

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- APRIL 3- Our regular time to visit and sing at Miller's Merry Manor at 4:30P.M. and at the Lagrange Nursing Home at 5:15P.M.
- APRIL 6-9- E.Chestnut in Ft. Wayne will have a meeting with Shelton T. Gibbs of Ft. Worth, Tex.
- April 9-Noon, National Dinner for Southwestern Christian College at Heritage House, Ft. Wayne.
- April 8-9- Gospel Meeting at Auburn with Paul Galyan speaking.
- April 14-16- North Central Soul Winning Workshop: Victory in Sharing. If you can house some of the Workshop visitors please see Thelma H. about this.
- April 23- Four Gospel Quartets will be presenting a great night of Gospel singing. Huntington North High School Auditorium 7 to 11:30P.M. The Amgassadors, Harbor Lights, Harmony Four, and Silvertones.
- Apr. 24-May 1-Our Gospel Meeting here with Bro Kenneth Chambers of Kissimmime, Fla.
- April??- Both the laying of the carpeting and outdoor bulldozing work are to be done this week on our new addition. The bulldozing work is one of the big steps toward relieving our parking problems and the carpet laying will make the addition ready for use on the inside. So although we can't put a definite date on moving in, it is getting close!

The Herron's are in W. Va. for a meeting, Alan Adams is speaking at Auburn today and others may be gone today due to Spring vacation in the local schools. They are all missed very much.

Last Sunday evening Bro. Dixon from Shults-Lewis brought a group of young men from the Home and presented the evening program. We appreciated their lessons. Bro. Dixon told of the need for couples to replace houseparents that will be leaving soon and the need for families that will help support a child on an individual basis. Don't forget to mark your calender for 8-22, Greg Lowell's birthday.

April 3, 1977

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"If you have tried and failed, you are vastly better off than if you tried to do nothing and succeeded."



## "SUPPOSING"

Most sinners suppose they can reject Jesus and live a life of sin and not suffer any evil consequences for it after death.

Their supposing is like a committee that came to Abraham Lincoln one time about a matter of public concern. Lincoln perceived their conclusion was based on supposition, so he asked them, "How many legs would a sheep have if you called its tail a leg?"

"Five," was the prompt reply. "That's what I thought you would say," declared Lincoln, "but that isn't true; the sheep would only have four legs. Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it one."

If sin does not have severe penalty after death then why the following?

1. Why did God send Jesus down from heaven to earth to seek and save the lost?
2. Why did Jesus bear our sins on the cross and suffer and die for them that we through obedience to Him might be forgiven of our sins?
3. Why did Jesus command the gospel to be preached to every creature in all the world?
4. Why did Jesus say in that command, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."
5. Why did Jesus say, "for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation."

Yes, it is easy for some people to suppose without the facts, but supposing doesn't make it so.

On Judgement day there will be no comfort from a life lived on suppositions. Why? The answer is very simple. Jesus is the supreme judge and He will judge according to the facts. He is the one to satisfy.

Many a man or woman is satisfied spiritually to call a tail a leg, but the question is, is Jesus satisfied?

Jesus stands between every man and heaven and He can count and He knows the difference between a leg and a tail and sin and obedience. Do you?

--Robert R. Page

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## REFLECTIONS-----

An old proverb says, "Any fool can count the number of seeds in an apple; only God can count the number of apples in a seed!"

We never see the potential which God sees in a person. Still, we must believe that God can multiply our influence a hundredfold through our children.

When the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, he said, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother, Lois, and your mother, Eunice." 2Tim1:5 Who dared to dream that the faith of Lois and Eunice might someday touch the whole world? Even when Timothy was a boy, studying the Bible under the supervision of his grandmother and mother, there was no way for him to know the future God had for him.

Let's see our children as gifts of God!! We must share our faith with, commit them to God for His use. Our influence in their lives can transcend our personal weaknesses. We must have faith in God, specifically the faith that He can use us in the lives of our children.

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"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:37.

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- It's good to have the Herron's back and they assured us that it was good to be back home again. Brother Norm had a Apr. 3- Apr. 8 gospel meeting in Martinsburg, West Virginia which took them away for a week. All of the family went, as school was out last week.
- We announced that the outside grading work and inside carpeting was to be done last week for the new addition but the grading work had to be put off until this week. The carpeting work is done however. Perimeter tiling was installed for surface drainage, and this week we hope to have some grading work done and better provisions for parking along the front of the building.
- The church wants to thank an anonymous donor for a contribution to the building fund. As funds are getting low, this contribution will provide funds for the outside grading work to be done.
- Much has been said about the workshop at Ft. Wayne (see inside article) but we again urge everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. Many from here plan to go, so rides should be no problem.
- Our meeting with Kenneth Chambers will begin two weeks from today, Lord willing. Dates, Apr24-May 1.
- Meeting at East Allen Co. with Kieth Mosher Apr8-11.
- Ladies meet Wed. at 9:30 at building
- April 23, night of gospel singing. Four quartettes: The AMBASSADORS, HARBOR LIGHTS, HARMONY FOUR and SILVERTONES will be there. Huntington High Sch. Aud.
- As far as we know sister Matilda Spencer was released from the hospital. We are thankful for her recovery and hope that she can be at services soon.
- Some Shults Lewis Children's Home contribution cards are in the lobby, if you care to use them.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING TUES. AT 7 P.M.

April 10, 1977

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For those who are visiting today, we are grateful for your attendance. and cordially invite you to worship with us at every opportunity. If we may be of service to you, please let us know.

the Lagrange church of Christ



## WHAT IS A FAMILY?

Warmth when the world is cold... safety when the world is hostile... a place of love in a world of hate... a place of light in the midst of darkness.

This is a family... A family is many things....

It is love around the table or in front of the fireplace... it is devotion sitting on a pew together... A mother singing as she goes about preparing supper.... A father happily playing with laughing children.

A family is a yell squad when victory is won... a place of understanding and starting again when defeat must be endured.

It is a very private organization... only bonafide members are allowed in... As poet said, "All of us are we... everyone else is they." It is held together with glue of love and the cement of mutual respect.

The family is a shelter from the storm... a safe, friendly port when the waves of life become too wild. No person is ever alone if he is a member of a family.

The smile of a mother... the robust laughter of a father... the giggle of daughters... the shouts of sons... That's a family.

They may taunt one another... they may fight, fuss and bicker among each other... but, when trouble threatens it from outside forces, instantly the ranks close and the troops unite against the common foe.

A family is all of these things... but most of all, a family is a group of human beings working together to build something beautiful and lasting.

A family is a colony of heavenly bliss... right here on earth.

Relate all of this to Paul's statement in II Tim. 3:16 which says the church is "the family of God."

-----Richard Rogers

Be a part of

## VICTORY IN SHARING

Thousands of Christians will converge on Fort Wayne, April 14, 15, and 16, to know the victory in sharing Christ in their lives. Emphasis will be on the application of New Testament principles to all phases of Christian living. The program of classes, lectures, and displays will be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, and is open to all who are interested in the Victory of Christian Living.

During these three days, participants will be able to choose from over 75 different sessions on various areas of Christian service. More than 40 dedicated men and women from throughout the United States will be leading these challenging discussions.

The workshop is a cooperative effort of congregations of the church of Christ, a group of people united by a common faith in Christ Jesus. The purpose of this effort is to stimulate greater dedication and involvement in the cause of Christ.

Fast Allen Bulletin



great church  
saved souls

April 17, 1977

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There were approximately 30 from here that attended the North Central Soul Winning Workshop in Ft. Wane, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A fine gathering of Christians from many states. As a whole, we are doing so little to promote the greatest cause on earth. Our people are good people, but by and large, are so caught up with the world that they have little time to learn how to set their priorities straight. May God help us to do it. Next year, another workshop is being planned. One that will take the Memorial Coliseum to accommodate it. Dates are set, last of April. We hope all of us as well as many dozens of souls not yet Christians will plan to be right there.

An opportunity for the Lagrange congregation is drawing close. Beginning next Lord's Day (Apr. 24 thru May 1) brother Kenneth Chambers from Kissimmee, Fla will be working with us to strengthen us and help us reach the area with the good news of the kingdom. Some of the subjects he will be: The crucifixion of Christ, Influence, Is your heart right with God, Where will you spend eternity, Repentance, Second Coming, Death, Do you pass or fail? Friday night, Apr. 29, a lesson titled "If I were a teenager again" should appeal to the youth and many teenagers they can invite. A pot-luck is scheduled for next Sunday following morning services. Invite as many as you can for each and every service. Times: 7:30 nightly and 10:30 and 6:00 on Sunday.

Other announcements will be given at services.

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Today we are thankful. Not because it is some "special" day in the eyes of men, but that it is the Lord's Day. We are alive, have a good measure of health, have food, clothing and shelter and especially do we thank God for the spiritual blessings in Christ, without which, we would be lost.



OBLIGATED AND ENTANGLED

It was said of a soldier who enlisted in the Civil War that he took along his kit of watchmaker's tools. While in camp, he had considerable business days the order came for battle, but the watchmaker said as he looked about his tent in dismay, "Why, I can't possibly go, for I have 12 watches to repair and I've promised them for Saturday."

This man had forgotten why he had enlisted, but many present day Christians are like that. They have obligated themselves to so many organizations and causes that they have precious little time to do battle for the Lord.

Are we too busy or too occupied to have or to take time for Bible Study on Sunday morning, Sunday evening worship, and Wednesday evening services? Have we forgotten why we enlisted in the army of the Lord?

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus...thou therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." 2Tim. 2:1, 3-4

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There is no better time than that spent with God's Word!

I had a dog once. I often sat down beside my dog and petted it, trained it, to chase a stick, and even took it with me hunting and fishing. I loved that old dog.

I had a car once. It was a good old car. I took care of it, always making sure it had the proper fuel, oil, and other necessities. It took me a lot of places. I loved that old car.

I had a set of golf clubs once. We spent many happy hours together. I always took care of them, cleaning and scrubbing them after every round. I loved those old clubs.

I had a child once. Very seldom did I sit down to talk and play with the child, I didn't take him fishing or hunting with me. I was too busy. I didn't see that he was fed the correct spiritual food wither. After his daily rounds, I seldom asked him how his day went, as I was too busy griping about my day. Did I love my child???

I LOST MY CHILD! This something that can never be replaced. Our children are children but once, be sure they go the right way!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 24, 1977

For the first time today, we will be using the new fellowship room for our meal together, following morning services. It may not be as well equipped as it should be, but we can begin to get some benefit out of it though. We hope that YOU will stay and get to meet and visit with brother Chambers.

The town of Lagrange as well as adjoining towns were covered with announcements concerning the meeting. There were several who helped out with the canvassing. We hope that many will come hear the preaching of the good news by brother Chambers.

Don't let up on working for good attendance each night during the meeting. Several hundred leaflets are still to be used, so be sure to take several and make good use of them. The meeting will continue through next Sunday. On Friday night the topic will be, "If I were a teenager again", and should be of benefit to every teenager. Let's make that YOUTH NIGHT, and bring all we can. Remember, week-night services are at 7:30. Sunday regular schedule..

Elkhart has announced a gospel meeting which coincides with ours, however Goshen is beginning a meeting next Sunday (May 1-5) with Harris McCaleb.

For the youth: See spring rallie dates for SENIOR, INTERMEDIATE & JUNIOR ages at Camp Indogan. Bull. Bd.

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Communication between God and man goes two ways - The Bible is God's communication to man. Prayer is man communicating with God. Have you and God communicated today?



OPPORTUNITY FOR INVOLVEMENT: Without the help or involvement of the congregation the Gospel Meeting April 24-May 1 is doomed to failure. Unless we are excited about the Gospel Meeting why should we expect the world to become excited about it? We owe the meeting our very best effort, our fervent prayers, presence, enthusiasm, and work. Involvement is absolutely necessary to a successful meeting. Suppose God refused to become involved? Suppose no one could be persuaded to proclaim the message of salvation? What kind of meeting do you think we would have? Our interest would be fruitless. But God will be involved in our meeting! Bro. Kenneth Chambers will be here to preach the gospel. But his involvement will avail little or nothing unless this congregation does its part. Let us all become directly involved in the series of gospel services, starting Sunday, April 24 and keep the interest high during the remaining services.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A GOSPEL MEETING---

The late brother Br dfield, so eminently successful in reaching multiple souls for Christ, used to ask congregations to follow this procedure prior to a gospel meeting. He had seven rules, and we'd like to print these for your consideration. As you read them, remember that Bro. Kenneth Chambers is to be with us in a gospel meeting April 24-May 1.

1. GIVE ten friends a special invitation the week before the meeting starts.
2. URGE delinquents and prospects to come.
3. MAKE five telephone calls each day of the meeting.
4. USE your car to bring visitors to the meeting.

5. TRY hard to lead TWO souls to Christ during the meeting.
6. PRAY for the meeting VERY day; WORK for its success.
7. ATTEND every service; meet every visitor; help sing every song.

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A LONG OVERDUE THANK YOU

Since coming to work with the church in LaGrange, our family has been blessed beyond measure.

We believe we have experienced a great deal of spiritual growth as a result of our association with the many dedicated workers at LaGrange.

The elders have always been conscious of our physical needs and tried to see that they were met. This year the church gave us a substantial increase in salary for which we are grateful.

So often, it's not possible to thank each one personally, but we would like to take this opportunity via the bulletin to thank you and let you know how much we love and appreciate each one of you.

May God use each one of us to build a great soul winning church to his honor and glory.

Christian Love,

The Heron's



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May 1 1977

Many good things have come to the congregation here this week. Brother Kenneth Chambers, a very humble and dedicated servant of God has brought to us "CHRIST FOR TODAY" as the answer for our lives. Several Christians have been led to see sin in their lives and to make their lives right before God and the church: Jean Bowen, Lesly Hoggatt, Sharon Simpson, Barbara Boyd, Dick, Fran, Terry and Craig Hostetler, Kim Herron, Jan Worley, Mary Wade, Gary Pieratt, Suzan Adams, Margaret Tuttle, Steve Herron, Linda Burgduff - all responded and asked for the prayers of the church. Alan Adams had some doubts about his former baptism, and asked to be baptized. Also, Melissa Herron, Joey Oakley and Carey Davison were all immersed into Christ. May the Lord bless all of these who seek to serve the Lord.

Mark your calender for:

- May 1-5. Coshen Meeting, Harris McCaleb, weekdays 7:30
- May 1-7 Three Rivers, Mich. Aleck Dickson 7:30P.M.
- May 4- Women will meet to paint and make tray favors .
- May 6&7, Camp Indogan Youth Rally SENIORS send in reg.
- May 8-11 East Allen Meeting Keith Moser, 7:30P.M.
- May 14- Miles High School Banquet
- May 13-14, Camp Indogan Intermediate Rally Age 12-14
- May 20-21 Camp Indogan Junior Rally Ages 9-11
- May 21, High School and College Banquet at Lagrange  
Semi-formal 7:30-12:30. Details on Bulletin Board.
- June 3-4 Adult Encampment, Camp Indogan. Dean has brochures describing this event.

Both men and women are needed to sign up for different jobs for the High School Banquet on May 21. Join in the fun. Remember they have given several very nice banquets for us. Let's show them what the "Old Folks" can do!

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A WORD OF THANKS

The church here has been blessed by the coming of brother Kenneth Chambers. He has done a good work in his presentation of the word of God, both in a public as well as a private way: preaching the truth in simplicity and love.

As he leaves our midst, we pray God's blessings on him and the work in Kissimmee, Florida.



REPENT YE THEREFORE, AND BE CONVERTED.....

Many who would call themselves Christians have neither repented nor been converted. The Greek word which we translate "repent" signifies "a turning from": and the Greek word which is translated "convert" means "a turning toward". Hence, in order to have our sins blotted out we must turn from our sin & turn toward God. Conversion is not complete until both actions are done. Therefore, salvation is not received until the conversion process is carried to its conclusion.

Those who believe that salvation is received by saying a few words before others & being immersed in water have either not fully comprehended God's requirements for discipleship (Salvation) or they have deluded themselves into thinking that they can get by with less than what God has commanded. In either case, they have deluded themselves into thinking that they can get by with less than what God has commanded. In either case, they have not complied with God's requirements for salvation.

To turn from sin means to repudiate sin, not only in word, but also in deed. "How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?...henceforth we should not serve sin." (Rom. 6:26). God has not expected sinlessness from His children (John 1:8,10), but He does expect them to pursue righteousness and not to consciously fall into the snare of the devil. When we know to something which is good, and we don't do it, we serve sin (Jas. 4:17). Also, when we know that we should not do something, & we do it, we serve sin. If we serve sin we have not repented and we have not attained salvation.

This should give sobering pause to all likewarm churchgoers who think that God will reward them for token ritualistic service. No man can decree who God will or will not save, but God has decreed: "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall NOT enter into the kingdom of heaven". Matt 18:3.

HAVE YOU BEEN TRULY CONVERTED?

---DON JOYER BULLETIN

## FORGET IT

If you see a tall fellow ahead of the crowd,  
A leader of men, marching fearless and proud,  
An you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud  
Would cause this proud head to in anguish be bowed,  
It's a pretty good plan to ---Forget It.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away  
In a closet, and guarded and kept from day  
In the dark, whose showing, whose sudden display  
Would cause grief and sorrow and life-long dismay--  
It's a pretty good plan to---Forget It.

If you know of a spot in the life of a friend,  
(We all have such spots concealed, world without end.)  
Whose touching his heart strings would play on and rend  
Till the shame of its showing no grieveing could mend,  
It's a pretty good plan to---Forget It.

If you know of anything that will darken the joy  
Of a man or woman, a girl or boy,  
That will wipe out a smile or the least way annoy  
It's a pretty good plan to---Forget It.

\*\*Anonymous \*\*

While the clouds are the darkest and storms the heaviest, remember these golden words from God. Think of the good that might come as a result of today's sufferings. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen but the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Cor. 4:17, 18.

----W. T. Hamilton



ANNOUNCEMENTS--

The congregation has received the following Wedding Invitations: May 14 in Muskegon, Michigan, Sally Graves and Jeffrey Mead; May 28, Shore Church, Dianne Neff and Phillip Hostetler; June 11 at this building, Sharlene Adkins and Bill Oakley. More details on these events may be found on the invitations on the bulletin board.

Intermediate Age Youth Rally at Camp Indogan Fri. and Sat. Send in your reservation soon.  
Junior Youth Rally May 20-21.

It has been decided that our Vacation Bible School will be June 13 - 17 in the mornings. Start asking Children you know to save those dates for Bible School.

This Wed. the ladies are going to be painting and making tray favors so come and give us a hand. 9:30 A. M.

There will be a Gospel Meeting at East Allen, New Haven this week thru Wed. night. Keith Moser, Speaker.

A building dedication is scheduled at No. Manchester May 15. Bro. G. P. Holt is speaker for the occasion.

The 2nd Adult Encampment is scheduled at Camp Indogan June 3,4. Theme CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES. Bill Smith, minister from White's Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe, La., featured speaker. Hope's are for 150 from area congregations. Should be a great experience to bolster our faith and enjoy the best of fellowship.

Last Sunday, Brian Hoggatt was born into the kingdom. Dan Davison and Jerry Hicks confessed sins and wanted to be restored. Tuesday evening, Jeannie McDonald put her Lord on in baptism. May God bless these as they seek to put him first in their lives.

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May 8, 1977

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You are writing a gospel,  
A chapter each day;  
By the deeds that you do,  
By the words that you say:  
Men read what you write,  
Whether faulty or true;  
Say, What is the gospel,  
According to you ?



## WOULD I STUDY THE BIBLE IF??

William McPherson had a charge of dynamite go off in his face. He lost his eyes and hands and the feeling in parts of his face. He realized how much the Bible meant to him and he needed its strength greatly. He could not read it in Braille because of his artificial hands. He tried to place his lips on the dots but they were numb. He found he could use his tongue to decipher the Moon Type system of dashes. The metal left his lips and tongue bleeding and very sore but he prayed to God to help him to continue to learn just one letter of the alphabet. In the 65 years that followed he read the Bible through 4 times with his tongue.

Would I study the Bible if the same thing happened to me that happened to Mr. McPherson? Would I have the desire, the intense desire to know God's will that I would go through what he did to learn? I wonder if I would not rather have decided, "I can't ever read the Bible again."

Would I study the Bible if I had to get up an hour earlier each day to work it into my busy(?) schedule? Or miss my favorite TV program if, at that hour, I remembered I hadn't studied my Bible for the day and wouldn't have time afterwards?

Would I study the Bible (I wish I hadn't heard of that McPherson fellow) if I didn't feel just right or if I had had a hard day at work or if I was just too tired? (I wonder how that fellow learned to read with his tongue?) Or would I study even though I was a slow reader and it took me all day just to read one or two chapters?

Would I study the Bible on occasions when the saints were assembled (Sunday Morning, Wednesday night and etc.) if I had to without supper till after services or walk or drive a long distance to get there?

How many "ifs" keep you from studying the Bible? Is it a matter of no importance to you at all? If it is, then do something about it. That McPherson fellow-- I guess his example will haunt me the rest of my life.

Paul Johnston  
Spartanburg, S. Carolina

## Progress Report on the New Addition Dean Hoggatt

At the men's business meeting on April 12th, a progress report was made on the new classroom addition. As much as we had hoped to keep within the proposed cost figure of \$60,000., we were not going to be able. The costs to that date were near \$57,700., and there were some major costs yet to be covered. The carpeting, folding partitions, classroom equipment besides the outside brickwork and parking area and concrete sidewalks were all to be done if we were to have a finished project. An estimated cost figure of approx. \$14,000. will be needed to finish it. All the men present felt that we should increase our loan by this amount in order to complete the new addition. We believe that this is a wise decision.

The new addition gives us an additional 4600 plus sq. ft. of classroom (more than all the rest of the building combined). At a time when building costs are so high (\$28./sq. ft. and up, for contract jobs) our cost will be approx. \$16. sq. ft. I'm grateful for the good faith of the brethren here in rising to the need and not putting it off.

I am thankful too, that when in our day the world is lost in sin, that we intend to do something about it. Nearly everyone I've talked to knows about our expansion and we are in so favorable position to let the community know that we care. As we now assess all the advantages we have, let's dig in for the future. Our physical facilities, the preachers home in connection, a dedicated family as the Herron's to work with us, and especially the fine spirit and zeal of the congregation to work, the Lord's Kingdom is bound to grow as it has never grown before.

By July 1, we should have a budget figure for the 2nd half of the year. It appears now that a weekly contribution of approx. \$750. is needed. Working together, with faith in God, we can do this.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Norm is beginning a gospel meeting at Coldwater, Mich. congregation today and continues thru Wed. night. Time 7:00 EDT (one hour ahead of us). Our prayers are with him that souls might be saved.
- The congregation in North Manchester is dedicating their new building today. See bulletin board for details.
- Today we have filling in for Norm brother Bill Hughes from the Summit City congregation in Ft. Wayne. Brother Bill is no stranger to many of us, and especially to the youth, because he has taught at camp in years past. He's a fine dedicated Christian and we are grateful to him for coming and speaking at both the class & worship.
- This Sat. (7:30 to 12:30) is a night planned for the high school and college age group. A banquet (to be served by the 'Ol Folks' followed by entertainment and bowling. A midnight pizza party will wind it up. Donations of apple or cherry pies needed. See Jean Bowen.
- Other scheduled events:
  - \* Junior age youth rally May 20, 21 at Camp Indogan.
  - \* Adult Encampment June 3, 4 at Camp Indogan. Bill Smith from West Monroe, La. speaking on "Christian Evidences".
  - \* Vacation Bible School, June 13 to 17, 9:30 to 11:30 each morning, with Friday night program for parents.
  - \* Ladies meetings now changed to Thursdays, 9:30 A.M.
- A card of appreciation from sister Linda Clark during her illness for prayers, cards, etc. (on bull. board)
- It's real good to have Mary Wilson and Kathy Hoggatt home for a couple of days. They have been rooming together working on a master's degree at Tenn. State. Mary will be leaving with 'Project Italy' in June for a couple of months before returning.
- Brother Luther Hall is not well and unable to attend. The Hall's appreciate prayers, visits, cards, etc.
- Much follow-up work is being done on Monday evening in order to reach lost souls. Anyone welcome to participate.
- Laurie Cleveland obeyed the gospel last Sunday. Congrat.!

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WOULD YOU WANT CHRIST TO REPRESENT YOU ABOVE AS  
YOU REPRESENT HIM BELOW?



MY GIVING

1. I earned \$ \_\_\_\_\_ last year from all sources of income.
2. I gave the total sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the church last year.
3. This represents \_\_\_\_\_% of my gross income.
4. My contributions during the past year averaged \$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly.
5. Have I really been conscientious in my stewardship?

WITH THESE FACTS AT HAND, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WITH TRUE OR FALSE:

- I give as the Lord prospered me. \_\_\_\_\_
- I give purposely. \_\_\_\_\_
- I give bountifully. \_\_\_\_\_
- I give cheerfully. \_\_\_\_\_
- I am a good example in liberality. \_\_\_\_\_
- If my regular contribution were multiplied by ten, and that became my salary, my standard of living would improve. \_\_\_\_\_
- I have robbed God in my giving. \_\_\_\_\_
- I am not covetous. \_\_\_\_\_
- My giving indicates that I have truly given myself to God. \_\_\_\_\_
- God is first with my money. \_\_\_\_\_
- When my income is increased, this is reflected in an increased contribution. \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not allow money spent for vacations and amusements to adversely affect the amount of my contribution. \_\_\_\_\_
- I am behind in my giving. \_\_\_\_\_
- I will make up the back money I've withheld from God. \_\_\_\_\_
- When I am absent from the services I spend what I would have given if I were present. \_\_\_\_\_
- My giving indicates I am laying up treasures in heaven. \_\_\_\_\_
- I set aside my contribution before paying the bills. \_\_\_\_\_

I am more concerned about not being able to buy a stereo, C.B., TV, etc. than the church not being able to meet her obligations. \_\_\_\_\_

ONLY GOD AND YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS YOU HAVE GIVEN. HE KNOWS IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED HONESTLY AND SINCERELY. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU PERIODICALLY LOOK BACK OVER THESE STATEMENTS TO EXAMINE YOURSELF. IF YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE NOT GIVING AS GOD WANTS YOU TO GIVE, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

"...He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he disposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." IICorinthians 9:6-7

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay be him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." IICorinthians 16:2

McLean Church of Christ  
Calhoun, Kentucky

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Forgiveness

The preacher was trying to patch up a difference between a couple of friends. "You must not cherish enmity against your neighbor," he said to the one who had a grievance. "If your neighbor does you injury, you must forget."

Said the injured party, "But I have such a bad memory, I keep forgetting that I forgot it!" Too many of us practice "forgiveness" in this manner.

Do you???

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

All of those who attended the YOUTH BANQUET last night hopefully had a good time. We have a fine group of teenagers at Lagrange and this banquet is one way of saying how much we appreciate you. Our commendation of you however is not the important thing. Is God pleased with your life? While we might be subjective and prone to pat ourselves and each other on the back please read 11 Cor. 10:18 and the article on the second page of today's bulletin. Let's keep examining ourselves in the mirror of God's Word.

Please note brother Bill Hall's article regarding the ADULT ENCAMPMENT at Camp Indogan on June 3 & 4. If we can arrange to "get-away-from-it-all", notwithstanding the importance of our work of the church, it would do us good. We have an additional announcement concerning this, today, which should be of interest to some.

Our vacation Bible School is slipping upon us fast. June 13 thru 17 is the date. Much work is involved in this, but we know that we can count on many here for the best Vacation Bible School yet. More on this by Wednesday evening service.

Sister Yvonne Hicks' mother, who lives in Lima, Ohio is seriously ill. Yvonne has been there for the past few days, and we hope that her mother will again have a measure of health and recover.

Many jobs need to be done in and around the preachers house and the building. If you can donate some time, please see the elders.

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If there were more Hannahs in the world, there would be more Samuels. \*\*\*\*\* The modern conscience is made with a lever to throw it out of gear.



"BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF  
THE BELIEVERS"

CAMP INDOGAN  
ADULT ENCAMPMENT  
JUNE 3-4, 1977

What kind of an example are you? Young people, what sort of example do you set before your school-mates? Are you setting an example of holiness, kindness, obedience, and faithfulness? Is your life what it ought to be? Are you putting Christ first? Parents, are you setting examples before our youth of what a mature Christian is and does? How many excuses do you offer for not attending every assembly of the Church? Do you excuse yourself because of an "important" meeting, or because you have "so much work to catch up on"? Well notice our youth when they begin to excuse themselves from the activities and assemblies of the Church because they have "homework" or because they have to pick you up at the airport or bus terminal. This is not fiction but fact! We set the example!!! We teach them that conviction should yield to convenience. We teach them that church assemblies are secondary to business.

Yes- we are sending our youth into apostacy by our poor example!

When our youth begin to prefer the activities and associations of school rather than the Christian associations and activities of the church we need to take an honest look at our motives and priorities!

It breaks my heart to see our young people preferring basketball games to Bible Study; Proms to Christian Banquets; Homework to Fellowship; Television to Teen meetings;-etc. I love our young people, and am crushed when their judgement of what IS important reflects such choices. I cannot speak for others, but as for me---I want to set the example before them of putting Christ First in all things! Matt.6:33

Fred Cope  
Miles, Michigan bulletin

The time is fast approaching for the second annual Camp Indogan Adult Encampment, which begins Friday evening, June 3, and will be completed Saturday night June 4.

Adult camp is a wonderful and joyous occasion where Christians assemble to learn more of God's will, and to engage in the fellowship that we all so desperately need. If you have ever attended a Christian encampment you know what I am saying. In a Christian encampment a few years ago in Wisconsin, a minister from Michigan stated it this way: "This must be a little bit of what Heaven is like, because it has been so wonderful here this week."

We encourage every adult, single or married, to attend this encampment. Brochures which list the cost (\$10 for complete program per person) and the schedule, are available. The sleeping facilities at camp will be filled on a "first come" basis and those that apply later must either reserve their own local accommodations or bring tents or campers that they can set up on the camp grounds.

The theme this year, "Christian Evidences", is something that all of us need to know more about. Our featured speaker, Bill Smith, minister of the White's Ferry RB. Church of Christ in West Monroe, Louisiana, comes to us highly recommended as a dynamic servant of God.

Please pray for this effort and let us give God the praise and the glory for the opportunity given us to grow in His Kingdom.

William R. Hall  
Adult Camp Director



ANNOUNCEMENTS - SINGING AT EVE. SERVICES

- Another young person put on Christ in baptism this week: Linda Trowbridge. She was a student in Alan Adams' class at West Noble. We welcome her into the family of God.
- Alan and Susan (& Justin) will be moving to Garrett this week to work with the congregation during the summer. Their plans are to move to Florida where Alan will attend a two year preacher training school. We'll miss them here and pray God's blessings upon them.
- ARRIVAL ! Kathy Sowles gave birth to a healthy baby girl Thursday morning. Name, Kemberly; weight, 6lb-14oz. She will remain in the Kalamazoo hospital for a week.
- All adults please consider attending the encampment at Indogan next Fri & Sat. You'd appreciate it.
- REMEMBER VBS June 13-17. Materials are in.
- Other dates for area events:
  - May 30 - A Cappella Singers from Southwestern Christian College at South Side, Ft. Wayne,
  - June 5-10 Gospel Meeting at Summit City congregation Ft. Wayne. Paul Hubbard preaching.  
( See bulletin board for these events )
- Thanks to the Ladies who helped paint the preacher's house. The Herrons hope to start moving this week.
- Brother Luther Hall will be undergoing tests at the University hospital at Ann Arbor. Pray for him.
- FINALLY - the parking lot is being worked on. Hopefully it will be useable (not only in front of the new addition, but to the south) by next week.
- Skating at Holiday Rink, Elkhart, Tues. Bus leaves at 5:30, returns approx. at 10.

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Sin is not inherited, but it is contagious.  
Never use weak thread when mending your ways.  
One way to defend the church is to attend it.



## ON CHURCH ROLLS

Many persons habitually miss the worship service and when visited make no promise of becoming faithful, but are very anxious that their name stay on the church roll. There are many such people who do not wish to be completely removed from the church, but their attitude needs serious study.

The church roll is a list of the members. This roll is kept in order that the elders will know where people live so they can get in touch with them as the need arises. It also is kept for the purpose of mailing various pieces of literature into each home. It is necessary if an efficient work is to be done.

But there is no value to the church nor to the individual in carrying a name on the roll if that person does not attend services. Taking his name off the church roll does not remove him from the church. God has already removed his name from the roll that is kept in heaven.

If your name is on the church roll, but you are not attending services, you are no better off than you would be if your name should be removed. The name on church roll is not nearly as important as your presence when the saints meet to worship.

If you have been neglecting the worship services, for your own salvation, we urge you to come back to the place where you belong, and revive your souls so that you will be saved.

-SELECTED from Covington  
Spiritual Encourager

## WHAT CHRISTIANITY HAS TO OFFER

Purpose in Living Stop and think for a moment! For what purpose are you living? If "pay day" and "Saturday night" were removed from your life, what would you have left? (Matt. 6:25). King Solomon said, after trying every other means of finding real purpose in life, that the whole purpose of man is to respect God and keep His commandments (Eccl. 12:13). Don't take that lightly until you have tried it!

The highest standard of living. God gave us the perfect example--His own life. All of us like associating with people who try to be honest, sincere, trustworthy, compassionate, unselfish, kind and considerate. That is the standard of Christianity!

Strength for living. Why do men turn to Christianity in time of trouble? Because Christianity provides strength through God (Psalms 23), strength through Christ (Phil. 4:13), strength through the Word (Psalms 119:11), strength through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:16), and strength through other Christians (Galatians 6:12).

The greatest challenge. Christianity is letting God take you as you are and changing you into what He wants you to be. That's a challenge! Christianity is walking by faith. That's a challenge! Christianity is living a godly life in an ungodly world. That's a challenge! What does the world have to offer in comparison to Christianity? Yes, Christianity has a lot to offer YOU!

Jack Harriman, Darby Drive  
Bulletin, Florence, Ala.

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"An old lady, leaving church after a service which had been attended by a crowded congregation, was heard to say: 'If everybody else would only do as I do, and stay seated until every one else had gone, there would not be such a crush at the doors.' HOW ABOUT THAT!"

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Sunday at Garrett, Bro Alan Adams baptized (Mrs. Donald) Rosie Jordan, of Wolcottville, into Christ. She wishes to be a member of this congregation and we welcome her into our congregation.

The wedding of Sharlene Adkins and Bill Oakley will take place at this building next Saturday, June 11 at 2:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.

Austin and Patty Copeland, former members of Elkhart church have placed their membership here. We are happy for this and you should enter their address in your book as Trailer 52, Norpark Estates, Topeka, Ind.

Our Vacation Bible School will start one week from tomorrow and everyone can help in some way. First, if you know of children who need to be enrolled give their names to The elders or Bro. Herron. Also Tues. evening, 6:30, is set aside for contacting as many prospective students as possible. We will need YOU for this.

Sis. Glova Spears will be in charge of refreshments along with some helpers. Please let her or Thelma Hoggatt know if you plan to contribute cookies, coolaid, or sugar for this. Also money will be needed for cups, etc. If we have 250 students that will mean 500 cookies each day, so we will really need to stock up on cookies and cool aid!

We will be skipping making tray favors for June since July's favors will be for the fourth and we need to prepare VBS. All teachers should plan to meet with the other teachers of the class they will be working in and coordinate their activities and prepare their materials. We will need to be well prepared BEFORE Monday morning if we expect to do our best. Thursday is our regular morning for Ladies meeting, so plan to meet then or another day if more convenient.

Gospel Meeting at the Summitt City church- Bro. Paul Hubbard, Jr. June 5-10, 1977. 7:30 P.M.

Don't forget the Williamstown Workshop, June 28-30. New classes for repeaters. Sign on Bulletin Board.

Bro. Luther Hall suffered a stroke Friday even, is in Lag. Hospital. Remember in your prayers and visit him.

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## L A G R A N G E C H U R C H O F C H R I S T E X H O R T E R

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### MEDITATE ON THIS

"Every child of God by divine appointment is his brother's keeper. If we are too selfish to help save others, we are too selfish to be saved. By helping to save others, we help to save ourselves.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 13-17

THEME: LOVE IS THE WAY

The study of Love is the Way is a planned five day course to give us an opportunity to instill the attitude of LOVE in the hearts of the children we teach and increase LOVE. The five lessons have been designed to carry out the series aim: to show the value and importance of Christian love in the hearts and lives of all. We obey God to show our love for Him. We obey our parents to show our love for them. We love others and this proves our love to God.

### MAKE VBS A HAPPY TIME BECAUSE:

You believe in Christ the Lord and want everyone to know about him and His love for us.

VBS can open many doors in the community with the message of Christ. It can be the most important single event in your plans to reach out into the community this year.

If we plan big-expect great things from VBS, are well prepared and work toward accomplishing our goals, we will get results. Remember the little poem:

"He who whispers down a well about the things he has to sell

Will never make as many dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers!"

VBS is something to shout about! Advertise it! Promote it through your classes this week and next Sunday and Wed. teachers. Young people ask your friends and school mates to come.

Remember there are three groups of people. Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who sit back and wonder what happened. Be in that makes things happen group thru VBS.

---Adapted from Lambert VBS Plan Book

## A REASON FOR MARRIAGE FAILURE

In our day of rapid fire change, almost nothing is considered sacred--not even the time honored relationship of marriage. Marriage failure is "approaching 75% in some parts of the country according to the Jan. 24 "Today" program on NBC-TV. Tom Brokaw interviewed Dr. Mavis Heathering and Dr. Mel Roman on the increasing failures in marriage. They pointed out there is "no victimless divorce." When marriage fails, everyone is hurt. Adjustment is worse one year after the divorce than two months after the divorce.

What's gone wrong with marriage? "The problem," according to Dr. J. A. Peterson, "is not in the institution but in the partners. The real problem is in the person himself and that problem will, almost without exception, be found immaturity."

A major news magazine carried a report on a group of divorced persons and each one had answered the question "Why did your marriage fail?" While they gave many reasons, one single reason dominated all others, "My marriage failed because of immaturity. Either we expected too much or too little. It was immaturity in our attitudes that was the basic problem in our marriage."

Immaturity is a major reason for marriage failure. How do you get mature attitudes? Only one fully mature person ever lived--Jesus Christ. Note the following marks as seen in Jesus by Dr. Peterson:

Jesus was never upset by circumstances, either major or minor ones.

Jesus was able to adjust to situations realizing what could and could not be changed.

Jesus proved to be adequate for situations and he drew deeply on his inner resources.

Sometimes marriage partners will say, "But we can't change!". True, some things we may not be able to change. But we can change! By God's grace and through His Son we can become mature enough to make our marriage work.

--Prentice Meador, Jr.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS-

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL--Teachers have been working hard all week getting ready for tomorrow. There will be alot of work to do this afternoon and evening in getting tables, chairs, and desks in the proper rooms. If you can help come in around 3:00P.M. Also it would help if Sunday and Wed. teachers would take down their material so that VBS materials can be displayed.

Don't forget to give your cookies, koolaid, sugar or money to Glova or Thelma. We can all help in this way.

Wednesday Evening- Due to the rearranging of the rooms for VBS all classes will meet in the auditorium.

Friday Evening- Mark your calendar and don't miss this VBS program. Everyone is welcome and we hope to have many parents that you will want to make feel welcome.

Due to the 'last Minute' VBS work to be done, we thought brother Norm could best be used in working with the VBS planning. So this evening we'll not have Norm to speak, but rather have a song service. Let's all come and express our love to the Lord in song.

This will be a busy week however if anyone can make it down to Ft. Wayne, brother Bob Dankelfsen, from White's Ferry Rd. West Monroe, La., will be holding an evangelistic campaign at the Glenwood congregation.

Congratulations -Bill and Sharlene - their wedding day yesterday. Also Phil and Dianne's was May 28th.

Williamstown Workshop June 28-30. Several are planning to go this year. We would urge anyone who can to go.

Camp Indogan workshop for the staff on June 25. All those working at camp this year, plan to attend. To be held at Glenwood congregation, Ft. Wayne.

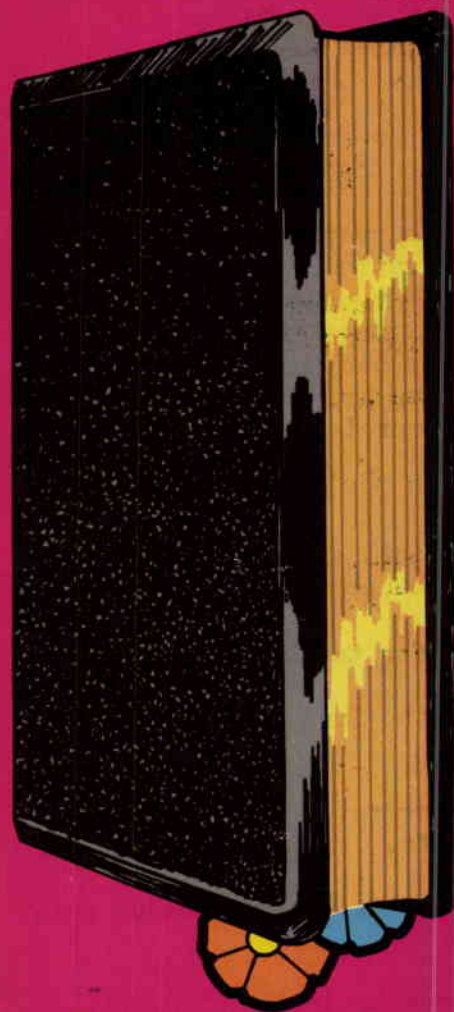
Brothers Martin Hall and Bob Hicks are in Lagrange hospital. Both feeling better, appreciate visits & prayer.

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JUNE 12, 1977

brighten up  
your summer with...

# vacation bible school



"He is calling you"  
Mark 10:48

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
VACATION-BIBLE-SCHOOL  
June 13-17, 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Classes thru grade 6  
For transportation call 463-3571

Theme of this years VBS - "LOVE IS THE WAY".



## Values of Vacation Bible School

How easy it is for us to say about Vacation Bible School, "I have more than I can do now. Why should I listen to those who want me to do something else?"

**MOTIVATION REQUIRED.** To overcome this negative attitude requires great motivation. It's not enough to know that other churches have them. We won't work that hard just to entertain youngsters or babysit for a week. Just because we have had one every summer for several years doesn't move us. It takes more than this and a good VBS offers more!

### REASONS WHY IT'S WORTH THE EFFORT

1. It introduces many to Christ; strengthens the knowledge and faith of others; teaches respect for the Bible.
2. It furnishes opportunity for teachers training.
3. It increases interest in the Sunday Morning Bible school.
4. Interested children open doors of opportunity for teaching non-Christian parents.
5. Concentrated daily teaching is more effective than weekly classes.
6. There is far less prejudice against a VBS. Almost half of the students are from non-member homes.
7. It enriches all who help and makes for a stronger tie to the church.
8. It is a wonderful advertising medium; builds respect for the church.

BOE SMITH  
Oklahoma Christian Col.

## JESUS AND I

I can not do it alone,  
The waves run fast and high,  
And the fog closes chill around  
And the light goes out in the sky;  
But I know that we two shall win in the end-  
Jesus and I.

I can not row it myself,  
My boat on the raging sea;  
But beside me sits another,  
Who pulls or steers with me;  
And I know that we two shall come into port-  
His child and He.

Coward and wayward and weak  
I change with the changing sky,  
Today so eager and brave,  
Tomorrow not caring to try;  
But He never gives in, so we two shall win-  
Jesus and I.

Strong and tender and true,  
Crucified once for me;  
Never will He change, I know,  
Whatever I may be;  
But all He says I must do,  
Ever from sin to keep free.  
We shall finish our course and reach home at last-  
His child and He.

Dan Crawford



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Another Vacation Bible School has just been concluded, with new records. A daily attendance of 217, 234, 245, 228 & 241 (Monday thru Fri.) averaged 233 for the week. Our high last year was 204, so the school was able to increase over last year quite a bit. Not many, besides those involved in the school, realize the great amount of work that went into it. The Lord Knows however, and there is a great amount of satisfaction in knowing more young people are being reached. Thanks to all who had a part in 1977's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. The Friday night's program was well attended with a full house (and then some) with the students and their parents and friends.

We have a new bulletin cover which be used soon. It is planned that a regular mailing will be made to each prospective person, (bus riders and/or parents, visitors, members who have moved away, personal work contacts, etc.) and in order to do this some volunteers will be needed for addressing. We have mimeographed labels for this. More on all this later, however we urge anyone who has friends who should receive the bulletin, to start making a list.

Brother Dick Hostetler will be speaking at the evening services (instead of the 4th Sunday eve.) this evening. Thanks, Dick, for your preparation time.

ADDRESS addition for Directory:  
Bill and Sharlene Oakley  
104 1/2 W. Mich. St. Apt #1  
Lagrange, In 46761 Ph. # 463-3601

TEACHERS: Please remove your VBS displays, place them with your visual aids, unused workbooks, manuals, etc. in poster room for reuse. (Angola needs them for VBS).

It is likely that a bus will be used for the Williams-town Workshop, because of the number that wants to go. If you can arrange to go, see brother Perry.

Announcements will be given concerning sick, etc.

LAGRANGE  
- CHURCH OF CHRIST  
EXHORTER

June 19, 1977

We assemble at the appointed times to sing, pray, commune, give as we've been prospered, teach and learn God's Word. A warm welcome awaits all who have a desire to worship God according to the New Testament pattern. John 4:24.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR .....	9:30 AM
BIBLE STUDY .....	9:30 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE .....	10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY .....	7:00 PM
SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE .....	6:00 PM

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JESUS DID NOT DIE ...

just to make it possible for us to:

1. Sleep in on Sunday morning.
2. Watch TV on Sunday and Wednesday night.
3. Feed your soul on garbage instead of Truth.
4. Talk with souls about everything but Gospel
5. Give God the leftovers instead of firstfruits



## IN LISTENING TO A SERMON

God has always used preaching to change lives and increase His kingdom. No doubt, Noah preached for 120 years. John the Baptist preached in the Wilderness of Judea, Jesus preached in the synagogues of Jerusalem and Paul preached before kings, queens and other royalty. God still uses this method to reach souls..."It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (1Cor. 1:21)

It takes two for a sermon to be effective and bring results. It takes a preacher and a listener. There is as much an art to listening to a sermon as there is to preaching it. We need to learn how to listen to a sermon. May I offer some worthwhile tips?

1. Try not to be a criticizing listener. The preacher makes mistakes as well as we do. If he were perfect, he would not be here. Perfection lies in the life ahead.

2. Try not to be a sermon fitter. Often you hear "Boy, that would have been a good one for so and so!" If the sermon does not fit you, let your neighbor fit it to himself.

3. Try to listen with an open mind. You may disagree with the sermon, but remember a sermon is not only to lift you up and agree with you, but also to disturb your complacency.

4. Try to listen with the attitude, "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth!" ISam.3:9. A mind that has been prepared by prayer and expectation is always ready to listen to what the Lord says.

5. Finally, try to listen with a receptive heart. "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting", Psa.139:23, 24. Let the searchlight of the gospel reveal the need in your heart.

Let us remember that the greatest speaker in the world fails in the desired results of preaching without the proper attention from his listeners. The Master Preacher had those in His day turn their ears from the truth. For the gospel to bring its happy results there must be good listeners as well as good preachers. What kind of listener are you? What kind of listener and preacher am I?

IS IT IN THE BIBLE -- Bert Watkins

Often we hear a statement which sounds like it comes from the Bible, which is not really a Biblical quotation at all. Test your Bible knowledge by determining which of the following quotations are actually from the Bible and which are only "chimney corner scripture."

- \_\_\_ Many water cannot quench love.
- \_\_\_ Spare the rod and spoil the child.
- \_\_\_ A mighty fortress is our God.
- \_\_\_ Lord, what fools we mortals are.
- \_\_\_ How sharper than a serpent's tooth is a thankless child.
- \_\_\_ To the victors belong the spoils.
- \_\_\_ Bread is the staff of life.
- \_\_\_ The gift without the giver is bare.
- \_\_\_ There are none so blind as those who will not see.
- \_\_\_ A fool and his money is soon parted.
- \_\_\_ Two wrongs do not make a right.
- \_\_\_ An idle mind is the devil's workshop.
- \_\_\_ To err is human, to forgive divine.
- \_\_\_ Charity begins at home.
- \_\_\_ A word to the wise is sufficient.
- \_\_\_ The quality of mercy is not strained.
- \_\_\_ I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

Only 2 quotations are in the Bible, Song of Solomon 8:7 and Job 19:20.

Dan Goddard  
Greensburg, Ind.



## PLAN OF SALVATION

### BELIEF IN CHRIST

John 8:24  
 Heb. 11:6  
 Mark 16:16

### REPENT OF SINS

Luke 13:3, 5  
 Acts 2:38  
 Acts 17:30

### CONFESSION OF CHRIST.

Matt. 10:32, 33  
 Rom. 10:2, 10  
 Acts 8:37

### BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Rom. 6:1-6  
 Gal. 3:26, 27  
 1 Pet. 3:21

### FAITHFULNESS UNTO DEATH

1 Cor. 15:58  
 Rev. 2:10

## BIBLE SERVICES

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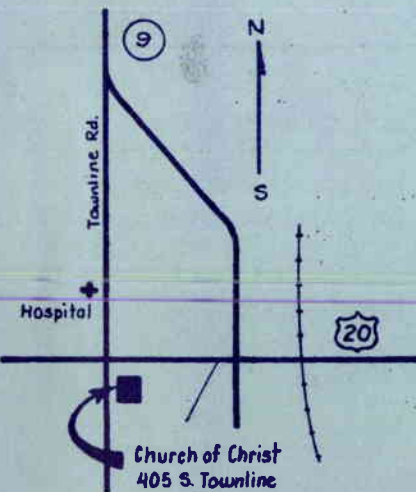
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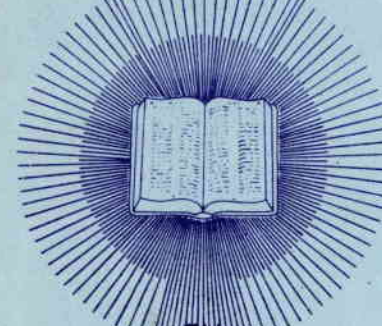
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... is a group of believers in Christ dedicated to RETURNING to the WORD OF GOD. We believe that the word today is "living and active," (Hebrews 4:12). We also believe that God through a knowledge of His Son "has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). We believe that "all Scripture is inspired by God" (2 Timothy 3:16). We invite YOU to join us in matters that face TODAY'S WORLD. BACK TO THE BIBLE, WE BELIEVE, IS THE ONLY ANSWER!

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

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SOME PEOPLE CANNOT BE SAVED

Those who do not desire it. However wonderful heaven is, if a person does not will to go there, then neither her nor his loved ones can have any hope of his going. God does not force one to love Him and to dwell in eternal happiness. Man was made a free moral agent to choose for himself his eternal destiny, and God respects his choice, whether it be wise or unwise.

Those who refuse God's will. According to Paul's writing in Roman. 10:13-15, people must hear the Word and answer the call. The gospel is preached that men may know what to do, and those who refuse to respond cannot please Him.

Those who hold to their sins. Iniquity is a cloud that separates the guilty from God (Isa.59:1,2) which must be removed if God would be approached. The one who will not turn away from evil will not let God save him. (Luke 13:3)

Those who trust in their own works. To have confidence in self is fine, but no man can save himself. (Jer.10:23); additional help must be accepted. A man may decide on what pleases him, but God does not see as do men, and He is the one to specify the conditions by which the lost may return to safety. If he is not obedient, man cannot be saved (Matt.7:21).

Those who grudges. The Lord said, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses" (Matt.6:15). The one who will not forgive another shows that he has no capacity for the quality, hence can receive none.

Those who are careless. Since man has no lease on life it is exceedingly unwise to put off serving God. The careless are wasting opportunity and exhibiting little faith, having the wrong influence; and being possessors of a spirit of lethargy, are not true to the Lord and cannot be saved!

Selected- East Allen Reflector

FOR THE RECORD ---

	6/5	6/12	6/19
A.M. WORSHIP	221	223	196
CONTRIBUTION	\$660.95	62925	513.70

ADD TO DIRECTORY

Stan & Marsha Palmer and their  
3 children. Their address:  
RR#1, Box 280, Albion, In 46701  
Ph.# 761- 5291

Paul & Geneva Himes. They will be  
living here this summer. Address:  
210 W. Michigan St.  
Lagrange, In 46761  
(after July 4, will be living at  
Lewis Noble Park.  
Ph.# 463-3318

TEACHERS\*\*

New material for Summer quarter  
is in the new Lobby. Pick yours up  
today.

If you will not be able to teach  
next quarter let Deqn know today.

On the SICK LIST\*\*

Martin Hall came home from the Ann  
Arbor Hospital on Thurs. and is now  
at home. He appreciates visits.

Elmore Bellaire is at Lagrange Hosp.  
due to the illness of his wife  
Zella.

Johnny Combs is in room 203, K'ville  
Hospital. His bandages are off and  
he will not need skin grafts. Remem-  
ber him with a card and brighten  
his days a little.

4th Sunday FELLOWSHIP\*\*

Tonight following services we  
will be having our monthly get-  
together. Bring snack foods,  
sandwiches, cookies, etc.

WILLIAMSTOWN WORKSHOP\*\*

Eleven from this congregation  
are planning to attend this yrs.  
program. We wish for all a safe  
journey.

Camp Indogan- First session of  
Junior Camp starts July 10.  
Get your reservation in NOW.  
Other sessions will be following  
so don't let the chance to make  
new friends and renew old friend-  
ships in a Christian atmosphere  
pass you by. Get more info from  
Dean or Devon.

Vacations---

The Richard Hostetler's and  
Sharon Simpson are vacationing  
and probably others. As you  
take your vacation, plan ahead  
so that you can worship with  
another congregation on your  
trip. Perhaps you can bring  
home some new ideas that will  
help us here.

We have a directory of all  
of the congregations in the U.S.  
so we can help you find one.