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"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?
 I have spoiled this one."
 He took the old leaf, stained, and blotted,
 And gave me a new one, all unspotted.
 And into my sad heart smiled.
 "Do better, now my child."
 -Ken Baird

ARE YOU A "NO SHOW"?

"not forsaking the assembling..." Heb. 10:25

Webster says that a "no-show" is a "passenger who, after reserving space on an airplane, fails to show up to claim it and has made no cancellation." Quite a few things could be said about the "no-show". He is inconsiderate; he represents a loss to the air-line that expected him. He may have prevented someone else from planning a reservation on that flight that needed to do so. All in all, "no-show" has a rather bad connotation about it!

But the thought occurs to us that the church has some "no-shows" within it! Think of all the preparation our teachers go to for our Bible classes. The building is made ready, the lessons are prepared, the teachers are in place ready only to find out when the class begins that many have turned out to be "no-shows"! The preacher spends hours in preparing his sermons. He considers the needs of the church and plans to try to meet those needs. He enters the pulpit ready to preach, but the empty seats reveal the sad truth; the "no-shows" have done it again! The spiritual "no-shows" not only is failing others, he is hurting himself. Each time that he fails to show, his spirituality is weakened. Don't be a "no-show" - keep your appointments with the Lord!

-Amarillo, Texas, Bulletin

"And they continued steadfastly..." (Acts 2:42)

	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25
Bible Classes	77	89	105	60
Morning Worship	106	112	?	60
Contribution	\$1203	\$779	\$1033	\$458
Wed. Bible Study	60	68	58	105

WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US

CHURCH	+	SUNDAY	
OF		Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
CHRIST		Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
OF		Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
LAGRANGE		WEDNESDAY	
		Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

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BUT SOMETIMES WE FORGET

The story is told of an ill-clad, barefooted boy who was met by a man as the boy was returning from his Sunday Bible class. The man asked him "Where have you been?" "To Sunday school," was the prompt reply. "And what did you learn there?" continued the man with a sneering look upon his face. "I learned that God is Love," was the boy's prompt reply, "But how can you believe that? If God is love, why hasn't He told someone to put better clothes on your body and shoes on your feet?" The boy was silent for a moment or two and then he made this crushing reply, "I guess that God did tell someone, but that someone must have forgot."

And sometimes we forget--but now, at the beginning of a new year is a good time for us to remember, to realize, to admit, and to determine that we can do better. The following poem by Kathleen Wheeler can perhaps help us begin the new year right.

He came to my desk with quivering lip--
 The lesson was done.
 "Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,
 I have spoiled this one."
 I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
 And gave him a new one, all unspotted.
 And into his sad eyes smiled,
 "Do better, now, my child."
 I went to the throne with a quivering soul--
 The old year was done.

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DOES GOD EXIST? LECTURESHIP

It is less than one week until brother John Clayton will be with us on Jan. 13-15 for the Does God Exist? Lectureship.

The first two nights lectures will be held in the Lakeland Jr. High school auditorium. The use of a "neutral" ground was suggested as being more conducive for getting a greater turnout of visitors from the community. These lectures will be from 7:30-9:30 PM with a question and answer session afterwards for all who wish to remain.

The lectureship will close Sunday morning with bro. Clayton speaking to the combined adult and teenage Bible school classes and bringing the morning lesson.

BUDGET FOR '84

The deacons have been given the responsibility of formulating the budget for 1984. They have prepared a questionnaire to be handed out to each member this Sunday. This will afford each one of us an opportunity to express our wishes about the various programs of work for the new year.

The Lord has challenged His people with the task of preaching the gospel to all we can and letting our lights shine before men that God may be glorified. The budget we determine will be but one indication of how seriously we take our Lord's commands. Each member is asked to co-operate in filling out the questionnaire and returning them as soon as possible.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The families of Mr. & Mrs. James Hart and Mr. & Mrs. Arden Stroup invite you to attend the marriage of-

Debbie Lou Hart and Michael Keith Stroup

on Friday, January 20, 1984 at 7:00 PM at the La-Grange church of Christ. Reception will follow immediately after in the Fellowship rooms.

ADVERTIZING: There are still some advertisements for the lectureship that need to be distributed.

WINTER YOUTH RALLY

The dates for this year's Annual Winter Youth Rally are Jan. 13-15. This will correspond with the "Does God Exist? Lectureship. Brother Clayton will be speaking Saturday afternoon to the youth on "UFO's and Ancient Astronauts" and "Morality as Proof of God".

Overnight housing will be needed for one or two nights to accomodate those young people who come early or desire to stay for Sunday services. If you can provide housing, please let Jerry Palmer know this Sunday. The LaGrange Youth Rally has always been spoken of as one of the best in this area. Lets pitch in and help our young people maintain this tradition.

WORD OF THANKS

The church expresses its appreciation to brother Warren Turney for donating his office copier to the church. This has been a much needed item in the church office. Those who wish to make copies for classes or personal use please see Norm or someone who knows how to operate this machine.

We also wish to thank sister Zella Bellaire for giving a substantial gift towards the purchase of a used vacuum cleaner for cleaning the building. This is greatly needed as our present sweeper is in need of some costly repairs.

NOTICE: There is still an urgent need for three families to help with the cleaning of the building for the month of January. As of yet, only one family has signed up for this year. Have you taken your turn at cleaning? Have you????

SHOWERS

There will be a bridal shower for Debbie Hart Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:00 PM at the Herron's.

There will be a baby shower for Benjamin Harbin and Laura, his mother on Sunday, Jan. 15, 3:00 PM at the McAlpins.

All the ladies of the church and friends are welcome to both of these showers.

THE ART OF HAPPINESS

Happiness does not depend upon what happens outside of you, but rather on what happens inside of you. It is measured by the spirit in which you meet the problems of life.

Happiness doesn't come from doing what we like to do, but rather from liking what we have to do.

Happiness comes from putting our hearts in our work and doing it with joy and enthusiasm.

Happiness grows out of harmonious relationships with others based on attitudes of good will, tolerance, understanding, and love.

The master secret of happiness is to meet the challenge of each new day with this insight into the art of true happiness.

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CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Why is it that all of us enjoy a clean building and having everything neat and orderly, but don't feel that all of us should help in the cleaning? There is a need of three more families to help clean the auditorium and classrooms for the month of February. Really have you taken your turn at helping with the cleaning?

AREA SKATING PARTY

The roller skating party for area churches will be Monday, Feb. 27, at Ft. Wayne Rollerdom. The bus will leave at 5:30 and return at about 10:00. Those desiring should be at the church building by 5:15.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Several have asked about the status of the pictorial directory. Due to our having to take some special pictures for the activity pages there was some delay.

"And they continued steadfastly..." (Acts 2:42)

	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
Bible Classes	91	105		99	101
Morning Worship	112	114	208	126	114
Contribution	\$1186	\$879	\$1129	\$921	\$910
Wed. Bible Study	96	77	85	83	73

WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US

CHURCH	SUNDAY	
OF CHRIST OF LAGRANGE	+	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.

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THE SIZE OF A CHURCH

The size of a church is not always determined by numbers. Large numbers do *not* necessarily make a large church. Little numbers don't necessarily make a small church.

Any church is small if it loses its vision for evangelism. And that holds true for evangelizing the unsaved in other places too. The challenge Christ gave us includes taking the Gospel to our own community, as well as other parts of the world. It's a "big" church-regardless of its numbers-that seeks to reach the lost.

Any church is small whose members think of minimums in church attendance, prayer, service, or giving. If the attitude is "How little can I do and still get by?", the church is little. It's a "big" church-regardless of its numbers-that thinks in terms of giving its best.

Any church is small if it doesn't challenge its young people with fulltime Christian service. It's a small church whose mothers and fathers have to apologize if their children consider the ministry. It's a "big" church-regardless of its numbers-that sends its best into the service of the King.

Any church is small where giving is measured in minimums, not maximums. The church budget is not what a church is costing, it is what a church is *doing*. Small churches give grudgingly. It's a "big" church-regardless of numbers-that gives of its means with great joy.

Any church can become small by thinking small.

DOES GOD EXIST?

The Does God Exist lectureship with brother John Clayton is now history. Crowds of well over 200 attended each nights lectures at the Jr. High School with a large number of visitors attending on Saturday night.

We had a record attendance of 208 on Sunday morning to hear brother Clayton speak on "Why I left Atheism". A group from the Brethren church in Columbia City, brought their entire adult Bible class of about 12 to the service.

We thank John for his timely lectures on evidence for the existence of God and wish him God's blessing in the "Does God Exist" ministry.

VICTORY DINNER

During the last four months of 1983 a new visitation program was begun at LaGrange. The program consisted of the four zones meeting once per month on Monday nights. Points were given for each member who attended the meeting (sometimes dinner) and a visiting, calling, or writing an assigned visit. Points were also given for work projects around the building or in someones home. Additional points were given to all those who conducted home Bible studies.

The captains of the four teams have compiled their points and determined that team #2 was the winner with total points of 895. The night of Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6:00 p.m. has been chosen for a Victory Dinner. The dinner is hosted by the other three teams. At this dinner a brief summary of each teams efforts will be given.

It was decided that this year the visitation teams would not be combined with the zones. Those wishing to participate will be reorganized into new teams which will be announced at the banquet.

ANNUAL REPORT

Someone has well said, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail". God put it this way, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Ps. 29:18). Plans, visions, dreams are all part of setting goals. And goals are necessary in making progress or obtaining objectives.

Sunday evening, Feb. 12, has been set aside for the Annual Report Meeting of the church. The new budget for

'84 will be presented along with the committee assignments. Come and hear of the exciting plans and dreams that we envision for the coming year.

WORK DAY

A work day has been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18 from 8 - 12:00 noon. There are a number of odd jobs and repairs that need to be made. The old saying, that, "many hands make light work" could never be truer. There will be some coffee and donuts for those who come a little earlier for breakfast. Bring your tools and cleaning supplies.

SINGING

We are scheduled to sing at the local nursing homes this Sunday, Feb. 5, Millers at 4:30, and LaGrange at 5:15 PM. The residents of these homes greatly appreciate our coming and sharing with them in a period of song and fellowship. Last month there was a good turn out of singers. Lets have a good number for today.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Regular youth meetings are now being held in the homes of the members on Friday evenings. These meetings provide some good wholesome recreation and fellowship for the youth plus some time for devotions and spiritual growth. The schedule for the rest of the month is:

Feb. 10, Fred and Penny Oakley
Feb. 17, Stan and Marsha Palmer
Feb. 24, Norm and Marilyn Herron

We are asking that all parents of young people encourage their kids to attend these scheduled meetings.

AREA YOUTH HAPPENINGS

The youth of the church in Coldwater, Michigan have invited our young people to an evening of roller skating and fellowship this Saturday, Feb. 11. Craig Hostetler will be speaking.

The church in Rochester, Ind. is hosting a Youth Rally on Feb. 10-11. Several of our youth plan to attend.

VISITATION

The Visitation Program got off to a good start for '84. The Victory Dinner was well attended and brother Dick Hostetler gave an inspiring message on God's working in and through our lives. A report over the 4 months showed that 98 calls were made and 36 Bible studies conducted.

The new teams were presented for the coming year. These teams are separate from the zones for fellowship. They will be called "Action Teams" to keep them from being confused with the zones.

The new teams began their visitation this month. There has been a change in the point system. Now, a person can make as many calls as they desire for points (5 points each). And a Bible study will only be counted as 10 points instead of 25. After 5 months, the points will be totalled and a Victory Dinner for the winning team planned.

BURIED WITH CHRIST

We rejoice over the decision of John Fleischauer to be buried with his Lord in baptism on Wednesday, March 7 at about 5:00 p.m. John had previously studied for some time with Mike Hall who baptized him into Christ. We welcome our new brother in the family of God in LaGrange. John's new address will be: Rt. 5, Box 253 Apt. #11, LaGrange, In. (John and Bev Stutzman are being united in marriage Sat. March 10)

ZONES

The new zones for this year are already under way. Those zones that have had their first meeting have reported a wonderful spirit of fellowship and brotherly love.

We apologize over the mix-up of having to revise two of the zones. Each zone is designed to represent a cross-section of the congregation and plus be jumbled each year so that everyone will be able to get to know as many as possible in the church.

We hope you will forebear with us over this matter. Be sure to get a revised copy (blue) of the new zones.

YOUTH MEETINGS

The schedule for the Friday youth meetings is as follows: Mar. 16, Joe Akley; Mar. 23, Fred Oakley; Mar. 30, Stan Palmer; and April 6, Perry Miller. The youth are requested to let these families know if you plan to attend or are in need of transportation, also about the arrangements (time, eating).

TEEN RALLY

The church in Auburn is having a Teen Rally on Saturday, March 17, from 1-4:30 PM. Special classes will be taught on the theme, "The Real Thing In An Unreal World". The Good News Singers from David Lipscomb College will perform.

MCC HIGH SCHOOL DAY

Michigan Christian College in Rochester will have High School Day Sat. April 8, from 9-4:30 PM. The activities are limited to grades 9-12 Transportation and overnight housing will be provided for all those desiring to attend.

SPRING CAMP RALLIES

Three Spring Youth Rallies have been planned for Camp Indogan. The cost is \$5.00 with registration at 5:30 PM Friday evening. The dates and directors for the rallies are as follows:

Apr. 27-28	Seniors 15-18 Yrs.	Andy Williams
May 4-5	Interm. 12-14 Yrs.	Dan Reed
May 11-12	Junior 9-11 Yrs.	Jerry Bailey

Reservations must be made with the directors so that the proper food can be planned. See bulletin board for directors addresses.

BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

The East Allen County church's Annual Bible Workshop will be March 30-31. The workshop starts Friday at 7:00 PM and continues til 3:00 PM Saturday. Special teachers will be Brad Brumley and Carolyn Handley.

SOUL WINNING WORKSHOP

The church in North Manchester and other sponsoring area churches are conducting a Soul Winning Workshop on April 13-14. The theme is "Lord, Here Am I Send Me". Area preachers will be speaking and a special ladies class taught by Merilyn.

THIS MAKES CENTS

WHAT: A permanent endowment fund for Camp Indogan

WHY: To alleviate annual deficits

WHEN: Starting 1984

HOW: For the first time, the directors of Camp Indogan have established a fund (labeled "Camp Indogan Development Fund") from which donations will never be used only the interest. The goal for 1984 is \$25,000.00. This amount and all other funds collected will be invested until the funds reach \$100,000.00 or for 4 years, whichever is sooner - Then only the interest and dividends will be used from the principal amount.

FACT #1 Camp fees are purposely kept low to encourage attendance of our youth.

FACT #2 Additional funds have been needed annually to meet operating expenses

FACT #3 The above goal is reasonable:

Plan 1. Plan a donation for 1984

Plan 2. If just 100 Christians (there are 1000's in the tri-state area) would renew a lifetime membership of \$250.00 (or \$25.00/yr. for 10 years) this goal for 1985 could be a reality.

Plan 3. Put Camp Indogan in your will. Make provisions while you are living that when you are done with your money, a permanent endowment will be laid up to insure the solvency of Camp Indogan in years to come.

WHERE: Please clip this coupon and mail soon

1. Enclosed is a contribution for "Camp Indogan Development Fund".
2. Enclosed is check for membership (\$250.00 for life, or \$25.00 1st yr. annual)
3. I plan to put Camp Indogan in my will.

Mail to: Mr. Joe Cain, P.O. Box 202 Doshler, OH 43516

JESUS DID NOT DIE ON THE TREE TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE MEMBERS OF HIS CHURCH TO:

1. Sleep in on Sunday morning.
2. Watch TV on Sunday night and Wednesday Night
3. Feed their souls on sensual scraps instead of God's Word.
4. Talk with souls about anything and everything except salvation in Christ.
5. Give God the leftovers of their income while keeping the first fruits for themselves.
6. Be non-involved in special evangelistic efforts.
7. Neglect prayer or fail to be the proper example.

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Gal. 2:20)

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

The North Manchester church is hasting an evangelistic workshop on April 13-14. The theme is "Lord, Here Am I Send Me." Outstanding speakers from the area congregations will be speaking at this workshop. A special ladies class will be taught by our own Merilyn. Limited overnight housing is available in homes of the members. For reservations call Lynn Robrock - 356-5049.

"And they continued steadfastly..." (Acts 2:42)

	3/4	3/11	3/18	3/25
Bible Classes	114	115	129	108
Morning Worship	130	140	150	120
Contribution	\$1087	\$1013	\$910	\$1266
Wed. Bible Study	68	74	85	81
Budgeted	\$14,495.00	Cumulative deficit as of		
Contributed	\$13,026.56	1/5 - 3/25 - \$1,468.44		

WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US

CHURCH	SUNDAY		
OF	+	Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
CHRIST		Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
OF		Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
LAGRANGE	WEDNESDAY		
		Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

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"IT IS HARD,"

To convince your children that the church is the most important thing in the world when you are negligent about attending its services and supporting its work.

To convince your children that the church is the greatest institution in the world when you permit them to miss services to go elsewhere.

To convince your children that the church is to be held higher than anything when you insist that they do their homework for public school but permit them to neglect their Bible study.

To convince your children that the church is the most important institution when you give little to help finance its work and encourage them to do likewise.

"...just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her." (Eph. 5:25)

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BORN AGAIN AT AGE 78

Delphia Rice, who is a resident at Millers Nursing Home, began attending the Keenagers meetings each Thursday some time ago. She especially enjoyed the fellowship in the meeting and the Bible study. The present study is on the book of Acts with emphasis on the spread of Christianity and examples of conversion. Delphia informed sister Vada Powell, who has been a close friend for several years, of her desire to become a Christian. After some study with Norm about her spiritual condition, she recognized her need to be baptized into Christ. On Sunday, March 4, Delphia responded to the invitation and was buried with her Lord in baptism. Delphia will be 79 years "young" on the 22nd of this month. We thank God that she was given life this long so that she might have eternal life.

GO MAKE DISCIPLES...

As Christians, we know that we are to "let our light shine" (Mt. 5:16) and share the "good news" of Jesus Christ with those around us. (Mt. 28:19) The how, when, and where are left up to each individual, but God expects us to "bear fruit" for Him in our lives (Jn. 15:8).

Just such fruit was recently the result of brother Mike Hall with one of his fellow workers. Mike had been talking for some time with Kathy Nettleman, who was Catholic, about her baptism. Kathy began studying with the Seventh Day Adventist who also taught her about baptism. Since there was some agreement, at least on the point of immersion, she decided to talk with Mike some more, along with a sister and another friend. The study was joined by Dean Hoggatt who along with Mike went thru the open Bible "Search for Truth" material. As a result, the three ladies, Kathy, her sister Elaine Green, and friend Sandy Dow were baptized into Christ on Monday, March 19 at the Coldwater church building. Sandy Dow has three children who are also interested in becoming Christians. Since these three families live closer to the Coldwater church, they will be attending services there. Mike and Dean will continue their studies with these families.

MCC BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

We have just confirmed the date of May 19, for a Bible School Workshop put on by the teachers of Michigan Christian College. The workshop was originally planned for the Elkhart church, but had to be moved due to a conflict in schedules. We are fortunate to be able to host the workshop which is the first ever conducted in this area.

The workshop will be on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and will feature several outstanding speakers on the various aspects of the Bible school. Make your plans now to attend every session of the workshop and encourage others to attend. This is a big endeavor and will require the efforts of every individual member to make it succeed.

THE SICK

Jerimey Mapes, son of Gale and Marsha, underwent a brain scan test at LaGrange hospital and was then sent to Kalamazoo for additional tests, when some abnormalities were discovered. The attempts to perform another brain scan were unsuccessful but other tests seemed to indicate there wasn't a tumor but some problem perhaps with blood vessels. The Mapes are to return to Kalamazoo Monday for a brain scan on Jerimey. The express their appreciation for the prayers and calls on behalf of Jerimey.

The father of Dennis Frank isn't doing so well following surgery to amputate his other leg. He is in LaGrange hospital.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAYS

The Summit City church in Ft. Wayne cordially invites the ladies to be their guests on Sat. April 7. The theme is "Reaching For the Stars Thru Christianity". The program begins at 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with lunch at noon.

The Willowdale church in Elkhart are hosting a Ladies Day on Sat. April 14 at 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

The Donmoyer church in South Bend is inviting the ladies on Sat. April 28, at 9:30 to 2:30p.m. A special luncheon will be served at noon.

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The real truth is that few churches are striving to build a dynamic fellowship. That intangible quality of cohesiveness is sadly lacking in most bands of disciples. We may abide in the doctrine of Christ - as we must, and attempt to oil a militant program - as we should; but unless we possess that oneness of mind and spirit, we will be drilling in a dry hole. We must learn to love one another or we will never fulfill God's purposes on earth. It is simply - love or perish!

Why shouldn't we be closer in Christ than flesh and blood? God is the Father of us all (Eph. 4:6); Jesus Christ is our elder brother (Heb. 2:11); we all eat the same loaf at the same table (1 Cor. 10:17); we share a common grace (Eph. 1:7); we are wedded to the same Saviour (Jude 3) and all anticipate a mutual destiny

(1 Pet. 1:3).

Our natural response to Calvary should be a warm response to fellow freemen. The commonality of our new found riches should forge a deep-seated fellowship that astounds the world.

So the next time we are tempted to resent a brother, just pray for him (Ja. 5:16). When we would like to gossip, just praise him (1 Cor. 13). When we are inclined to dislike a fellow member, just invite him over and become acquainted. When our love grows weak, just roll up our sleeves and work by his side. It will surprise us how enemies can become friends and friends can lay hold on comradeship when we strive for togetherness in Christ.

- Harold G. Taylor

"And they continued steadfastly..." (Acts 2:42)

	4/1	4/8	4/15	4/22	4/29
Bible Classes	80	117	108	112	118
Morning Worship	98	145	133	130	144
Contribution	\$742	\$1285	\$848	\$965	\$1359
Wed. Bible Study	83	77	82	76	82

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CHURCH	SUNDAY	
OF CHRIST OF LAGRANGE		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.

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TOGETHERNESS

What made the early church tick? How did they turn a world upside down? Was it money, education, prestige or political power? The answer is simple - they possessed the priceless ingredient of "togetherness".

That explosive band of first century Christians not only abode in the doctrine of Christ (Acts 2:42) but they pulsed as one heart and one soul (Acts 4:32). They truly, as comrades in arms, had a genuine affinity to one another. They not only spoke where the scriptures spoke but they loved as Jesus loved.

Many congregations of the Lord's people today meet together under the same roof; worship the same Lord; partake of the same weekly communion; attend the same Bible class; and go out together on the same Monday night visitation team - but have never caught the spirit of oneness that ignited the apostolic church.

The apostle Paul pleads for the proper fuel to fire the evangelistic, benevolent and educational programs when he penned, "...that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel," (Phil. 1:27). The "esprit de corps" (spirit of the group) spells the difference between mediocrity of congregational life and light house living! (Matt. 5:14-16)

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MIDAMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

"The Wonderful Grace of Jesus: is the focus of the sixth annual Mid-America Evangelism Workshop and Crusade, June 27-30, 1984, in Indianapolis at the Indiana Convention Center.

Added to this year's workshop is a three week crusade, beginning June 18 and continuing through July 7, in which 300 teams of two will work door-to-door spreading the good news of salvation through Jesus.

Overseen by the Southeastern Church of Christ in Indianapolis, "84 MAEW & CRUSADE begins on Wednesday evening with Ray Walker leading the singing and G.P. Holt as keynote speaker. Evening keynote speakers include Rubel Shelly, Richard Rogers, and Harold Hazelip.

Morning sessions begin with a keynote address at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon. The afternoon keynote speech is at 2:00 p.m. with classes from 3 - 5 p.m. In addition to the daily classes for women, singles, and teenagers will be offered.

Watch the Bulletin and Bulletin Board for more details.

MCC BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

The time is rapidly approaching for the MCC Bible School Workshop on Saturday, May 19. An outstanding schedule of speakers is planned for that day on a wide variety of topics. We may have inadvertently left the impression that this workshop was solely for Bible school teachers. Such is not the case! The following list of topics will show that every Christian can benefit from attending this workshop:

- The Christian Husband & Father
- The Bible and Mental Health
- Reading Dynamic Bible Studies
- Resolving Conflicts in Daily Living
- Personal Bible Study
- Leadership

As host for the workshop, there are a number of jobs that need to be assigned. These include: preparing food, housing speakers, registering visitors, decorating classrooms, arranging furniture, and clean-up. Each member is needed to attend and work for it's success.

CAMP INDOGAN SPRING BANQUET

The Annual Associates Banquet for Camp Indogan will be May 19, at 6:30 at camp. A record attendance of 200 people is anticipated for this event. A donation of \$10.00 for the evening meal is expected with the bulk of this going towards helping the camps finances for the coming year.

The entertainment will feature a singing group from one of the area churches. Reports will be given to bring all up to date on the proposed renovation of the camps pump house and other needed improvements.

Since its existence the camp has served to provide a wholesome place for recreation and Bible teaching. It also affords an opportunity for Christians to fellowship in this good work. Let's all really get behind the camp this year. Tickets for the banquet can be obtained from Dean or Devon.

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 PM a special program will be presented by brother Ben Zickefoose of Abeline, TX.

Brother Zickefoose (that's really his name) presents the Bible in a unique and unusual way by combining "balancing" with Bible lessons. He has taught physical education at Freed-Hardeman and Abilene Christian College for the past 28 years. He has spoken at numerous family encampments, youth meetings, schools and workshops across this nation.

Due to the short notice about his coming, we are asking that you invite your friends and neighbors to come along with you to the meeting. We think you will be helped by this brothers unusual lesson.

THE LORD ADDED

We are happy to welcome a new sister into the family of God in LaGrange. Cinda Simpson decided to become a Christian at the close of one of our zone get togethers. Cinda had studied with Norm for several weeks prior to her decision to be baptized into Christ. We thank God for her obedience to the gospel and to be now united with Terry, her husband, in the faith.

SUPPOSE -- JUST SUPPOSE

Yes, just suppose that next Sunday Jesus stood at the end of the pew where you sit as you were about to place your offering in the collection; and just suppose that instead of the collection plate, he held out His hand. The hand that was nailed to the cross for you, would you be willing to place your offering in that nail pierced hand?

Could you look upon that face stained with blood from the thorn pricked brow; see the body that was beaten and broken upon the cross, could you do this, look Him in the eye and say, "Lord, I'm giving all I can."

Suppose as you looked upon Jesus, with the torn hands and feet, the beaten body, the pierced side and head crowned with thorns, he said to you, "This is how I showed my love for you."

--J. W. Andrews, Anderson, IN

WANTED

A preacher tells of a man who came into the office, speaking of his dissatisfaction with a certain program of the church. The preacher listened to the ideas the man had, and then said, "This is wonderful that you are so interested in this work. We need someone to head up these efforts. Will you take the job?" The man's immediate answer was, "Oh no, I can't get involved. I have all my time taken up with other activities, but I will be glad to give my advice at any time." The preacher's answer was well put: "What we need is someone who will DO the work." Every Christian needs to get involved in working for the Lord. Not just in the supervisory capacity. How about you? Do you want to really help or just supervise?

--Selected

"And they continued steadfastly..." (Acts 2:42)

	5/6	5/13	5/20	5/27
Bible Classes				101
Morning Worship	\$55	124	143	
Contribution	\$1215	\$841	\$988	\$707

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CHURCH
OF
CHRIST
OF
LAGRANGE

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.

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A PROFOUND THOUGHT

Did you ever read something that moved you so much you just put down the article and said -- "That's really the way it is." The other day I was reading and found a thought that really hit me this way. I want to share it with you.

"IF YOU DON'T LOVE, YOU'LL FIND AN EXCUSE,
IF YOU DO LOVE, YOU'LL FIND A WAY!"

Isn't that the bottom line with what Jesus has asked us to do? When people are asked to teach, to visit, to help with orphans, or whatever the task, they have two choices. They can do it or refuse. Now I know that there are legitimate reasons why a person would refuse, but most of the time people don't want to give of their time, make the sacrifice, or share themselves.

The next time an opportunity presents itself, the next time you are called on to help teach, visit, or work, the next time you have an idea about something that would help the church grow, remember:

"IF YOU DON'T LOVE, YOU'LL FIND AN EXCUSE,
IF YOU DO LOVE, YOU'LL FIND A WAY."

--W.O. Carter
ElPaso, Texas

YOUTH BANQUET

The annual Youth Banquet will be Friday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. The Banquet is for all who will be freshmen and up this fall. The cost is \$2.50 which includes food, entertainment and pictures.

The Banquet is to honor our seniors and also provide a wholesome Christian activity as an alternative to the school prom. We encourage all our young people to attend and to also invite their friends from this area and other congregations.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The pictorial directories of the church have finally come and are ready to be distributed. There is one copy for each family or individual members. We ordered some extra copies for new members and any future additions. Those desiring additional copies may do so at a small cost. Please check your name on the list when you get your copy.

CHANGE-FOR-CHILDREN

This summer, you can make a real change for some great kids! By taking part in the third annual Change-for-Children Campaign this summer, you can help make a real difference in the lives of boys and girls at Shults-Lewis.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$50,000. If you will just put 10 cents per day or \$1 per week in the can the goal will be easily met. (Last year over \$40,000 was given)

Be sure to join in this summertime effort. See Bob Sowles to get your can and notice the poster on the bulletin board.

MID-AMERICA WORKSHOP

"The Wonderful Grace of Jesus" is the theme for the '84 Mid-America Evangelism Workshop and Crusade at the Convention Center in Indianapolis on June 27-30. A host of outstanding brotherhood speakers inspire and instruct us into greater service for the Master. Free housing is available and children classes and child care provided.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

The "tassel has been moved" and another step taken in your journey of life. We as a congregation and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ congratulate each of you for your scholastic achievements at this time. May the knowledge that you have acquired, tempered with the spiritual values you have learned in Christ, enable you to achieve your goals in life. Those graduating from Lakeland High school are:

Susan Pieratt, Mark and Darren Turney and Brian Hoggatt, who completed his senior year at MCC.

A GRADUATE'S RESOLUTION

I am only one; but, I am one.

I cannot do everything; but, I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do;

And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.

CAMP COMMODITIES

For many years the camp has received free government food commodities for the camp sessions. This has helped to offset some of the costs for the camper registration. This year there will be no commodities available for camps. It is hoped that this food loss can be made up by churches and individuals. We are asking the zones to each give two cases of pears or peaches for the camp. The cases have already been purchased at a discount price and will cost each zone about \$31.00. See your zone captain for details about this good work.

SOFTBALL TEAM

We have entered a team in the newly formed Men's Slow-pitch league of area churches. The league is for men and boys 13 yrs. and upward. Its purpose is to promote recreation and fellowship among the area churches.

Games will be played on Saturday at various locations. Three teams will meet and each play two games. The first game will be June 23 at Elkhart. Those interested in playing see Norm.

OUR PRAYERS

Sister Glova Spears underwent surgery Tuesday at La-Grange hospital. She will be there 5-8 days.

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(1 John 3:4), and whoever transgressed God's law has sinned, even if his conscience does approve.

Wrong is wrong, even if it is commonly considered all right. "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." (Ex. 23:2). The Christian should "enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil man. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." (Proverbs 4:14-15). "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil." (1 Thess. 5:21-22).

-Mack Lyon

GENERAL RULES

(On the use of the building and other church-owned properties.)

1. If you open it, close it!
2. If you turn it on, turn it off!
3. If you unlock it, lock it!
4. If you break it, repair it!
5. If you can't fix it, report it to the custodian or to the office!
6. If you use it, don't abuse it!
7. If you borrow it, return it!
8. If you make a mess, clean it up!
9. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone!
10. If you move it, put it back!
11. If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it get permission before taking it!
12. If it doesn't concern you, don't mess with it!

THINK!! --You are not so busy that you have the right to be thoughtless, careless, unkind, or wasteful.

"And they continued steadfastly..." (Acts 2:42)

	6/3	6/10	6/17	6/24
Bible Classes	101	105	111	110
Morning Worship	155		137	139
Contribution			\$1247	\$749
	6/6	6/13	6/20	6/27
Wed.Eve. Bible Study	81	82	88	

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CHURCH	SUNDAY	
OF	+	Bible Classes 9:30 A.M.
CHRIST		Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
		Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
OF	WEDNESDAY	
LAGRANGE		Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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"WRONG IS WRONG"

In a time of sagging morals, Satan provides many rationalizations for improper behavior. Those who would live faithful Christian lives must not be "ignorant of his devices." (2Cor. 2:11). Wrong is wrong despite our efforts to excuse our actions.

Wrong is wrong, even if you don't get caught. From the "little things" like littering the highways and breaching the speed limits to "more serious offenses" such as adultery and stealing, our society seems to think the only wrong is getting caught. It just isn't so. "The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good." (Proverbs 15:3).

Wrong is wrong, even if you do it for a good cause. The honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed. Many who would not think of gambling, have no resistance to buying a raffle ticket or playing bingo if the proceeds go to a "good cause". Stealing is stealing even if it is done by a mother who does it to feed children neglected and abandoned by their father.

Wrong is wrong, even if others do worse things. It will be little comfort to you in judgment, if you should be lost, that others you know did things which you consider to be worse than your sin.

Wrong is wrong, even if it doesn't bother your conscience. Conscience can be trained to accept wrongdoing, but sin is a transgression of God's law,

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WE LOVE YOU - KEENAGERS

For over six years now the community has enjoyed the "Keenagers" meetings. This ministry has been dedicated to the 60 and over age group. It is a weekly meeting that takes place every Thursday at the church building.

Every meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. with group singing. This is popular with the Keenagers as they enjoy singing. This is followed by a well-balanced meal. Once each month we have a "big meal" to honor all the birthdays and anniversaries for that month. At this point we have a half hour of activities. This involves games, films, guest speakers or sometimes a sing'along. The program concludes with a 30 - 45 minute verse by verse study of the Bible. This is the very "heart" of the program and is never omitted.

There is an average of 45 - 55 in attendance at each meeting. The interesting fact is that only 15% of this number are members of our own congregation. Our aim is to be an outreach into the community for the elderly. These meetings are making a very positive impact: doors are being opened and our aim is being accomplished.

Recognition should be given to all that help in any way to make these meetings a success.

First, to the ladies that prepare the food and serve it. This is a demanding and time consuming work. Preparing food for so many with the minimal of equipment is a feat within itself. The kitchen crew deserves our "hats off" salute.

Next, to Dean who drives the "Keenager Karriage": picking up people who have no other means of transportation. Deans help in this area is vital and much appreciated.

All of these workers are what makes this program a success! Thank you very much. This is truly a Community Service Ministry.

Norm

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN

The Shults-Lewis "Change for Children" cans have arrived. There are still over 20 cans that haven't been taken. This campaign is an important part of the fund raising for the home. This years goal is \$50,000.00 If about \$1.00 per week is put in the can we'll have \$10.00 by the Open House on Sept.8. See Bob Sowles to get your can and help the home to reach its financial needs.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for this years VBS are July 23-27. Once again, classes will be conducted in the evening from 7-8:30 p.m. for ages 2 years thru high school. Let's begin now talking with our neighbors and friends and enrolling their children for VBS. Many opportunities to help will be available. See Dean if you can help in this worthy cause.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

A total of 16 men were present for the men's business meeting. This meeting was called for the purpose of keeping the congregation better informed and getting more input on the work at LaGrange. It was decided to hold these meetings on a bi-monthly basis.

One of the main items of discussion was the overcrowded condition in the auditorium. Some of the proposed solutions were: assigning ushers to seat visitors and late comers, encouraging members to sit towards the front and roping off back seats for visitor's use. The practice of singing a song to quiet the audience was also commended. The men appointed a committee of five to make a study of expanding the auditorium and make recommendations to the men.

DOES GOD EXIST EXHIBIT

Arrangements have been made to have the "Does God Exist?" Mobile Exhibit at the 4-H County Fair on July 30-Aug. 4. The Mobile Exhibit is a 32 foot trailer containing computers, displays, and audio-visual programs designed to instill within the visitors a belief in God and His word.

Volunteers will be needed to staff the trailer during the hours the fair is open. Also, a large screen color TV will be required to show the video presentations. If you can help in either or both of these items, let Norm know.

This exhibit will provide an excellent follow-up to the meeting by brother John Clayton in January at the school

COMING UP SOON!!

Fall Youth Rallies at Camp Indogan The cost: \$5.00
 Schedule: Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. Friday
 Program ends 1:00 p.m. Saturday

The Fall Sessions are:

- Sept. 21-22 Junior Rally
 Director: Wil Smith, 5326 Cascade Dr.,
 Ft. Wayne, IN 46806 219-447-1155
- Sept. 28-29 Intermediate Rally
 Director: Dan Reed, 1816 Richfield Dr.
 New Haven, IN 46774 219-749-5300
- Oct. 5-6 Senior Rally 749-2184
 Director: Ed Pistole, P.O. B6x 663, Bryan, OH 43506
 419-636-3154

PLEASE NOTE: The director of each rally needs to know at least an approximate number of campers so that proper food can be planned. Please write or call individually or as a congregation by the preceeding week-end.

October 13 - FALL BANQUET!!!!

WHEN: Saturday, October 13, 1984
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Beautiful Camp Indogan - on the shores of Silver Lake, Angola, IN.
ENTERTAINMENT: Good.....
DONATION: \$10.00 per person
TICKETS: May be purchased from any board member
RESERVATIONS: We will have more information later; however, as the number continues to rise, we will need a more accurate number that plan to attend.

"And they continued steadfastly..." (Acts 2:42)

	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26	
Bible Classes	100	101	91	92	
Morning Worship	140	112		107	
Contribution	\$1,138	\$1,016	\$811	\$930	
Wed. Eve.	8/1	8/8	8/15	8/22	8/29
Bible Study	64	75	79	77	78

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CHURCH	SUNDAY	
OF	Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
CHRIST	Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
OF	Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
LAGRANGE	WEDNESDAY	
	Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

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"THINGS I CANNOT ANSWER!"

WHY some people can find time to attend any or all the social affairs as well as business meetings, and yet cannot find time to attend to the worship of the Lord.

WHY we can spend ten dollars for an evening of fun, yet place only a dollar in the collection plate on Sunday.

WHY some people know the names of their favorite television stars, yet it is difficult to even locate what they are looking for in the Bible.

WHY we feel that mid-week service is such a burden and the children cannot be up late, when we do not hesitate to keep them up past bedtime for a party or company.

WHY EVERY adult member of the church is not attending a Bible class regularly on Sunday morning, unless they feel it is unimportant.

WHY people want to sit on the 50-yard line at the ball game, the best seat in the theatre, and the back row in the worship services.

WHY it is always "Sombdy says" when finding fault instead of being honest and straightforward with a brother.

WHY we can talk about every other subject to our friends, but we can never mention the Bible or the church.

Maybe we need to rethink.....

(Covington Road Bulletin)

JAIL MINISTRY

Thanks to the efforts of brother Dennis Frank and the Lord opening a few doors, we now have a jail ministry at the County Jail.

Some weeks ago, inquiries were made at the jail about the possibility of visiting the inmates on a regular basis. At first, they were hesitant to such a plan, but agreed to letting us come on a trial basis. So far the weekly visits have been well received by the inmates and the jail welcomes our return each week.

The visits take place every Tuesday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. The inmates are brought a box full of magazines to select from for reading and to swap with the other inmates. These visits also present numerous opportunities to talk with them about their physical and spiritual problems. There are usually from about 10 to 16 inmates being held at the jail. Brother Frank has had some previous experience in visiting prisons while living in Michigan. He has a unique way of making the inmates feel "at ease" around us and wanting to talk about their needs.

Perhaps some are thinking, how can I help in this work? First by praying for Dennis and those being contacted. Second, by being on the lookout for magazines such as Time, Popular Mechanics, Field & Stream, Sports. Third, by being ready to give of your time, talent or money to meet some need if the occasion arises.

OPEN HOUSE DAY

Several of the Change-for-Children cans for Shults-Lewis have been brought to the office, and judging by the weight of some, it should be a successful campaign for the home.

A good number have pre-registered to attend the Annual Open House on Saturday, September 9. This should be one of the largest number to attend from LaGrange.

The scheduled activities, along with the keynote speakers and singing groups, should produce a full day of fun and fellowship for all those who attend. If you are unable to go this year, don't forget to bring your Change-for-Children cans to the building so they can be transported to the home.

LADIES DAY

The East Allen church in New Haven is having a Ladies Day on Saturday, September 29, at 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The theme for this year is "Happiness Is..." with the main speaker Bill Smith from West Monroe, Louisiana. Brother Smith is an energetic and enthusiastic speaker and brings a wealth of experience in the happiness of a Christian life.

Reservations are to be mailed in by September 22. The cost will be \$3.00 per person. If you are interested in going, please see Marilyn.

GOD SPEED TO PALMERS

The August 4th Sunday fellowship was used to express the church's appreciation to the Palmer family. The Palmers have moved to Auburn, Ind. and will be worshipping with the church there.

We feel a sense of indebtedness to Stan and Marsha for the many years of faithful service with the church at LaGrange. They both were active in the teaching program and also in the zone fellowships. Stan had been appointed as one of our deacons for the past several years. They and their three children, Jerry, Amy and David will be greatly missed by us.

The Palmers were presented with a Bible Commentary and a friendship booklet from the church.

We wish them God speed in their new location and in the work with the Auburn brethren.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Some excellent books have been recently purchased for the church library. The library was begun mainly by a donation from the Palmer family.

The library is located in classroom no. 10 and is available for all members use. There are cards in the books so that books can be loaned and returned.

Recent additions are: The New Bible Commentary Revised (One volume), Preparing for Adolescence, What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women, Discipline With Love, by James Dobson; What Every Family Needs by Brecheen & Faulkner; The Marriage Affair by J. A. Peterson.

CAMP INDOGAN

It was a great year for the camp. The response from area Christians to the personal contact the directors made to the congregations was great. Attendance was up approximately 30%. This difference alone, from the increased funds available, will let the camp go ahead with some much needed improvements - a new well house, a new well, a water softening system, and hopefully within another year a major improvement on the bath house. The response to the commodity needs of camp this past summer was great also. Well over \$2,000.00 was given in the form of foodstuff (cans, boxes, fresh produce, etc.) which was a big help since the government cut back on the surplus food program to nonprofit organizations last year. The increased enrollment, the good response to the commodity needs, the support the area Christians are giving to the camp banquets and the contributions being made to the new Camp Indogan Development Fund all indicate the value of the service being rendered to the youth of our area and the general acceptance and support of this good work.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP

The area churches are invited to a Thanksgiving fellowship on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the church in Kendallville. Reservations are requested so they can plan the meal. (call 347-1361) A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be provided. Following the meal there will be a time of fellowship and song. Bring the family and plan to be with us.

"And they continued steadfastly..." (Acts 2:42)

	10/7	10/14	10/21	10/28
Morning Worship	135	125	127	?
Contribution	\$1243	\$997	\$1177	\$899

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CHURCH		SUNDAY	
OF	+	Bible Clases	9:30 A.M.
CHRIST		Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
		Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
OF	WE CARE	WEDNESDAY	
LAGRANGE		Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

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THOUGHTS ON HITCH-HIKING

Have you ever been driving along the road when suddenly you saw a hitch-hiker ahead? His thumb-signal is giving a message loud and clear, "If you will furnish the car, the gasoline, the time and do the driving, I'll ride with you, but, you're 'nuts' if you think that I'm gonna chip in with any gas money; by the way, if you have an accident and I'm injured, I'll sue you for everything you have."

In just about every congregation you'll find this very same kind of attitude. Yes, there are hitch-hikers in the Lord's church! They say in one way or another, "If you supply an attractive building, lights, heat and air conditioning, so that I will be comfortable as I listen to the preacher, I'll ride along with you for awhile. But you're crazy if you think that I'm gonna chip in with any real financial support. Nor will I be involved with personal work, visitation, benevolence, etc., etc. By the way, if anything happens that irritates me, you'll hear from me! So, on my own terms, I'll ride along with you."

We may kid ourselves, but never the Lord! Are your hands busy in the Lord's work or are you thumbing a free ride?

Maurice C. Hall

McGUIGGANS MOVE TO LAGRANGE

The elders have asked Eddie McGuiggan and his family to come and work with the Lord's body in LaGrange. The decision was reached after talking with the men and allowing the members to express their feelings either for or against it. The majority felt that the addition of Eddie to work with Norm would enable the church to move forward. The elders only ask that every member at least give it a try and support the decision in whatever way possible.

Brother Eddie and his wife Margaret, along with their two sons, Curtis and Lee, who are still at home, will be moving here the week of November 26. He will officially begin working with us on Sunday, December 2. The McGuiggans will be living in the preachers home which was recently vacated by the Herrons who are now living in their own home.

HARBIN'S MOVE

A going away party was had for Royce and Laura Harbin after the Sunday evening service on Nov. 11.

The Harbin's have moved to Goshen where Royce will be much closer to his work and also to the school in South Bend where he is taking some evening classes.

Royce, Laura, their two children Emily and Benjamin, will be missed by the church here but we know that our loss will result in much gain for the brethren in Goshen.

The Harbin's were presented with a concordance as a token of our appreciation. God bless you in your new location. Their new address is:
406 A Silverwood, Goshen, IN 46526 ph: 533-9958

FAMILY NIGHT

This months family night will be Thursday, Nov. 15, from 7 - 9 p.m. The location has been moved to the preachers house due to a conflict with Farmers State Bank who plan to use their community room in the basement all day. There should be enough room for all, so get your pop and popcorn together and come along. We will be seeing 3 films from library.

IN SORROW

We express condolence to the families of Perry and Hazel Miller in the passing of Perry's father, Elmer.

Brian and Patricia Leslie on the passing of Patricia's grandmother in Kentucky.

Nancy and Warren in the passing of Nancy's father, Fred.

OUR SICK

Sister Goldie Pulley, who recently celebrated her 97th birthday, was returned from the hospital to Miller's Nursing Home.

Sister Margaret Tuttle, who was in the hospital for tests and a bout with pneumonia. She is staying with one of her brothers in Stroh.

CARDS OF THANKS

Dear Norm,

Words cannot express our appreciation for all the nice things you have done for us during Fred's long illness. The lovely planter floral arrangement and most of all the prayers.

Sincerely,
Golda Hart

Thank you so much for the dinner and for the many prayers. Your thoughtfulness and concern at the time of our Mother's death is greatly appreciated.

The Blanche Dauberman Family

Dear Norm, Merilyn, Heidi & Missy,

Thank you for your hospitality shown me in your home this past summer. I appreciate your sharing your blessings with me.

Please give my greetings to the brethren and thank them for the \$50.00, which I've used in my ministry for travel expenses.

God bless all.

In His service,
Ben Zickefoose

WOULD YOU TAKE A NAME?

A monthly publication "Action", that we receive here at the building is left on the table in the south foyer for anyone to take. If you have read an issue, you readily see that the thrust of the articles is reaching the lost who are dying without God and without hope in the world. The caption "every person has more right to hear the gospel once than any person has to hear it twice" is thought provoking and should stir our hearts to share the good news with those who have never heard it, even once.

A simple method, tried and proven, is that of placing a student in the hands of a teacher, matching them up on a one to one basis for continuing study. Here is how it works. The names of potential students are gathered through advertisements and follow-up work in various countries of the English speaking world. At any one time literally thousands of names are compiled and waiting to be given to Christians who will correspond by mail with these God seeking students. Basic lessons have been developed which can be sent as a student progresses in biblical knowledge. After a student will ask for explanation or ask further questions which the teacher can answer, thereby gaining a more personal involvement with the student in the exchange of correspondence. Many interesting and appreciative letters have been received from students who have been led to obedience of the gospel by one concerned Christian.

In our day to day life of "busy work" and still being faced with the Lords command to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", this has proven to be an effective way to do just that. The beauty of such an arrangement is that every Christian, male or female, young or old, can become a teacher from the privacy of their home. The details of getting started can be gotten from the "Action" publication or from any of the elders. Would you take a name?

The elders