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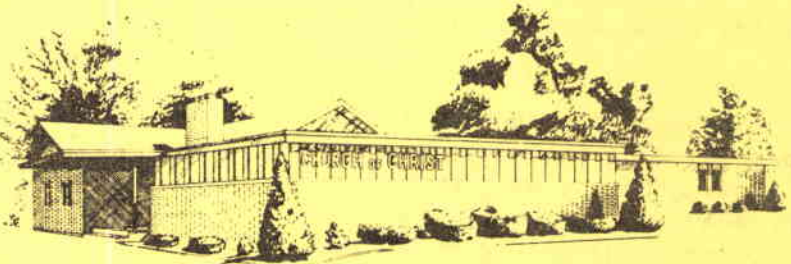
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EXPAND OR EXPIRE

*"...The harvest indeed is plentiful,
but the workers are few." Matt. 9:37*

In Matthew 9:35-10:10 we have one of Jesus' most important messages. This is not what Jesus would say if He was here, but what He is saying because He is here. His message, expand or expire; it's growth or the grave; progress or perish. Our Lord made three important points:

1. *Enlarge Your Field (9:35-36)*. When our Lord saw the "multitudes" He had "compassion" on them. He wishes we could tear the bandages off our eyes and see people as they really are - lost without Jesus. How did our Lord see people? He saw them 1) "Harassed and helpless" (NIV); "distressed and downcast" (KJV). Vine said this word meant to loosen a bowstring, to become feeble. And He saw them 2) "as sheep without shepherds." Like a sheep they are lost and unable to find their way back home. And so He was moved with "compassion." He wants us to have the same view of men, and feel toward them as He did.

2. *Expand Your Force (9:37-38)*. When we get a bigger view of our field then we'll need more workers. Jesus said, "the workers are few." You thought that was a 20th century problem, but "unemployment" in the church has always been the problem. Our task is of such a nature that it is going to take every member of the Lord's church active, working, and sacrificing if we are to make an impact on our world. We need you!

3. *Extend Your Faith (10:9-10)*. Jesus emphasized the "by faith" principle. Faith is not proven till it exercises itself in the laboratory of life. Peter Marshall described Christians in the 20th century in these words: "They are like deep sea divers, enclosed in suits designed for many fathoms deep, marching bravely forth to pull plugs out of bathtubs." God has called us to launch out, to reach out by faith to our world. It's not enough to just talk about it, we've got to do something.

The challenge facing the church is this, "Expand or Expire."

-Dick Marcear

FROM THE RECORD

Sunday, June 20, 1982

Bible Classes	110
Morning Worship	142
Contribution	\$913.01

Sunday, June 27, 1982

Bible Classes	?
Morning Worship	149
Contribution	\$1006.88

ANNOUNCEMENT

We rejoice with the angels in heaven over the response of Bill Green to the gospel of Christ. Bill was baptized Tuesday June 15 at 11:00 p.m. after an Open Bible Study with Fred and Penny Oakley. We welcome Bill into the family of God at LaGrange, and pray that he will now grow in the Christian walk of life. Please add Bill's address to your directory:
RR 3 Box 11, Howe, In. 46746 ph. 562-2743

VBS 1982

It is sometimes hard to judge the success of a Vacation Bible School except to consider the attendance, general interest and comments along the way.

Since the response following our first opening VBS last year was favorable, we decided to schedule this year's VBS also in the evening, allowing adults as well as children to attend. We did not run our buses this year, however the attendance was favorable with 129 being the highest and the lowest being just under 100.

At the conclusion of the VBS we handed out a questionnaire asking for some feedback on the school. Almost unanimously everyone enjoyed the experience of an evening VBS as well as the material used for this year. There was one rather funny comment made by one of the lady teachers on suggestions to improve VBS for next year. She said "Make sure your husband doesn't take his vacation the same week". Seems that husbands keep their wives busy cooking and too little time is left for studying for classes. Ha!

Thanks to all who contributed in any way to a great VBS.

COMMODITIES

The Shults-Lewis Childrens Home is beginning the second year of their new commodities program. They reported that over \$12,000.00 was donated in food, supplies and money. Over 50% of the congregations contacted participated in the program.

The commodity assigned to LaGrange for this year is NOTEBOOK PAPER. The van will be in our area Wednesday, Aug. 11. Let's all start setting aside some money or purchasing notebook paper so we can fill the van when it gets here.

FROM GRADUATION

The graduation dinner for the Fishers of Men class will be Monday, July 12, at 6 p.m. at the Daus Essenhaus restaurant in Middlebury. Chuck Barrington, who preaches for Donmoyer church in South Bend will be our speaker. The dinner will be "Dutch treat" and is open to all who wish to come. See Norm for information and reservations.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lesly Hoggatt for receiving the Jene Fletcher First Lady Award at Michigan Christian College.

VISITORS

We were happy to have the following visitors with us for worship services: Larry Kimpel, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Morton, Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Reynolds, Elkhart; Earl Fifer, Bryant, In.; Tom Eckman, Toledo, O.; Thelma Monis, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Maggie Lee, Bolivar, Mo.; Dr. & Mrs. Chris Dreisler, Corunna; Max Litke, Louisville, Ky; Harley Doty, Howe; Mike Watters, Chesterfield, Va.; Jay Foley, Artesia, N.M.; George Foley, Mongo; Ruth Engle, Ed & Julie Moore, Mr. R. M. Watters, LaGrange.

PROMOTION THIS SUNDAY

Bible school students who are now 3 yrs, 4 yrs, 1st grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 7th grade, and 9th grade will move up this Sunday. Other students will be in the same room, as they are in combined classes, such as 4 & 5 year olds. Teachers are asked to turn in their material from last quarter and put it on the shelves in room 3.

MID-AMERICA WORKSHOP

A major emphasis at the 4th Annual Mid-America Workshop to be held in Indianapolis, July 15-17 is in the area of church growth. Charles Hodge of Ft. Worth, Texas will be speaking on "Acts 2:42 makes Acts 2:47".

Special emphasis is being given to the relationship of the Sunday School to church growth. Ray Fulenwider, an expert on Sunday School, will conduct a two hour seminar on "Making the Bible School Evangelistic".

Another attraction, is the emphasis on special ministries. Two classes are offered on ministering to the senior citizens. Norm will be teaching on "Our Keenagers, An Update After Four Years". Abe Miller who heads up the highly successful program, the "Golden Sixties", will discuss "Winning Senior Citizens to Christ".

The church in LaGrange recently contributed \$200.00 to support this very worthwhile effort. And yet hardly any have expressed any interest in attending this year. Bus loads and packed cars will be attending from all over the Midwest; while we who are so close seem so disinterested. We feel it would be a tragedy for you to miss out on such a great opportunity as this. Free housing is available on request. Don't wait any longer, make your plans to attend today.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Michigan Christian College is again hosting a Church Leadership Workshop on July 30-31. Three very qualified brethren will be heading up the program. They are: James Baird, Oklahoma Christian College, Cline Paden, Sunset School of Preaching, and David Burks, Harding University. These will be joined by a number of other speakers who have proved themselves in specific areas of church leadership.

There will be an \$18.00 registration fee to cover costs of the workshop. Rooms are available at the college for \$5.00 per night. All men are invited to participate, not just elders, deacons and preachers.

NEWS

Rick Shears suffered some burns on his hand in an accident at home.

Mike Hall along with Michelle were sick with the flu last week.

Gale Mapes suffered the double loss of an aunt and uncle in his family last week.

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THAT WE MIGHT WIN SOME

"To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak: I am become all things to all men that I may by all means save some."

(I Corinthians 9:22)

Max Hughes pointed out, "A determined man with a rusty wrench can do more than a loafer with a kit full of tools." The cause of Christ is desperately in need of more determined saints...those determined to save the souls of men around them who are eternally doomed...those who are not "ashamed of the gospel...the power of God unto salvation." (Romans 1:16) While we await the polishing of skills in personal evangelism, souls are dying, entering into eternity for which they are unprepared. Learn how! Polish your skills! Seek to do the best you can, but don't continue to procrastinate. Get down to some work. Use the ability you have now!

Recently I read an interesting account about a record-breaking trout being caught in Missouri. That fish weighed fifteen pounds and six ounces! Some seeming impossibilities were related to the catch. While standing on a dock, a seven-year-old boy caught it on an oversized hook on a limp throwline. The bait consisted of pieces of lye soap, a french fry, and a napkin! No skilled fisherman would have ever tried such a combination when out for a record catch. But that little boy's determination to catch a fish was rewarded with success.

To succeed in "fishing for men" there must be that same spirit of determination to do the best we can with what we have. We must go to work, knowing that God will reward and bless our efforts. Will you be among those who will use "every possible means" to win some?

-John R. Vaughn
Columbia, Tenn.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, July 4, 1982

Bible classes	112
Morning Worship	129
Evening Worship	76
Contribution	\$1065.41

Sunday, July 11, 1982

Bible Classes	97
Morning Worship	127
Evening Worship	68
Contribution	\$768.98

VISITORS

We always appreciate our visitors.

Those worshipping with us were: Sam Hall, Mongo; Adam Mapes, Kendallville; Robin Bookout, Muncie; Kathy Wright, Ft. Wayne; Ruth Engle, Warren Billman, and Audra Frisbey, LaGrange.

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

For some months several individuals have been supporting the Amazing Grace Bible Class on Ch. 21 in Ft. Wayne. It is a good work and worthy of whatever support we can give it. Recently, we received several responses from this program which we would like to share with you.

"I had the privilege of watching your Amazing Grace Bible Class for the first time today. I enjoyed it very much." Celina, Oh.

"I listen to your program every Sun. and enjoy them very much. I am 82 and the music and all, takes me back to my childhood, when I went to a little white church in the country. I will never forget those days." Ft. Wayne, In.

"I enjoy your program every Sun. God bless you." Butler, In.

These letters and others tell us that the program is being seen and appreciated. We are in need of some more financial help for the months of June and July. See Norm if you can help.

COMING EVENTS...

July

- 15-17 Mid-America Evangelism Workshop
Indianapolis
- 18-22 Gospel Meeting Columbia City
Ken Chambers, Speaker
- 18-23 1st Junior Session (9-11 yrs.)
Camp Indogan
- 22 Family Night - 7-9:00 PM
Farmers State Bank
- 25-30 2nd Intermediate Session (12-14)
Camp Indogan
- 29-30 Church Leadership Workshop
Michigan Christian College

August

- 1-6 2nd Junior Session (Camp Indogan)
- 8-13 Senior Session (15-19 yrs)
Camp Indogan
- 15-20 2nd Intermediate Session
Camp Indogan
- 22 Homecoming at LaGrange
Picnic Delt Church Park

A SPECIAL EVENT

A graduation banquet was held at the Daus Dutchman Essenhaus restaurant last Monday evening honoring those who have completed or are completing the requirements of the FOM (Fishers of Men) course which was started in April. There were 23 present, 11 of which were graduates. It was a special occasion as brother Darrell O'Rorke, the instructor for the course, presented fish hooks to each graduate and allowed each to share with the group something they have learned from the course. Several remarks were made but the prevailing thought was that the course gave greater confidence in the art of teaching. Probably a good summary for our thoughts was given by Darrell as he shared what the fish hook meant to him: 1. He was hooked on Jesus 2. He was hooked on fishing for men. The intensive course looked closely into the life of Jesus and caused each to come to this conclusion.

The guest speaker, brother Chuck Barrington, gave an interesting example that he knew about of how one invitation to church services by an older lady led to the obedience of the gospel of a great number of people, and is continuing to do so. He pointed out that in a hundred years from now, the really important aspect of our past lives would be the work that we had done for Jesus in preparing people for eternity. A very somber thought.

A valuable lesson to be learned from this course and one within the reach of any student of the life of Christ is commitment. Commitment is not the spasmodic and temporary excitement of being "carried away" to grandeur heights of accomplishment. Rather it has a more permanent sound. It is a foundation on which to build. Commitment suggest stability. Members who are constant in attendance, etc. They don't allow themselves to be up one minute and down the next. They can be trusted because they are committed.

We appreciate the commitment of so many members in the church in LaGrange and urge you to continue to look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Dean Hoggatt

TRAY FAVORS

One good work that we sometimes fail to mention is our Tray Favors. These little cards are made up with and sent to the hospital to be put on the trays of the patients. Many expressions of appreciation have been made from the recipients of these cards which help to brighten their days in the hospital. Those who lend their artistic talents and time to this are Zella Bellaire, Ruth Engle, Blanche Dauberman, and Gay Ray.

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

The church in Columbia City is holding a Gospel Meeting July 18 - 22. The speaker will be Ken Chambers of Bristol, Virginia. Ken is well known to many here having held two meetings at LaGrange. It would be an encouragement to Ken and the brethren in Columbia City if we would support their efforts in this meeting. Weekday services will be at 7:00 p.m.

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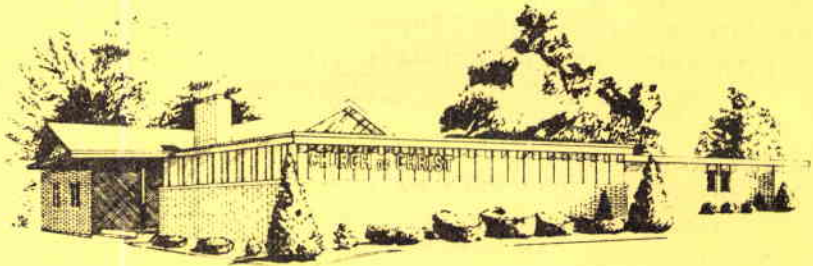
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RUSHING THROUGH WORSHIP

In several business meetings I have listened to various suggestions on how the worship should be shortened - "Use more trays, omit a song, cut the sermon, etc." In all of this thinking there seems to be the underlying premise that a shorter service is a better service - that efficiency means efficacy.

Are we rushing through our worship so that we may hasten to feed the poor, to reach out to our neighbor, to lift up the heathen? NO! We rush so that we may get to a tasty, sumptuous meal or so that we may watch our favorite TV program or take a nap or read the secular newspaper, or play golf or go on an outing. If none of these attract us, we rush because we are nervous and are in the habit of doing everything in a hurry.

We sing, "Take Time To Be Holy", but we don't have time to meditate, to praise, to listen to the Word in a relaxed atmosphere. There is pressure by the more worldly members to "pay our respects" to God in the smallest amount of time possible. Movies and TV programs are getting longer, but periods of worship are being compressed. Why? Is it because we are so spiritual that we don't need more time to be holy? Or, is it a lack of appetite for spiritual food? Do we hunger and thirst after righteousness, or do we fret when the Lord's Supper takes more time than a news cast?

Time is precious, and we should - "redeem the time". Our periods of worship should be planned so that our worship will be more effective. Let us take time to be Holy - time for more spiritual songs, for sermons that are long enough to convince the sinner, to edify the Christian. Let us take time to promote the activities of the church which will build us up on the most holy faith - time for meditation on the meaning of the Lord's Supper. Time for silence - to be still and know that God is with us.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, July 18, 1982

Bible Classes	117
Morning Worship	143
Evening Worship	86
Contribution	\$865.69

Sunday, July 25, 1982

Bible Classes	93
Morning Worship	140
Evening Worship	?
Contribution	\$1059.05

Sunday August 1, 1982

Bible Classes	118
Morning Worship	137
Evening Worship	95
Contribution	\$1066.44

VISITORS

We are always happy to welcome visitors to our services. Those worshipping with us the past three weeks were:

Einar & Liv Engöy, Norway; G.K. Gould, Naples, Fl.; Tom & Joanne Duncan & sons, South Lyon, Mi; Randal Harbin, Steve, Debbie, & Marcia Carrell, Dayton, O.; John & Joann Belcher, Cement City, Mi.; Mrs. Jerry Kline, Lisa & David, Huntington; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cardwell, Hartford City; Mr. & Mrs. Pete Lomeli, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Kuykendall, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Sattison & Linda, Hudson; Chad Brock, Angola; Linda, Mark & Kent Schuster, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Hunnicutt & Leenell, Pat & Bruce Brock, Ft. Wayne; Lori Stockton; Tammy Goodman, Orland; Mr. & Mrs. Elmer West, Janet Swift, Muncie; Lynn, Ann & Kelly Johnson, Pleasant Lake; Mr. & Mrs. Ed Moore & Julie, Teresa Stauffer, LaGrange; Kenny & Kathy Long.

RESPONSE

Sunday, July 18, sister Mary Anne Wade responded to the Lord's invitation and made the following statement: "I need the help first of the Lord, and also of the congregation to make me more aware of my spiritual needs and to help me to do something about them. Please pray for me."

LAST MINUTE NEWS ITEM

It was learned Tuesday afternoon that LaGrange is having a new physician and his family move here from the Sacramento, Ca. area. This would not make such interesting news except for the fact that Mr. & Mrs. Turney and family are members of the church and brother Turney is an elder at a congregation of the church of Christ in Roseville, California. Sister Turney and their two 15 year old boys (twins) will be moving before school starts and brother Turney will be following sometime in September. We look forward to having the Turneys move to our area and the Christian influence that this good family will bring as they work and serve not only in his work as a surgeon but in our common work in the Lord's Kingdom.

MEN'S MEETING

There will be a business meeting of the men on Sunday, Aug. 15 following the evening service. Some of the items to be discussed are the redecorating of the auditorium, matters about Lord's table, progress of the work, and plans for men's planning session at camp. Plan to remain for this important meeting.

CHURCH OUTING

All members and their families and friends are invited to an outing Saturday, August 14, at Franke Park in Ft. Wayne. Buses will be leaving the building at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 4:30 p.m. Those who wish may visit the children's zoo or simply enjoy the beautiful park. Cost for the zoo is: 12 & up - \$2.00; 2 - 11 yrs. - \$1.00; 2 & under free. These rates may be discounted if enough are interested in going. Bring the family and a lunch, and enjoy a time of fun, food and fellowship with one another.

TEACH ALL NATIONS

This month has been an informative time for learning about various missionary efforts to preach the gospel to other people and nations.

Sunday, July 25, brother Jim North showed some slides concerning his summer campaign in Europe. A group of students from Harding University worked with the Christians in England, France, Germany and Italy in furthering the gospel. Their work involved singing in public places, distributing tracts, making and teaching contacts and wearing out shoe leather. Jim is still in need of financial help to enable him to repay the loan at the bank which he borrowed to make this trip.

Sunday morning, Aug 1, Steve and Debbie Carrell reported on their work in Sapporo, Japan. Steve showed slides of the progress of the work to the combined adult and high school classes. Steve then spoke during worship on the need of "True Discipleship" for the Lord. Steve and Debbie need some more financial help to complete their needed support.

This Sunday night, brother Hershel Wyrick will be speaking and showing slides on the work that we help support in Menominee, Mi.

It's encouraging to know that we are having a part or can help in supporting some of these good works. Truly we have received the blessing in being able to give to these great efforts.

HOME COMING

The Sunday of August 22 has been designated as "Homecoming" for the LaGrange church. There will be a potluck meal right after the morning service at the Delt Church Park. Contact all those you know who are former members in the past and those who haven't been attending the assemblies. Let's make this a day of renewing our commitment to the Lord and edifying one another in the faith of Christ. Let's work to have the building overflowing with God's people.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Don't forget to keep filling the Shults-Lewis cans designated "Change for Children". These cans are to be turned in the end of this month so they can be counted at the Shults-Lewis Open House.

COMMODITIES

Don't forget that Dick Shur will be here next Wednesday, August 11, to pick up the notebook paper for Shults-Lewis. There have been several good buys on paper advertised in Ft. Wayne. Most of the zones are making this their project.

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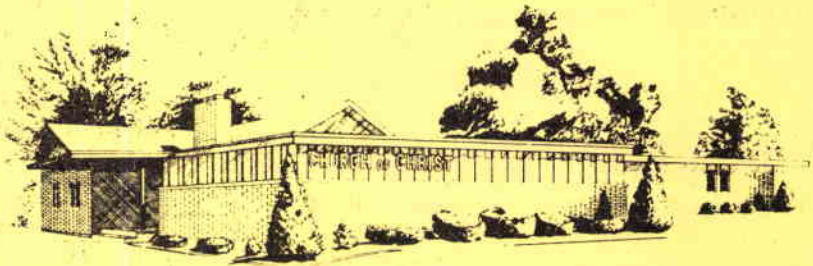
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THE CHURCH

I believe that too many of us have forgotten the reason for the church's existence. I believe that too many of us have either forgotten what the church ought to be doing or have simply forgotten to do it. The Lord's church does not exist to build buildings. It does not exist to preserve the old paths of tradition and custom. It does not exist to "keep house". It does not exist merely to announce truth and debate over it. Rather, the church exists to change the lives of men. It is not a museum for saints but a hospital for sinners. It is, by the power of the Spirit of God, in the business of reviving, regenerating, and refreshing the hearts of men.

Jesus came to build His church. He died to purchase His church. And the church today is to be an extension of the ministry of Christ. We must be about our Father's business. We have no right to call ourselves the "spiritual body of Christ" if we are not doing now what the physical body of Christ did while on this earth.

It is time to restore the first century church by restoring a fellowship so divine that to be with Christ's church is like being with Christ Himself.

I believe that if we are ever to save the world for Christ, we must first of all live like a saved people. We cannot tenderly teach what we have never bothered to learn. We cannot effectively impact what we have experienced. We cannot authoritatively proclaim what we do not practice. We cannot live a life we have never really begun.

The church exists to change the lives of men. This takes commitment. It takes work. It takes time. Most of all, it takes love. If Christ were on earth today, would He be able to recognize His body? If the church is not the embodiment of Christ's life, then while it may be a body, it is a dead body. In other words, if the church of Christ is not like Christ, then it is not the church of Christ.

--Albert Lemmons

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, August 8, 1982	
Bible Classes	151
Morning Worship	186
Contribution	\$1006.12
Wednesday, Bible Study 8/4	
	93
Sunday, August 15, 1982	
Bible Classes	118
Morning Worship	138
Contribution	\$812.51
Wednesday, Bible Study 8/11	
	90

VISITORS

It is a source of joy for us to welcome visitors to our services. Those visiting with us were: David & Nancy Habig, Bronson, Mi.; Russell Gattis, Carrollton, Tx.; Gerald Wennacett, Charlotte, Mi.; Hershel & Carol Wyrick, Menominee, Mi.; David & Kim Gaither, Oklahoma City, Ok.; Pete, Ruth & Charity Lomeli, Hudson, In.; Mary, Kim, Tal-andra Johnson, Liz, Lisa & Mark Jones, Elkhart, In.; Della Hart, Larry, George, Sean, Rob & Abby Helmer, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Moore & Julie, LaGrange.

NEW DEACONS

As was announced in the bulletin, the LaGrange church is in the process of adding some more deacons.

For the past two weeks, lessons from the pulpit have emphasized the office and qualifications of deacons. Next Sundays sermon will deal with the work and selection of those qualified to serve.

The LaGrange church is blest with a number of dedicated Christians. We urge all members to prayerfully study the qualifications of 1 Tim. 3:8-13 and then to "look out from among you..." men who can be appointed to this office.

We can be thankful that the Lord has given us a plan for scripturally organizing His church. As His followers, we simply need to be willing to submit ourselves to one another and His word (Eph. 5:21).

MORE ON DEACONS

The following article was written by sister Gay Ray. We thought you might enjoy some of her reflections on this subject.

A long time ago I read about a church member who had attended a church meeting election of officers. When he got home, his wife asked about it. He said he had been elected to an office. He couldn't remember the name, but it was a bush that grew in the corners of rail fences.

Now, I learn that Deacons are men who "kick up dust".

I know our elders will not stand in fence corners and let the dust settle on them. They will be out there kicking up dust with the deacons.

If we don't want dust to settle ALL OVER us, we need to get out there and gather it up and make a very productive garden out of it.

Of course we will have to work together and select the right kinds of seeds, and take proper care of them.

Good Deaconing - and Eldering.

-Gay Ray

BACK TO SCHOOL...

A number of our college young people will be making their way back to school in the next few weeks. Jean Hoggatt will be starting at Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Mi. and Leslie Hoggatt will be returning for her final year. Gary Pieratt will be enrolling in Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. Sherry and Terry Hostetler will be returning to Harding for further studies. Glen Morr will be returning to Purdue University to continue his studies. Jim North, who graduated from Harding University is furthering his education at a college in Illinois. Our prayers go with them as they continue to prepare themselves for life and for greater service in the Lord's kingdom.

CAMP NEWS

Congratulations to Brian Hoggatt who was chosen as Star Bible Camper at the Senior session. Way to go Brian!

Also a special note of thanks to those who worked in Norm's session: Joe and Lois Oakley, who were counselors, Merilyn, who taught crafts and Penny Oakley who filled in as counselor and in the kitchen. Thanks for all your help.

Also a word of appreciation to all the campers from LaGrange who continue to conduct themselves in the highest standards of Christwhile at camp.

HOME COMING

Only a few more days before Homecoming Day Sunday, August 22 is here. This will mark the 29th anniversary of the Lord's church in LaGrange. A big day has been planned for this occasion. Wouldn't it be great if we could have 200 in attendance for this day. Actually, if all former members were to attend, we could go far over that number. Many letters have been mailed to all the former members that we have addresses for. We ask you to do the following to insure the success of this day.

- 1) Be sure to come yourself with your family;
- 2) Ask a friend or neighbor to join you;
- 3) Contact a former member and encourage them to come.

Don't forget that there will be a pot-luck meal immediately following the morning service at Delt Church Park on Hawpatch. See you all next Sunday.

VISITING

We welcome the visit of Armando and Marcella (Ritchie) Greigo of Pueblo, Co. They will be visiting with relatives for about a week. We also congratulate them on the birth of Bethany Michelle, who was born June 22.

We welcome Paul and Geneva Himes who are back in Indiana for a visit from Florida. The Himes are presently in Covington where Geneva's brother-in-law is very ill. We hope to have them come our way soon.

Ron and Ruth Winfree and children are home from Italy for a furlough. Thanks to Ron for speaking Sunday night regarding the work.

SICK

Paul McDonald has been released from the hospital after suffering a heart attack.

MEN'S ENCAMPMENT

All men are invited to Camp Indogan, Sept. 17-18, for a Men's Encampment. This time will be spent in fellowship, recreation, and discussing the Lord's work at LaGrange.

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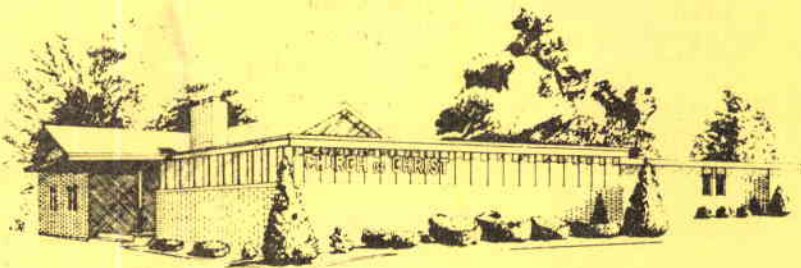
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THE PETUNIA

"Flower shows feature flowers from the earliest tulips to the last poinsettia, but no one exhibits a petunia. Brides carry flowers from the edelweiss of the mountains to the lily of the valley, but no bride would carry a petunia. Everyone ignores the petunia... but it goes right on blooming".

Church leaders ought to be sensitive to flowers because flowers can remind us of people. In fact any group of humans has about as many varieties of plants as does a flower garden. Everyone of them has its ROSES which must be handled with kid gloves to avoid hurt or pain. Every group has its IRISES which are susceptible to rot if they are not constantly in the sunshine. We could go on and on, from the ASTERS that wilt to the SNAPDRAGON that rusts. There are SHRINKING VIOLETS who need to be encouraged; the stubborn GLADS who simply cannot be bent once the stem is formed, and the tender MORNING GLORY which blooms in splendor at the beginning of the day and fades at noon. Every variety of flower (and fold) needs some special attention to make them bloom... except the PETUNIA.

So you can understand why PETUNIAS are so dear to every church leaders heart. They are those blessed folk who are doing their part without special attention. No one fusses over them, or pampers them, or is constantly working with them. No one praises them for their dependability or loyalty. BUT like the PETUNIA in the garden, they do not seem to mind. They cause no trouble; they create no commotion; they just keep on blooming the best way they can.

So at the end of an especially difficult and disappointing day, it would be quite understandable should there arise from the heart of the preacher, and from the lips of church leaders a very, very special prayer: "Dear Lord, Thank you Lord, for PETUNIAS."

-via Miami, Florida

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday August 22, 1982

Bible Classes	126
Morning Worship	148
Evening Worship	?
Contribution	\$833.59

Wednesday Bible Study 8/18 92

Sunday, August 29, 1982

Bible Classes	129
Morning Worship	137
Evening Worship	108
Contribution	\$871.34

Wednesday Bible Study 8/25 90

VISITORS

We are sincerely happy you came our way and joined us in our worship services. Those visiting were: Armando & Marcella Griego, Pueblo, Co.; Chad Brock, MCC; Gene & Winona Taulbee, South Lyon, Mi.; Kathy Wright, Ft. Wayne; Jeff & Janet McKinley, Woodburn; Harley Doty, Howe; Oma Knause, Ty, Della & Eddy Hart, George & Sean Helmer, Ruth Engle, Warren Billman, LaGrange.

UPDATE ON ALASKA TRANSMITTER

A special report from the World Christian Broadcasting Corp. is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer. It contains how several things seem to pose a hinderance to the obtaining of a permit from the Federal Communication Commission but all the objections seem to providentially disappear and the permit was granted on May 13, 1982, just six months and 20 days after it was filed (it normally takes a year). At the present, a new road is being built to the site, trees are being cut for the clearing of the Transmitter Building. The complex transmitter and antenna equipment have been ordered and hopefully will be received early in 1983. The plans call for broadcasting to begin by July 1983.

The projected costs of \$1.7 million must be revised somewhat because of inflationary factors, but to date an accumulation of \$1.1 million has been pledged toward the project. Once in operation, the short wave station will be able to reach one-third of all people with the sound of the gospel, to countries like China and the Soviet Union.

It was planned that all contributions over \$800.00 on the 5th Sunday in October (October 31st) will be divided between this World Christian Broadcasting Corp. and the Herald of Truth Radio Ministry. Could we send \$300.00 to each of these? With a contribution of \$1400.00 on that Sunday, we can. Let's do it!

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Brethren:

Thank you for your participation in our commodities program. Your gifts are a great blessing to us.

The estimated value of your commodities is \$115.00 for notebook paper.

Your servant in Christ,
Rick Shur
Development Director

SICK

The flu bug is once again making the rounds. Brother Stan Palmer was unable to attend Sunday due to illness. Laurie Shears has been sick this past week.

SHULTS-LEWIS OPEN HOUSE

The Annual Open House for the Shults-Lewis Children's Home will be Saturday, September 11, 1982. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until 2:00 p.m.

This years' keynote speaker will be Bob Young, minister of the Holmes Rd. church in Lansing, Mi. Also appearing on the program will be two singing groups, "The Promise-lands" and "Harvest". An added feature this year is a large tent for the speaker and the singing groups.

The Open House is a carnival-like setting with booths for food, craft displays, and pie sales of which profits all go towards the home. There are continuous tours of the homes where the children are residents.

One highlight will be the opening and counting of the Change for Children cans. It is hoped that this years contribution will total \$40,000. Those who didn't take a can could make a special contribution at the Open House. Those who won't be going and have taken cans need to have them at the building before Saturday.

If you've never visited the home, or visited some years ago, you owe it to yourself and to the children at the home, to come and see what a great work is being done among these children.

If you need transportation call any of the elders or contact Bob Sowles. Let's have a large representation from LaGrange to this years Open House.

MEN'S RETREAT

Plans are progressing for the upcoming Men's Retreat on September 17 - 18 at Camp Indogan. The film "Gospel Blimp" has been obtained for Friday night. This film shows the wrong way of going about trying to reach others with the gospel of Christ. The film will be shown first at the church building at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening to all those who are interested.

We encourage all men and those young men in high school to attend this retreat. A sign up sheet has been posted in the south foyer so we know how many to plan for (18 are signed up so far). Those two days will be ones that you won't forget. We will spend much time together in fellowship, recreation, and most important talking about the past and future progress of the work at LaGrange. There will be a slight charge to cover cost of the food.

NEW DEACONS

For the past several weeks we've been studying the subject of deacons. We now enter into the most crucial phase of this endeavor - the selection of qualified men by you the congregation. We will go through this process in the next three to four weeks.

Step 1: Selection Each member, individually or with his family, is responsible for selecting those qualified to serve as deacons.

Step 2: Consideration. The elders will visit those selected by a substantial number of members to verify their qualifications and willingness to serve.

Step 3: Reviewal. Those willing to serve will be announced. Members will have one week to submit any written scriptural objections.

Step 4: Appointment. Those qualified will be appointed as deacons on Sept. 26 or Oct. 3.

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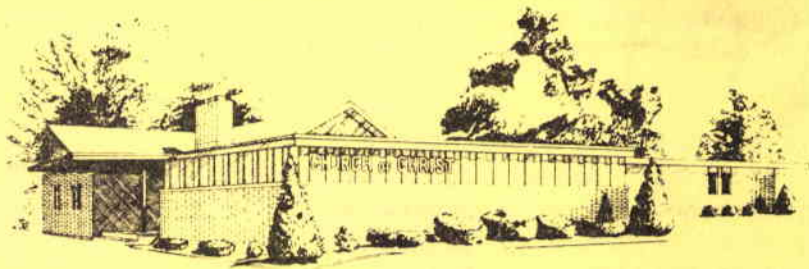
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, September 5, 1982	
Bible Classes	116
Morning Worship	150
Evening Worship	78
Contribution	\$1106.46
Wednesday Bible Study 9/1	86
Sunday, September 12, 1982	
Bible Classes	123
Morning Worship	151
Evening Worship	94
Contribution	\$821.92
Wednesday Bible Study 9/8	103

VISITORS

We are truly happy for your presence in our worship services.

Those visiting September 5: Charlie & Alma Wilson, Weed, Ca.; Trix McAlpin, Dayton, O.; Mr. & Mrs. Sam McCoy, Columbus, O; Mr. & Mrs. Omer Clark, Medaryville, In.; Kathy Wright & Trinda Zimmerman, Ft. Wayne; Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur (Mary) Lytle, Fremont, and Chuck & Judy Wilson & family, Wolcottville.

Those visiting September 12: Charlie & Alma Wilson, Weed, Ca.; Carl & Jesse Pierratt, Camdenton, Mo.; Terri Morr, Indianapolis, Brenda Hall & Stacey Reed, Mongo; Viola Brodbeck, LaGrange Nursing Home; Ed & Carol Moore and Warren Billman, LaGrange; Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Hale, Angola.

RESPONSE

Sister Elaine Moser came Sunday morning to ask for prayers. She stated, "I need the prayers of the church for strength. Those who I work with have tried to get me to do some wrong things. Please pray for me".

SHULTS-LEWIS

The weather couldn't have been better as hundreds of supporters of Shults-Lewis turned out for the Annual Open House. The singing groups and various speakers did their part to uplift and encourage all those in attendance.

Hundreds of "Cans For Children" were turned in at the administration building. It is hoped that this project will raise the \$25,000.00 that is presently needed to meet the financial needs of the home.

Those who still haven't returned your cans need to have them here by this Sunday. The cans are numbered and need to be accounted for. Please turn them in regardless if you are finished with them or not.

As one of the Board Members of Shults-Lewis let me express my appreciation to all who supported this project. I only hope that next year many more will find the time to attend the open house.

Norm

THANKS

To Lois Oakley for cleaning and straightening the Bible hour room.

To Zella Bellaire, Gay Ray, and Ruth Engle for preparing Tray Favors for the patients at the hospital each month.

To all the ladies who prepare the food and serve it to our Keenagers. Also to Dean Hoggatt for driving the bus each week to Millers and the Country Place Apts.

MY VOTE

Last Sunday I voted to close the church-not intentionally nor maliciously; but carelessly and thoughtlessly, lazily, indifferently I voted. Yes, I voted to close the open Bible that has been given us by many years of struggling, and by the blood of martyrs, who have died that we might have it to read. I voted for our minister to stop preaching the glorious truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I voted that the children of the Bible school be no longer taught the stories of the Bible. I voted for the voice of the congregation to be stilled and no longer heard in song. I voted for the darkness of superstition and degrading influence of sin, the blight of ignorance, and the curse of selfish greed once again to settle their damning load on the shoulders of an already over-burdened world. Carelessly, lazily, indifferently I voted. For, you see, I could have gone and I should have gone, but I didn't. I stayed away from church last Sunday.

-Selected

LADIES' DAY

The church in Niles, Mi. invites their sisters in Christ at LaGrange to a "Ladies Day" on Saturday, October 2nd. from 9 a.m. til 2 p.m. The theme is "Recipes for a Fulfilled Life". The speakers are Mary Peden from Louisville, Ry and Janet Martin from Niles. Closing the program will be Donna Reed from Benton Harbor, Mi. with a special presentation on Panama.

YOUTH RALLY

The Alto Road Church of Christ in Kokomo, In. is having a Youth Rally on September 17th and 18th. The speaker will be Rubel Shelly who is well known for his work with young people.

There will be a \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of a catered lunch. Overnight lodging will be provided in the homes of the members for those who desire to spend the night.

MORE DEACONS

Each member will be given a form this Sunday to assist them in the selection of qualified men to the office of deacon. There is place for three names. This is the number of men that the elders feel are needed at this time in the work. If you cannot conscientiously list three names then put down as many as you feel are qualifies. You will have one week to fill out and return the form. These names will then be totalled to see which men received a substantial support as to their qualifications and serving as deacons.

SICK

Brother Jim Lee was rushed to LaGrange hospital Saturday morning with severe pains in his chest. After several days in the intensive care unit he was moved to the medical wing where he is recovering and awaiting further word from his tests.

COMING EVENTS

- Sept 17-18 Men's Retreat at Camp Indogan
- 23 Family night at Farmers Bank
- 24-25 Junior Rally at Camp Indogan
- Oct 1-2 Senior Rally at Camp Indogan
- 4-7 Michigan Christian College Lectures