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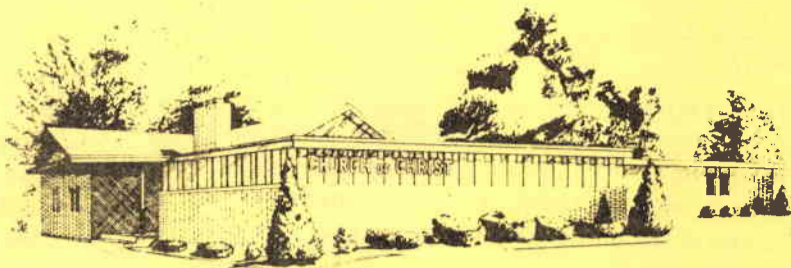
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TRUE HEARTED, WHOLE HEARTED

*"True hearted, whole hearted, faithful and loyal,
King of our lives, by thy grace we will be; under
the standard exalted and royal, strong in thy
strength we will battle for thee."*

These are the opening words of a beautiful song written by Frances Ridley Havergal. The sentiments expressed within this spiritual song are both scriptural and timely. They need to be etched "with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond" upon the heart of every New Testament Christian.

Halfhearted discipleship does neither us nor the Lord any good. Because He wholly made us, wholly sustains us, and wholly saves us, Christ expects the whole of our devotion and service.

It is impossible to leap a chasm in two jumps. Here, it is either complete commitment or certain death. This is much the way it is with our religion. Too many of us are like the little boy who cut his puppy's tail off an inch at a time to keep from hurting it so badly by cutting the whole tail off at once.

This popular, prevalent attitude of halfhearted Christianity runs counter to the example and teaching of Christ. Jesus taught, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall find it." (Luke 9:23, 24.)

Brethren, our Lord is not interested in part time help; He desires full time disciples! May we recapture the zeal and consecration of those early disciples and put Christ back in first place where he belongs.

--by Dalton Key
Aurora, Mo.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, September 19, 1982

Bible Classes	136
Morning Worship	148
Evening Worship	113
Contribution	\$1026.00

Wednesday Bible Study 9/15 99

Sunday, September 26, 1982

Bible Classes	127
Morning Worship	147
Evening Worship	116
Contribution	\$848.55

Wednesday Bible Study 9/22 80

VISITORS

We welcome all those visiting our services and cordially invite you back again. Those who visited Sunday, Sept. 19 were: Maxine & Luther Umphenour, Ottawa, Ks. (parents of Janet DePriest), Mary Van DenBosch, Portland, In. (sister of Pat Lee), Don & Susan Smith, Farmington Hills, Mi. (friends of Herrens), Leo & Mary Parry, Livonia, Mi. Ana T. Gubia, Kendallville (guest of Beulah Morr), Mike Stroup, Howe, Karen Jensen, and Ruth Engle, LaGrange.

RESPONSE

Sister Gay Ray came forward Wednesday evening to ask for the prayers of the church. She stated, "I need your prayers to help me to not say foolish things that hurt people. I have hurt a dear friend."

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to welcome the Warren Turney family into the church at LaGrange. The Turneys are a fine Christian family who have recently moved here from Roseville, Ca. Brother Turney will be the new general surgeon at the LaGrange County Hospital. He will also have an office in Wolcottville. The Turneys have five children, two of which remained in California. The youngest sons, Mark and Darren are students at Lakeland High School. Their daughter Carla, will be here for several months to help with the setting up of the office. Please add them to your directories:

Warren & Susan Turney
Carla, Mark, Darren
RR 5, Box 129
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Ph. 463-7016

MCC LECTURESHIP

October 4-7, 1982 will mark the annual Fall Bible Lectureship at Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Mi. Many outstanding speakers will be participating in "The Christian Family" series. Several special luncheons and a dinner have been scheduled throughout Lectureship Week, and reservation forms are available from Dean Hoggatt. Be sure to check the poster on the bulletin board for complete Lectureship details.

TEACHERS MEETING

A tentative date of Nov. 12 has been set for the next teacher's meeting. There will be a potluck supper with guest speakers.

HOW DOES THE BIBLE SCHOOL GROW?

Does the Bible School grow like a weed-unwanted, unattended, and unnoticed? You will have to agree, the answer is "no" in each case. To grow, the Bible School must be wanted, cared for and encouraged, and must be recognized for the good it does in the lives of the pupils. And good IS DONE! Some have estimated that 75% of the converts to the church come through the Bible School. If this be true, why are we not more diligent in our efforts to enroll more and more new class members?

Let's make up our minds to build up each class with some new classmembers! Growth will not come by accident. Follow these procedures for certain success:

1. Concentrate on ONE person at a time.
2. Cultivate that one by calling, encouraging, befriending.
3. Pray for him BY NAME.
4. Bring him with you.
5. Do not grow weary in well doing.
6. Ask the Lord to clear the way.
7. Rejoice, for YOU WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

With the help of the Lord, the Bible Classes can be doubled. We will witness growth beyond our most optimistic estimates.

-Dan Whitaker

FIFTH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

In planning this years program of work it was decided to use the fifth Sundays to help support special works. This month we would like to help the World Christian Broadcasting in building a shortwave station to beam the gospel to Russia and the Herald of Truth (TV and Radio) in preaching to those in our own country. However due to the present deficit in this years budget we are only sending that which is over the \$1065.00 budget. If each of us would start now to plan and sacrifice for this fifth Sunday by giving 50% above our regular contribution we could still send a substantial check to each of these deserving efforts. We can do it if we all pull together towards this goal.

FALL MEETING

The dates for our fall Gospel Meeting are Oct. 31-Nov. 5. The speaker will be Earl Gieseke of Hartford, Ky. Earl preached 8 years for the church in LaGrange while teaching math at the local high schools. Many faithful members at LaGrange are enjoying the blessings in Christ due to the teaching and life of Earl. Lets keep these dates on our calendar open and work to bring others with us to this endeavor.

AREA MEETINGS & YOUTH RALLIES

Senior Youth Rally at Camp Indogan is Oct. 1-2. Registration is \$5.00. Speakers are Keith Hatcher, Dick Hostetler, and Jim McCutchen.

East Allen church is having a Youth Rally on Saturday, Oct. 9. Speaker is Chuck Barrington of Donmoyer church in South Bend.

Goshen church is holding a Gospel Meeting on Sept. 29-Oct.3. Speaker is Clifford Tucker of Warren, Mich.

SICK

Brother Jim Lee suffered a heart attack and is back in the LaGrange Hospital. Jim's condition is improving. Sister Lucille Doty had hip surgery and is recovering nicely.

*In bulletin
Richard & Westview*

East Allen Co gospel Meeting

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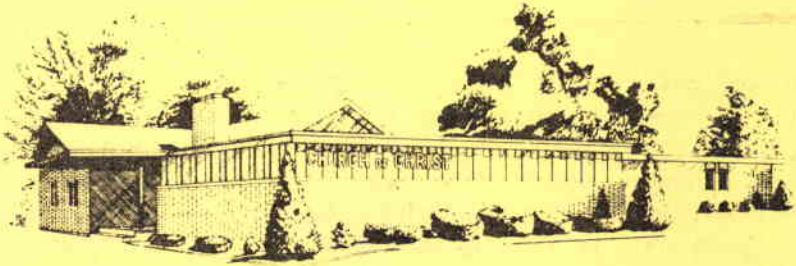
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OUR MEETING!

It will soon be time for our meeting! I hope most of you are looking toward this time with as much anticipation as I am! Though it will be but a few days, much good can be accomplished for the Lord's cause. Only the full support and cooperation of each member at LaGrange will make this possibility a reality.

It is always a great joy for me to "come home!" I spent eight years of my life there with a few of you who still remain, and a number of years with others of you who entered God's family during our stay there. The quality of love is not necessarily determined by its length. More of my life was invested in the Lord's cause there than in any other place. One cannot spend so much time with such a group of fine Christians without the development of deep, strong ties.

Only two men remain who were there as I recall my first visit to LaGrange on a snowy February weekend. These two men have become elders there, and are counted among my dearest brothers in the faith, and are two of the finest men I personally know. Many of you are looked upon as Paul viewed Timothy: "My children in the faith."

I will be coming there, Lord willing, with one main purpose: To preach and teach Christ at every opportunity. During this time I am looking to renew acquaintances during times of our fellowship together. I will be available to you 24 hours a day while there. I know some have left the congregation since I lived there. Some have gone to their "long home", but others have followed the example of Demas (2Tim. 4:10). I pray that we can see and talk to these, and perhaps restore them to their first love.

Pray for the effort. I love you!

Earl Gieseke

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, October 3, 1982	
Bible Classes	132
Morning Worship	150
Evening Worship	100
Contribution	\$1000.00
Wednesday Bible Study 9/29	94
Sunday, October 10, 1982	
Bible Classes	113
Morning Worship	143
Evening Worship	103
Contribution	\$1284.42
Wednesday Bible Study 10/6	79

MEMBERS

We're so glad you came to share in our worship to God. Hope to see you again soon. Those visiting with us October 3 & 10 were: Genevieve Jeffery, Libbie Zoles, Scott City, Ks.; Beverly Myers, Paducah, Ky.; Pauline Knepp, Mi.; Danny Fleeman, Chad Brock, & Leslie Hoggatt, MCC; Mr. & Mrs. Don Ulmer, Debra, Andy & Daniel, New Castle; Jean Young, Mike DeCamp, Muncie; Ana Gubia, Kendallville; Betty, Charlene & Jeremy Bellaire, Middlebury; Lori Shaffer, Christina & Amber, Angola; Ruth Engle and Viola Brodbeck, LaGrange.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

Words can't express my deepest appreciation to all of you who sent cards, flowers, visited and most of all prayed diligently for my recovery. You have all been great to Pat and me and we love you dearly.

Jim Lee

OUR KEENAGER CLASS

I sneaked into the Keenager Class at age 59. Really it's for 60 and older people.

Norm teaches us about the worth of Jesus and about His days on earth. He teaches us we are still of value and able to do kind deeds yet at our age. He teaches us to love God and mankind. Also, he teaches us there is the promise of life in the here-after which is comforting to people in their Autumn years.

Dean or Devon bring the people in from the apartments and from the Nursing Homes.

Now don't leave out the cooks.... Marilyn, Thelma, Pat Norma, Sharon, Terry and Pam - oh yes and Wanda.

On Thursday mornings we follow our noses close to the kitchen - ah! the aroma, now we guess. Pumpkin Pie? Yes! Beef stew? We believe!

There is so much effort and work here that we want to say "Thank You" to all of you.

The 60 & Older People

RESPONSE

Sister Pam Shatto requested the prayers of the church in connection with her Bible study with a close friend.

DEACONS APPOINTED

As there were no scriptural objections to the men selected, brothers Stan Palmer, Fred Oakley, and Joe Hughes will be appointed as deacons this Sunday

TEACHER'S MEETING

A meeting for all teachers and other interested individuals is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 PM. The guest speakers will be Hollace and Myrna McKinley of the East Allen Co church in New Haven. Hollace is one of the elders and is well qualified in the fields of training Bible teachers. There will be separate classes for both men and women. The meeting will begin with a pot luck meal.

FALL MEETING

The time for our fall Gospel Meeting is fast approaching. In his article on the front page, brother Earl challenged us all to work hard for this effort.

The apostle Paul wrote of the "spirit of faith" that should characterize God's people. He said, "...we also believe, and therefore also we speak;" (2 Cor. 4:13). If each of us truly believe in Jesus Christ and the power of His word, then we will speak to others about our meeting.

SKATING PARTY

The Reed Rd. church in Ft. Wayne has informed the area churches that unless the attendance improves at the area skating party the parties will have to be cancelled. All proceeds over the cost of renting the rink go to Camp Indogan. If you are interested in going or are able to help with the driving, see Craig Hostetler.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Oct. 17 - 22 The Huntington church is having a gospel meeting. Bro. G. P. Holt of Indianapolis is the featured speaker. The "Promiseland Quartet" will be performing on Sunday afternoon.

Oct. 22 - 25 The Willowdale church in Elkhart is having a Youth Rally. The theme is "Clean Your Conscience". There will be a registration fee.

Oct. 23 The East Chestnut church in Ft. Wayne is having a Ladies Lectureship.

Oct. 23 The church in Bryan Ohio is having a Ladies Inspiration Day. Registration will be \$2.00 and must be paid by Oct. 18.

CHANGE-FOR-CHILDREN

The word from Shults-Lewis Childrens Home is that they had a great response on Open House Day to the Change-for-Children campaign. Approximately 1100 cans, along with a number of checks were turned in. Thus far over \$32,000.00 has been received, and as additional cans and checks come in it appears that the goal of \$35,000.00 will be attained.

The work that the home is doing continues to bear much fruit as young lives are remolded and let to Christ. This can only be accomplished because of the support that so many of you have given to the home.

SICK

It was good to see both Jim Lee and Lucille Doty out of the hospital and recuperating at home.

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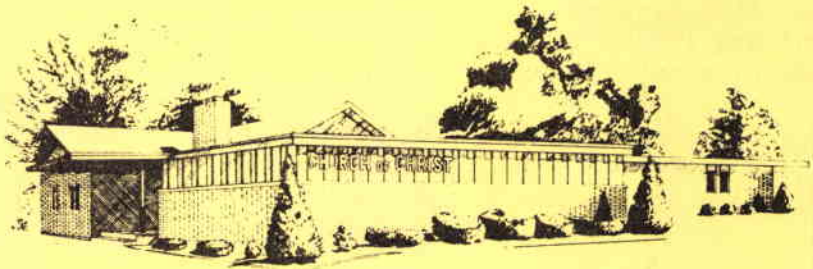
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TEN LITTLE CHRISTIANS

- 10 little Christians came to church all the time, one fell out with the preacher - then there were **NINE**.
- 9 little Christians stayed up late; one overslept on Lord's Day - then there were **EIGHT**.
- 8 little Christians on their way to heaven; one took the low road and then there were **SEVEN**.
- 7 little Christians, chirping like chicks; one did not like the singing - then there were **SIX**.
- 6 little Christians seemed very much alive; one took a vacation - then there were **FIVE**.
- 5 little Christians puffing for heaven's shore; one took a rest a while - then there were **FOUR**.
- 4 little Christians each as busy as a bee; one got his feelings hurt - then there were **THREE**.
- 3 little Christians steady and true till one could not have his way - then there were **TWO**.
- 2 little Christians; each won one more; now don't you see that two and two make **FOUR**?
- 4 little Christians worked early and late - each brought one - now there were **EIGHT**.
- 8 little Christians, if they doubled as before... in just seven weeks we would have one thousand, twenty-four!

In this little jingle, there is a lesson true- YOU belong either to the **BUILDING** or the **WRECKING** crew.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, October 17, 1982	
Bible Classes	110
Morning Worship	126
Evening Worship	?
Contribution	\$1030.25
Wednesday Bible Study 10/13	85
Sunday, October 24, 1982	
Bible Classes	136
Morning Worship	158
Evening Worship	100
Contribution	\$963.42

VISITORS

We are delighted that you chose to come and unite with us in worship unto God. Those visiting October 17 and 24 were: Adeline Dumpierres, Ypsilanti, Mi.; Ruth Linnemeier, Churubusco; Nancy Gross, Kome City and Mike Stroup, Howe.

BURIED WITH CHRIST

We rejoice over the decision of Ruth Engle to ober her Lord in baptism on Saturday, October 16. Ruth has been attending the Keenager program for the past several years. We welcome Ruth into the fellowship and the family of God in LaGrange.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks for the flowers, prayers and well wishes. Thanks also for the visits.
Lucille Doty

IMPORTANT DAY

This Sunday is a very important one for the church in LaGrange.

First we are beginning our Gospel Meeting with Brother Earl Gieseke. Earl is a former minister of the LaGrange church and is loved and appreciated by all. Earl is noted for his clear and forceful way of presenting God's word. Letters have been sent to former members to inform them about the meeting and to consider seriously their present relationship to God. A phone call or visit from one or more of us might encourage them to return to the Lord. We pray that much good might result from this meeting.

Second, we are making a special contribution to two very worthwhile mission efforts. All monies over the budget of \$1065.00 will be divided between the World Christian Broadcasting Corp. to build a short wave station in Alaska to broadcast the gospel into Russia and the Herald of Truth to continue their TV and Radio ministry among the major cities of USA. If each will do our part according to our ability, we can accomplish this goal.

Let's make this a great day for the Lord and His cause this Sunday.

MEETING MEALS

A meal sign up sheet has been posted in the south foyer for those who wish to have brother Earl in their home for a meal.

Earl would also like to be used in what ever way possible to visit with any contacts you might have. Please give this information to Dean or Norm.

ABC's FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

- A
- Advertize the meeting
 - Always pray for its success
 - Abound in enthusiasm
 - Absorb all the lessons
 - Accept responsibility
 - Abandon sin
- B
- Be present for every service
 - Be on time
 - Bring every one you can
 - Be zealous in your efforts
 - Be thankful for the opportunity
 - Beware of Satan
- C
- Call and invite friends
 - Come expecting to be benefited
 - Center your thoughts on God
 - Cultivate a love for lost souls
 - Cooperate with your brethren
 - Carry your share of the load

HIGH SCHOOL DAY AT MCC

Several of our young people will be traveling with other area Christians to the Junior - Senior Day at Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Mi. We are fortunate to have a college so close for our young people to attend. We should all support MCC with our prayers and finances so they can continue the much needed work of preparing and training our youth for Christian service. Those attending from LaGrange will be Mark & Darren Turney and Brian Hoggatt. Let's keep these in our prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 31 - Nov. 5 - Gospel meeting with Earl Gieseke. Pot luck meal Sunday. Weekday services 7:00p.m.
- Nov. 12 - Teachers meeting. Guest speakers Mollace & Myrna McKinley Pot luck meal at 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Banquet at Kendalville church building.
- Nov. 22 - Area skating party at Ft. Wayne.

CAN YOU GUESS MY NAME ? ? ? ?

I am the greatest criminal in history. I have killed more men than have fallen in all wars of the world. I have turned men into beasts. I have made millions of homes unhappy. I have transformed ambitious youth into hopeless parasites. I destroy the weak, I weaken the strong. I entrap the innocent. The abandoned wife knows me, the parents whose child has bowed their heads in sorrow know me. I have ruined millions. I'll try to ruin millions more.

Have you guessed my name???
It is Al K Hall

SICK

We were all thankful to see brother Jim Lee out to services Sunday evening. Jim will undergo tests and examinations in Ft. Wayne this Wednesday.

Sister Lucille Doty continues to make steady progress from her recent hip surgery. She still has some difficulty in getting up and down, but hopes to be back in services soon. Lets remember these in our prayers and visits.

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*"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you,
neither shall ye diminish from it..." - Deuteronomy 4:2.*

This week will see the appearance of a new edition of the Bible. For the past few years the folks at Reader's Digest have been working on a condensed version of the scriptures. At first notice, this might have seemed to be a praiseworthy project. After all, what is the need to stumble through all those genealogies? Why is it so important that we learn how Joshua divided the land of Canaan among the Israelites? And is not there a good deal of repetition in the scriptures? How many times does something have to be said before it becomes truth? And will not people be more apt to read the Bible if it is streamlined and highlighted?

But, in this writers opinion, Reader's Digest has rushed in where angels fear to tread. Their goal was to edit out 40 percent of the text. Do we now have Moses delivering the Six Commandments? We are told that they have kept 90 percent of Jesus' words. But which 10 percent of His wisdom can we do without? How can the scriptures speak the whole counsel of God with 40 percent missing?

It will, no doubt, be argued that more serious students of the Bible can always refer to an unabridged edition. But how many in future generations will know the difference between an abridged and unabridged Bible? Already vast numbers have accepted as scripture rather than biased commentary paraphrases such as the Living Bible. We have seen it used in the pulpit.

The Bible was never intended to be read as a dime store novel. It is the eternal word of Almighty God - the revelation of His scheme of redemption. The Reader's Digest is without peer in condensing secular literature. But it has acted presumptuously in attempting such with the sacred word of God. Count me as one vote against this new edition!

- Chuck Barrington

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, October 31, 1982

Bible Classes	116
Morning Worship	148
Evening Worship	102
Contribution	\$1200.05

Wednesday Bible Study 10/27 78

Sunday, November 7, 1982

Bible Classes	111
Morning Worship	131
Evening Worship	106
Contribution	\$1442.45

Wednesday "Meeting" 11/3 100

Visitors

We are always happy to welcome you to our worship services. Those visiting with us the past two weeks were: Maggie Lee, Bolivar, Mo.; Oma Yarde, Harriman, Tn.; Jeff, Paula & Nikole Herron, Livonia, Mi.; Mr. & Mrs. Harold Robbins, LaFontaine; Kathy Wright, Ft. Wayne; Nancy, Amy, & Carrie Gross, Rome City; Missy & Christie Moe, Shipshewana; Betty Coney, Delfia Rice, Arlene Spearow, LaGrange. & Elmer K. Miller.

RESPONSES

There were several responses to the invitation during the Gospel Meeting. Those responding for prayers were:

Terry Simpson came forward and stated, "I have turned my back on Jesus and need the prayers of the church for strength."

Bill Green made the following confession, "I did something I should not have last Sunday. I got drunk. I also missed church when I shouldn't have."

Mary Anne Wade stated, "I have neglected attending certain scheduled church meetings when I could have come. Please pray for me to correct this in the future."

Sharon Simpson came for prayers, "I need prayers to have more understanding and patience."

Elaine Moser responded and said, "I need the prayers of the church. I am having problems at work with one of my friends. I became angry and acted un-Christ like."

OUR GOSPEL MEETING

It is the purpose of a gospel meeting to lead men to righteousness, whether they be in Christ or out of Christ. Our meeting with brother Earl Gieseke did just that, with his selection of sermon topics. Nothing new, but the presentation of the same old gospel given in a forceful and convictive way, as brother Earl can do. Every lesson was taped and can be reviewed at any time.

It was a double pleasure to have Earl not only because of his ability to present the truth but because of his having given 8 years to the work of the church in LaGrange. It brought back many experiences to mind. Many who knew him had the pleasure of being with him again and reflecting on things of the past that makes the Christian life memorial. We only wish that June, his wife, could have been with him, along with "little Robert" his son, who is now about six foot four.

Brother Earl's address is on the bulletin board in the south foyer along with "little Robert's" who is now in the service in California. They would appreciate your letters.

YOUR COOPERATION

The following timely article was taken from the Naperville church bulletin. We feel that those same things need to be observed at LaGrange

WE APPRECIATE OUR CHRISTIAN PARENTS

We the elders, want to take this opportunity to express our love and appreciation to each of our Christian parents. You are the pillars and supports of the LaGrange church of Christ. You are to be commended for bringing your children to all worship services and Bible classes. We would like to make the following suggestions for the safety and welfare of your children.

1. PLEASE DO NOT allow your children to play in the parking lot after services. When backing out it is difficult to see children playing (especially in the darkness).
2. PLEASE DO NOT allow your children to run and play in the auditorium, foyer or hallways after services. They could injure themselves or cause someone else to be injured. (Also, visitors to our services could easily be offended by their conduct.)
3. PLEASE DO train your children to respect and take care of our church property.
4. PLEASE DO take your children out of worship services when they are crying. (When two children are crying simultaneously it is nearly impossible to concentrate in worship to God.)
5. PLEASE DO discipline your children. We want to encourage every parent to raise your child in the "discipline and instruction of the Lord"...Eph. 6:4

We love and appreciate each of our parents and each of your children. We are asking for your help because we want what is the very best for every member of the church at LaGrange. Please accept our thanks in advance for your prompt help and cooperation in this matter.

We love you,
The elders

HELP NEEDED

Plans are to clean the carpet in the fellowship rooms on Thursday evening, Nov. 18. Several men are needed to help move the tables and chairs.

MEM'S MEETING

There will be a short business meeting on Sunday, Nov. 28, following the evening service and before the regular fellowship. The women might also want to meet to discuss any business that they might have.

ELDERS DEACONS MEETING

The elders and deacons will meet together Sunday, Nov. 21, after services regarding the formulation of the budget for '83.

THANKSGIVING BANQUET

The church in Kendallville is inviting all area churches to the Annual Thanksgiving Banquet on Sat., Nov. 20.

SICK

Wade Spears is undergoing tests and treatment for high blood pressure.

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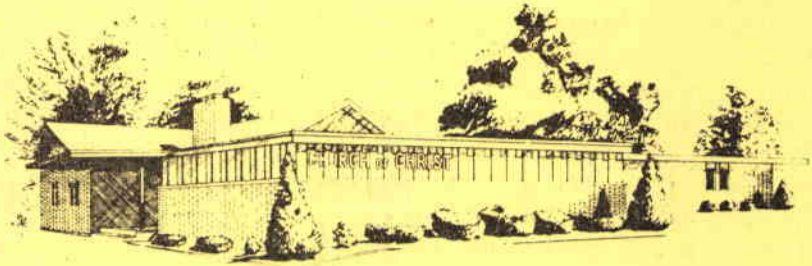
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YESTERDAY - TODAY - TOMORROW

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is YESTERDAY with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. YESTERDAY has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back YESTERDAY. We cannot undo a single act we performed, we cannot erase a single word we said. YESTERDAY is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. TOMORROW is also beyond our immediate control.

TOMORROW'S sun will rise. Either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in TOMORROW, for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day—TODAY—any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities—YESTERDAY and TOMORROW that we break down.

It is not the experience of TODAY that drives men mad—it is remorse or bitterness for something which happened YESTERDAY and the dread of what TOMORROW may bring.

Let us therefore, live but one day at a time. YESTERDAY is a cancelled check. TOMORROW is a promissory note, but TODAY is cash. Spend it wisely.

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

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, November 14, 1982	
Bible Classes	111
Morning Worship	128
Evening Worship	?
Contribution	\$883.31
Wednesday Bible Study 11/10	82
Sunday, November 21, 1982	
Bible Classes	126
Morning Worship	143
Evening Worship	103
Contribution	\$761.88
Wednesday Bible Study 11/17	78

VISITORS

We were very happy to have you share in worship with us last Sunday. Those visiting were: Maggie Lee (Jim Lee's mother), Bolivar, Mo.; Ida Trent Cromwell, In.; Nancy, Amy & Carrie Gross, Rome City; Viola Brodbeck, LaGrange.

SICK

Dean Hoggatt was admitted to LaGrange hospital early Sunday morning with severe chest pains. Preliminary tests indicate no heart problem. Further tests are being run to determine his problem.

Nannie Hall entered LaGrange hospital with congested lung and possibly pneumonia.

Wade Spears was released from the LaGrange hospital early last week. The doctors had sufficiently stabilized his blood pressure to enable him to go home.

Linville Ritchie, brother to Hazel Miller, was injured when a tree fell on his leg. He was taken to the Lutheran hospital in Ft. Wayne where they operated on his leg to set the bone. He is now at home convalescing.

FLU There have been a large number of adults and children who have been sick with the flu.

Let's continue to remember all these in our prayers, visits and cards.

REDECORATION

The redecorating of the auditorium is scheduled for the week of Dec. 12th. The workers will be repairing the ceiling and painting the walls and staining the woodwork. Due to a special gift we will be able to install some ceiling fans and lights. Several volunteers will be needed on Saturday, Dec. 11 to prepare the auditorium for the workers.

PICTURE TAKING

The Sunday after services of Dec. 5 & 12 have been designated to retake the family and individual pictures for the picture display case. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer so you can specify which date you prefer. If you cannot be here for either of these dates, please notify brother Perry Miller.

MENS MEETING

The men are requested to meet Sunday evening after services for a business meeting. The ladies will also meet together.

"DON'T QUIT"

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're trudging seems all up
 hill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are
 high,
 And you want to smile but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
 As everyone of us sometimes learn,
 And many failure turns about,
 When he might have won had he stuck it out;
 Don't give up, though the pace seems low -
 You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
 It seems to a faint and faltering man.
 Often the struggler has given up
 When he might have captured the victor's cup.
 And he learned too late, when the night slip-
 ped down,
 How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out -
 The silver tints of the clouds of doubt.
 And you can never tell how close you are
 It may be near when it seems afar;
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest
 hit -
 It's when things seem worst that you mustn't
 quit.

-Poor Clare Nuns

GOOD NEWS!

We have received word that brother Doyle Davis, Director of Shults-Lewis Childrens Home, underwent surgery to open some of the blood vessel to his heart. The doctor reports that everything went just fine and that brother Davis is doing well.

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

We were recently informed of the illness of brother Ira North who hosts the popular TV Bible class. Brother North underwent surgery to remove his right kidney which was tumorous. He is now undergoing radiation treatments for precautionary reasons.

In brother North's absence the Bible class will be hosted by Jim Mankin who has been assistant teacher for several years.

Cards and letters may be sent to Ira North c/o Madison Church of Christ, 106 Gallatin Rd, North Madison, Tenn. 37115. We have been asked to remember brother North and his family in our prayers.

ALASKAN UPDATE

World Christian Broadcasting informs us that the FCC has issued the station's call letters of KNLS - the "New Life Station". Latest word is that the concrete foundations for the antenna tower have been poured and the transmitter building framed in so the workers can continue working out of the bitter Alaskan cold.

The project is scheduled for completion in '83 with broadcasting to begin in July. This one station will bring at least one-third of all the world within range of the gospel. Initial programs will be broadcast in Mandarin Chinese and in Russian. Just think, millions in darkness will now come into the light of the gospel. We should rejoice for having had a small part in the financial needs of this ministry. However, the project isn't finished and more gifts are still needed.

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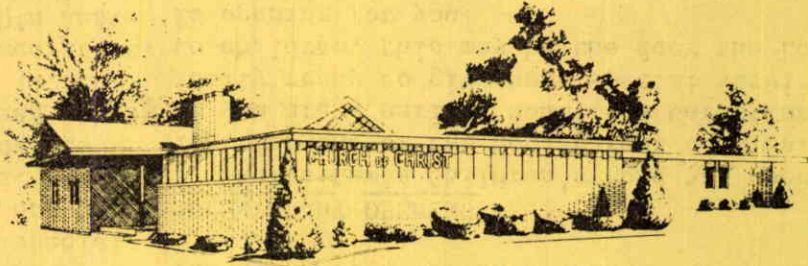
Norman Herron 463-3571
Dean Hoggatt 463-3318
Devon Hostetler 463-3485

DEACONS

Perry Miller 463-3979
Joe Oakely 463-3743
Jim Pieratt 463-2700

EVANGELIST

Norman Herron



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WE INVITE YOU . . . TO STUDY AND WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAY

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

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JESUS IS NOT LORD . . . UNTIL JESUS IS OBEYED!

*"And why do you call Me, "Lord, Lord,"
and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46)*

Talk is cheap. We all know that. Yet we still persist. We talk ... and talk ... and talk! We talk about the purpose of the church and the Christian being the saving of souls, but we save no souls. We talk about the Lordship of Christ and His being our Lord, but He isn't! Not that He isn't Lord, He is. God made Him Lord. "God has made Him both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36) Though He has been declared and demonstrated to be Lord (Master) by God, He still is not recognized and responded to as Lord in many of our lives. Lordship is reflected only through servitude. He is our master only when He is obeyed by us. Not lip service but life service reflects Lordship. Ancient Israel had this lesson brought powerfully home to them. Lip service led them into captivity! The prophet told them for God:

"Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote, therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people." (Isaiah 29:13, 14)

Calling Him "Lord" does not make Jesus Lord of our lives any more than calling ourselves "Christian" makes us Christ-like. The true disciple of His, Jesus said, is the one who "comes to me, and hears My words, and ACTS UPON THEM" (Luke 6:47). Why do you call Jesus Lord? Remember Jesus' words!

"Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, November 28, 1982	
Bible Classes	103
Morning Worship	123
Evening Worship	120
Contribution	\$845.34
Wednesday Bible Study 11/24	93
Sunday, December 5, 1982	
Bible Classes	111
Morning Worship	120
Evening Worship	93
Contribution	\$1236.93
Wednesday Bible Study 12/1	84

VISITORS

We welcome all our visitors and invite you to return whenever possible. Those visiting with us for the past two Sundays: Jeff, Paula & Nikole Herron, Livonia, Mi.; Frankie Springer, Portage, Mi.; Jerry Lovelady, Sturgis, Mi.; Betty Coney, LaGrange, Kim Spears, White Pigeon, Mi.; Mike Stroup, Howe, Culene Spearow, LaGrange, and Randy, Gilbert & Elisha Stephenson, Howe.

RESPONSES

Sister Pam Shatto came forward to ask for prayers. She stated, "I have said bad words this past week and I ask for your prayers to give me strength not to."

Jerry Lovelady, a member of the Lords body, asked to have his membership with the church in LaGrange. His address is: 104 Virginia, Sturgis, Mi. 49091. We welcome Jerry into our fellowship.

Mrs. Betty Coney responded to the invitation Sunday morning and was buried with her Lord in baptism. Betty is the mother of Pam Shatto and has been attending Bible school and worship services for the past couple of weeks. We welcome Betty into the family of God at LaGrange. Her address is R.R. 3, Box 198A LaGrange, In. 46761; ph. 351-3862.

Brother Craig Hostetler came to ask the church for it's prayers so that he might be stronger in living for Christ.

Let's remember to keep all these in our prayers to the heavenly Father.

OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is cordially invited to the Open House of the Wolcottville Medical Center Sunday, December 12 at 2 - 4 p.m. This is the newly opened office for our brother Dr. Warren Turney, who practices general surgery. Hosts will be the Turneys and Dugan Skinner owner of the building.

REDECORATING AUDITORIUM

Plans for the redecoration of the auditorium were discussed at last Sunday's Mens Business Meeting. Due to a special gift towards this project, it is hoped that some additional improvements, such as ceiling fans, new lights and drapes can be made. A work party has been scheduled for this Saturday, December 11, to prepare the auditorium for the decorators. Those who wish can meet at the RQ's Restaurant at 7:30 for breakfast. Work is to begin at 8:30. Also plans are to do some weatherization of the building for winter.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

The following letter of appreciation was received from Shults-Lewis.

Dear Norman,

I would like you to thank the congregation for their support of \$306.05 for the 1982 Change for Children Campaign.

At about 11:00 a.m. on Nov. 5, Bea Oberholzer (one of the employees) counted the change in the can that belonged to Nancy McDonald of the LaGrange, In. Church of Christ. The count was \$58.15. Which put us over our goal of \$35,000!

I look forward to working with you for children in 1983.

In Christian Service,
Rick Shur,
Development Director

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Once again, everyone is invited to the annual New Year's Eve Party, on December 31. The evening will begin with a pot luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the church building. Then the bowling alley has been reserved from 7:00 - 9:30 for all those who wish to get a little recreation. This is also the occasion for the big "roll-out" among some of the men. Later, we will return to the building for some games, fellowship, and to sing in the New Year for all those who are still around.

YOUTH RALLY

The 7th Annual Winter Youth Rally of the LaGrange young people is scheduled for the weekend of January 21 - 23. The theme for this years rally is "Do You Know Jesus?" Speakers will be Eddie McGuiggan, Dick Hostetler, and Norm Herron. The entertainment will be provided by Autumn from MCC and a group from the Harvey Church of Christ in Illinois. Leading the singing will be Jim Davidson and Andy Pepper. There will be a registration fee of \$4.00.. Homes will be needed for the young people who will be spending the night(s) of the rally. Call Craig Hostetler if you can provide housing.

BUDGET FOR '83

The deacons have been assigned the task of formulating a proposed budget for '83. Last Sunday, a sheet was passed out to all the members. This is to allow everyone an opportunity to make any suggestions or comments for the new budget. They would like to have all these sheets returned by this Sunday. Your cooperation in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

TEACHERS MEETING POSTPONED

The scheduled teachers meeting for Dec. 17 has been postponed until January. It was felt that there were too many conflicts and activities for this month.

HOUSEPARENT OPENING

Shults-Lewis Children's Home has openings for one or two houseparent couples. If you are a caring, committed Christian family ready to give some special services to children, this may be the door the Lord is opening for you!

Contact Doyle Davis, Shults-Lewis Executive Director, for more information. (P.O. Box 471, Valparaiso, In. 46383, (219) 462-0513)