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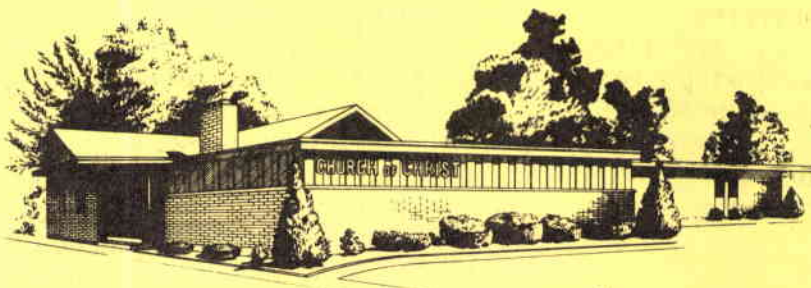
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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ENJOY YOURSELF

President Eliot of Harvard was 88. Asked how he accounted for his good health and vigorous mind he said, "A calm temperament expectant of good." Winston Churchill said, "Rational, industrious, useful human beings are divided into two classes: First, those whose work is work and whose pleasure is pleasure; and secondly, those whose work and pleasure are one. Fortune's favored children belong to the second class. Their life is natural harmony."

Some things make life pleasant; others make it miserable. The following rules are not always easy to follow. But they help me. Maybe they will be of worth to you:

1. Make up your mind to be happy. Find pleasure in simple things.
2. Make the best of your circumstances. Everyone has some sorrow. Seek to make the smiles outnumber the tears.
3. You can't please everyone. Don't let your critics run and ruin your life. The more you accomplish, the more resistance you will meet.
4. Don't borrow trouble. Imaginary problems are heavier than the actual ones.
5. Hate poisons the soul. Do not cherish grudges. Avoid people who make you unhappy.
6. Don't hold postmortems; brooding over sorrows and mistakes.
7. Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself; especially those who have blessed your life.
8. Keep busy. A busy person doesn't have time to be unhappy.

"I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live." (Ecclesiastes 3:12)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, March 29, 1981

Bible Classes	114
Morning Worship	139
Evening Worship	107
Contribution	\$1,193.77

Wednesday Bible Study 3/25 94

Thursday "Keenagers" 3/26 53

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	16
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	12
Bus #3 Mike Hall	24
Total Riders	52

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, April 5, 1981

Songs	
Lord s Table	
Helpers	Joey Oakley
Helpers	Bob Sowles
Scripture & Prayer	
Gospel Lesson	
Closing Prayer	
Nursery Attendant	

<u>Morning</u>	
Bill Oakley	
Devon Hostetler	
Dale Doris	
Gil Hanson	
Gary Pieratt	
Norm Herron	
Darrel Moates	
Lois Oakley	

<u>Evening</u>	
Perry Miller	
Devon Hostetler	
Dale Doris	
Gil Hanson	
Jim Peiratt	
Norm Herron	
Jamie McAlpin	

Wednesday, April 8

Songs	Fred Oakley
Invitation	Mike Hall

Prayer	Joe Hughes
Closing Prayer	Joe Oakley

VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship unto the Lord. Those visiting last Sunday were: Carol Moore, Harley Doty, Howe; Cindy Glick, Mongo; Jeff and Paula Herron, Garden City, Mi.

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. See thelma or Marilyn if you want to go.

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.

CAMP WORKSHOP FOR:

Camp Directors and Staff and Spouses. On April 4, 1981 from 10:00 - 12:00 noon

A workshop will be conducted at the campgrounds. All directors, co-directors, staff and spouses of each are encouraged to attend. A revised staff handbook and various camper forms will be handed out and reviewed at that time. The workshop is very important for a good camping session as each of us will have the same understanding of the policies and procedures for the camp.

A pot luck to be served at 12:00 noon.

CAMP BANQUET - APRIL 17

The banquet will be held at the Ramada Inn, Ft. Wayne. See Devon Hostetler or Dean Hoggatt for tickets, \$15.00 per person. (\$10.00 of this goes to the camp)

COMING EVENTS...

Apr. 4	Work Party - LaGrange
4	Ladies Day - Elkhart
4	Camp Indogan Workshop
9-11	Tulsa Workshop - Ok.
11	Work Party - LaGrange
16	Keenagers - 3rd Anniversary
18	Work Party - LaGrange
18	Ladies Inspiration Day - New Haven, In.
24-25	Youth Encounter - Ft. Wayne
May 1-2	Camp Indogan - Senior Rally
8-9	Camp Indogan - Junior Rally
15	Michiana Teen Banquet

MICHIANA TEEN BANQUET

Friday night, May 15, 1981. 7 - 11 p.m. at Ring Lardner Jr. High, Niles, Mi.

This dress-up banquet is provided for our teens to take the place of the proms associated with the public schools. Christians can meet with others of like precious faith in our area. Tickets are \$6.00 each. (excluding photographs) See Joe Hughes.

TWO WINNERS

Teen Helper, Jean Hoggatt conducted a contest for the children on Bus #3 (Mike Hall, captain, Bob Sowles, Driver). Each week, a quiz paper was handed out. These were to be answered and returned. Who returned all five papers with all questions correct? Lisa Shears - 5th grade and Paula Blankenship - 2nd grade. Congratulations to these girls!

TO HARDING COLLEGE

Devon and Ellen Hostetler will leave next week to visit Sherry and Terry. Melissa Herron, Jean Hoggatt and Gary Pieratt will accompany them to attend High School Days.

ROY CAMPBELL

Roy will be home from the nursing home. Mary is still looking for helpers. Contact her for details.

YOUTH ENCOUNTER

The Reed Road church in Ft. Wayne is sponsoring a Youth Encounter for 7th grade thru college age on April 24 & 25. The theme is Youth Come Alive. Speakers will be G. P. Holt, Indianapolis; Eddie McGuiggann W. Lafayette; and Tony Lalli, Ft. Wayne. There also will be The Galileans, quartet from Adrian, Mi. and Gary Myers, song leader of Muncie, In. A registration fee of \$3.50 will be charged to cover cost noon meal and some costs of youth rally.

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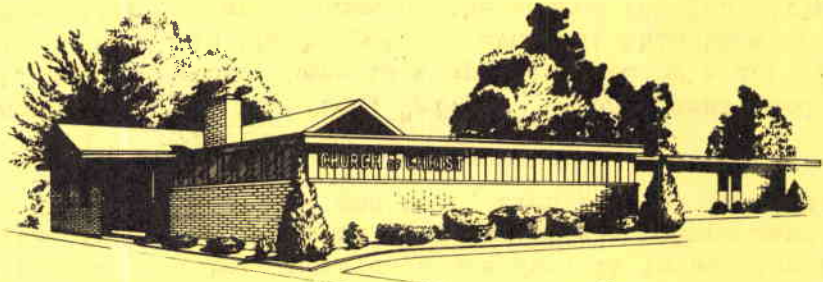
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HONESTLY, "THANK YOU"

"As He entered a certain village, there met Him ten leprous men, who stood at a distance; and they raised their voices, saying 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' And when He saw them, He said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And it came about that as they were going, they were cleansed. Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine--where are they?'"

Edward Spencer, a young university student, plunged into a lake to where a boat had sank, and towed a total of seventeen persons to shore and safety. The strain cost him his health, rendering him an invalid confined to a wheelchair for life. On his 80th birthday, someone asked him to relate his most vivid memory of that horrible day. He replied, "Not one of those seventeen returned to thank me."

Gratitude--and our sincere expression of it--can be one of our most neglected moral responsibilities. The ability to say "Thank you", whether it be to a good Samaritan neighbor, a kind stranger, to our husband or wife, or children, or most importantly to our heavenly Father through our Lord Jesus is the mark of genuine love for our God, our fellow men, ourselves. Gratitude is cultivated in our life by a constant realization of our need for interdependent relationships. No man, or woman, can live as an island, independent from everyone. As we see our interdependence and confess it from our heart, the gratitude flows from our mouth. Gratitude is the nourishing fountain for our marriage relationships, for our family relationships, beside which all human relationships are to live consistently.

The cleansed leper, once he saw his cleanness, turned back immediately to Jesus, glorifying God as he went. He fell on his face at the feet of Jesus, "giving thanks to Him." Yes, thank you Jesus.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, April 5, 1981

Bible Classes	136
Morning Worship	164
Evening Worship	102
Contribution	\$1131.97

Wednesday Bible Study 3/31 87

Thursday "Keenagers" 4/1 35

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	23
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	
Bus #3 Mike Hall	21
Total Riders	44

THOSE TO SERVE Sunday, April 12

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Dean Hoggatt	Craig Hostetler
Lord's Table	Joe Oakley	Joe Oakley
Helpers	Brian Leslie Phil Hostetler	Phil Hostetler
Helpers	Mark Craig Harold DePriest	Harold DePriest
Scripture & Prayer	Jim Lee	Darrel Moates
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Craig Hostetler	Stan Palmer
Nursery Attendant	Kathy Sowles	

Wednesday, April 15

Songs	Gary Pieratt	Prayer	Bill Oakley
Invitation	Mike Hall	Closing Prayer	Brian Hoggatt

VISITORS

We appreciate those who visited and worshipped with us last Sunday; Richard Fitzsimmons' family, Pierceton, In.; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, South Milford; Jack Knox, Kendallville; Danny Frasure, Stacy Marquis, LaGrange.

PERRY MILLER'S AWAY

The Perry Miller family will be gone the next two Sundays, as they travel to Pueblo, Co. for the wedding of Hazel's sister Marcella To Armando Grego.

CLOTHING

We have a room full of used clothing at the church building. If you need anything, please feel free to take what you need. If you know someone who needs clothing feel free to give them whatever they need.

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SHULTS - LEWIS CHILDRENS HOME

The food for April is CEREAL.

COMING EVENTS...

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WORK PARTY

A day of work and fellowship was enjoyed Saturday by the following people who came in to work: Gil Hanson, Mark Craig, Joe Hughes, Chuck Philips, Bill Oakley, Stan & Jerry Palmer, Dean, Brian & Jean Hoggatt, Jim Pieratt, Phil Hostetler, Norm Herron, Keith Atkins, Dale Doris, and Perry Miller. We appreciate the many who came in to help with the many things that needed to be done around the building.

Through their efforts, a bulletin board was installed in foyer, shelves made in utility room, walls painted in office and class room, baptistry walls cleaned, kitchen and restroom floors scrubbed, new steps were constructed into baptistry. On the outside, some raking and landscaping work was done.

This Saturday, April 11, we are planning another work session, starting at 8:00a.m. Bring a sack lunch or join some who go dutch treat at the restaurant.

The following jobs still need to be done: grass sowed, building trim scraped and painted, another baptistry step made, paint baptistry steps, prepare baptistry for mural, polish auditorium and restroom floors, put trim around classrooms, install kitchen fan and other jobs.

If there is a particular job you would like to do see Perry Miller for assignments. These work days are fun, it is so nice to be and work with Christians. Hope many can come and help, even part of the day.

GIVING

To often, "giving" is only mentioned when there is a special need or a deficit in the budget. However, at this time we wish to commend the church for its giving. In the last eight weeks the budget was exceeded six weeks for an average of \$1041.85 or \$46.85 over the weekly budget. God bless you for your liberality.

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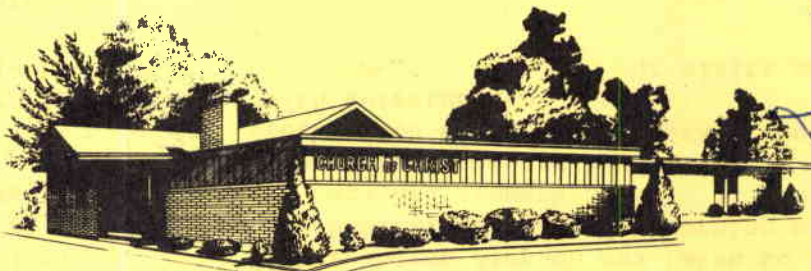
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HAPPINESS IS...

"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain"...(Mt. 5:1)

In the sermon on the mount, recorded in Matt. 5:7, Jesus presented some of the highest ideals of living the world has ever received. His teachings are directed primarily to those who would be his disciples and for this reason have been recognized as the very fundamental principles of Christianity.

The sermon opens with what is commonly called the Beatitudes. This word means "happy or blessed". In the original, the word blessed meant that which was not subject to fate or chance. It was used to describe a state of being where one is independent of all outward circumstances.

For the most part, human happiness depends on chance or the good fortune in ones life. If one suffers a change in fortune, such as health or wealth, it takes away this joy or happiness. But such is not the case with the Christians happiness. It is untouchable. It is independent of all outward circumstances. Jesus told his disciples: "your joy, no one taketh away from you" Jn. 16:22

The Beatitudes of Jesus are contrary to the world's view of happiness. We live in the richest nation in the world. Americans have more material wealth and modern conveniences than any other people. And yet, no where can we find people any more unhappy. We have more divorces, suicides, crimes, alcoholism and race problems than any other people. So, we can see the world's way hasn't brought true and lasting happiness.

Happiness is not only the quest of all people, but also something God wants us to be. The real tragedy is most are seeking it in the wrong things and in the wrong way. We mistakenly place a higher emphasis on ones standard of living, rather than a standard of character. We hopelessly cling to the Devil's lie that: "the more we get the happier we'll be". But this isn't so. True happiness doesn't depend on what you have, but what you are.

Yes, how these words must have echoed down the mountains into the valley and upon the ears of the anxious listeners. The lowly carpenter from Nazareth was speaking as man had never spoken before.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, April 12, 1981	138
Bible Classes	138
Morning Worship	155
Evening Worship	96
Contribution	\$1621.06

Wednesday Bible Study 4/8 83

Thursday "Keenagers" 4/9 36

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	22
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	
Bus #3 Mike Hall	23
Total Riders	45

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, April 19, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Fred Oakley	Fred Oakley
Helpers	Mike Hall	Jerry Palmer
Helpers	Clayton Langston	Bob Sowles
Scripture & Prayer	Stan Palmer	Dave Weaver
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Jim Pieratt	Perry Miller
Nursery Attendant	Jean Bowen	

Wednesday, April 22

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Prayer	Bob Sowles
Invitation	Joe Oakley	Closing Prayer	Mike Hall

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Each Sunday before worship we take a few moments to have everyone fill out an attendance card.

The reason for this is two fold
1) To find out the names of our visitors so we can become better acquainted.

2) To take attendance of the members so we can find out who is there. The names of those absent are given to the respective zones for further follow up. Calls are made to find out if there are any needs that should be met.

Your cooperation in this would be greatly appreciated. It has also been noted that a good number of cards are being destroyed by children. Please provide something else for your childrens use during the service.

WORK PARTY

Isn't the picture mural over the baptistry beautiful? A big thanks to Bill Oakley for donating the materials and the time for this much needed improvement. Also to Dean Hoggatt and Merilyn Herron for their help in putting it up.

The clean and polished floors in the auditorium were the result of much hard work by Gil Hanson and Joe Oakley. A fresh coat of paint on the baptistry steps was done by Harold DePriest. Scraping of the outside trim was done by Brian Hoggatt, Dale Dorris and Joey Oakley. Others at the work party were: Gay Ray, Nancy Hart, Perry Miller, and Norm Herron.

PERSONAL WORK

Have you made your visits yet? Brother Fred asks that you make your calls promptly. We appreciate the zeal Fred has injected into the Visitation Program.

Love will find a way - indifference will find an excuse.

*Alma Newsum - Lucille Hoskins
Joyce Sherwood - Lily, Debbie Duzan, Ed Mayfield
Perry Moore*

VISITORS

You are always a welcome guest to our assembly. We invite you back to all our services. Those who worshipped with us Sunday: Danny & Lucille Frasure, Christina Miller, LaGrange; Tom & Marquerita Watson, Wolcottville; Cindy Glick, Mongo. Also home visiting from college: Deb Duzan, Michigan Christian, and Terry Morr, Purdue.

LOST

A number of the Jule Miller filmstrips are missing plus some of the cassettes. Would you please check to see if you might have them.

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KEENAGERS

Thursday, April 16th, marks the 3rd anniversary of the Keenager program for senior citizens. The first meeting began with 22 in attendance. Last year's anniversary set an attendance record of 77. This week we hope to even top that figure.

There have been over 200 different senior citizens to these meetings. And yet, this is less than .10% of the eligible senior citizens in LaGrange county.

It's one way of saying, "we care" to the ever growing number of seniors in our society.

JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS:

A man sitting at his window one evening casually called to his wife, "There goes that woman Charlie Smith is so terribly in love with." His wife in the kitchen dropped a plate she was drying, ran through the door knocking over a lamp, and looked out the window. "Where, where?" she cried. "There," he said, "that woman in the gabardine suit on the corner." "You idiot," she hissed, "that's his wife!" "Yes, of course," he replied. NOTE: How often have we jumped to conclusions before getting all the facts? Wonder why we don't jump at opportunities as quickly as we jump to conclusions?

SICK

Sister Sharon Simpson was taken to La-Grange Hospital early Sunday morning with severe back and stomach pains. It was discovered that she has hepatitis.

Brother Bob Hicks is in LaGrange Hospital with infected foot.

Lets remember these in our visits and prayers.

SKATING PARTY

The area skating party at the Roller Dome in Ft. Wayne will be Monday, April 20. Proceeds go to Camp Indogan.

Stan Palmer

*Stan Palmer
Sharon Simpson*

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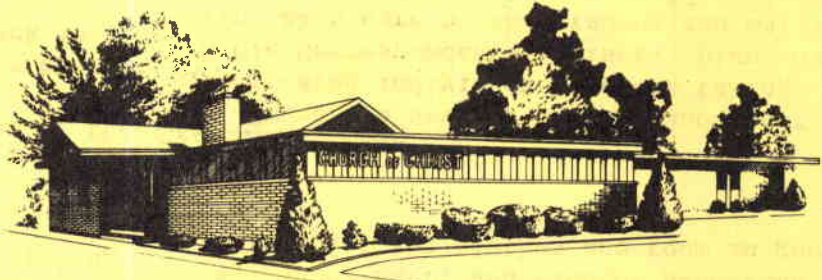
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"I CAN'T SEE ANY HARM IN IT."

Consider these guidelines when determining whether a practice is right or wrong.

1. THE PERSONAL TEST: Will doing this make me a better or worse Christian?
2. THE SOCIAL TEST: Will doing it influence others to be better or worse Christians?
3. THE PRACTICAL TEST: Will the results of my doing it be desirable?
4. THE UNIVERSAL TEST: If everyone should do this, would it improve or degrade the society?
5. THE SCRIPTURAL TEST: Does the Bible endorse it, or is it expressly forbidden by the Word of God?
6. THE STEWARDSHIP TEST: Will my doing this constitute a waste of talent God gave me?
7. THE CHARACTER TEST: What will be the influence of my moral and spiritual stamina?
8. THE FAMILY TEST: Will it bring discredit and dishonor to my family, and will it embarrass them?
9. THE PUBLICITY TEST: Would I be willing for friends, fellow Christians, the elders and the preacher to know about it?
10. THE COMMON SENSE TEST: Does it agree with just plain, everyday, ordinary common sense?
11. THE FAIRNESS TEST: Is it honest, and is it practicing the golden rule?

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil." (I Thess. 5:21 - 22)

FOR THE RECORD *May 10, 1981*
Sunday, April 26, 1981

Bible Classes	151 146
Morning Worship	173 140
Evening Worship	104 80
Contribution	\$1187.30 876.12

Wednesday Bible Study ~~4/22~~ 80 80
~~4/29~~

Thursday "Keenagers" ~~4/23~~ 48 43
~~4/30~~

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	20 13
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	10 12
Bus #3 Mike Hall	26 16
Total Riders	56 41

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, May 3, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Bill Oakley	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Dean Hoggatt	Dean Hoggatt
Helpers	Harold DePriest	Brian Hoggatt
Helpers	Jamie McAlpin	Dale Dorris
Scripture & Prayer	Fred Oakley	Phil Hostetler
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Joe Hughes	Joe Oakley
Nursery Attendant	Diane Martin	

Wednesday, May 6

Songs	Craig Hostetler	Prayer	Mike Hall
Invitation	Stan Palmer	Closing Prayer	Gary Pieratt

CAMP INDOGAN

There is much work to be done to ready the camp for this summer's use. The following work details have been assigned to the LaGrange church.

1. Clean Kitchen (first time)
2. Install pier
3. Clean swimming area
4. Clean walk-in cooler

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate two of our young men for reaching another milestone in their lives.

Steve Herron graduates May 7th from Central State University in Edmond, Ok. Steve's major is in Industrial Arts. He hopes to teach in Junior or Senior High school.

Jim North graduates May 10th from Harding University in Searcy, Ark. Jim's degree is in Religious Education. He plans to work with some church in the educational field.

The Herrons will be leaving next week to attend Steve's graduation.

NEEDED

There is still a need for some furniture for Ray McCormack. He needs some kitchen chairs, coffee table, end table, chair and dresser. If you can't give these items perhaps you might be willing to loan them for a few months.

SICK

Little Kim Sowles has a bad case of the chicken pox.

Sharon Simpson is home from the hospital. It was good to see her back in church again.

Roy Campbell has also been able to attend services once again.

Stan Palmer has recovered nicely from his attack of a kidney stone.

VISITORS

We welcome you into our assembly and invite you to return again. Those visiting last Sunday were: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Shaffer & Christine, Angola; Mrs. Lestie Hamlin, Kendallville; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Dammouth, Niles, Mi.; Mrs. & Mrs. Dave Michaels, New Haven; Mr. & Mrs. Corky Quick, Angola; Lometta McKibben, Betty Radostits, Christina Miller, LaGrange.

OPEN HOUSE

There will be an open house at LaGrange Northeastern Mental Health Center on Sunday, May 3rd from 1 - 3 p.m. A sixteen minute film on emotional illness will be shown at intervals - staff will be available.

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 performing everyday jobs well, thanking your wife for her devotion, rejoicing over your children'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, etc, etc, etc.

-Howard Norton, Muskogee, Ok.

CLOTHING ROOM

We were able to provide clothing to a family in need this past week. Thank you for bringing in your clothing and to Gay Ray, Nancy Hart, and Blanche Dauberman for keeping the clothes and room in good order.

BIBLE COURSES

There are several members and other interested individuals who are taking Bible Correspondence Courses. Diane Martin takes care of the grading and mailing of these courses. If you would desire to take a course or know of anyone who might be interested in one, see Fred Oakley or Diane.

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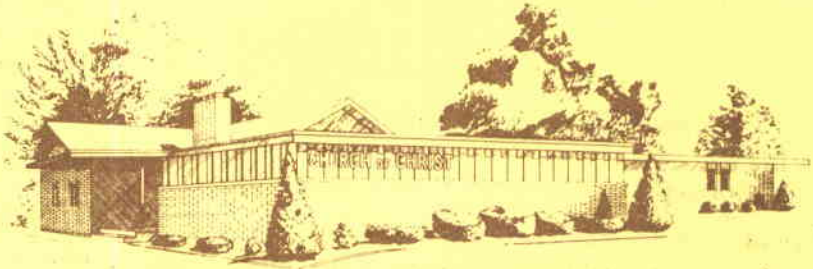
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TEACHING HIM TO WALK

A story was told by a certain welfare worker who found a little crippled boy in the city's slums. How she longed to see him walk and be a boy among boys. She decided to consult a famous orthopedic surgeon, who agreed to help. Examination was made and an operation performed. Slow, tedious days of recovery proved the operation a success. Gradually the child could walk, then run, and then play. He was, at last, a boy among boys!

At that point the woman paused to say, "He is now a grown man. I want you to guess where he is and what he is doing." Many guessed various things: "Doctor", "Great Humanitarian", "Minister of the Gospel." The woman solemnly said, "No, you are all wrong; he is in Sing Sing Prison, serving a life term for murder!"

Then she continued, "We spent all our time teaching him HOW to walk, but failed completely to teach him WHERE to walk."

-Selected-

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, May 10, 1981

Bible Classes	148
Morning Worship	158
E Evening Worship	80
Contribution	\$876.12

Wednesday Bible Study 4/29 80

Thursday "Keenagers" 4/30 43

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	13
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	12
Bus #3 Mike Hall	16
Total Riders	41

THOSE TO SERVE

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Darrel Moates	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Perry Miller	Perry Miller
Helpers	Jim Pieratt	Brian Leslie
Helpers	Mark Craig	Phil Hostetler
Scripture & Prayer	Joe Oakley	Stan Palmer
Gospel Lesson	Craig Hostetler	Craig Hostetler
Closing Prayer	Bob Sowles	James McAlpin
Nursery Attendant	Sharon Simpson	

Wednesday, May 13

Songs	Gary Pieratt	Prayer	Norm Herron
Invitation	Joe Hughes	Closing Prayer	Fred Oakley

HERRONS AWAY THIS SUNDAY

Norm and Marilyn left Monday in order to meet their daughter, Kim, who was to be in Poduka, Ky. on a chorus tour, Monday evening, then go on to Oklahoma for Steve's graduation from Central State University on May 7th. We wish for them a safe and happy trip. In brother Norm's place, brother Craig Hostetler will be speaking this Sunday.

ADULT ENCAMPMENT

On June 5 & 6 the directors of Camp Indogan have made available a series of lessons intitled "Building Better Marriages" for the strengthening of marriage ties. The two speakers for the series is brother Owen Ivery from the Westside Church of Christ, Yorkstown, Indiana and brother Jeff Shoemaker, a marriage and family counselor from Gordonsville, Tennessee. We hope that many from this area will be able to attend all or at least part of the sessions. Brochures for the encampment are in the tract rack in the south foyer.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

The following week-end, June 12 & 13 a retreat is planned for "Single High School graduates and up". Brothers Tony Lalli (who held our gospel meeting in March) and Melvin Frayier are coordinators for the program. This is the first year for such a "singles retreat" and hopefully the first on a regular annual basis.

PASSING OF GIL HANSON'S FATHER

Brother Gil's father passed away Monday afternoon, from a heart condition. Gil and his family left Tuesday for North Chicago, Il. Our sympathy is extended to the family during this time of grief.

Be not merely good;
Be good for something.

VISITORS

It makes us very happy to see visitors in attendance at our services. Those here Sunday were: Jan McCullough, Mary Magown, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, Mr. & Mrs. Danny Frasure & family, LaGrange; Lestie Hamlin, Kendallville; Harley Doty, Howe; Pat McKenzie, Wolcottville; Dick & Fran Hostetler & family, Williamstown, W. Va.

DO YOU HAVE

A couch or sofa that you don't need any longer? There is a need for one by a family in the area. Please see Joe Oakley if you can furnish one.

SPECIAL APPEAL FROM SHULTS-LEWIS

Brother Doyle Davis, executive director for Shults-Lewis Childrens Home, called to inform us that they are placing a 10 year old boy for adoption. If there are any Christian families that are interested, please inform brother Bob Sowles.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates for our annual VBS has been set for June 8 - 12. After much review by our educational committee, it is suggested that this year we have an evening VBS, using a family series, with a special emphasis on a study of the home for parents.

A VBS teachers meeting is being scheduled for May 17th at 5 p.m., when plans will be shared and discussed.

THE TIME

- The time to counsel a young person about marriage is before he falls in love.
- The time to teach a fellow the Bible truth about divorce is before he marries.
- The time to save one from death is before he learns from experience that the wages of sin is death.
- The time to shut the gate is before the horses get out.
- The time to show the peril of riches is before one gets rich.
- The time to provide against the electric chair is while the babe is in the high chair.
- The time to teach obedience to authority is in the play pen instead of the state pen.

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A GOOD RULE OF THUMB:

Whatever the pastime
in which you engage,
For the cheering of youth
or the solace of age,
Turn away from each pleasure
you'd shrink from pursuing
Were God to look down and say,
"What are you doing?"

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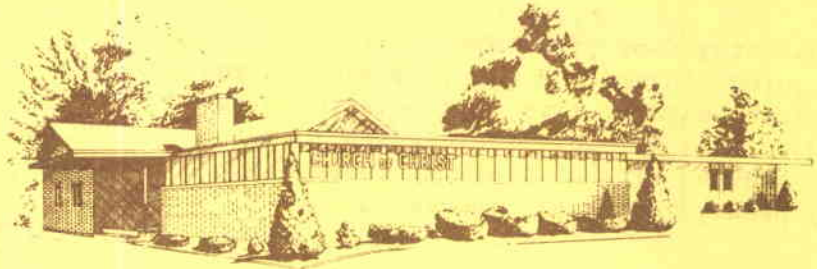
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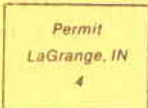
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WHAT IS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL???

It is boys and girls - paste, paint and noise. It is sandpaper and scissors, lessons and workbooks and noise. It is fun and refreshments, prayers and singing. It is the church planning and working in advance, getting ready for boys and girls and noise, constructive noise. It is meetings, ordering of supplies, hoping we will have enough. It is the men and women giving cheerfully of their time and talents because they love GOD and BOYS and GIRLS.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is a young child learning to pray. It is a girl realizing that the Maker and Ruler of Heaven and earth loves her. It is a boy hearing, for the first time, the of Jesus Christ spoken in reverence. It is parents seeing for themselves that men and women are concerned for boys and girls --- concerned enough to give freely of themselves and their time to teach boys and girls to know and love the Heavenly Father and His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. It is a young person coming to know Christ as the precious Lord and Savior in and through obedience to the Gospel.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is the voice of Jesus Christ saying softly in a thousand ways, above the joyous noise of laughter, singing, and learning, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 19:14

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ALL WILL BE NEEDED TO ATTEND EVERY DAY. YOU CAN HELP BY BRINGING FAMILY, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF ALL AGES.

THINGS TO DO TO MAKE OUR VBS A SUCCESS . . .

1. COME AND BE HAPPY.
2. BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU.
3. PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSEMBLY AND IN CLASSES.
4. TELL OTHERS EVERY DAY ABOUT THE VBS.
5. CARRY OUT THE THEME OF THE VBS IN YOUR LIFE AFTER VBS IS OVER, "DOES GOD LIVE AT YOUR HOUSE?"

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, May 10, 1981	
Bible Classes	120
Morning Worship	138
Evening Worship	93
Contribution	\$1101.00

Wednesday Bible Study 5/6	82
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Thursday "Keenagers"	44
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BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	14
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	6
Bus #3 Mike Hall	16
Total Riders	36

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, May 17, 1981

Songs	<u>Morning</u>	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table		Bob Sowles
Helpers	Mike Hall	Jerry Palmer
Helpers	Clayton Langston	Joey Oakley
Scripture & Prayer		Craig Hostetler
Gospel Lesson		Norm Herron
Closing Prayer		Jim Lee
Nursery Attendant		Sue McAlpin

Wednesday, May 20

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Prayer	Devon Hostetler
Invitation	Darrel Moates	Closing Prayer	Phil Hostetler

RESPONSE SUNDAY EVENING

Sister Sandy Adkins responded to the thought provoking lesson by bro. Craig Hostetler Sunday evening. She confessed a lack of suffering for Christ and asks for prayers of the church that she might lead a more sacrificial life, with their help. Thanks, Craig, for reminding us of a lesson that cannot be heard too often.

HERRONS HAD A GOOD TRIP

Norm & Marilyn arrived home Monday evening excited over their good trip. They met Kimberly in Poducah, Ky. as planned, then went on to Edmond, Ok. to attend Steve's graduation from Central State University on Thursday. We congratulate Steve on his graduation with honors (cum laude). He has secured a job there this summer so it will be a few months before he returns to Indiana.

CONGRATULATIONS JIM NORTH

Upon his graduation from Harding University, Searcy, Ark. Jim returned home Monday and plans to be here during the summer. He plans to do graduate work at Harding in the fall.

TEACHERS MEETING

Those who will be teaching in the Family Improvement School are requested to meet at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 17th in classroom #13. Plans will be discussed and materials handed out at this meeting.

YARD WORK

Did you notice the work that was done north and in back of the building in raking, leveling and sowing grass seed? Thanks to Mark Craig, Perry Miller, Joe Hughes, Joe Oakley, Jean & Brian Hoggatt, Dale Doris and Steve Miller, for their work on this. It really looks nice.

WATCH for the upcoming Money Management Series in the month of June.

WELCOME COLLEGE STUDENTS

Those returning home from college so far include, Sandy Adkins, Deb Duzan, Deb Murphy, from Michigan Christian College; Cheryl and Terry Hostetler from Harding University; Craig Hostetler returned from Williamstown Bible College a month ago. We are happy to have these with us for the summer.

THE SOCK

Sister Pat Lee underwent surgery Tuesday at Sturgis hospital. She is in Rm.# 213 & the address is: 916 Myrtle, Sturgis, Mi. Also Francis Lewis (sister of Luella Oakley) had surgery in LaGrange Hospital on Monday. Becky Sowles is recovering from the chicken-pox. Remember these in your prayers.

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
	Dean Hoggatt	Craig Hostetler
	Bob Sowles	Bob Sowles
	Mike Hall	Jerry Palmer
	Clayton Langston	Joey Oakley
	Craig Hostetler	Jim Pieratt
	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
	Jim Lee	Fred Oakley
	Sue McAlpin	

FAMILY IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL

In previous years our Vacation Bible School has been in the mornings of the first full week in June. We've always had good attendance for these, but because so many parents and older teenagers were working, the class age was limited to age 3 through grade 6.

This year we are planning an evening school for the entire congregation using a series of lessons entitled "Does God Live at Your House?" Hopefully, too, there will be parents of the bus children and those of the community that will be able to attend this school. We feel that this series covers a vital subject and should be profitable for any age and especially parents.

The dates are June 8 - 12 from 7 to 8:30 each evening. Please plan to come with your family and make our first evening "family improvement school" a success.

MEMORIAL DAY

Is generally a "mow grass, rake leaves and fix up" day at camp Indogan each year. This year will be no exception. On the 25th come to camp with your mowers, leaf rakes and tools and join the work and fun party (we always manage to find time for ping pong, volley ball, horseshoe, etc.). For those who like the night life at camp, come after services Sunday evening the 24th and see how much fun you can have.

YOUTH BANQUET

The Youth Banquet is being planned for Friday evening, May 29. This banquet is a token of our appreciation for the youth here. The details on this will be given next week, but we hope that all our youth, junior high through college age, will keep this evening open for the banquet.

CAMP INDOGAN OUTING

Bring pot luck and enjoy the afternoon at the scenic camp grounds on Sunday, May 31 for whole church. Busses are planning to run.

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"IT FINALLY HAPPENED"

"MUST FIND CHRISTIAN HOME FOR MALE DOG!...German Shepherd/Husky." So read the classified ad in the February 3 Pennypower!

Am I to suppose the "Christian Home" is needed to teach the poor dog to pray, memorize scripture and attend church? Would he meet other "Christian dogs" with whom to form close Christian relationships? Would he marry a female Christian dog, and raise Christian pups? Just why is it a "must" that the owners of the dog be Christians?

What really amazes me is that so many parents are not that careful with their children! Their children can run around with whom they please; they can go to questionable places, stay out all hours of the night, date non-Christians who care nothing about God, church or Bible! Many parents don't even bat an eye as their kids marry someone who in no way will try to help them get to heaven. Children that God gives that union will have a split influence at best, and at worst will have a non-Christian dominant influence, and a "lukewarm" example in the so-called Christian parent.

I read a statistic many years ago that more money is spent on dog and cat food in America than on all religious purposes! It is the mark of an affluent society, whose values have blown apart, that they are more interested in the welfare of their pets than their children!

May Christians everywhere REALLY CARE what happens to their children. Perhaps then we'll see ads say, "MUST HAVE Christian mate for my child". Until such time, we'll raise good dogs and bad children!

-Marvin Phillips
Tulsa, Oklahoma

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, May 17, 1981	
Bible Classes	146
Morning Worship	170
Evening Worship	101
Contribution	\$1104.43

Wednesday Bible Study 5/13	98
Thursday "Keenagers" 5/14	51

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	17
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	9
Bus #3 Mike Hall	20
Total Riders	46

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, May 24, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Devon Hostetler	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Jim Pieratt	Jim Pieratt
Helpers	Gil Hanson	Keith Adkins
Helpers	Craig Hostetler	Dale Doris
Scripture & Prayer	Phil Hostetler	Dave Weaver
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Jim North
Closing Prayer	Stan Palmer	Bill Oakley
Nursery Attendant	Luella Oakley	

Wednesday, May 27

Songs	James McAlpin	Prayer	Bob Sowles
Invitation	Bill Oakley	Closing Prayer	Joe Oakley

VISITORS

We extend a cordial and friendly greeting to all those attending our services. Those visiting last Sunday were: Zac Muncy, Searcy, Ark.; Steve Herron, Edmond, Ok. Cindy Lapp, Madison Hgts, Mi.; Wayne and Barbara Tront family, Ft. Wayne; Cindy Glick, Mongo; Harley Doty, Howe; Dave Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McDonald, Danny & Lucile Frasure family, Christina Miller, Mary Penrose, Ina Archer and Ruth Engle, LaGrange. Also home from college for the summer: Jim North, Terry Morr, and Glen Morr.

SICK

Pat Lee returned home Tuesday from the Sturgis Hospital. Pat's sister will be staying with her while she recuperates. Let's continue to keep Pat in our prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

We regret that Terri Morr's name was overlooked in the honoring of our graduates from college. Terri graduated from Purdue University in West Lafayette with a degree in Interior Design. She will be working with a furniture store in Kendallville.

GOSPEL CONCERT

The Ninth Annual Gospel Quartet Singing Concert will be Saturday, June 13, at the Lindberg Rd. Church of Christ building in Anderson. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and feature the Harmony Four, Silvertones, Love Lights, and Chansonaires. A donation will be taken to help cover the expenses of the singers.

SUNDAY EVENING SPEAKER

The speaker for this Sunday will be Jim North. Jim a graduate of Harding University, plans to return there this fall for further studies. Jim hopes to preach this summer for the church in Angola where he preached often last summer.

Get together after church

UP-COMING EVENTS

May 25	Work day at Camp
29	Youth Banquet
31	Church picnic at Camp
Jun 5-6	Adult Encampment at Camp
8-12	Family Bible School 7-8:30 p.m.
12-13	Young Adult Retreat
19	Family night
26-27	Money Management Series

*Teenage Banquet May 29
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FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL

The final preparations continue for this year's "Family Bible School". There will be a total of 9 classes for ages 2 years thru adults. The schedule for each night is as follows:

EVENING SCHEDULE

7:00 - 7:10	Opening Assembly
7:10 - 7:45	First Class period
7:45 - 7:55	Refreshments
7:55 - 8:30	Second Class period
8:30	Dismissal

There will not be a program on Friday night. Instead the adults will be able to visit their children's classes during the second class period.

Plan now to bring the whole family each evening and invite others to join you. Those who need transportation should call 463-3318 or 463-3571.

GOSPEL MEETING

The church in Benton Harbor, Michigan is having a gospel meeting the week of May 31 - June 5. The speaker will be Bro. V. E. Howard who is noted for his many years of speaking for the International Gospel Hour as well as the author of numerous books and tracts.

ADULT ENCAMPMENT

"Better homes through better marriages" is the thrust of the 1981 ADULT ENCAMPMENT at Camp Indogan, June 5-6. With the breakdown of the family life all around us, it is vital that as many couples as possible use this opportunity both to strengthen our own relationships and equip ourselves to better help others.

Keynote speaker and discussion leader will be Jeff Shoemaker of Nashville, Tenn. Jeff is a Marriage and Family Counselor in private practice. He is also a member of the American Association of Marital and Family Therapy, a licensed psychologist, and a minister of the Lord's church in Gordonsville, Tenn.

Biblical Principles on Money Management June 26, 27

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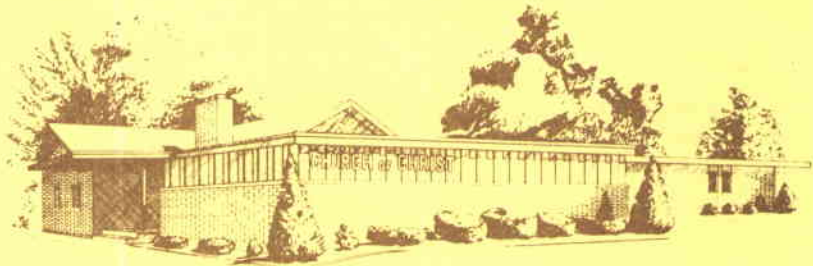
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GOD'S WONDERFUL GIFT

What is the greatest gift you think anyone could give you? A million dollars, your own thriving corporation, thousands of acres of land, gold or silver? It is sad that when we ask for things we usually think so small. In the story of the crippled beggar found in Acts chapter 3, a man who had been crippled from birth was being carried to a place where he could beg for money from those passing by. The crippled man had obviously been doing this for many years and one seems secure in assuming he had barely been able to survive.

Now, here come two men of God, Peter and John. As they walk by, the crippled man doesn't even bother to look up. He just shakes his cup and asks for money. Peter and John say, "Look at us!" The beggar, half frightened yet still hopeful, looks up expecting some gift. He had fallen prey to little thinking. He had been feeling so sorry for himself that he had forgotten the grandeur and greatness of God. Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Had Peter and John given the beggar money, a corporation or land, he would have still been crippled. The comparison today is you may become wealthy in the eyes of man but you still may be in sin. Jesus tells you He doesn't have the silver and gold to give you but He does have something far more precious - everlasting life.

As we continue our search for happiness we often act like the beggar - just shake the cup and never look up. We need to be looking up to God - to His Word for our power for living!

-Kenneth D. Johnson

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, May 24, 1981

Bible Classes	140
Morning Worship	172
Evening Worship	102
Contribution	\$1029.95

Wednesday Bible Study 5/20 97

Thursday "Keenagers" 5/21 45

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	12
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	7
Bus #3 Mike Hall	15
Total Riders	34

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, May 31, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Bill Oakley
Lord's Table	James McAlpin	James McAlpin
Helpers	Jim Lee	Harold DePriest
Helpers	Mark Craig	Enos Miller
Scripture & Prayer	Joe Hughes	Bob Sowles
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Singing
Closing Prayer	Darrel Moates	Perry Miller
Nursery Attendant	Lois Oakley	

Wednesday, June 3

Songs	Gary Pieratt	Prayer	Dean Hoggatt
Invitation	Brian Hoggatt	Closing Prayer	Dave Weaver

CARDS OF APPRECIATION

To the members of LaGrange Church of Christ.

Thank you very much for the beautiful red rose and your prayers. Visitation from those of the congregation was appreciated. God bless you all.

Judy Gill

Dear brother and sisters is LaGrange,

Thank you so much for the beautiful sheets. The color is great.

I wish you could have all been here for the wedding. It would be great to see you. We hope to come at least once this year to LaGrange. So we will see you then. Thank you for giving to us. Love,

Armando & Marcella Griego

PROMOTION DAY

Sunday, June 7 will be promotion day for the Sunday Bible school. All children will be advanced to the next age bracket. The change will take place at the beginning of the class period.

Teachers are requested to return all their unused class books so they can be returned for credit..

CONTRIBUTION

It was decided that the fifth Sunday be used to make up any deficit in the budget. Guess what? We don't have one. The contributions for the first 20 weeks have averaged \$1029.46 or almost \$30.00 above the budget. This is great and commendable. But perhaps you have noticed the many leaks in our building when it rains. We need some major repair work on the roof immediately. This will be a costly project. The extra money will help us to complete this work and more important accomplish more in the work of seeking and saving the lost.

*"Postponed obedience is disobedience".*VISITORS

We appreciate the good number of visitors that came our way Sunday. Ron Topp, Odessa, Texas; Kay Barnick, Trenton, Ohio; Jeff & Paula Herron, Livonia, Mi.; Kent & Sarah Monesmith family, Cheryl Zimmerman and Dennie Lung, Ft. Wayne; Danny & Betty Storms, Waterloo; Lestie Hamlin, Kendallville; Jan McCullough, Wolcottville; and Danny & Lucille Frasure family, LaGrange.

CONGRATULATIONS

Tuesday, May 26, Devon and Ellen Hostetler celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. We wish them a happy anniversary and many more in the years to come. We love you both very much!

VISITATION BREAKFAST

Calling on prospects for our Family Bible School should be done at every opportunity. A breakfast is being planned this Saturday (May 30) for those who care to meet at the building and go out to call on any contacts or prospects they might have. We suggest making a list of those you want to contact, coming to the breakfast at 8, then taking some time to make your calls. Remember, the Family Bible School is for all, so this would be a good opportunity to advertize the school starting this Saturday. Colorful handouts for the Family Bible School will be available for use in our visitation with friends and neighbors.

SINGING

The fifth Sunday evening service has been set aside primarily for singing. We are blessed with a good number of song leaders, many good singers, and much in which to sing and rejoice about. Join us in an inspiring hour of songs this Sunday.

KEENAGERS

The Keenagers will be traveling by bus to Camp Indogan on June 4th. This has become a yearly outing which all the Keenagers look forward to and enjoy. The busses will leave the church building at 10:00 and return at about 1:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP

The Greater Detroit Soul Winning Workshop is scheduled for June 5 - 6. The workshop will be held at the Plymouth, Mi. church building. The classes will cover a variety of topics regarding soul winning. Norm will be speaking Friday at 3:00 p.m. on working with the Senior Citizens.

COOK OUT

All young people are invited to a cook out at Joe Hughes place Sat. at 4:00 PM.

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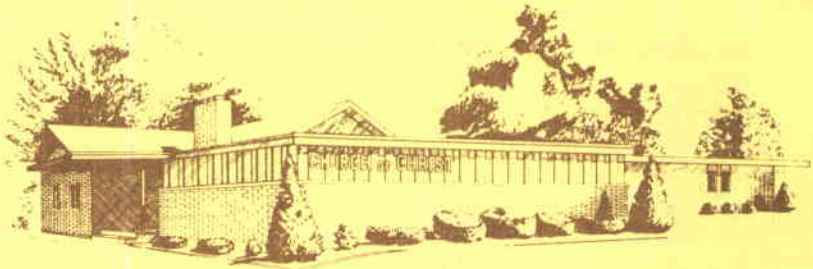
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ABUNDANT PARDON

"God ... will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:7).

Jesus never met a man he wouldn't save. Look through the gospel records and see for yourself. You will never find him saying, "I wish I could help you, but there's nothing I can do." You will never hear him say, "Your case is too difficult for me." He doesn't leave any inkling of unwillingness or inability. He died for "the sins of the world" - all of them. He shed his blood "for the remission of sins" - all sins. No wonder he was such an attraction for guilty men. No wonder "then drew near unto Him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him."

Let lost men "seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near." Why? "For he will abundantly pardon." Have no lingering doubts about God's pardon. It is abundant! Those who have fled to Christ for refuge have not been disappointed - nor will you be.

That's not to minimize the sins we commit. How many they seem: Sins of *thought* - rebellious, proud, blasphemous, cruel, false, unholy, ad infinitum; sins of *word* - I would have to repeat the list; sins of *deed* - ranging from theft to murder. But cease your counting. There is no way to tally so many sins. They are as countless as the drops of dew which fall in the autumn morning, as numberless as the sands of the seashore.

"God ... will abundantly pardon." How refreshing it is to return to this theme. He will *really* pardon. Have you that have been pardoned ever asked, "Is it really true? Can it be? Am I really forgiven?" Yes, it is true! God doesn't *pretend* to forgive; he *forgives*. Your sins no longer exist. They have been removed as far as the east is from the west. They are gone forever. Those sins have been covered in a deluge of grace.

See here an endless ocean flows,
Of never-failing grace,
Behold a dying Saviour's veins,
The sacred flood increase.

It rises high and drowns the hills,
Has neither shore nor bound,
Now, if we search to find our sins,
Our sins can ne'er be found.

-John Gipson

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, May 31, 1981

Bible Classes	154
Morning Worship	191
Evening Worship	109
Contribution	\$1101.32

Wednesday Bible Study 5/27 89

Thursday "Keenagers" 5/28 52

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	24
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	7
Bus #3 Mike Hall	30
Total Riders	61

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, June 7, 1982

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Bill Oakley	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Jim Lee	Jim Lee
Helpers	Brian Leslie	Brian Leslie
Helpers	Mike Hall	Brian Hoggatt
Scripture & Prayer	James McAlpin	Gary Pieratt
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Craig Hostetler	Joe Hughes
Nursery	Cheryl Hostetler	

Wednesday, June 10

Song	Bob Sowles	Invitation	Dick Hostetler
Prayer	Phil Hostetler	Closing Prayer	Perry Miller

FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL

Anticipation continues to build for the "Family Bible School", on June 8 - 12; There will be many *firsts* in this year's school. It will be the *first* time we have held it in the evening (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.). In doing this we hope to have more parents to come with their children. It will be the *first* time in several years that we won't be running the busses. This was decided due to the lack of time and also to encourage the parents to bring their children. (However, transportation will be provided for all those who need it.) It will be the *first* time to have classes for young people and adults. We hope to have a good turn out for these age groups. The theme "*Does God Live at Your House?*" is built around the family unit so it should be of interest to all. And, finally it will be the *first* time that many in the church will have an opportunity to attend due to having to work during the day. Lets make our *first* evening Family Bible School one of the best ever.

SINGING

Once again, we have the opportunity and privilege to sing with the residence at the area nursing homes. We meet at 4:30p.m. at the Millers Merry Manor and then at 5:10 at LaGrange. The many residence in these two homes look forward to our singing and also appreciate our visiting with them.

WORKDAY JUNE 20

The building and grounds committee has scheduled a workday for Saturday, June 20. There is a number of projects to be worked on both in and outside the building. Bring along your tools and a sack lunch.

FAMILY NIGHT

There will be a "family night" Friday June 19, at 7-9:30p.m. at the Farmers State Bank Community Room. Bring along your pop and popcorn for an evening of entertainment and fellowship.

VISITORS

We welcome you to our services today. Those visiting last week were: Mrs. JoAnn Abers, Sturgis, Mi.; David Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Harley Doty, Howe; Joyce Quick and family, Dick & Mary Campbell family, LaGrange.

MOVED

Sister Gay Ray moved to another apartment at the Country Side this past Monday. A big thanks to Brian Hoggatt, Dale Dorris, Perry Miller, Jim Pieratt and Dean Hoggatt for helping her to make the move.

It's easier to build a boy than to mend a man

AREA WIDE SINGING

The starting of the monthly Area Wide Singing was discussed at the last preacher's meeting. The first Singing will be Sunday, June 21, at 2:30 p.m. at the Kendallville church. Any congregation wishing to participate by hosting the singing is urged to choose a month and come prepared to sign up for that month. What better way to spend Father's Day than singing praises to God and speaking to brothers and sisters in Christ in songs. Everyone is invited to attend. If there is enough going we could take one of our busses.

AREA MEETING

The Summit City Church of Christ in Ft. Wayne cordially invites you to attend a gospel meeting on June 14 - 19. The speaker will be Ralph Draper of Cleveland, Ohio. The nightly services will be at 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH BONDS

The church in Columbia City plans to build their new building this summer. They will be offering \$45,000 of bonds at 12% interest for sale on or about July 1. If any are interested they man contact Norm or members of the Columbia City church.

MONEY MANAGEMENT SERIES

What? Biblical Principles for Family Money Management

When? Friday, June 26, 7 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 27, 9a.m.-3:30p.m.

Where? LaGrange church building

Who? All adults and couples

Why? To learn and develop Biblical skills in handling household finances.

This is a family service project of the Shults-Lewis Childrens Home.

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"A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH"

"I wonder if the Lord above views with contempt the paradoxical and inconsistent lives of those who claim to be Christians, yet live like a child of the devil! And I'm not talking about the devilish acts of drinking, drugs, stealing, lying, murder, covetousness, lust, sexual immorality, and such like. We know that those who practice such will not enter the kingdom of heaven. (1 Cor. 6:9-11) I believe the sins of wickedness that will damn more souls of professing "Christians" than any other, are those of attitude and spirit. Being a Christian means having the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:2-5). Being a Christian is more than being a church-going, Bible-reading, communion-taking, contribution-giving, religious person.

There is a vital aspect known as spiritual growth and development. We are admonished again and again: (1) We are to add spiritual qualities to our lives so that we might go to heaven (moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love 2 Peter 1:5-11). (2) Walk by the spirit and thus produce the fruit of the spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness - Gal. 5:22-25). (3) Be examples of believers in speech, conduct, faith, love and purity (1 Tim. 4:12). (4) Spiritual wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering and without hypocrisy (James 3:17). (5) "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32). (6) Real Christian love is patient, kind, not jealous, not boastful, not rude, not selfish, not irritable, not resentful, rejoices with truth, bears all things, hopes all things and endures all things. This love will outlast anything (1 Cor. 13:4-8).

Beloved, it matters not how much we speak out against the sins of the world. If we have a life style and a disposition that is characterized by bitterness, selfishness, calloused indifference to the feelings of others, being unloving, unkind, irritable, argumentative, proud, impatient, hot tempered, critical, complaining, and unforgiving, we are going to hell as quickly as the ungodly sinners.

Brethren and friends, Christianity/is to make us different than the world. We are responsible for our attitudes and actions. Let's turn to God in humility, confess our wickedness and beg His forgiveness (James 4:7-19). Let's begin right now to let the Lord control our minds and hearts and tongues. Let's really live the Christian life in our treatment of our mates, our children, our brethren and our neighbors. It's a matter of life and death."

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday,	6/7	6/14
Bible Classes	140	145
Morning Worship	177	173
Evening Worship	?	?
Contribution	\$1106.42	\$789.30

Wednesday Bible Study	101	FBS
Thursday "Keenagers"	50	55

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	20	24
Bus #2 Devon Hostetler	7	?
Bus #3 Mike Hall	17	24
Total Riders	44	48

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, June 21, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Jim North	Craig Hostetler
Lord's Table	Joe Oakley	Joe Oakley
Helpers	Gil Hanson	Keith Adkins
Helpers	Enos Miller	Phil Hostetler
Scripture & Prayer	Bill Oakley	Jim North
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Fred Oakley	James McAlpin
Nursery	Pat Hall	

Wednesday, June 24

Song	Darrel Moates	Invitation	Bob Sowles
Prayer	Joe Hughes	Closing Prayer	Mark Craig

FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL

"It was the first Bible School I have ever attended and it was great!" "A good theme for the whole family!" "Just what many of us needed!"

These statements and others similar to them were expressed regarding our Family Bible School last week. Although the buses didn't run (except the Keenage bus to Millers Merry Manor) the attendance ran 141, 143, 153, 139 and 143 for the 5 night series. The evening schedule allowed many adults to attend who otherwise would not be allowed to because of daytime work schedule.

A word of thanks to the many teachers, and refreshment servers, who helped to make our 1st evening VBS a success.

SINGING AT NURSING HOMES

About 40 came out to our 1st Sunday Singing for both Nursing Homes, which is probably the best attendance we've ever had. It seems more of a church activity where several take time to visit and encourage in song, those that are confined to the homes. When our time comes to take their place, possibly in confinement or loneliness we'll no doubt see the worth of visitation and encouragement in a different light.

Remember the "Golden Rule".

WELCOME BACK

It's good to have Dick & Fran Hostetler and family back with us again. Dick has completed three years of study at Williams-town Bible College. Dick & Fran plan to move to the Chicago area in the near future to begin a work there. Meanwhile Dick is looking for a church to preach for or any other type of work for the summer.

ZONES

Our new zone system has been working good. Attendance at most meetings has been good. Let's use those occasions to get to know each other better.

VISITORS

We extend a Christian greeting to all those who visit our services. Those visiting last Sunday were: Mr. & Mrs. John Ray & family, Bellevue, Mi.; Dan & Connie Davison & family, Bob & Sue Morgan & family, Mr. & Mrs. James Kein & family, Angola; Dennis Lung and Kathy Wright, Ft. Wayne; Dave Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Mr. & Mrs. Ed Moore, and Mr. & Mrs. Ken McDonald, LaGrange.

HELP NEEDED

There is need for a volunteer to help Zella Bellaire with the cleaning of the auditorium on Friday or Saturday. Blanche Dauberman, who usually helps, needs to be relieved while her husband is in the hospital.

COMING EVENTS

June 19	Family Night - 7:00 - 9:30pm Farmers State Bank Community Room
20	Work Party at church building. Bring paint brushes & old clothes.
21	Area Wide Singing - Kendallville at 2:30 p.m.
22	Final Area Skating Party Rollerdome, Ft. Wayne
26-27	Money Management Series Series is open to all adults and area congregations. Friday 7-9 pm Sat. 9-3:30pm
30	Zone Meetings I & IV Zone I Potluck at Brian & Patricia Leslie, Ligonier 4:00 pm. Zone IV Potluck at Joe & Kathy Hughes, Ontario. 4:00pm
July 4	Area Fellowship at Camp Indogan.
12-17	Jr. Camp Session (age 9-11) George Welker, Director
19-24	Intermediate Camp Session (age 12-14) Norm Herron, Dir.
26-31	Jr. Camp Session (age 9-11) Jim Sentell, Director
30-8/1	Mid America Evangelism Workshop, Indianapolis

MONEY MANAGEMENT SERIES

"Inflation and You", "Saving Money on Food Purchases", "Credit and the Debt Trap" "God Owns It All"

These are some of the interesting topics that will be covered at the Money Management Series. The class is free and open to all adults and to area congregations. Bro. Roger Wood of the Shults-Lewis Childrens Home will conduct the class.

SICK

It was good to see Pat Lee back in services again. Devon Hostetler was in the hospital with an infected foot.

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CLAIM YOUR FREEDOM

A captive eagle was tethered to a stick by a chain ten feet long. He marched round in a circle till a deep track was worn, and years of practice confirmed the habit. Then one day its owner took off his chain and set him free. Still he pursued his usual circle, continuing the habit, not claiming his freedom till someone pushed him from the beaten track. As if astonished he looked around, flapped his wings, then fixing his eye on the sun, soared upward, and was free!

Sinners who come to God through Jesus Christ are ever needing to claim their freedom. Lives, long confirmed in the habits of sin, must be taken out of their rut, and stop the vicious circle of sin. As Paul says, "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery." (Galations 5:1). "Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:11).

Many people who have been cleaned by the blood of Jesus and set free from the bondage of sin, need to claim their freedom. There is no longer any reason or power that has them chained to sin and death. Paul say's, "in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, and put on the new self...Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor...laying aside falsehood, speak truth...be angry, and yet do not sin..." (Ephesians 4:22, 24 - 28).

"Let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us,...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith." (Hebrew 12:1 - 2).

Christians, jump out of your rut, fix your eyes on Jesus the Son, soar upward, and be free!

-W. K. Boyce

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, June 21, 1981
 Bible Classes 139
 Morning Worship 161
 Evening Worship 106
 Contribution \$1192.94

Wednesday Bible Study 6/17 101

Thursday "Keenagers" 6/18 47

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley 27
 Bus #2 Devon Hostetler 9
 Bus #3 Mike Hall 12
 Total Riders 48

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, June 28, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Dean Hoggatt	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Devon Hostetler	Devon Hostetler
Helpers	Harold DePriest Stan Palmer	Stan Palmer
Helpers	Brian Leslie Jerry Palmer	Jerry Palmer
Scripture & Prayer	James Pieratt	Jim Lee
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Dick Hostetler
Closing Prayer		Bob Sowles
Nursery Attendant	Diana Hostetler	

Wednesday, July 1

Song	Gary Pieratt	Invitation	Mike Hall
Prayer	Dave Weaver	Closing Prayer	Joe Oakley

FOM GRADUATES

Darrell O'Rourke, who conducted the Fishers of Men Training class, has asked all the graduates to fill out a form and return it. This information is vital in helping them to evaluate their work and report to those who oversee and sponsor the work. Please turn in your completed forms to Fred Oakley who will forward them to Darrell.

GUEST SPEAKER

This Sunday evening we will have the opportunity of hearing Dick Hostetler preach. Dick has just finished three years of training at the Williamstown Bible College. Dick and family will be here for the summer while final plans are being made to begin a new work in the northeast area of Chicago. Let's all come back Sunday evening to hear Dick and encourage him in his desire to preach the gospel.

FOURTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

It's time again for the regular fourth Sunday fellowship. All are encouraged to bring some light refreshments and remain for this time of food and fellowship. Christians need to spend as much time together as possible. We need to encourage and edify each other.

ALCOHOL IN THE U.S.A.

Alcohol costs 35 billion dollars more a year than the taxes bring in.

Each year in this country, it is involved in:

- 64% of the homicides.
- 30% of the suicides.
- 20% of the fatal private aircraft accidents.
- 50% of the fatal automobile accidents.
- 58% of the fire deaths.
- 45% of the drownings.
- 55% of the child abuse cases.

-The CLA Defender, Issue 11

VISITORS

We are always glad to have visitors to our services. Those visiting with us Sunday were: Connie Morgan, Christina & Zabrina, Ohio; Dave & Larry Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Cindy Glick, Mongo; Connie Duzan, Mr. & Mrs. Ken McDonald, and Danny & Lucille Frasure, LaGrange.

MUCH APPRECIATED

Several turned out to make some much needed repairs and improvements around the building. They were: Perry Miller, Mark Craig, Dean & Brian Hoggatt, Dale Doris, Jim Pieratt, Nancy Hart, Gay Ray, Joe & Lois Oakley.

YOUTH ENCOUNTER

With July fast approaching, so is the Youth Encounter on July 17 - 19 at the Kendallville church. This year's speakers include Roger Harkness, Adrian, Mi.; Gary Turner, Flint, Mi. and Larry Dickson, Kendallville.

There will be several singing groups performing. The "Chansonaires" will be bringing some special messages in song. Two new singing groups will be introduced to the area, "Agape" and "Gentle Persuasions" from Flint, Mi.

Come and meet new friends and fellowship with Christians at the "Youth Encounter".

"ON PREACHERS AND PREACHING"

"The preacher today is preaching to about the most difficult audience that the world has ever seen. You have all the thrills. You have engaged in almost every sensational amusement. You have about all that is to be seen. Therefore it is not altogether easy to hold your attention. A sermon that would have produced a profound sensation in the days of our fathers would put you into a profound sleep."

-Clovis G. Chappell

"The average sermon contains about 5,000 words. Most preachers deliver about 90 sermons per year, which means about 450,000 words

A full-length novel contains about 50,000 words, so this means a minister is expected to produce the equivalent of nine full-length novels each year. Everyone is entitled to a few dull chapters if he produces nine books each year."

-Copied

Remember In Prayers

Brother Roy Campbell has returned to Miller's Merry Manor, Room #6 of the NW wing. His condition is about the same.... Kim Sowles had a "playing" accident. She fell with a curtain rod in her mouth. She has some fever yet but is doing well.