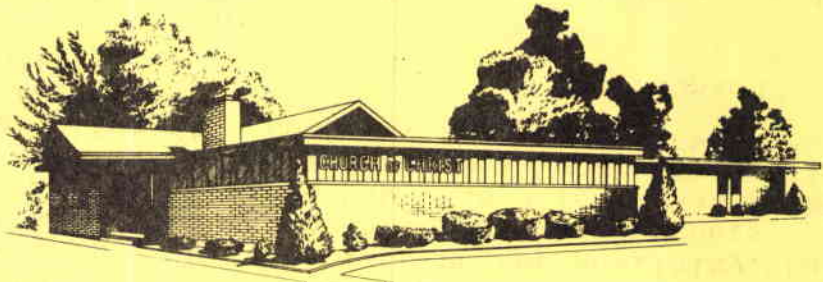
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### ONE OF THESE DAYS...

"redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:16)

How often have you heard it said...? How often have you said it yourself...? "One of these days..." Sounds harmless, doesn't it? But that's a deception, brethren! That phrase is actually a procrastinator, a thief, a cop-out and a hindrance to untold potential for achievement in our Lord's kingdom. We can achieve victory and fulfillment in our lives by not putting off until tomorrow what we can do today.

Think of it. How many prospects could we have told about Jesus -? How many worthy goals could we have started to attain -? How many life-changing opportunities have been lost forever, simply because we tagged them with that familiar label "one of these days". This term is negative. It has all kinds of negative implications including: 1) Lack of decision 2) Lack of determination 3) Lack of direction 4) Lack of dedication. The net result will be 5) Lack of doing. "One of these days" just will not get the job done.

There is only one time to start anything and that is now! Today! There is no other time. We cannot start it yesterday and we have no assurance that we can start it tomorrow. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Proverbs 27:1

We all have jobs in the kingdom of our Lord... You have yours and I have mine. I promise to do mine better - starting TODAY. Will you make the same promise and start TODAY? Remember the Lord is on our side. He will help us.

-Normand Gibson  
Lubbock, Texas

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, March 1, 1981  
 Bible Classes 142  
 Morning Worship 181  
 Evening Worship 106  
 Contribution \$1,107.36

Wednesday Bible Study 2/25 91  
 Thursday "Keenagers" 43

BUS ATTENDANCE

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

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, March 8, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Bill Oakley	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Dean Hoggatt	Dean Hoggatt
Helpers	Phil Hostetler	Brian Leslie
Helpers	Mark Craig	Brian Hoggatt
Scripture & Prayer	Joe Oakley	Bob Sowles
Gospel Lesson	Tony Lalli	Tony Lalli
Closing Prayer	Jim Lee	Joe Hughes
Nursery	Penny Oakley	

Wednesday, March 11

Songs	Dean Hoggatt	Prayer	Jamie McAlpin
Lesson	Tony Lalli	Closing Prayer	Craig Hostetler

ZONES

The Zones will be providing the evening meals during the meeting. The revised schedule is as follows:

Monday - Zone III  
 Tuesday - Zone II  
 Wednesday - Zone I  
 Thursday - Zone IV

Each family is to bring enough for themselves plus some extra for the campaigners.

CAMPAIGN

The time for our Spring Campaign is here. The 17 students from Harding Christian University will be arriving this weekend. They will be staying in the homes of our members.

The theme for the Campaign is "Unity is Christ". The speaker is brother Tony Lalli who preaches for the Reed Rd. church in Ft. Wayne. A special lesson on "Unity in the Home" will be given by Tony to the combined adult Bible classes on Sunday morning. There will be a carry-in dinner following the morning services. On Tuesday evening, Tony will speak on "Why I Left Denominationalism". Lets remember to invite our friends and relatives - and be sure to be there ourselves every night.

SPECIAL THANKS

To Dale & Mary Ann Johnston for their contribution towards the purchase of a typewriter. (Don't the bulletins look much neater) Also thanks to Mary Ann for typing the bulletin each week.

To Gay Ray and Nancy Hart for working several hours to sort and label our used clothing.

VISITORS

We are delighted to have you among our number. Those visiting with us last Sunday: Jeff & Paula Herron, Garden City, Mi.; Doyle Davis, Valparaiso, In.; Paul McDonald, White Pigeon, Mi.; Danny & Lucille Frasure, Sherri & Chrisia, LaGrange, In.; Buelah Morr & Sue, Kendallville, In.; Cindy Glick, Ray McCormack, Mongo; Ruth Engle, LaGrange.

"The only ones who never make a mistake are those who never do anything - and that's the greatest mistake of all."

MOVING BACK

We welcome back into our midst Jamie & Sue McAlpin and Leigh & Erik. They moved back Sunday into their own home from Dayton, Ohio. Three cheers for Sue who had to drive the big U-haul truck back to Dayton. (Jamie, you can open your eyes now)

Returning also this week was Craig Hostetler from Williamstown, W.Va. Craig plans to spend the summer working in LaGrange and then resume his schooling at Harding Christian University in Searcy, Ark. this fall.

CHURCH GROWTH

It was reported that Church Growth magazine recently published some very interesting statistics. "Why are you a member of this church?" was asked of 8,000 people. Notice the answers:

"Walk Ins"	approximately 4 - 6%
"Programs"	approximately 2 - 4%
"Preacher"	approximately 4 - 7%
"Special Need"	approximately 2 - 4%
"Visitation"	approximately 1 - 4%
"Sunday School"	approximately 4 - 6%
"Crusades"	approximately .001%
"Friends	

or Relatives" approximately 70-90%

The key to church growth, according to this survey, is not a better program, a better plant, a better preacher, or better publicity, but personally talking with others. "Friendship evangelism," what we know by experience will work, is still the best way to build the kingdom.

-Copied

SICK

Sister Margaret Tuttle entered LaGrange Hospital for several days of tests and observation. Lets remember to keep her in our prayers.

# LaGrange

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

### ELDERS

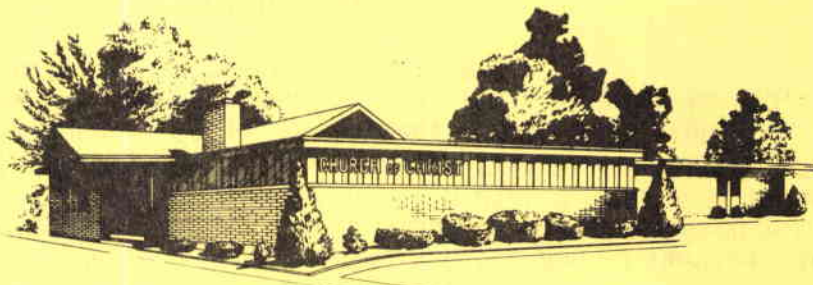
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#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

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

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### THE THIRD ROAD

"You know," the lady said, "for years I thought I was on the third road.

"The third road?" I asked my friend. It was a bright spring morning, with the sky a clear blue and visible through the patches of new green leaves overhead. It was a fine day for visiting with a friend after church service.

She explained, "I had thought about it this way: I do an honest day's work, take care of my children, try to be a good wife, and lead a useful life. I am not a thief and I don't cheat or lie, and I try not to gossip. I just didn't see myself in the same category as those who trod the broad way."

"And the narrow road?" I asked.

"That was the problem," she said. "At that time I came to church fitfully, and my Sunday was for reading a book or going on a picnic. I never visited the sick except when a close friend was in the hospital. Although I didn't consider myself on the broad road, I couldn't see myself on the straight and narrow either."

She paused thoughtfully. "So I invented a third road. It was made just for me; a sort of half way route between the other two. It suited me just fine. I felt at ease on my road."

I nodded. "There are many people who would like a road like that."

"Yes," she assured me. "For something that does not exist, it is sure popular. Most of my friends seem to travel by my third road. It became so crowded I considered charging a toll. I suspected the broad way was deserted and closed because of lack of traffic."

"When did you change your mind?" I asked.

My friends said, "Someone read the passage in Matthew. I was shocked to hear about just two roads. I felt indignant that my road had been slighted."

She tightened her grip on her Bible. "That set me to reading the Bible. And of course I realized my mistake. There are just two roads. One goes to destruction; one to everlasting life. One is broad and easy; one is narrow. There are two roads, not three. Now I intend to remain on the right one."

-John Hudson Tiner

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday	3/8	3/15
Bible Classes	144	160
Morning Worship	178	172
Evening Worship	112	80
Contribution	\$1073.01	1041.06

Wednesday Bible Study 76

Thursday "Keenagers" 47 33

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	17	26
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	14	6
Bus #3 Mike Hall	22	23
Total Riders	53	55

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, March 22, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Bill Oakley
Lord's Table	Jamie McAlpin	Jamie McAlpin
Helpers	Mike Hall	Jerry Palmer
Helpers	Joey Oakley	Gil Hanson
Scripture & Prayer	Perry Miller	Dave Weaver
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Fred Oakley	Jamie McAlpin
Nursery Attendant	Mary Ann Johnston	

Wednesday, March 25

Songs	Joe Hughes	Prayer	Dean Hoggatt
Invitation	Brian Hoggatt	Closing Prayer	Norm Herron

CAMPAIGN

We wish to thank all who had a part in our first campaign.

To the 14 students from Harding University who worked so hard in knocking doors and setting up Bible studies and inviting people to our meeting (already several good studies are in progress). To Bro. Tony Lalli of the Reed Rd. church in Ft. Wayne for bringing some excellent messages on "Unity". To the Zones for providing the delicious meals for the campaigners each evening. To Lakeland High School for allowing the campaigners to eat lunch at the cafeteria. To all the members who invited and encouraged others to attend and supported the meeting themselves. To area sister congregations who supported the meeting with their presence. And last but not least to our own college kids and young people who worked with the students from Harding in canvassing the town.

RESPONSES

Annie Oakley came and stated: "I have sinned and would like the prayers of the church. I also would like to gain the full strength of God. A lot of problems have come up in my job, home, and life style. Please pray for me."

Deb Duzan came and confessed: "There have been incidents in my life that have caused me to have doubts and to give up having faith in Christ who I know would answer me if I only could believe again. I have been missing church and it doesn't seem to bother me anymore. I have been a bad example to people around me. Please pray for me." Lets remember these in our prayers.

FELLOWSHIP

The 4th Sunday fellowship will follow the evening service. Bring some light snacks for you and to share with others.

VISITORS

We appreciate having you with us for worship. Those visiting were: Elizabeth Richmond, Colon, Mi.; Danny & Lucille Frasure, Bob & Gladys Courtney, LaGrange; Ray McCormack, Linda Acree, Sturgis, Mi.; Susy Galton, Ft. Wayne; Virginia Keeler, Prarie Fgts; Cindy Glick, Mongo.

COMMODITIES

Don't look now, but our barrel for Shults-Lewis is almost empty! Ladies, lets get busy and fill it to overflowing. The commodity for February was Pork n' Beans and Tomatoes for March.

PLACING MEMBERSHIP

Sister Beulah Morr and her daughter Sue expressed to the elders their desire to be members of this congregation. We encourage you to welcome them into the family and fellowship of God. Please add them to your directories.

MORR, John & Beulah*	1-347-1950
304 E. Diamond	
Kendallville, In. 46755	
MORR, Sue*	1-347-5125
Rt. 3	
Kendallville, In. 46755	

FOSTER PARENTING (Shults-Lewis)

Roger Ruth and another representative from Shults-Lewis Children's Home will be here Wednesday, March 25. They would like to meet with all who are interested in foster parenting, or adopting immediately after the Bible study. They will explain the various programs and answer any questions regarding this good work.

SICK

Pat Lee entered Sturgis Hospital Wednesday. She is to have minor surgery Thursday morning and be dismissed in the evening.

Alma Doris has had lung congestion and possibly will have to be hospitalized.

GOSPEL SINGING

Announcing the 5th Annual Northern Indiana Gospel Singing, March 28, 7:00 p.m. at Huntington North High School Auditorium. The program will feature The Harmony Four, The Journeymen, and The Lovelight's. The attendance goal for this year is 800, Collection to be taken.

LADIES DAY

The Lindberg Rd. church in Anderson, is having a "Ladies Inspiration Day" March 28, at 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Those interested see Marilyn or Thelma.

# LaGrange

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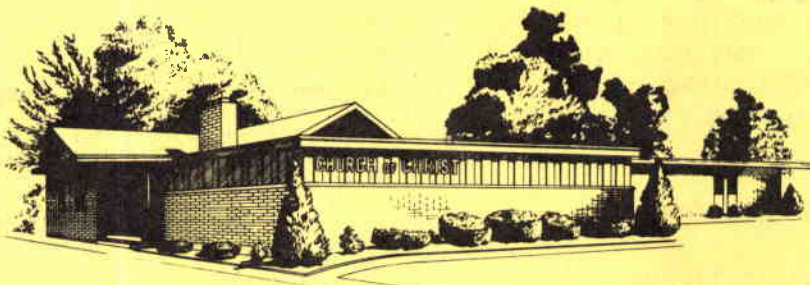
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### COURAGE

"Be of good courage and let us play the man for our people,  
and for the cities of our God." (2 Samuel 10:12)

Someone has defined courage as "fighting with the handle after the sword has been broken." Courage is that quality of mind which enables one to meet danger with firmness and without fear.

History is full of many examples of unusual courage. After the battle of Marengo had been lost, Napoleon came to his drummer boy and said: "Beat a retreat!" The boy replied: "Sir, I can beat a charge. My master taught me to beat a charge, but not a retreat. I do not know how to beat a retreat. I can beat a charge that will wake up the dead. I beat the charge at Loui and the Pyramids. Shall I beat a charge?" Napoleon was so impressed that he said: "Beat a charge!" The boy beat a charge, which rallied a defeated army to renew the battle with such courage and determination that Marengo is numbered among the outstanding victories of Napoleon. After this battle, Napoleon had medals struck for its heroes. On one side the medal read, "Marengo"; on the other side, "I was there".

However, the finest examples of courage are to be found in the Bible, and not in secular history. For sheer moral courage we must go to such examples as Noah, preaching to wicked generation of his day; Joseph, fleeing the evil advances of Potiphar's wife; Moses, demanding of Pharoah to release Israel; Gideon, with his 300 men who routed the Midianites; Daniel, purposing not to defile himself with the king's dandies; Paul, preaching on Mars Hill and before Nero; and such like who have immortalized sacred history.

One of the crying needs of our time is courage - courage to live right; courage to preach the truth, without fear or favor, to both saint and sinner. "Be of good courage", brother; "let us play the man" for the church of our Lord and the truth of His gospel. When the shattered remnants of the Old Guard were called on to surrender at the battle of Waterloo, they replied: "We know how to die, but not to surrender". The apostles knew how to die for "the word of God and the testimony of Jesus", but they did not know how to surrender.

## FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, March 22, 1981

Bible Classes	142
Morning Worship	168
Evening Worship	98
Contribution	\$856.80

Wednesday Bible Study 3/18 83

Thursday "Keenagers" 3/19 44

## BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	16
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	12
Bus #3 Mike Hall	29
Total Riders	57

## THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, March 29, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Darrel Moates	Darrel Moates
Helpers	Jamie McAlpin	Brian Leslie
Helpers	Mark Craig	Harold DePriest
Scripture & Prayer	Joe Hughes	Bill Oakley
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Singing
Closing Prayer	Bob Sowles	Craig Hostetler
Nursery Attendant	Connie Weaver	

## 5TH SUNDAY SINGING

Time once again for a Sunday evening of congregation singing. Those willing to lead a song should see Devon. If you have a favorite song you might give it to Devon or one of the song leaders.

## CONTRIBUTION

It has been decided to use the 5th Sunday to make up any deficit in our budget. Based on a budget of \$995.00 it will take a contribution of \$1,350.00 to get us all caught up. If each member gives \$3.50 extra this Sunday we'll make it. Some won't be able to do that much, but some will be able to do more. Let's all pull together to reach this goal.

## LADIES DAY

The Willowdale church in Elkhart is hosting a ladies day on April 4. The theme is "Showers of Blessings" with Jenny Cochran from Benton Harbor as guest speaker. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

## WORK PARTIES

A general work day around the building has been scheduled for the Saturdays of April 4 and 11. Be sure to bring your tools, rakes, shovels, cleaning supplies and don't forget a sack lunch. There's much that needs to be done. Come and join in on the fun.

## SICK

Kathy Jo Hughes was home Sunday with a sore stomach.

Heidi Herron stayed home from school with a bad cold.

Sheila Copeland fell and suffered a fractured skull. Opal Copeland was in Lutheran hospital a couple of days for tests.

Brian Hoggatt stayed home from school due to a high fever.

Fred Oakley underwent some tests at LaGrange hospital Friday for pains in his back.

Steven Miller is suffering from an ear infection.

## VISITORS

We want to make you feel welcomed in our worship together unto the Lord. Those visiting last Sunday were: Mr. & Mrs. Luther Umphenour, Ottawa, Ka.; John Morr, Kendallville, Ray McCormack, Sturgis; Tom & Marguerite Watson, Pam McCorkle, Ruth Engle, LaGrange; Harley Doty, Howe, and Cindy Glick, Mongo.

## AREA SKATING

The Area Roller Skating will be Monday, March 30 at the North Rollerdome in Ft. Wayne. Those desiring to attend should meet at the church building by 5:15 p.m.

## BOOST FOR CAMP INDOGAN

This year the Camp Associate Banquet will be held April 17th at the Ramada Inn, Ft. Wayne.

We are blessed to have a Christian Youth Camp in our tri-state area, but it does need our continued support. Nearly \$3,000.00 was borrowed to cover the needs last year, however this amount can easily be covered by a good attendance at the banquet. This year the program includes brother Ken Samuel from the South Central Christian Children's Home and the Ambassador Quartet from Jeffersonville, In. There will be also some brief reports from the working committees of the camp. See Devon Hostetler or Dean Hoggatt for reservations. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Let's make a "LaGrange showing" this year!

## PAUL HIMES HOSPITALIZED

It was reported in the Bradenton, Fa. bulletin that brother Paul was undergoing tests to determine severe lower back pains. A call down there indicates he is again home but still suffering pains. Further tests are scheduled for this Tuesday, March 31st. Keep Paul in your prayers.

## A POINTED STORY

Did you hear about the preacher who noticed a man who came all the way down to the front for service. Afterwards he approached the man and asked, "How is it that you came and sat right at the front being a stranger here?" "Oh," said the man, "I'm a bus driver and I just came here to see how you get all the people to sit at the back."

-West Lafayette, Oh.

## CLEAN UP TV

Those who saw the recent Phil Donahue Show feel that John Hurt did an excellent job of presenting the Clean Up TV Campaign. It appeared that most of the TV audience were in sympathy with the boycott. The effects of the campaign continue to mount so lets keep up with our commitment against these products.