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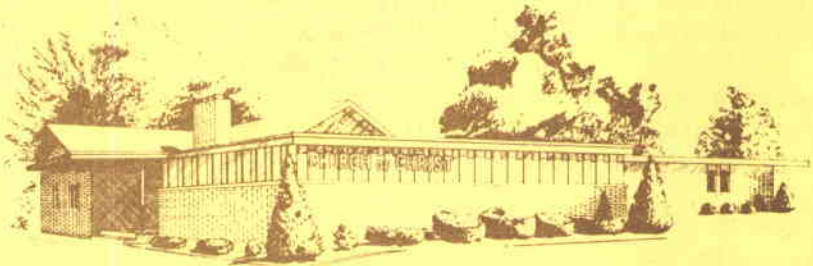
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Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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NEVER WARN A FRIEND?

*"When we preach, warning every man...
that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.
Col. 1:28*

Would someone please tell me why it is that if a lawyer finds a flaw in a title to a piece of property and does not warn about it, he has not done his duty; and if a bank examiner finds discrepancies in the accounts of a bank and does not report them, he is a derelict; and if a doctor discovers symptoms of a terrible disease and does not pursue a correct diagnosis, he is a quack; but if a preacher sees flaws in one's account of heavenly treasures and reports them or discovers some symptom of spiritual weakness and diagnoses a gospel cure, many think he is just meddling and trying to find fault?

How can we be so blind? If a preacher or other concerned Christian shows enough love for you as to warn of some danger in your path that might cause you to slip from the heavenly way and be eternally lost, he is your best friend! Do not be angry with him but be thankful for him! *"So then am I become your enemy by telling you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16)*

Every child of God has the responsibility of warning those around him of spiritual dangers. You must warn that friend or neighbor of the spiritual danger he faces by trying to live even one more day without Christ. You have weak brethren who need to be warned against lukewarmness in the kingdom, of worldly practices which have become a part of their lives. The Lord will hold us accountable if we just fold our hands and hold our tongues while people all around us are headed for destruction!

If he is your friend, you cannot refrain from warning him. And even if he reacts in anger at first, he will be indebted to you for his eternal salvation if he heeds the warning you have sounded.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, June 28, 1981

Bible Classes	135
Morning Worship	145
Evening Worship	98
Contribution	\$1100.11

Wednesday Bible Study 6/24 97

Thursday "Keenagers" 6/25 47

COMING EVENTS

July 4	Area Fellowship - Camp Indogan
12-17	Junior Camp (age 9-11)
17-19	Youth Encounter, "Centered on Christ" Kendallville church
19-24	Intermediate Camp (age 12-14)
26-31	Junior Camp (age 9-11)
30-8/1	Mid America Evangelism Workshop-Convention Center, Indianapolis
Aug. 2-7	Intermediate Camp (age 12-14)
4	Commodity pick-up for Shults-Lewis Children's Home
9-14	Senior Camp (age 15-18)
16	Homecoming Day at LaGrange

COMMODITIES

We have been informed by Shults-Lewis of a revision in their Commodities Program.

They plan to make a pick-up in our area once a year instead of quarterly, as in the past. By doing this, they hope to accomplish 3 things.

1. Cost Saving in Travel Expense - Rick Shur will be in each area on speaking engagements or visiting congregations at the time of the pick-up.
2. More Participation - Congregations that feel they can't collect commodities each month, we hope feel they can one month each year.
3. Build More Enthusiasm - Some may feel collecting each month gets too commonplace. This way a once a year food drive may get people excited.

The LaGrange church will be among the first to begin this new program. Our commodity item will be CANNED TUNA. The van will be in our area Tuesday, Aug. 4. We hope that each one will want to be a part of this very special and needed program.

SICK

Millard Hughes is in LaGrange Hospital after suffering a mild heart attack. Visitation is presently restricted to the immediate family.

Little Patty Hughes broke her arm in a fall from a pony while at a Brownie outing.

Devon Hostetler has been suffering some pain in his leg as a result of his recent infection.

Willard Dauberman, the husband of Blanche, is in McCray Memorial hospital in Kendallville for more tests and treatment.

VISITORS

You are always welcome to our services. We invite you to come back when you can. Those visiting last Sunday were: Linda Acree, Ray McCormack & Heidi, & Heather. Sturgis, Mi.; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Begley, Centerville, In.; Terry Dowden & children, Ligonier; Larry Kimpel, Angola; Dave Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Steve Smith, Shipshewana; Cindy Glick, Angie & Eric, Mongo; and Connie Duzan, LaGrange.

SIRI IS COMING

The Herron's are awaiting a visit from Siri Johanson of Norway. Siri is a long time friend of Missy's from school in Norway. They have kept in touch these past 9 years. Siri arrives Saturday, July 4 at O'Hares field in Chicago. She will be visiting with the Herron's for 6 weeks.

REFLECTIONS ON SEMINAR

Those who attended the Money Management Series were rewarded with a great deal of information and insight in handling their finances. Our thanks to bro. Roger Wood for sharing with us his expertise in this field. Also, thanks to Laura and Lisa Shears for babysitting on Saturday.

TRAVELING

Jamie and Sue McAlpin traveled to Florida to attend his brother Chuck's wedding. They made the trip in their newly acquired VW camper, along with Jamie's folks from Dayton, Ohio.

Darrel and Nina Moates are visiting with relatives in the Lubbock, Texas area.

CAMPING OUT

Several of the young men and teenage boys spent the night camping out at Pokagan State Park. Those camping out were: Craig Hostetler, Jim North, Brian Hoggatt, Dale Dorris, Gary Pieratt, Jerry Lee, Rick Shears and Jerry Palmer.

USED CLOTHING

We have a large assortment of clothing for the needy. If you know someone who needs clothing for men, women, boys or girls, contact Gay Ray - 463-7316 or Nancy Hart - 463-2871.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF BACK-SEATING

A psychiatrist says that "back-seat grabbing" is a form of rejection. People want the benefits of religion but don't want the responsibilities connected with it. Since the front of the church auditorium represents those responsibilities, they get as far away from it as possible.

To others, "back-seat grabbing" is a form of rebellion. It is a means of establishing one's independence from parental control. It is a private playground for those too immature for the real spiritual significance of the worship service.

Those who have a right to the back seats are families with infants-in-arms, those with a medical problem, and the visitors who arrive late.

Do YOU need to move up front and share the responsibilities? If the Lord would step in the pulpit, where would you want Him to find you seated?

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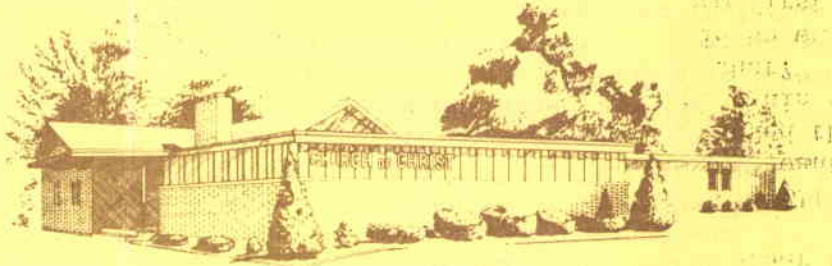
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ENCOURAGEMENT

*"And we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly,
encourage the fainthearted, help the weak,
be patient with all men." I Thes. 5:14)*

We have a vast, usually silent, majority in the church today that, like a sleeping giant, could be the source of a great amount of energy for good if only we would encourage them to really get behind the work that is to be done.

There is in between this majority and the "experts" another group who are trying in spite of the discouragement they sometimes face.

Then, we have the small minority who do most of the work.

This situation is of our own making. Men and women can never learn to teach or do the other things that are needed to be done unless they are used in these areas. You just do not learn to do these things by constantly sitting on a seat and listening. People need to feel wanted and needed. There are so many people who could also become "expert" with proper training and encouragement.

All of us have the responsibility of encouraging everyone who is trying. Sure, we may not be able to say, "That was exceptional", but we could say something, if nothing more than "I appreciated your lesson", or "I appreciated your effort, keep it up". He will try harder next time and the one who is not trying should be encouraged to try. I'm afraid we discourage many be holding up too high a standard to reach.

When the "expert" says to me, "I don't want to appear superior, but...", he has already put me down and I'm discouraged. We must use extreme care in our relations with others. Most people can see through our cloak of pretended humility. Professional jealousy leaves me cold.

Most of us need a course in human relations. This is especially true of church leaders at whatever level or whatever responsibility: elders, deacons, preachers, teachers, and others. Too often, we look for praise from others but never pass on an encouraging word to one "of the least of these, my brethren" who may be trying, even though he is not really professional and maybe never will be. He needs our help badly to carry on doing his best.

I commend to you the scripture at the top of this page.

-John G. Cathey, Jr.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday July 5, 1981
 Bible Classes 102
 Morning Worship 122
 Evening Worship ?
 Contribution \$1082.03

Wednesday Bible Study 7/1 ?

Thursday "Keenagers" 7/2 41

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley 13
 Bus #3 Mike Hall 13
 Total Riders 26

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, July 12, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>		<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Bill Oakley		Craig Hostetler
Lord's Table	Dick Hostetler		Dick Hostetler
Helpers	Dale Doris	Mark Craig	Mark Craig
Helpers	Darrell Moates	Enos Miller	Enos Miller
Scripture & Prayer	Jim Lee		Dave Weaver
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron		Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Craig Hostetler		Joe Oakley
Nursery Attendant	Zella Bellaire		

Wednesday, July 15

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Invitation	Dick Hostetler
Prayer	Norm Herron	Closing Prayer	Phil Hostetler

RESPONSE

Bro. Dave Weaver responded to the invitation to ask for the prayers and forgiveness of the church. He stated, "I need the prayers of the church for strength. I also need to be forgiven of any shortcomings I have. It's been a very trying time for me. Also pray for Connie and the boys."

GIFT

The church was recently presented with a check for \$500.00 from the estate of Flossie Harris.

Flossie obeyed the gospel on July 23, 1978 and shortly thereafter revised her will to include the church. We were not aware of this until notified at the time of her death. We feel that this is a commendable practice.

In many cases, those who fail to make a will let the state determine how their inheritance is distributed. Others who make a will often leave their inheritance to those who care nothing for the things of the Lord.

But those who remember their Lord not only in life but in death, are like Flossie, "Laying up for themselves treasures in heaven". (Mt. 6:20)

DICK AND FRAN HOSTETLER

Upon the recommendation of the elders, the men approved the hiring of Dick Hostetler on a part time basis to work with the church.

Dick is still looking for a church to work with full time but in the meantime he has agreed to work with us. We feel that Dick's experience and dedication can be a real asset to the church at this time. Dick will be helping work with the youth, bus ministry, and visitation program.

Dick and Fran's temporary address is: Box 175, Howe, In. 46746, phone no. 562-2540.

"Coasting isn't possible in the Christian life, as one can only coast going downhill!"

VISITORS

We trust that you will find your visit here both friendly and uplifting. Those who were with us last Sunday: Siri Johanson, Oslo, Norway; Ken & Kathy Long, Summerville, S.C.; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Begley, Centerville,; Dave Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Larry Kimpel, Angola; Harley Doty, Howe; Mr. & Mrs. Ken McDonald and Connie Duzan, LaGrange.

TRAVELING

The Gil Hanson family are visiting with family in Wisconsin.

The Hoggatt's are enjoying a visit from Keny & Kathy and Kent & Debbie and grandchildren.

BUS CANVASSING

This Saturday, July 11, will be spent in canvassing the bus routes for more riders.

We will meet at the building at 8:00am. for breakfast and then divide up into groups for canvassing.

The busses have been way down in attendance. We know that some of this is due to the summer season. But we hope to give a boost to our busses and see if we can't fill them once again. Come and join us in a day of canvassing.

SHULTS-LEWIS COMMODITIES

Just a little reminder that LaGrange has been assigned "canned tuna" for this month.

Under the new program at the Children's Home, we have been assigned a commodity only once a year. This is our opportunity to do all we can for the Home this year. Bro. Rick Shur will be here August 4 to pick our assignment. Let's all work to have the "barrel" overflowing with cans of tuna.

"I WANT A WORM TO EAT!"

A young mother tried in vain to get her spoiled son to eat his meal. As he repeatedly refused to eat what she had prepared, she asked him what he would like to eat.

Trying to be as difficult as he could, the boy replied, "I want a worm to eat!" The mother had read in her psychology book that children should be given just what they want, so she instructed the father to go to the garden and find a worm.

The father did, but the son was still dissatisfied. He complained that he wanted the worm cooked. So his mother cooked the worm and set it on the table, but again the same old story of refusal. "Now what?" asked the mother, and the boy said he wanted his father to eat half the worm first.

Still believing in the idea that the child should have his way, the father reluctantly ate half the worm. But no sooner had this been done than the boy let out a tremendous howl of dissatisfaction. "Daddy ate the half that I wanted."

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WHAT DOES THE PREACHER DO?

"...do the work of an evangelist,
fulfil thy ministry." 2 Tim. 4:5

A preacher could spend ten hours a day calling on the lost and spiritually starved, or he could spend ten hours a day visiting the sick, lonely, inactive, and indifferent. He could spend those hours doing office work and "public relations work for the church", or "business manager" for the elders. He could spend ten hours per day helping the distressed, funerals, and weddings. He could spend ten hours per day studying and perparing his sermons and classes that he has to teach.

So the preacher--any preacher--must remain inadequate. He can only attempt to cover the mentioned fields. All preachers labor under this handicap and every preacher who works with a congregation knows this is true. Most people see only a fraction of the problem that faces a preacher, generally the part that affects their lives. They forget there are scores of others with the same problems, needs, and demands.

However, you needn't pity your preacher. Bear with him. Let him know your problems, and needs, and call on him to help. But remember--he is the only member of the congregation who has no minister.

Pray for your preacher. He is doing the work he loves and would not be happy otherwise. Yes, he is inadequate, busy and always behind with his work; still, he thinks he has one of the most important jobs there is. He would not trade the pulpit for a throne.

--selected

AMERICA'S GREATNESS

"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her public schools system and

her institutions of learning, and it was not there.

Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

-Alexis De Tocqueville

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday July 12, 1981	
Bible Classes	148
Morning Worship	167
Evening Worship	94
Contribution	\$950.75

Wednesday Bible Study 7/8	96
Thursday "Keenagers" 7/9	46

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	23
Bus #3 Mike Hall	31
Total Riders	54

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, July 19, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Jim North
Lord's Table	Fred Oakley	Fred Oakley
Helpers	Gil Hanson	Kieth Adkins
Helpers	Phil Hostetler	Jerry Palmer
Scripture & Prayer	James McAlpin	Joe Hughes
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Guest Speaker
Closing Prayer	Bill Oakley	Mark Craig
Nursery Attendant	Patricia Leslie	

Wednesday, July 22

Songs	Gary Pieratt	Invitation	Dick Hostetler
Prayer	Dean Hoggatt	Closing Prayer	Dave Weaver

HOME COMING

The church will have a Homecoming, Sunday, Aug. 16th. Former members are being invited to attend this occasion. Brother Earl Gieske, who preached for 8 years at LaGrange, will be the special speaker for the day. Following the morning service, there will be a picnic dinner at one of the local parks. You won't want to miss this day of worship and fellowship with former members and friends.

ZONE MEETINGS

Zone 2 will meet at Mark & Patsy Craig's house in Kendallville, Saturday, July 18, at 3:30 pm for a cookout. Bring hamburgers or hot dogs and a side dish.

Zone 3 will meet at Parkside Park Saturday, July 25, at 3:30 pm for a weiner roast. They have also challenged Zone 1 to a soft ball game in the evening.

COMMODITIES

It was decided in Zone 3 to buy a case of canned tuna for the Shults-Lewis commodity assignment for August. They are encouraging the other three zones to adopt this project. We would like to have 4-6 cases of tuna when the Shults-Lewis truck arrives on August 4. Each case contains 48 cans and will cost about \$41.00. This is one way that we can involve many members in this good work.

OUR PRAYERS FOR...

The Millard Hughes family, whose brother Willard suffered a fatal heart attack last week. Funeral services were Friday July 10, in Sturgis, Mi.

Pat Lee who underwent tests last Friday for her ulcer.

Gay Ray is entering the LaGrange hospital Wednesday for tests.

Dave & Connie Weaver and the children during their present problem.

VISITORS

Your presence in our assembly is always welcomed and appreciated. Those who visited last Sunday: Mrs. Terry Dowden & Jamie, Ligonier; Larry Kimpel, Angola; David Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Harley Doty, Howe; Diane Bills, Kevin Vail, Dick Depouce, Erma Carpenter and Mr. & Mrs. Ken McDonald, LaGrange.

It has been well said the person who stays out of church because there are too many hypocrites in it is doing the right thing. One more wouldn't improve the situation.

OUR THANKS TO...

The church for providing the paint, carpet, & linoleum for some needed redecorating at the preachers house.

Dean Hoggatt for laying the new linoleum in the kitchen.

Dale Doris & Gil Hanson for cleaning the bus engines.

Devon Hostetler, Terry Hostetler, & Jamie McAlpin for installing new lights in vestibule and also a vent fan in the kitchen.

Zella Bellaire & Lois Oakley for their usual good job in cleaning the auditorium each week.

BUS CANVASSING

Several turned out last Saturday morning to canvass on the bus routes. After a super breakfast by Marilyn, the workers met to discuss ways to improve the bus program. Calls were then made along the existing routes which resulted in several new riders plus getting some of our old ones. Those who helped were: Joe & Lois Oakley & kids; Mike Hall; Devon Hostetler; Penny Oakley; Dick Hostetler; Dean & Thelma Hoggatt, & Lesly, Jean, & Brian; Norm & Marilyn Herron.

CAMP SESSION

Norm will be directing the Intermediate Session at Camp July 19 - 24. Working on his staff is: Fred & Penny Oakley, Joe & Lois Oakley, Bill Oakley, Missy & Marilyn Herron, and Sharon Simpson.

MID-AMERICAN EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

Don't forget the upcoming workshop in Indianapolis, July 30 - Aug. 1. Many well known speakers from over the brotherhood will be there.

YOUTH ENCOUNTER

There is going to be a youth encounter at the Kendallville church. The theme is "Centered on Christ". For more information see Joe Hughes.

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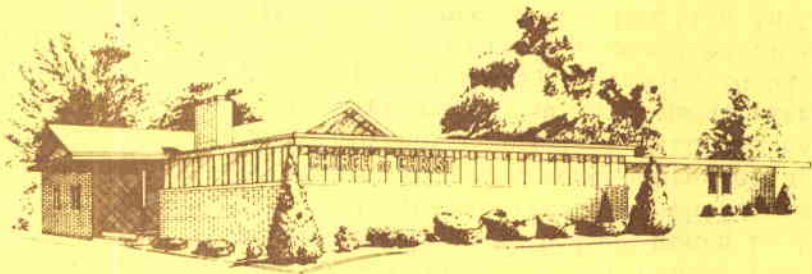
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THE PRICE TAG ON A SOUL

One cannot kill a soul. It is indestructable. No fire can consume it; no time can exhaust it; no rock can crush it; no bullet can penetrate it. "Life is real; life is earnest and the grave is not its goal. Dust thou art, and to dust returnest was not spoken of the soul. "The soul is eternal. Jesus said that some would go away from judgment "into everlasting punishment" and some "eternal life" (Matthew 25:46). The word translated as "everlasting" and "eternal" is the same word in this verse. The disobedient will be punished as long as the obedient will be blessed. There is no logical way to limit the duration of one without also limiting the duration of the other. This is true because each will exist forever.

I paid \$85 for my glasses. If the price I paid for them is in harmony with their value, then they are actually worth \$85. Christ died for your soul (I Peter 1:18-19). If the price paid is in harmony with its worth, your soul is actually worth the life of God's Son! Nothing is more important than the salvation of your soul. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

-Jimmy Allen

*Careless soul why will you linger, Wand'ring from the fold of God?
Hear you not the invitation? O prepare to meet thy God. Careless soul..
O heed the warning...For your life...will soon be gone; O how sad...to
face the judgment...Unprepared...to meet thy God.*

-taken from our songbook, pg. 690

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, July 27, 1981	
Bible Classes	138
Morning Worship	171
Evening Worship	87
Contribution	\$932.12

Wednesday Bible Study 7/15 97

Thursday "Keenagers" 7/16 51

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	19
Bus #3 Mike Hall	17
Total Riders	36

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, July 26, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Jim North	Devon Hostetler
Lord's Table	Perry Miller	Perry Miller
Helpers	Harold DePriest	Brian Leslie
Helpers	Joey Oakley	Dale Doris
Scripture & Prayer	Gary Pieratt	Joe Oakley
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Phil Hostetler	James Pieratt
Nursery Attendant	Penny Oakley	

Wednesday, July 29

Song	Darrell Moates	Invitation	Bob Sowles
Prayer	Devon Hostetler	Closing Prayer	Fred Oakley

SHULTS-LEWIS PICK-UP

Aug. 4 is the date that Shults-Lewis will be around to pick up our commodity assignment which is CANNED TUNA. Remember, this is now a once a year program and the time is drawing near. Many have taken a suggestion from Zone 2 that each Zone buy a case of tuna, as a Zone project. See your zone leader for the best tuna buy and let's send the van off with several cases of canned tuna.

HOMECOMING LETTERS SENT

August 16 is the date set for our 28th Anniversary. Many letters have been sent to former members (known addresses) but there are several members moved away whose addresses we don't have. Perhaps some of the members here can help, if you've kept in contact. Let us know!

INDIANAPOLIS WORKSHOP

Time is drawing near for the Mid America Evangelism Workshop July 30-Aug. 1. Some have expressed a desire to go at least to some of the sessions. In order to coordinate the riders, we need to hear from all who plan to go. Let brother Norm know.

RESPONSE SUNDAY

Sister Marilyn Herron confessed the sin of allowing other things to get in the way of putting Christ first in her life. She requested forgiveness and prayers for strength to correct this situation. Continue to pray for Marilyn.

FOURTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Another fourth Sunday rolls around! We'll meet as usual after evening services for a period of light refreshments and visitation at its best. The good participation in this speaks well for the enjoyment that we have in being with each other.

ZONE 1 CHALLENGED to a soft ball game Sat.

July 25 at 3 p.m. A good turnout by both Zones should make this as interesting as any national game (only true while they're on strike). Meet at Parkside at 3 p.m.

VISITORS

Sorry, we couldn't get all these names together for our bulletin this week. To all who came our way (you know who you are) we appreciate your attendance and invite you back.

SICK

Brother Roy Campbell is in stable condition following surgery last Friday. He is in room #326 at Parkview hospital, Ft. Wayne.

Sister Gay Ray returned home Monday from LaGrange hospital and is doing fine.

It was determined that sister Blanche Dauberman had bursitis instead of a heart problem. She returned home on Tuesday.

CAMP INDOGAN NEWS

By the time you receive the bulletin, the 1st intermediate session of camp will be over. We're sure that Norm, Fred & Penny Oakley, Joe & Lois Oakley, Bill Oakley, Sandy Adkins, Marilyn & Missy Herron, Lesly Hoggatt and Sharon Simpson will have left with mixed emotions, having made many lasting friends but anxious to get back home.

NOTE: Congratulations to Stephen Miller for having been awarded the "Best Bible Student" award on the last evening of the Junior session of camp. Sister Sharon Simpson will be working for the remaining three weeks as head cook. Thanks to all who have devoted time and effort to this years camping program.

TEACHER TRAINING SERIES PLANNED

Friday evening, Sept. 11 is the target date for the beginning of a monthly teacher training series for all present and prospective teachers of the church here. It's been about 2 years since brother Paul Himes held classes for our teachers and we see the need to start a training series again. The first meeting will include a pot luck and introduction of study material to be used. The educational committee requests all teachers to be present for the first meeting and help determine the best plan and schedule for the regular monthly meetings to follow.

OFFER FOR RETURN VISIT

Many of our members appreciated the Money Management Series held last month by bro. Roger Wood from Shults-Lewis Childrens Home, Valparaiso, In., and some expressed a desire to have further counseling with him on their budgets, insurance and retirement planning. A recent letter from him indicated his willingness to return if he could be of any assistance to any of the families in LaGrange. If you desire more personal help, please let the elders know.

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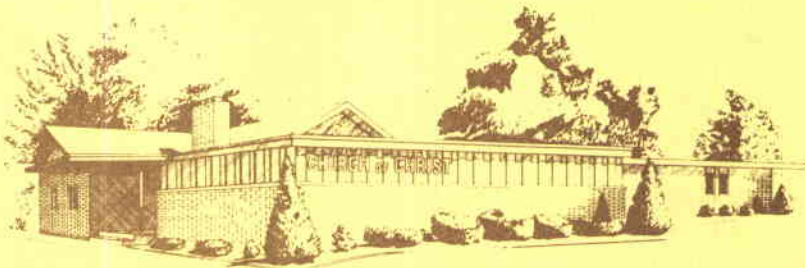
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DIVORCE

*"Therefore what God has joined together,
let man not separate." (Matthew 19:6)*

As she walked into my office I could see the pain: her burden was heavy, and upon sitting down she began to cry. "He's gone, he just walked out, what will I do?"

The divorce was later granted, but the pain seemed to never go away. There was the children, the dividing up of all the possessions, and the trauma which comes from dividing one home into two.

This problem of divorce is very serious. As of 1971 the United States became the country with the highest divorce rate among populous nations. Since 1975 there have been over one million divorces reported annually in this country.

But what about the children? Approximately 65% of all divorces occur in families with children under 18 years of age. Some 1.2 million children are involved in divorces each year.

The causes of this deterioration in what God wants for us in marriage are many. Dr. Jim Lawson of the American Institute of Family notes the following sociological reasons for what we are experiencing:

*The lessening of stigma against divorce. As divorce laws change and divorces are easier to get, there is less social pressure to keep an unhappy marriage together.

*Increasing acceptance of being single. There is a growing awareness that marriage is not for everyone, that being single is acceptable.

*Women's increasing ease in securing and succeeding in jobs. Because of more economic stability on the part of working women, many are choosing not to remain in miserable marriages for purely financial reasons.

*Growing interest in the individual pursuit of happiness. This personal quest for identity and self actualization can cause many adjustments and changes. For the married couple, if both make these adjustments the change can be good, if one refuses a strain is immediately evident.

*Increasing numbers of teenage marriages. Some three in five teenage marriages end in divorce within six years of marriage. Since teenage marriages are two to three times more likely to break up this influences overall statistics.

*Changing expectations for the family. We have now decided that if our families do not fulfill all the emotional needs of parents and children, this necessitates a change.

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, July 26, 1981	
Bible Classes	143
Morning Worship	144
Evening Worship	?
Contribution	\$1091.70

Wednesday Bible Study 7/22	69
Thursday "Keenagers" 7/23	47

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	22
Bus #3 Mike Hall	19
Total Riders	41

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, August 2, 1981

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

Wednesday, August 5

Songs	Gary Pieratt	Invitation	Craig Hostetler
Prayer	Bob Sowles	Closing Prayer	Jim North

UP-COMING EVENTS

July 30-8/1	Mid America Evangelism Workshop, Indianapolis
Aug. 4	Truck coming to pick-up commodity for Shults-Lewis
16	Homecoming-Return of former members for picnic at park.
22	Kim Herron & David Gaither wedding at LaGrange 4:30p.m.
29	Old Folks Feast
Sept. 11	Teachers Training Series

CONGRATULATIONS

To Laura Shears, who was the Girls Star Bible Camper at Camp Indogan last week. We are truly proud of our young people at LaGrange. (Steve Miller won it last week)

A big thank-you to those who took their vacations in order to work at camp last week. They are: Joe & Lois Oakley, Fred & Penny Oakley, Bill Oakley, Also helping were Sandy Adkins, Keith Adkins, Lesly Hoggatt, Missy Herron, Siri Johansen, Sharon Simpson, Norm & Marilyn Herron.

SHULTS-LEWIS

The response among the zones in raising money towards the purchase of Tuna for the Shults-Lewis Childrens Home has been most encouraging. Already, there has been enough given to purchase 5 - 6 cases of tuna. Since this is the only time this year that we will be giving a commodity to the home, we would like to have a good size load for the truck.

SINGING

Once again we have the opportunity to share in song with the residence of the local nursing homes. We will meet at Millers at 4:30 pm and LaGrange at 5:10 pm. We have had a good turn out for the last two months. If you haven't been a part of this good work, won't you come out this Sunday?

(cont'd from front)

Since it is not God's desire that marriages be terminated, the above information will help us see how our world is affected in individuals living within it. -Ken Dye

VISITORS

Welcome to our services. Please remain a little time after services so we can get to know you better. Those visiting last Sunday were: Tracy O'Neil, Lubbock, Tx.; David Crawford, Markle; Ann Wiley, Huntington; David & Carol Large, Ft. Wayne; Jim & Sylvia Frame, Wolcottville; Dave Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Steve Smith, Shipshewana; and Harley Doty, Howe.

THANKS TO...

Mark Craig and Harold DePriest for trimming the shrubs in front of building and putting some railroad ties along the sidewalk.

Dean Hoggatt and Brian for beginning the work on the sign out by the highway.

SICK

Roy Campbell remains in stable condition in parkview hospital.

Bob Sowles was sick this past week with slight case of flu.

AWAY

Joe Hughes drove his parents, Midge & Millard Hughes down to Kentucky to visit with relatives last weekend.

The Herrons will be taking Siri Johansen, their house guest from Norway, to Detroit and Canada for a few days this week.

ZONE MEETING

There was a good turn out for the softball game and winer roast between Zones 1 and 3.

TV BOYCOTT WORKING

Some have asked, "What's the latest on the Clean Up TV campaign?" The latest newsletter headline reads MEDIA ADMITS IT'S WORKING!

The support for "clean" TV shows is far greater than most of us had originally dared to dream. In addition to hundreds of additional groups who are now preparing to take action, major changes are already becoming evident as additional sponsors are now also beginning to react favorably to the campaign. It is extremely important that we keep the boycott at full strength in order to make the hundreds of observing companies realize that the buying habits of so many people may be permanently changed. Many companies have ceased sponsorship of objectionable programs because of this groundswell of opposition. LET'S KEEP UP THE BOYCOTT!

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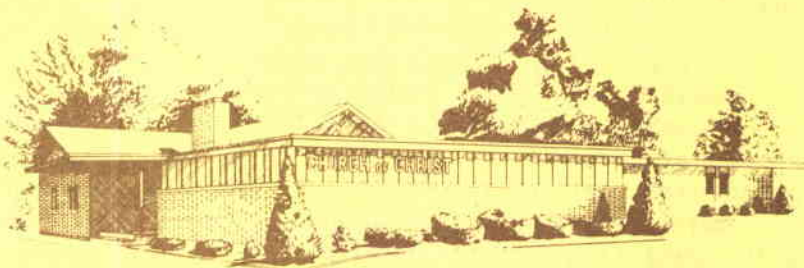
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WHICH TRANSLATION?

There are hundreds of translations of the Bible. Which is the best? the most accurate? the safest? that depends on who you talk to --even among legitimate scholars.

Of course one doesn't have to be a scholar to speak with certainty about versions. Each has its strengths--and weaknesses. I recently heard about a brother whose ministry consisted of splitting churches over translations. That's sad. He has missed a basic teaching of the New Testament which is clear in any translation. Hundreds of thousands don't yet have the scriptures in their own language. So, fellowship fights over translations strike me as less-than-wise use of time, energy, influence, and money.

Nevertheless, I'm taking a stand. And, it's a dogmatic stand at that! There is one version we must have! It's the one Paul talks about when he says, "you show that you are a letter from Christ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God..."

There are thousands upon whom the translation debates are wasted, because they're not going to read any "written" version. But they can't keep from reading the Word "translated" into life.

If conduct doesn't square with teaching it makes no difference how accurate the translation is you use. The jot and tittles may be there without a loss-- but if the attitude is not Christ-like something is lost in the translation.

Joe Barnett, Lubbock, Texas

"When you see a dirty face in the mirror you wash the face, not the glass. Don't try to make God's word read differently but rather bring your spiritual activities into alignment with it. Remember, friend, it isn't the mirror- IT'S YOU!"

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, August 2, 1981

Bible Classes	155
Morning Worship	156
Evening Worship	85
Contribution	\$973.65

Wednesday Bible Study 7/29 98

Thursday "Keenagers" 7/30 59

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	20
Bus #3 Mike Hall	25
Total Riders	45

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, August 9, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Dean Hoggatt	Jim North
Lord's Table	Bob Sowles	Bob Sowles
Helpers	Brian Leslie	Joey Oakley
Helpers	Phil Hostetler	Dale Dorris
Scripture & Prayer	Stan Palmer	Kieth Adkins
Gospel Lesson	Craig Hostetler	
Closing Prayer	James McAlpin	Bill Oakley
Nursery Attendant	Mary Ann Johnston	

Wednesday, August 12

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Invitation	Dick Hostetler
Prayer	Fred Oakley	Closing Prayer	Devon Hostetler

SICK

Several were absent from the assemblies Sunday because of sickness of various kinds Nina Moates, Kathy Sowles, Amy Palmer.

Sister Blanche Dauberman is still suffering some from brunitus; brother Roy Campbell remains about the same at Millers Merry Manor; sister Ellen Hostetler's sister, Vera Huffman is to undergo surgery; Pat Halls nephew, Shawn Courtney, remains in intensive care at Parkview. It was determined that he had a tumor which will require radiation treatments; sister Mary Ann Johnston's sister, Jeanie Rink, is to undergo surgery. Sister Patty Copeland was admitted to LaGrange hospital for intestinal flu. Make all these a part of your prayers.

WEDDING GIFT

To those who would like to contribute for a wedding gift for Kim Herron please see Thelma Hoggatt.

LAST WEEK OF CAMP

This next week, August 9-14, the seniors (ages 15 thru high school) will have their session of camp. After that the summer camping sessions will be history. Thanks again to all who made the summer camping sessions possible for the youth in the tri-state area.

HERRONS AWAY

The Herrons, along with their Norwegian friend, Siri, left for Oklahoma Monday for a few days with Kimberly and Steve. Kim's graduation is August 7, which they wanted to attend, then Kim is to return home with them after the weekend. Kim's wedding to David Gaither is set for August 22 at 4:30.

DICK HOSTETLER'S PLANS

Dick, Fran and children will be in Michigan the next couple of Sundays (Farmington Heights and West Branch congregations) to consider the work there. May the Lord bless them in their decision that lies ahead in choosing a congregation.

VISITORS

We were happy to have the following visitors come our way last Sunday and extend to them an invitation to return whenever they can: Don & Anita Bailey, Lakeland, Fa.; their daughter-in-law Mrs. Donald Bailey, Mrs. Lynn Hood, Kendallville; Dave Kimple, Pleasant Lake; Cindy Glick, Mongo; Harley Doty, Howe; Kathy Wright, Ft. Wayne; Brenda Hall, Florence Keene and Mary Hochstetler, LaGrange.

CONGRATULATIONS - PHIL & DIANNE!!!

For the new arrival of a 7 lb. 5 oz. baby girl. Name, Meghanne Dianne. Born, 9:12 p.m. August 2nd.

SHULTS-LEWIS COMMODITY PICK-UP

The date has been changed to Aug. 11, when the van will come for the canned tuna. There was enough donated to purchase 6 cases of tuna, and the proprietor of the Forks County Line Store was so impressed with our concern for the children at Shults-Lewis that he donated half a case himself. In behalf of Shults-Lewis, thanks for all those who made this gift possible.

FOR OUR YOUTH

Brother Roger Eller from the Reed Road congregation in Ft. Wayne is bringing a group of singles this Sunday night for a get-together with our singles (seniors in high school and up - to age 30).

NEED VOLUNTEERS

Several jobs still need to be done around the building. This Saturday brother Perry asks for volunteers to give their morning or most of the day if possible. This is our last Saturday before homecoming on the 16th.

YOUNG OR OLDER

Brother Joe Hughes is planning a canoe trip on Pigeon River this Saturday (after the work party). Meet at the Trading Post at Mongo at 2p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Price about \$6.00 each.

ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF REPORT

Last fall, the church here responded to an appeal for a relief fund for the earthquake victims in Italy. Our contribution, along with others were sent to the Sycamore View congregation in Memphis, Tenn. They in turn worked through the elders of Prato, Italy who oversaw and disbursed the funds. There was in excess of \$158,000. contributed. Please read the letter on the bulletin board and their method of using the funds...

Preaching this Sunday Morning

Bro. Craig Hostetler will be speaking in Norm's place this Sunday morning.

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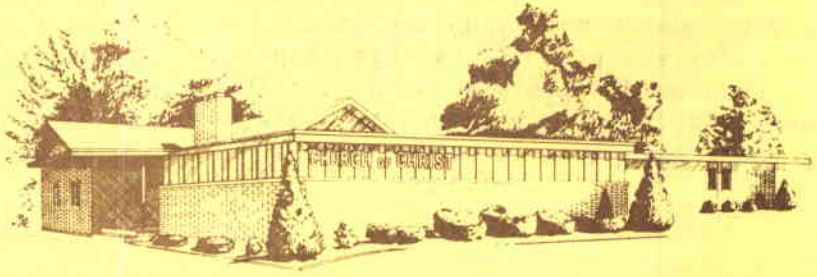
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HOMEcoming!

How sweet the words sound to ones ears. There are several thoughts that stir the heart when we hear this word.

First is the thought of being away. Life is full of separations and departures. The older one gets, the more real and lasting they become. Jobs, school, marriage, retirement, and sometimes even health cause us to uproot and move to another location. New friendships and relations are made, but still there is the thoughts of home. The desire to return once again and see if things are still the way we remember. Thus homecoming always implies a sense of being away.

Second is the thought of reunions. "How sweet it is" were the famous lines of a well known comic. Yes, seeing old friends and acquaintances is a wonderful experience. Tears, hugs, hand shakes and broad smiles all express many times the feelings we can't put into words. The renewing of friendships, if even for only a brief period of time, is worth the time and effort in coming home.

Last, there is the reality of change. Things seldom remain the same. We expect everything to look exactly like we remembered, but such usually is not the case. We forget that most living things continue to grow and change with time. We also forget that "progress" will add several touches of change to the once familiar scenes. Then there is the unwelcome hand of death and decay which makes its contribution to alter the perfectness of the picture we had of home.

This makes Homecoming all the more meaningful for Christians. The church in LaGrange welcomes all those who have been away. You are an important part of this congregation's heritage and many have had an important part in its development. We look forward to a great time of reunion. This is but a foretaste of that sweet fellowship we will enjoy throughout eternity. We hope you will see the changes that have come as a result of growth and progress for the Lord. We want you to share with us in efforts to please the Lord and glorify His name. Welcome home!

Norm

FROM THE RECCRD

Sunday, August 9, 1981

Bible Classes	141
Morning Worship	145
Evening Worship	99
Contribution	\$1179.17

Wednesday Bible Study 8/5 87

Thursday "Keenagers" 8/6 46

BUS ATTENDANCE

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Lord's Table	Dean Hoggatt	Dean Hoggatt
Helpers	Stan Palmer	Jamie McAlpin
Helpers	Craig Hostetler	Harold DePriest
Scripture & Prayer	Darrell Moates	Phil Hostetler
Gospel Lesson	Earl Gieseke	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Joe Oakley	Bob Sowles
Nursery Attendant	Francis Hostetler	

Wednesday, August 19

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

RESPONSE WEDNESDAY EVENING

Sister Connie Weaver came before the church August 5 to express repentance for her sins and ask forgiveness. We are happy and thankful that Connie has taken this step, and it is the answer to many prayers on her behalf. We also pray that this will find their family closer together because of this decision.

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Brothers Roy Campbell and John Ray as well as sister Goldie Pulley are confined to Millers Merry Manor and should be visited regularly. Sister Patty Copeland was released from LaGrange hospital last Tuesday and doing well; Vera Huffman (Ellen Hostetler's sister) is scheduled for back surgery in Toronto next week; Jeanie Rink (Mary Johnston's sister) is now home from her recent surgery and progressing well; Shawn Courtney (Pat Hall's nephew) is scheduled for 25 days of cobalt treatments for the tumor that was found (note further info for our help in scheduling rides to Ft. Wayne for treatment); Brother Dean Hoggatt suffered a leg injury at the work party last Saturday which required surgery and an overnight stay in Lutheran hospital, Ft. Wayne. Mrs. Karen Levitz, mother to Kristi and Misti Levitz, is in LaGrange hospital, room 105, from a recent surgery. There might be others that should be reported, but we don't have information at hand. Keep these in your prayers.

WEDNESDAY EVENING VISITOR

Sister Verna (Thomas) Dority was back for a visit last Wednesday evening for services with her little girl, Amber. Her husband is with her for a few days visit with Verna's folks, Lloyd Biggs of Howe, In. Her present address is: 909 So. Main St., Hinesville, Georgia 31313.

IN SYMPATHY: Willard Dauberman passed away Wednesday. Funeral will be Fri. 1:30 p.m. at the Hutchins Williams Funeral Home.

VISITORS

The ones that were registered as visitors last Sunday were: Mike & Cheryl Courtney & children, Shawn & Hattie Jo, Howe; David Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Kathy Wright, Ft. Wayne; Jan McCullough, Wolcottville; and Harley Doty, Howe. Also for our evening service there were several visitors - a car full of young adults from Reed Road congregation (who after services had a get-together with our young adults) and a car full from the Elkhart congregation who were returning from taking some of their seniors to camp.

A welcome to all who came our way!

TRANSPORTATION APPEAL

Sister Pat Hall's six year old nephew, Shawn Courtney, is scheduled to have treatments in Ft. Wayne for the brain tumor that was discovered. He'll need 25 treatments and this will require a lot of time and traveling. If anyone here would sign up for a "day" to drive him to Ft. Wayne, it would help the family to meet this crisis. See brother Mike Hall about this. Thanks to all who contributed toward his expenses Sunday, August 2. It's deeply appreciated.

CAN YOU HELP

Brothers Dorrell O'Rourke and Chuck Thyne, who work full time with the "Fishers of Men" training course, send good reports from various congregations who have had or are having this course now. They indicate a lack of some funds to carry on this work. Many here have taken the FOM course and see the great value of it. If any could support this work \$5.00/mo. it would be appreciated. Their schedule of FOM courses for the next 12 months is already filled and we wish them God Speed in this good work.

DID YOU NOTICE

Much of the painting that needed to be done on the trim was done last Saturday. Thanks to Joe Oakley, Joe Hughes Gil Hanson, Perry Miller, Devon Hostetler, Chris Hughes and Joey Oakley for their time. Hopefully other jobs can be done before our homecoming this Sunday.

HOME COMING, AUGUST 16.

Remember to bring some extra food for our pot-luck at the park this Sunday. Hopefully, many former members will be here to share the day with us. It will really be great to be with our Christian friends again and we look forward to being with them Sunday. Brother Earl Gieseke will be preaching at the morning service.

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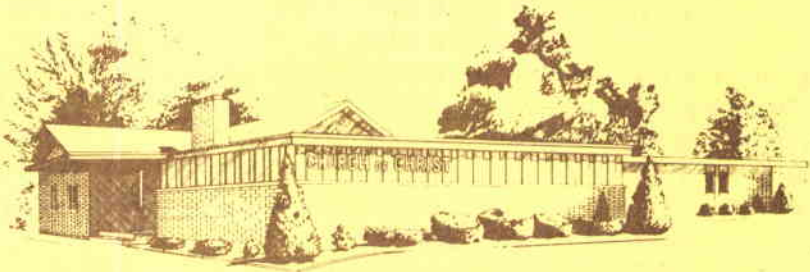
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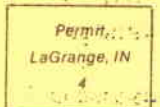
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THE PERFECT COUNSELOR

*"...he is able to help those who are tempted"
(Heb. 2:18)*

It was a sordid story of immorality, unfaithfulness and twisted relationships. I felt sorry for her as she poured out the horrid details which had turned her life into a nightmare. She concluded by saying, "I don't think anyone could straighten out this mess!"

I was inclined to agree. The wisdom of Solomon could not have untangled the web of people and circumstances. But I was reminded of the help our Lord offers even when the wisdom and skills of human counselors have been exhausted.

For various reasons human counselors are often ineffective.

- (1) If they haven't personally experienced the problem they may be unable to identify with it. And if they can't identify with it, their advice while well-intended, may be shallow,
- (2) If they wonder how anyone could be so unfeeling, immoral, and foolish as to become involved in the confessed sin, they will be aloof, perhaps self-righteous, and without sympathy.
- (3) Even if they extend valuable support and advice, there comes a time when they can go no further. They've given all the help they can, and additional meetings, while perhaps supportive, are redundant.

But Jesus has none of these limitations. He knows every situation completely, and is able to help from beginning to end. His knowledge is unlimited. He never comes to the point where "there is nothing left to say." And he is always available.

His counsel is perfect, his grace inexhaustible.

-Joe R. Barnett

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, August 16, 1981

Bible Classes	140
Morning Worship	186
Evening Worship	114
Contribution	\$1090.04

Wednesday Bible Study 8/12 87

Thursday "Keenagers" 8/13 53

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	19
Bus #3 Mike Hall	18
Total Riders	37

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, August 23, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Perry Miller	Dean Hoggatt
Lord's Table	Jim Lee	Jim Lee
Helpers	Enos Miller	Gil Hanson
Helpers	Kieth Adkins	Jerry Palmer
Scripture & Prayer	Craig Hostetler	Brian Hoggatt
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Mark Craig	Phil Hostetler
Nursery Attendant	Kathy Sowles	

Wednesday, August 26

Songs	Darrell Moates	Invitation	Bill Oakley
Prayer	Stan Palmer	Closing Prayer	Harold DePriest

BOYCOTT ENDED!!

If there was ever any question regarding the effectiveness of the nation-wide campaign to clean up television, that time is now clearly past.

Even our most vicious opponents are now grudgingly admitting that the Campaign and the resulting parallel programs by hundreds of other groups which it generated, are having a tremendous impact on the television industry. Even General Foods and American Home Products have made such significant improvements that we feel the boycott can now be completed.

According to dozens of recently published magazine and newspaper reports, the new fall season is already being cleaned up to a remarkable degree. In addition, scores of major sponsors have contacted us and other groups taking similar action, stating their intention to carefully monitor all future programs on which their ads appear.

While we shall continue to monitor the new fall schedule very carefully to see that these changes are actually forthcoming, evidence that the Campaign has already been successful is so overwhelming that the battle may be nearly over!

We are, therefore, asking the thousands of churches and individuals participating in the Campaign to end the current boycotts against these two companies effective immediately. We are grateful for these improvements regardless of whether or not they are ever publically acknowledged and hope to see continuing action in this direction in the future.

During the coming months, however, a massive new survey is planned and, if either of these companies chooses to move back into their former patterns, they may again be the subject of further action.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Herron
and

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gaither
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Kimberley Kay and David Dewayne
Saturday, the twenty-second of August
Nineteen hundred and eighty-one
at four-thirty in the afternoon
Church of Christ
405 South Townline Road
LaGrange, Indiana

Reception following ceremony

VISITORS

Those visiting with us last Sunday: Earl & June Gieseke, Drakesborro, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. John Stockwell, Colon, Mi.; Allen & Jean Keeney, Pat & Beth, Saline, Mi.; Mr. & Mrs. Carrell Rynolds family, Elkhart; Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Hobart; Dave & Carol Large, Ft. Wayne; Sharon Gayhart, Stroh; Dave Kempel, Pleasant Lake; Larry Kempel, Goshen; Harley Doty, Dale Johnston, Howe; Mike & Sheryl Courtney family, LaGrange.

WORD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all who had a part in making our first homecoming a success. We especially appreciated the letter from sister Nonie Cox and the pictures from the past which were posted on the bulletin board for all to enjoy.

AND THE LORD ADDED

We rejoice with the decision of Susan Pieratt to be buried with her Lord in baptism at the Sunday morning service. Susan remarked that her week at the Senior session at Camp Indogan had caused her to think seriously about her relationship to Christ. We are thankful for the camp and the influence that it has had upon many of the young people of the church.

RETURNS TO NORWAY

It was with much mixed emotions that we watched the plane take off at O'Hare in Chicago with Siri Johannesen aboard. Siri had spent the past 6 weeks in our home. She had become like one of the family. And now she has returned home to her native land of Norway. Siri was especially impressed with the many people she got to know in LaGrange and the friendliness we showed her during her stay. We hope that she will be able to return again sometime in the future.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Vada Powell's son, Bill was injured in a motorcycle accident in Milwaukee, Wi.
Dean Hoggatt's leg is much improved from his accident.

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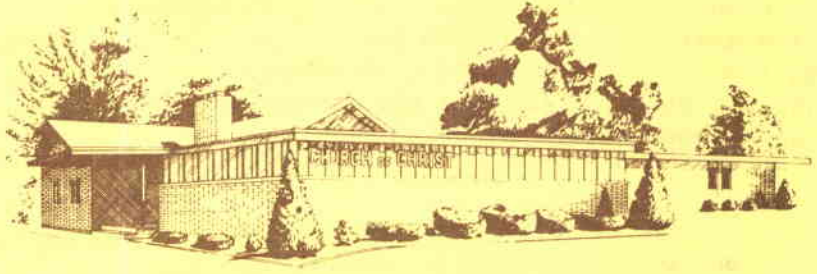
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"BE NOT DECEIVED"

It is not so difficult to recognize sins of the flesh such as drunkenness, killing, stealing, fornication, etc. Neither is it difficult to be against these things.

It is more difficult to recognize pride, arrogance, selfishness, covetousness, envy, etc. Some refer to these as sins of the disposition. These are especially hard to detect in one's self. And it is not as easy to work up a feeling of indignation toward these.

Sins of disposition are easily disguised by calling them something else. We fly off the handle easily and we say we are just a bit highstrung and have always been that way. We are covetous and stingy and we call it conservatism, preparing for a rainy day, supporting our family. It is easy to make excuses and fail to see ourselves as God sees us.

Study the lists of sins in the Bible and you will see that at least half of them are sins of disposition. Here is where the greatest danger lies for the average Christian. He is not so likely to be tempted to go out on a drunken spree as he is to be grouchy, cold, critical, faultfinding.

What we are saying amounts to the fact that one can be a good citizen, even a good church member outwardly, and still be a poor specimen of a Christian. The Lord does not see as man sees; he looks at the heart.

Deception exists on every hand. The most dangerous type is self-deception. We can deceive ourselves into thinking we are pretty good Christians just because we do not indulge in fleshly acts of gratification. There is more to be considered.

*"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
Gal. 6:7*

Raymond C. Kelcy

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, August 30, 1981

Bible Classes	141
Morning Worship	175
Evening Worship	114
Contribution	\$998.11

Wednesday Bible Study 8/26 87

Thursday "Keenagers" 8/27 59

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	28
Bus #3 Mike Hall	29
Total Riders	57

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, September 6, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Dean Hoggatt	Bill Oakley
Lord's Table	Fred Oakley	Fred Oakley
Helpers	Brian Hoggatt	Brian Hoggatt
Helpers	Mike Hall	Mike Hall
Scripture & Prayer	Phil Hostetler	Stan Palmer
Gospel Lesson	Keith Adkins	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Craig Hostetler	Norm Herron
Nursery Attendant	Norm Herron	Jim Lee
	Perry Miller	
	Midge Hughes	

Wednesday, September 9, 1981

Songs	Brian Hoggatt	Invitation	Bob Sowles
Prayer	Mike Hall	Closing Prayer	Norm Herron

OLD FOLKS FEAST

Another wonderful evening of food, fun, and fellowship was enjoyed at the Old Folks Feast.

The following comments help to express how much we appreciated the efforts of our young people.

"Now our wants and burdens
leaving
To His care who cares for all.
Cease we fearing, cease we
grieving,
At His touch our burdens fall."

I had such a spiritual lift at the Feast our young people gave Saturday night. I couldn't help but think, during the great devotional, how my burdens and fears left me and all went to God for that peaceful half hour of singing those beautiful praises and hearing our young people blend their voices.

I felt a surge of love for all my sisters and brothers and a feeling of security there, never wanting to depart and leave it all.

Our Lord was truly there with us and I know He was pleased and He will take all our burdens if we will only let Him. "Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up"

Pat Lee

RESPONSES

Elaine Moser came for prayers Sunday night stating that she had been negligent in her prayer life.

Deb Duzan also asked for prayers that she might be able to help someone very close to her in becoming a Christian.

SINGING

Once again, we have the opportunity to visit and sing at the area nursing homes. We will meet at Millers at 4:30 and then at LaGrange at 5:10 p.m.

VISITORS

We are grateful for your presence. Please remain after service for a few moments that we might get to know you better. Those visiting last Sunday were: Mrs. Schloot, Dearborn Hts, Mil; Nancy Hatton, Garden City, Mi.; Terri Morr, Indianapolis; Peggy Alt, Goshen; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Courtney and family, Howe; Cindy Glick & Eric, Mongo; Inza Pant, Wolcottville; David Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Jan McCullough, Wolcottville; Brian Taylor, Jone Kenny, Connie Duzan, and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Eller & family, LaGrange.

MorningEveningINJURED

Word was received that Terry Hostetler suffered a broken cheek bone playing softball at Harding College. Devon and Ellen left Saturday for Searcy, Ark to be with Terry during the operation.

Luella Oakley suffered a bruised foot at work and will be on crutches for a couple of days.

Let's remember these in our prayers.

RETURNING TO COLLEGE

Another group of our young people have returned to college: Cherry & Terry Hostetler - Harding; Deb Murphy & Leslie Hoggatt - MCC, Glen Morr - Purdue.

THE HOSTETLERS

Dick & Fran Hostetler have accepted a position working with the church in Coldwater, Michigan. We pray that God will richly bless them and their efforts in this new work. Their address is:

Dick & Fran Hostetler
260 Pelton Ave.
Coldwater, Mi. 49036
Ph. (517) 278-6280

TEACHER'S MEETING

All bible school teachers are requested to attend a teacher's training series beginning Friday, Sept. 11. There will be a pot-luck meal at 6:30 PM before the meeting. Be sure to let Dean know if you won't be able to attend.

VISITATION

It was announced Sunday evening that we will begin meeting again on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 PM for visitation. Calls will be made upon those who visit our services and also to encourage and strengthen members. See Fred Oakley if you would like to help in this work.

Not even in this world does sin pay its servants good wages.

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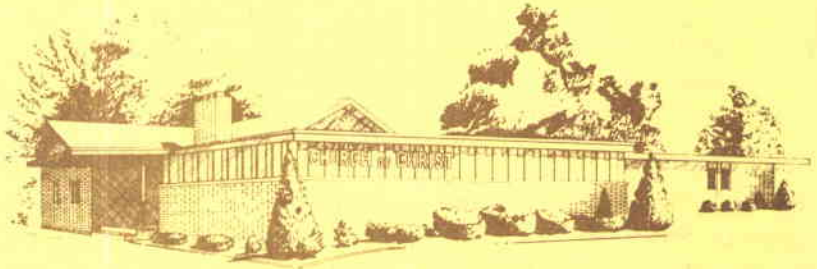
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AN URGENT NEED

FOOD CONVOY FOR CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN POLAND

The following information was sent to us by the Donnayer church in South Bend. Please read it closely and prayerfully as it tells of a serious need among the brethren in Poland.

Don Yelton, an evangelist with the White's Ferry Road Church of Christ, learned of the situation three weeks ago at the European Lectureship in London. He is working directly with Bill McDonough in West Germany.

Bill McDonough, supported by the Sixth and IZARD church in Little Rock, Arkansas, reported after two trips delivering \$28,000 worth of food to 12 congregations in Poland, that 1100 brethren face starvation there this winter. We only have until mid-October when winter snows close the roads in Eastern Europe to help our brethren.

There are about 1100 brethren in Poland who will need food for the five winter months. If we send \$3.00 worth of food per person per day, we will need about \$500,000 for the food plus transportation costs. Our brethren in Poland have not faced anything like this since the end of World War II! Because of persecution, their families will NOT be helped by the government rationing policies.

We are maintaining weekly contact with Bill McDonough and Mike Davido (Polish brother working in Vienna & supported by Airline Drive in Bossier City, La). \$100,000 has already been collected for this third trip.

Food will be purchased in West Germany and loaded on rental trucks driven by Christians and delivered directly to brethren in Poland. Official papers have already been approved by Polish authorities. Distribution of these essentials will be made only to brethren by Christians from the West. Brethren in Western Europe, both native Christians and our missionaries, will be driving trucks into Poland. Also a number of Christians from the U. S. will be on standby to drive if needed.

They are asking for \$1,000 minimum from each congregation where possible. Funds should be in before SEPTEMBER 15 in order to transfer them to Germany in time to deliver the food before winter.

-Don Yelton

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, September 6, 1981

Bible Classes	133
Morning Worship	163
Evening Worship	77
Contribution	\$850.50

Wednesday Bible Study 9/2 99

Thursday "Keenagers" 9/3 51'

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	16
Bus #3 Mike Hall	21
Total Riders	37

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, September 13, 1981

Songs

Lord's Table

Helpers

Helpers

Scripture & Prayer

Gospel Lesson

Closing Prayer

Nursery Attendant

Morning

Devon Hostetler

Perry Miller

Joey Oakley Mark Craig

James Pieratt Jerry Palmer

Jim Lee

Norm Herron

Joe Oakley

Diane Martin

Evening

Bean Hoggatt

Perry Miller

Mark Craig

Jerry Palmer

Stan Palmer

Norm Herron

James Mc Alpin

Wednesday, September 16, 1981

Songs

Prayer

Gary Pieratt

Harold DePriest

Invitation

Closing Prayer

Craig Hostetler

Devon Hostetler

BABY SHOWER

All the ladies are invited to a Baby Shower for Patricia Leslie, Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Herrons. Those who wish to contribute for a group gift see Merilyn.

COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 11 Teachers Training Series-Pot Luck at 6:30 p.m.
 12 Shults-Lewis 25th Anniversary Celebration. Starts at 9am til 3pm.
 13 Special contribution towards food for Polish brethren (See front Page)
 14 Baby Shower for Patricia Leslie
 18-20 Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at Lindberg Rd. church-Anderson
 25-26 Junior Rally at Camp Indogan
 28 Area wide Roller Skating Party at RollerDome, Ft. Wayne.
 Oct. 2-3 Senior Rally at Camp Indogan

POLISH APPEAL

The article on the front page points up an urgent need among the brethren in Poland. We must not fail them! One thing that characterized the early Christians and is recorded over and over again is their willingness to help and share their possessions with other Christians.

The elders have determined that all above \$500.00 of this Sunday's offering will be given to this need. We are asking each member to give extra towards this need. If each family gave \$10.00 extra we could reach our goal of \$1500.00 or \$1000.00 would be sent for food. Some can't give that much while others can give more. Lets all give together to supply their need.

RESPONSE

Peggy Porter came for prayers and to be restored to the Lord. We rejoice with the angels in heaven over this one who has returned home.

VISITORS

We had the following visitors with us for worship last Sunday: Maggie Lee, Bolivar, Mo.; Mr. & Mrs. Omer Clark, Medaryville; Mr. & Mrs. Terry Clark, Lafayette; Lucy Smith, Muncie; Kathy Wright & Dennis Lung, Ft. Wayne; David Kimpel, Pleasant Lake; Bob & Lori Shafer, Angola; Cindy Glick, Mongo; Jan McCullough, Wolcottville; Carol Moore, Harley Doty, Howe; Karen Levitz, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Moore and Brian Taylor, LaGrange.

Also visiting were Mr. & Mrs. Tom Craig (Mark's parents) and Mark's grandmother, from Terra Haute, In.

WHAT I COULD DO IF I WANTED TO:

1. If I wanted to, I could help make this church the most wide-awake and working church in all the world.
2. If I wanted to, I could visit members who are sick or shut-in and possibly find other ways of helping them.
3. If I wanted to, I could attend Bible classes regularly and encourage others to attend.
4. If I wanted to, I could show more devotion in worship services and receive much more good from them myself.
5. If I wanted to, I could profit more from the sermon by not resenting the truth when it reveals some of my weaknesses.
6. If I wanted to, I could tell others about Christ and His church and lead them to salvation - at least my actions could always speak of Him!

Of course this all depends on what I want to do about it. I have the ability to be an honored servant of the Greatest of all Kings, but the question is "What do I really want to do?"

-Selected

MOVING

The Darrel Moates family will be moving to the Chicago area. Darrel was promoted by Krafts Food and is now over quantity control in the U.S. and Canada. Nina and the children will be staying here for a couple of more weeks while they are making the moving arrangements. We congratulate Darrel on his promotion and wish them the best in thir new location.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Bro. Nick Young called to encourage us to bring a large group from LaGrange to the Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at Anderson Sept. 18-20. Overnight accommodations will be provided plus baby sitting for babies and all small children. Sounds like a good way to get some building up in the faith.

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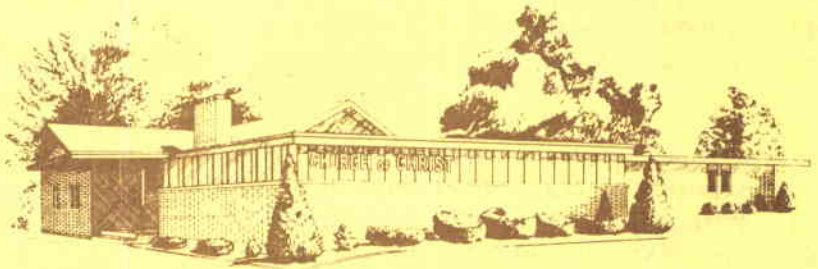
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OBSTACLES TO CHURCH GROWTH

THE FALSE IDEA THAT IT "JUST HAPPENS." Churches do not just happen to grow. ALL growing churches grow because leaders plan for growth and then pay the price for that growth. Just "wanting to grow" is not enough.

THE CHURCH'S DETACHMENT FROM THE WORLD. Stagnant nongrowing churches have no community awareness. Where there is no community awareness there will be no outreach and no growth. The greatest thing that a bus ministry ever does is to make the church aware of its community.

BOREDOM. I plead guilty! Probably all preachers have preached "boring sermons" but no preacher has that right. The gospel is "good news." Let us share it like good news. The preaching, the singing, the worship itself ought to be a joy to those participating.

EMOTIONAL AILMENTS OF THE LEADERS. Churches that emphasize the negatives of fear and hate do not grow. Where there is joy, love and hope there will be a climate for church growth.

SUCCESS. Even success itself can become an obstacle to growth. Success will hinder us if we become satisfied and content. We ought to always feel the need to reach more souls.

DEBT CONSCIOUSNESS. A fear of indebtedness has stopped more churches from growing than we will ever know about. Never, never, never should we let money stop us from doing that which will bring glory to God. Study Luke 6:38!

IMPOSSIBILITY THINKING. Churches filled with people who always know why things cannot be done are churches that do not grow. Read Luke 1:37, Mark 10:27, Mark 14:36, Matt. 17:20 and then tell me why the church cannot dream and reach great goals.

May God help us to be a growing marching church of Jesus Christ.

--Selected--

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, September 13, 1981

Bible Classes	131
Morning Worship	149
Evening Worship	97
Contribution	\$1741.20

Wednesday Bible Study 9/9 90

Thursday "Keenagers" 9/10 59

BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	20
Bus #3 Mike Hall	18
Total Riders	38

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, September 20, 1981

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Songs	Bill Oakley	Perry Miller
Lord's Table	Joe Hughes	Joe Hughes
Helpers	Gil Hanson	Enos Miller
Helpers	Brian Leslie	Dale Dorris
Scripture & Prayer	Jim Lee	Phil Hostetler
Gospel Lesson	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Closing Prayer	Bob Sowles	Stan Palmer
Nursery Attendant	Sue McAlpin	

Wednesday, September 23

Songs	Bob Sowles	Invitation	Mike Hall
Prayer	Mark Craig	Closing Prayer	Dean Hoggatt

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

The Waynedale church in Ft. Wayne has made an appeal to the area congregations for help in keeping the Amazing Grace Bible Class seen on Ch. 21 TV every Sunday morning on the air.

The program costs \$150.00 a week which is among the cheapest in the nation. Some stations run as high as \$750.-\$1,000. a week for similar time. They are trying to find 10 congregations who will help. The cost would only be \$15.00 a piece each week.

When first contacted about this appeal, it was decided that there wasn't enough funds in the budget and also the area reception of the Ft. Wayne stations was only about 30% which was felt to be too low for best results. However, this week we received a call from the church in Madison, Tenn. where the show is produced asking us to reconsider this need. They informed us that the program has had a good response in this area and that they were only a couple churches short of the needed support.

Since there isn't available funds in the budget, we wonder if there aren't: 15 members who would give \$1.00 a week; or 10 members who would give \$1.50 a week; or 5 members who would give \$3.00 a week; or 3 members who would give \$5.00 a week.

It would be a shame for such a good work to be discontinued for such a small amount. The alcohol, tobacco, and such industries spend millions in advertizing their products and we have a difficult time trying to get a few dollars to keep the gospel before the people. If you would like to help in this need, let Norm know about it.

RELIEF FOR POLAND

The response to the appeal for funds to help the brethren in the country of Poland was more than we had hoped. The contribution was \$1,741.20 for both services. This meant that \$1,241.20 could be sent to help the emergency food shortage in Poland. (It had been determined that all over \$500.00 would be sent for relief).

We commend the church for your liberal giving and know that the Lord will richly bless you for it. Almost everyone gave extra towards this crucial need and some even gave beyond their ability. Praise God for this spirit and to Him be all the glory.

TRAIN UP A CHILD

Some parents say, "We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion." Why not? The press will! The whisky industry will! The television industry will! The sensualist will! The politition will! The schools will! We use our influence in training flowers, vegetables, cattle. Do you think we should ignore our children?

TRIP TO ANDERSON

The number is growing of those who plan to attend the Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at the Lindberg Rd. church in Anderson on Sept. 18-19. The theme is "Living By Faith" with 20 of the best speakers in the brotherhood doing the speaking.

The registration fee is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family for Friday and Saturday sessions. If you plan to attend only Saturday the cost is \$2.50 per person or \$5.00 per family. This fee includes a continental breakfast and a salad lunch. Lets try to have a good number from here to attend. We will be leaving from the building in cars at 6:15 am on Saturday.

IT'S A GIRL!

Oops, we forgot to report last week that Brian and Patricia Leslie are the proud parents of a precious baby girl. Melissa Gayle was born Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 5:02 am in the Goshen hospital. She weight 8 lbs. and 11 oz. with lots of dark hair and blue eyes. Congratulations to the Leslies in their latest addition.

ANOTHER GIRL

Sunday, Sept. 13, Mary Hart gave birth to a baby girl. Due to some complications the baby had to be delivered by caesarean. Both Mary and the baby are doing fine.

A great deal of what we see, depends on what we are looking for!

THE SICK...

Sis. Nanny hall entered the LaGrange hospt. with severe stomach pains

Sis. Mary Anne Wade is in LaGrange hospt. with high sugar and the singles.

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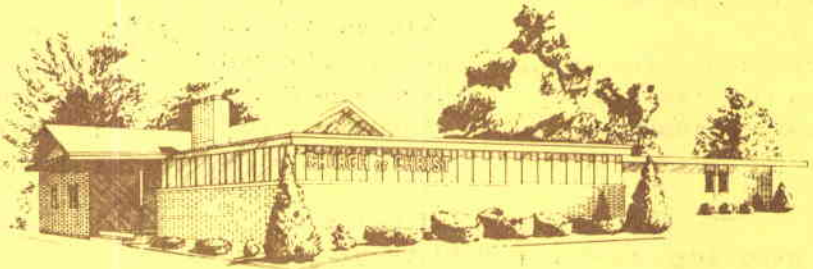
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THE GREAT TROUBLER...WORRY

In some parts of Africa, natives weigh themselves down with pieces of iron. Some are worn around their necks but often they hang them from their ears or nose. To civilized people, it is difficult to imagine. Why should anyone deliberately put this kind of burden on himself?

And yet, do we not allow anxieties to become an "iron collar" around our necks? We make bedfellows of our worries, depriving ourselves of much-needed rest.

Jesus devoted the heart of the Sermon on the Mount to this subject. He gave two reasons not to worry:

1. NOTHING IS GAINED BY WORRY. It cannot make you shorter, or taller. It cannot bring you more food or clothing or lengthen your life (Matthew 6:25-29).
2. IT'S AN INDICATION OF A LACK OF FAITH. Our faith is in our Father. He is the one who will provide for us. The question is, "Do you trust Him?"

THE KEY: To help us overcome worry, Jesus said, "Live one day at a time." Our Lord is not against making provision for the future. A wise housewife checks her pantry before morning so she'll be prepared for breakfast. A prudent businessman checks his gasoline supply so he won't run out on the way to work.

What you can change, change. What you do not have any control over, leave in the hands of your Father. Don't borrow trouble. Let the struggles of each day be enough for you. Jesus taught us to live so we would not be overcome with worry.

-Dick Marcear

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."
(Mt. 6:34)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, September 20, 1981	
Bible Classes	?
Morning Worship	154
Evening Worship	?
Contribution	\$908.39

Wednesday Bible Study 9/16	93
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Thursday "Keenagers" 9/17	58
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BUS ATTENDANCE

Bus #1 Fred Oakley	21
Bus #3 Mike Hall	16
Total Riders	37

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, September 27, 1981

Songs	<u>Morning</u>	
Lord's Table	Perry Miller	
Helpers	Mark Craig	
Helpers	Harold DePriest	Craig Hostetler
Scripture & Prayer	Joey Oakley	Dale Dorris
Gospel Lesson	Gary Pieratt	James Pieratt
Closing Prayer	Norm Herron	Norm Herron
Nursery Attendant	Fred Oakley	Joe Hughes
	Luella Oakley	

Wednesday, September 30

Songs	Joe Hughes	Invitation	Brian Hoggatt
Prayer	Fred Oakley	Closing Prayer	Perry Miller

APPRECIATION

Mary Campbell, and her family, want to express their sincere appreciation to all those who helped provide for the meal Monday, both at the church building and the food that was brought to the home. It means so much to have Christian friends at a time like this.

MEMORIALS TO ROY CAMPBELL

Any gifts that friends care to give in memory of Roy Campbell will be sent to Shults-Lewis Childrens Home. Thanks to those who have given.

THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for all the gifts little Melissa received at my baby shower, especially the lovely car seat. They are all greatly appreciated.

Patricia Leslie

MOATES FAMILY MOVING

Some bad news and some good news! The bad news - the Moates family is moving to Chicago. We'll miss them because they were active in the church and Nina served on the educational committee as well as being a teacher; the good news is that brother Darrel is being promoted in the Kraft company to the main office. For this we rejoice with them.

It was decided, this being the 4th Sunday, that we would have a noon pot-luck in honor of Darrel, Nina, Robert & Danny, and this would take the place of the evening fellowship which we usually have on the 4th Sunday. So bring a dish this Sunday and stay for a noon meal following morning services.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Those who missed the seminar on Money Management will have an opportunity to attend on Oct. 16-17 at the Reed Rd church.

VISITORS

We are always happy to have you worship with us. Those we received cards for this past Sunday were: Paul & Alberta Sumney, Alexandria, Va.; Mr. & Mrs. Palmer Whitlock, Sherwood, Mi.; Mrs. Karen LeCocq, Bloomfield; Nick Pfenning, Mark Venters, Howe; and Frances Metz, LaGrange.

ATTENTION TEENS

The East Allen church in New Haven would like to extend an invitation to our upcoming Youth Rally. The date is Sat. Oct. 24. Please keep this date open and plan to attend. Details will be arriving in the near future.

ATTENTION TEENS:

The East Allen Church of Christ would like to extend an invitation to our upcoming Youth Rally. The date is Saturday October 24, 1981, please keep this date open and plan to attend. Details will be arriving in the immediate future.

THANK YOU

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Your prayers, calls and cards have been most comforting to me here in the hospital. It's hard for me to say an adequate "thank-you". I feel like Vada's little grandson who wishes he had four arms so he can "show Grandma how much he loves her!"

I hope to be back with you soon!

With grateful affection,
Mary Anne

P.S. Your flowers were beautiful and brightened this room considerably. Many thanks!!

SKATING PARTY

The area wide roller skating party resumes again Monday, Sept. 28, at 6:30 pm. at the Roller Dome North in Ft. Wayne. The cost of admission is \$1.25 (adult chaperons free) and .75 for skate rental. The proceeds from the evening go to Camp Indogan.

CAMP INDOGAN

The Junior Rally for ages 8-14 will be Sept. 25-26 at Camp Indogan. The cost will be \$5.00 per person.

THE SICK

Sister Penny Oakley underwent surgery in LaGrange hospital on Tuesday. The tests were negative and she was able to return home Wednesday.

Sister Mary Anne Wade remaining in the LaGrange hospital due to unstable sugar. Sister Nanny Hall was released from the hospital Tuesday and returned home.

Remember to pray for the DAILY.