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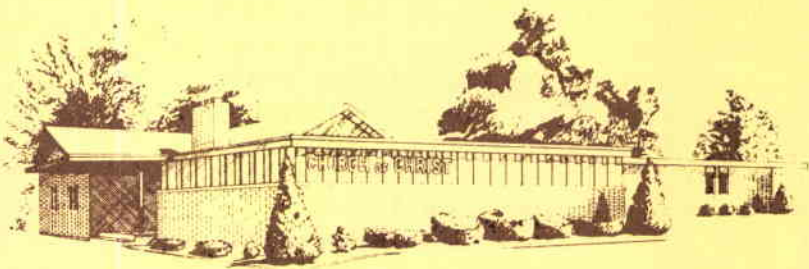
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WRONG IS ALWAYS WRONG

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

WRONG IS WRONG EVEN IF YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT. Let us remember that "the eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and good" (Prov. 15:13).

WRONG IS WRONG EVEN IF YOU DO IT FOR A GOOD CAUSE. The honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed or action. The end never does justify the means. "All sin is transgression of the law" (1 Jn. 3:4; 5:17; 2 Jn. 9).

WRONG IS WRONG EVEN IF OTHERS ARE DOING WORSE THINGS. It will be little comfort to you in the day of judgment, if you should be lost, that others you knew did things which you considered to be worse than your own sins.

WRONG IS WRONG EVEN IF IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOUR CONSCIENCE. The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrong doing, but even an honest sin or evil done in sincerity is sinful in the sight of the Holy God. "...whatsoever a man sows, that shall a man reap" (Gal. 6:7).

WRONG IS WRONG EVEN IF IT IS COMMONLY CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE. The Bible says, "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 men. "Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away" (Prov. 4:4-5). "Prove all things hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thess. 5:21-22).

REMEMBER, THERE IS NEVER A RIGHT WAY TO DO A WRONG THING!

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday	3/21	3/28
Bible Classes	122	118
Morning Worship	145	148
Evening Worship	95	93
Contribution	\$879.27	\$1135.76
Wednesday Bible Study	3/17	3/24
	101	92
Thursday "Keenagers"	3/18	3/25
	50	47
Bus Attendance		
Bus #3 Fred Oakley	31	25

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY WELCOME TO ALL THOSE VISITING WITH US TODAY.

WELCOME

We are happy to announce that Royce and Laura Harbin have expressed their desire to work and worship with the LaGrange congregation. Their address is: 211 W. Lafayette, LaGrange, In. 46761

THANKS

Dear Family,

In my treasured memories I shall always think of you. Your thoughtfulness in the passing of my Clayton is deeply appreciated.

Olive Langston

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the beautiful Bridal Shower and the lovely gifts. Thanks especially to Fran Mack and Merylyn for making all the arrangements. God bless you all.

Nancy & Warren

FLOOD RELIEF

In response to an urgent appeal from the Reed Rd. church in Ft. Wayne to help the flood victims it was decided to send \$100.00 from the church plus an additional \$20.00 from individuals for a total of \$120.00. Others have sent directly to the Reed Rd. church to this need.

They have located a rent-free building in the downtown area to use as a distribution center. They have written us to express their thanks for our help in this effort.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Hart
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Nancy Ruth

to

Warren M. Billman

on Saturday, the seventeenth of April
nineteen hundred and eighty-two
at two o'clock in the afternoon

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405 So. Townline Rd.

LaGrange, Indiana

ASSOCIATES BANQUET

The Camp Indogan Associates Banquet will be held again in Ft. Wayne on Friday April 23 at the Harley Hotel., Lima Rd. at I-69. Tickets will cost \$15.00 per person and can be purchased from any board member (Dean and Devon are both board members).

UPPER MIDWEST CAMPAIGN FOR JESUS CHRIST

"They are crazy!" Read on and you decide whether or not these people are crazy. BETTY KAMPERSCHROER lives in Hokah, Mn. and NELSON CHATFIELD lives in Willmar, Mn. These people drive 140 miles each week in below zero temp., after dark, through snow and over slippery roads to take part in a 2½ hour class. Why, you ask? So they can take the Fishers of Men Training Course to become more efficient in seeking and saving the lost. Are they crazy? What do you think? Would you do it for Jesus and your lost friends and neighbors? People of the world would say, "They are crazy!" What do you say?

Betty Kamperschroer is in the FOM Course at Nelson, Wisconsin and Nelson Chatfield is in the FOM Course at St. Cloud, Minnesota. There will be souls in heaven because of their love for Jesus. Chuck and I have the privilege each week of working with Christians who take their Christianity very seriously. It is a thrill to be associated with them each week. Their love and dedication is an example for me, how about you? Are they crazy? What do you think? Will YOU do the same for your SAVIOR and lost friends and neighbors?

FOM COURSE

There is still a few openings in the Fishers of Men Course scheduled to begin on Monday, April 12. See Fred Oakley for details and necessary application form.

MID-AMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

Five thousand people are expected to gather for one of the great church events of the year when the 4th Annual Mid-America Evangelism Workshop convenes this summer in Indianapolis on July 15-17.

This year's workshop is under the direction of the Lindberg Rd. church and have chosen for the theme "More Than Conquerors". Fifty speakers will deliver over 80 Bible messages covering more than a dozen topic areas. General subject matter will include such things as: soul winning, leadership, bussing, church growth, Sunday school, parenting, marriage enrichment, etc. A full array of classes is designed especially for youth. Babysitting services will be provided for children of all ages.

As in previous years the workshop will be held in the beautiful and spacious Indiana Convention Center. The Center is only one mile off I-70 with ample parking available just across the street. Hotel accommodations at reasonable prices are available with-in five minutes walking distance of the Center. Make your plans now to be present for one of the great events of 1982!

BENEVOLENCE

a recent emergency among one of our members pointed up the need for a benevolent fund. In the past, such cases were handled by a special appeal to the members. The benevolent committee felt that this method failed to provide sufficient reserve for emergency situations and also discouraged those who needed help from asking for it. The men decided to start a benevolent fund which would be funded by a special contributions in envelopes or deposited in a box.

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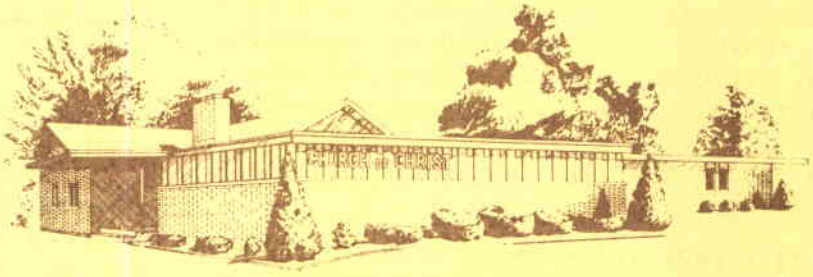
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HOW TO STAY YOUNG

Ponce de Leon, the Spanish explorer, set out in March of 1513 to search the "Fountain of Youth." He heard a rumor that the Indians of the island of Bimini had a fountain that could change an old man into a young man. Of course, he didn't find it.

But how do you "stay young?" Have you observed that some people do not grow old, senile and grumpy, but keep a "young heart" all their days? How?

1. *Keep Your Life Clean.* Nothing ages the body and soul like sin. Byron was an old man at thirty-seven. He wrote, "My days are in the yellow leaf; The flowers and fruits of love are gone; The worm, the canker, and the grief, Are mine alone." David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." This should be the prayer of anyone who wants to stay young.

2. *Live With Enthusiasm.* Despite opinion to the contrary, enthusiasm is a learned trait. You can be enthusiastic if you want to be. I like the words of William Lyon Phelps in his autobiography, "I live every day as if this were the first day I had ever seen and the last day I should ever know." Spiritual enthusiasm changes worry into optimism.

3. *Keep Looking Forward, Not Backward.* Someone said that old age looks backward, youth looks forward, and middle age looks worried. Maybe so. But if you want to stay young, keep looking ahead. Dream of what can happen to the church, of how you can be a servant of others, and the good things in life. Julie Ward Howe, the noted author, was asked if she minded growing old. "No," she said, "because the sugar is at the bottom of the cup."

Robert Browning wrote:

*Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life,
For which the first was made.*

Dick Marcear

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday	4/4	4/11
Bible Classes	90	109
Morning Worship	111	117
Evening Worship	?	94
Contribution	\$82334	\$1209.05
	3/31	4/7
Wednesday Bible Study	100	78
	4/1	4/8
Thursday "Keenagers"	46	48

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Bus #3 Fred Oakley ? 14

VISITORS

With several of our own families visiting out of town or at home sick with the flu, it was good to have several visiting with us last Lord's day. Visiting were: Jeff & Paula Herron, Livonia, Mi.; Jack Knox, Homestead, Fla.; Kathy Wright, Ft. Wayne; George Spauding, Sturgis and Carol Moore, LaGrange.

FOM COURSE

The Fisher's of Men course got off to a good start this Monday with a total of 17 in attendance. Those taking the course for the first time are Mark Craig Deb Duzan, Gil Hanson, Debbie Hart, Craig Hostetler, Dick Hostetler, Mary Ann Johnston, David Kimpel, Luella Oakley, and Vada Powell. Those taking it for the second time are Dale Dorris, Norm Herron, Dean Hoggatt, Devon Hostetler, Bill Oakley, Fred Oakley, and Joe Oakley.

The course lasts 10 weeks for 2½ hours each evening. The homework requires one hour of study each day. It is hoped that another harvest of souls will result from this training course at LaGrange.

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

The church in Huntington is holding a Revival Meeting on April 25-30. The speaker is the "wee" Irishman Eddie McGuigan from West Lafayette, Ohio. Several have expressed an interest in attending on Tuesday night. Let's get together a bus load and encourage our brethren along with Eddie in this endeavor.

The Donmoyer Ave. church in South Bend is having a Gospel Meeting on April 25-29. The speaker will be Peter Bumpass. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday with a 30 minute children's class prior to each service.

CAMP BANQUET

The Annual Associates Banquet for Camp Indogan is rapidly approaching. The date is Friday, April 23 at 7:00p.m. at the Harley House in Ft. Wayne. The speaker will be Roger Harkness of Adrian, Mi. Tickets are \$15.00 per person with the proceeds to be used by the camp.

CAMP WORKDAY

The first camp workday is scheduled for Saturday April 17. There is much to be done to get the camp ready for the coming summer. Come and bring your tools. Subsequent workdays will be every other Saturday.

MID-AMERICA SELECTS KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The 4th annual Mid-America Evangelism Workshop set for Indianapolis July 15-17 will feature nine keynote messages given by some of the finest evangelists in America. The three day series will open with Jerry Humphries from Florence, Alabama speaking on the theme message "More Than Conquerors" and Ed Powers from Williamstown, West Virginia discussing "Our God Is Able". Jerry Jones from Searcy, Arkansas will deliver the speech "Transformed Into His Like-

"The Lord Will Deliver" is the topic assigned to Marvin Phillips of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Rubel Shelly of Nashville, Tennessee will discuss "Can We Have Unity". Charles Hodge of Ft. Worth, Texas will speak on "Except Ye Die".

Saturday's sessions will feature G. P. Holt of Indianapolis presenting "He That Winneth Souls" and R.N. Hogan of Los Angeles, California talking on "The Gospel Is the Power". The final message of the workshop will be given Saturday evening by Jimmy Allen of Searcy, Arkansas when he preaches on "Let's Save America Now".

Seventy other Bible messages will be delivered by forty additional speakers on practical and inspirational subjects relating to personal development and church growth. The public is invited to attend. Mid-America Evangelism Workshop is an annual, cooperative event sponsored by individual Christians and local churches. It is held each summer in the luxurious Indiana Convention Center. Plan now to be one of the thousands to attend this great workshop.

IN APPRECIATION

The following poem was written by Sister Olive Langston in appreciation to God's family in LaGrange.

"Now ye are the body of Christ"
1 Cor. 12:27

The waters of the sea of life were roaring
about me.

The waves so high I could not see
My heart paled in fear and aloneness -
The darkness was closing over me.

Then I remembered God's promises in His
Holy Word

I cried out to Him.

My cry was heard

For the hands of my Christian brothers and
sisters reached out in compassion and love
To enfold me, and hold me to their hearts
With gentle softness of the dove.

God used your hands to give me courage
God used your lips to still my fears
And strengthen my faith.
God used you to show me His love will never
fail.

As the waters of my life's sea become more
quiet

My feet as yet in the wash of the storm.
I know my "house" is built on Solid Rock.
Surrounded by His Body - His Church.

I'll never forget your kindness or your
example of Christian love.

May His sweet Peace fill all your hearts,
Peace as a snow white dove.

"Worry is interest paid on trouble before
it is due"

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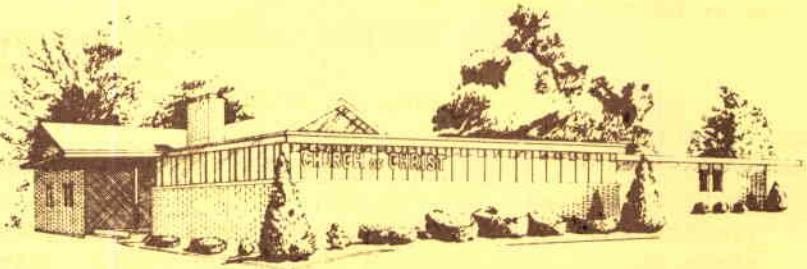
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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR IMPROVING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Have you ever heard someone say, "I just don't get much out of the worship service"? Sometimes this is more of a commentary on the person than on the service. Here are some suggestions that may help you improve the quality of your worship when you gather with the Saints on the Lord's Day.

1. **MAKE SUNDAY WORSHIP A PRIORITY.** It is the most important commitment of the week. It is nothing less than a "meeting with God."
2. **DON'T BRING GOD LEFT-OVERS.** God has always demanded the "first fruits". He cannot be satisfied with scraps. Get plenty of sleep on Saturday night and come to worship with an alert and refreshed mind.
3. **PREPARE YOUR MIND.** Discipline begins in the mind. So does discipleship. Train your mind to concentrate on things of the spirit.
4. **BE ON TIME.** Rushing in late makes it difficult for you to settle into meditation and disturbs other worshippers. Get up a little earlier if necessary.
5. **BRING YOUR BIBLES.** Coming to worship without your Bible is like going out to drive your car without the keys.
6. **OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND SING.** Singing is not an option. It is a command. Those who violate this command are just as guilty as if they neglected the assembly in the first place.
7. **SIT CLOSE TO THE FRONT.** Experience has shown that some marginal church members would rather switch congregations than change pews. Research indicates that the level of emotion and mental participation decreases as one moves closer to the back.
8. **BEFORE AND AFTER THE SERVICE - BE FRIENDLY.** Worship is enhanced when done as a family. Family members should know and love each other.
9. **LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE SERMON.** Taking notes may help. Follow along in your Bible. Take the message seriously. It will help you. It will encourage the speaker. It will show non-Christians that we are serious.

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FOR THE RECORD

	4/18	4/25	5/2	5/9
Bible Classes	121	120	128	127
Morning Worship	150	143	149	148
Evening Worship	?	?	?	111
Contribution	\$1076.90	\$932.26	\$1351.89	\$980.21
Wednesday	4/14	4/21	4/28	5/5
Bible Study	108	101	102	91
Thursday	4/15	4/22	4/29	5/6
"Keenagers" Program	72	56	53	47

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 10. MAKE YOUR WORSHIP GOD-CENTRED, NOT MAN CENTRED. Worship is primarily a giving situation. Those who say, "I don't GET much out of worship" are wrongly focused. It is the GIVING of ourselves that we GET. NO GIVING - NO GETTING

--Terry Bell

THE LORD ADDED...

Our hearts were made to rejoice Friday May 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon, when Pam Shatto was baptized into Christ. Following a Bible study with Norm, Pam expressed her desire to obey Christ in baptism. We are happy to welcome Pam into the family of God at LaGrange. We pray that she will live a faithful and fruitful life in service to the Lord. Please add Pam's name to your directory. Her address is: 403 N. Detroit, LaGrange.

THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for all the cards, visits, and flowers. And most of all your prayers during my stay in the hospital.
 Love you all,
 Pat Lee

WORK DAY

A special workday has been scheduled at the church building for Saturday, May 22 at 8:00 a.m. All who can are invited to come and lend their hands and talents to do a number of jobs in and around the building. Some jobs to be done are:
 Painting interior and exterior trim
 Cleaning lights and panels
 Replacing ceiling panels
 Painting baptistry
 Repairing walls
 Raking and mowing yard
 Workers are asked to bring necessary tools and especially any step ladders. Also, throw in something to eat, so we can share our lunch together.

FOR OUR TEACHERS

Due to a full schedule of activities for this summer, it was decided to discontinue the regular monthly teachers meeting until this fall. By then it is hoped that things will not be quite so busy.

In the meantime, we strongly urge all teachers and other interested members to attend the Teachers Workshop on Saturday June 5, at the Donmoyer church in South Bend. The faculty and staff of Michigan Christian College will be conducting it. A schedule of subjects is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. There is no registration fee or cost of any kind. Plans are to take the bus for all who want to go, so there will be no cost involved.

Education Committee

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the ladies for the wonderful Baby Shower and all the nice presents for Nicholas Gale.

Also a special thanks to Dianne Hostetler, Mary Ann Johnston and Janet DePriest for making all the arrangements.

Thanks again.

Marsha Mapes

MID-AMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

A major emphasis of the Mid-America Evangelism Workshop July 15-17 will focus on the general topic area of the home. Outstanding individuals as Mac Wayne Craig will speak on "Biblical Principles of Child Raising" and Pat Baker discussing "The Apple Does Not Fall Far from the Tree". Melba King, an experienced mother for three decades, will speak on "What We Have Learned While Raising Six Children".

Bob Rubinow will present two messages entitled "An Ex-Convict Talks to Parents" and "An Ex-Convict Talks to Teens". Dr. Lynn McMillon of Oklahoma City will return for the fourth time in four years to present "How to Make Strong Homes" and "Understanding Our God-Given Emotions". Additional messages on marriage enrichment will also be featured.

This is the 4th Annual Workshop sponsored in the Indiana Convention Center by local churches and individual Christians. Complete information is available by writing MAEW-82, 2625 Lindberg Road, Anderson, Indiana 46012 or telephoning (317) 649-0136. The public is invited to attend.

CAMP INDOGAN CALENDAR 1982

<u>WEEK-END ACTIVITIES</u>	
June 4-5	Adult Encampment
June 11,12,13	Young Adult, College Age Encampment

WORKDAYS at CAMP Come and bring your tools.
 May 15, May 29, May 31

<u>SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS</u>	
July 18-23	Junior Week (9-11)
July 25-30	Intermediate Week (12-14)
August 1-6	Junior Week (9-11)
August 8-13	Senior Week (15-18) *
August 15-20	Intermediate Week (12-14)

*Note change in order of last two weeks

FIFTH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

In planning the program of work for this year, it was decided to use a portion of the 5th Sunday contribution toward special efforts. Two such efforts are the Mid-America Workshop and the World Fair in Knoxville, Tenn. The Workshop is to train Christians for greater service and the Fair is to reach out to the teeming lost in the world. Both are deserving efforts of our support. On Sunday, May 30, all given over \$800.00 will go towards these two efforts. Lets make an extra sacrifice so our contribution can be \$1400.00 or more.

TEACHER WORKSHOP

The East Allen County church in New Haven is conducting a Teacher Workshop on Saturday May 15, from 9:00-3:00 PM. The schedule of speakers and topics is posted on the bulletin board.

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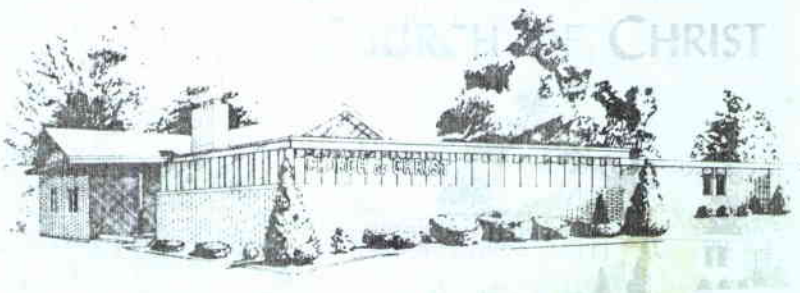
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CHRISTIAN PARENTS, WAKE UP!

Few periods of human history have been harder on young people. Drugs, alcohol, tobacco are tried, experimented with, used as status symbols. Sex is talked about openly and tried promiscuously. There is often a sophistication about sin and an attitude or disdain toward "straight things" or "holy Joes".

What do we as Christian parents do to help our kids meet and overcome these temptations so prevalent in their world?

Often very little is done. We come to Bible class now and then. We want our children to be baptized when they are 12 or 13 years old and seem to think that all is well now.

They need far more than we can give them in all of the scheduled Bible classes of the church. (I might add right here that if you do not have your student in all of these classes it will be a miracle if his faith lasts through college.)

We spend thousands on a child's education in how to make a living-- math, science, music, art, drama, premedicine, engineering, and on and on. We give them good clothes and usually let them have a car. They have time for sports in school and out. We even get them instructors for the sports they particularly like and excel in. Money is no object. They must be well-rounded and accepted by their peers. Popularity is a necessity. Nobody wants the child to be mal-adjusted.

Where is God in all of this? The Bible says that the most necessary ingredient in bringing up a child is instruction in God's Word. David wrote: "O God, from my youth thou hast taught me, and I still proclaim thy wondrous deeds." (Psalms 71:17)

David asked, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word." (Psa. 119:9) There is a dimension to our life that a school textbook does not touch. The Bible does, however. To be equipped for life we must have that knowledge and love it, too.

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

We must give them more!

-Harvey Porter

OR THE RECORD

5/16 Contribution \$ 898.17
5/23 Contribution 1064.12
5/30 Contribution 956.68

Accumulative deficit 21 weeks - \$1672.96

IT'S TIME TO SAY "THANKS"

A big thanks for all those who came in Saturday to help with the work at the building, much work was done because of the following who were able to come in and help: Mark Craig, Harold DePriest, Joe Oakley, Gil Hanson, Phil Hostetler, Perry and Steve Miller, Dean and Brian Hoggatt, Mary Campbell and Heidi Herron. May God bless you.

Perry

"Thanks" to Steve Smith for laying the new flooring in baptistry rooms. "Thanks" to Perry Miller for getting us a large frame for all our pictures and thanks to those who contributed towards it.

Thanks to all who helped with the decorating, cooking, serving, entertaining and clean-up for the Youth Banquet. You did a GREAT JOB!

Mary Ann

FLOOD RELIEF

The Reed Rd. church in Ft. Wayne has issued the following report regarding the flood relief program.

"Friday, May 14, was the last day for the flood center downtown. God has richly blessed the church here to be able to oversee such a program. We serviced over 350 people an/or families in the six weeks the center was open. Many hours were spent helping those in need. The church all over the nation rang out the message for the flood victims here in Ft. Wayne. Many sent donations from \$5.00 to \$2500.00. The total was \$29,865.00 in clothing. Clothing and food was also sent plus a large assortment of shoes. This indeed is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of God. James says, "However you are fulfilling the Royal law according to the scriptures you shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well" (Jas.2:8). The churches of Christ are truly reaching out because we care.

Melvin Frazier

GOSPEL SING

The Lindberg Rd. church in Anderson, In. will be hosting the 10th Annual Central Indiana Gospel Sing Saturday, June 12, 1982 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. The following groups will be performing: The Harmony Four - Belle, West Va.; The Gloryland Quartet - Ashland, O.; and The Lovelights - Kenova, West Va.

A free will offering will be taken to cover travel expenses for the groups.

YOUTH RETREAT

There will be a Youth Retreat at Camp Indogan on June 18 & 19. The theme is "Let no man look down on your youth." The cost is \$6.00 per person (if not staying overnight it will be \$1.00 per meal). It will begin at 6:30 Friday evening and end about 5:00p.m. Saturday. Ages 12 and up.

MID-AMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

Time is rapidly approaching for the start of the 4th Annual Mid-America Evangelism Workshop July 15-17. One of the features of this year's workshop is a number of classes on biblical leadership. Some of the speakers and subjects are: "Dynamic Church Leaders" by Herchel McKamey, Indianapolis; "Genuine Leadership" by Abe Miller, Byesville, Oh.; "Conquer With a Carrot Not a Stick" by John Reed, Anderson; "Leadership For The Eighties" by Owen Avery, Yorktown; and "Elders Of The Flock" by Charles Hodge, Ft. Worth, Tx.

Special programs for youth and women are planned. Child care services are available all day for children of all ages who come with their parents. Ample parking and excellent lodging accommodations are available at a modest price. Free housing with members is available upon request.

Make your plans now to attend one of the great activities of this year.

GUEST SPEAKER JUNE 6

This Sunday's speaker at the morning service will be Jesse Clayton, Director of Development at Michigan Christian College. Brother Clayton has served 23 years as a minister for congregations in Indiana and Illinois before assuming his present duties at the college. Brother Clayton will be speaking on the subject of "Christian Education".

ADULT ENCAMPMENT

The 7th Annual Camp Indogan Adult Encampment will be June 4-5. This years speaker will be Jesse Clayton of Michigan Christian College. The subjects are: Confidence in God, Confident Leaders, and Developing Confident Families. The cost will be \$12.00 for both sessions or \$6.00 for each session. Rates include lodging (dormitory style) and meals. Minimum age is 19 years.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

All college students, singles and young married couples are invited to a weekend of fun, fellowship, and devotion at Camp Indogan June 11-13. Speakers will be Jim McCutchen of North Manchester and Dick Hostetler of Ft. Wayne. Registration is \$8.00 to be paid in advance by June 6. Send registration and money to Melvin Frazier, 2727 Reed Road, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46815.

CONGRATULATION

We wish to express our congratulations to all our seniors who graduated this year. Graduating from Lakeland High School were: Art Burgoon (foster son of the Herrons), Melissa Herron, Jean Hoggatt, Linnea Murphy and Gary Pieratt. Also completing two years at Michigan Christian College was Bbbie Murphy. We are proud of each one of these who have completed another milestone in their lives. We pray that you will always walk with God as you travel life's pathway.

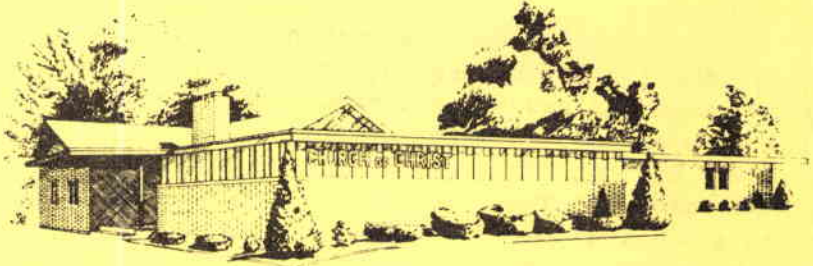
V.B.S.

The dates of June 21-25 have been set for this year's Vacation Bible School. Once again the classes will be in the evening. Mark these dates on your calendar so you won't forget.

After all is said and done, there is really more said than done.

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

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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WORRY

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

People worry about everything - health, conflicts, criticism, children, parents, financial problems, possible tragedies, retirement, death, etc. Anxiety destroys energy, both physical and spiritual. God does not want his people to waste their energies in worry. Jesus said, "Be not therefore anxious for the morrow, for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matthew 6:25-30.)

Worry does the following things: (1) Depresses - makes one feel bad. (2) Discourages. (3) Deprives one of happiness. (4) Hinders one's work. (5) Produces sickness - mental and physical. (6) Brings one down to a premature death. (7) Causes one to disobey God. (Mt. 6)

How can I overcome worry? (1) Categorize worries into two groups: (a) Things beyond your ability to change. (b) Things you can change. (2) Begin immediately to change the things within your reach. (3) Be more thankful for your blessings. (4) Realize it is a sin to worry.

Man will always have some troubles in life. (Job 14:1,2.) If a person will become a true Christian, then his faith will help him endure problems he can't change and will assure him it will be "far better" (Philippians 1:23) is the life beyond. Man becomes a Christian today the same way he did the first day the church began, by believing, repenting, and being baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:36-38.)

Worry is for your protection, to get you to change things you can. However, persistent worry leads to sin.

--K. W. Franklin
Brandon, Florida

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, June 6, 1982

Bible Classes	129
Morning Worship	147
Contribution	\$1300.39
Wednesday Bible Study	94

Sunday, June 13, 1982

Bible Classes	103
Morning Worship	109
Contribution	\$832.31
Wednesday Bible Study	86

VISITORS

We were happy to have the following visitors with us for worship service. Betty Radostits, Lometta McKibben, Ruth Engle, Frances Penix, Harley Doty, and Jackie Hicks, LaGrange.

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you for the concordance. It will benefit me at Harding. Thanks for standing by me through the years when I needed it.

In Christian love, Gary

FISHERS OF MEN CLASS

Monday June 14 was the final meeting of the Fishers of Men Class. The course consisted of 10 weeks of teaching and practical training in the area of personal evangelism. All those who took the course feel that their own faith has been strengthened and are now better trained to share Christ with others. Those who completed the course are: Debbie Hart, Mark Craig, Gil Hanson, Norm Herron, Vada Powell, Dean Hoggatt, Bill Oakley, Joe Oakley, Luella Oakley, Fred Oakley, David Kimpel, Devon Hostetler, Mary Ann Johnston. A graduation dinner has been scheduled for Friday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. The dinner will be "Dutch treat". If you would like to share with those graduating in this joyous occasion see Norm or Dean.

We especially want to thank Darrell O'Rourke and the Naperville church in Illinois for making this course possible.

The following article expresses many of the problems we have in trying to do personal work.

REFLECTIONS. . .

Too often in our lives we're guilty of two things that hinder our effectiveness in evangelism. We don't see people as Jesus sees them and we don't see beneath the exterior front with which people mask themselves.

Often we are blind. We act as if those around us are not really people like us. If we see them bleed we pretend they aren't really hurting. If we see them alone, we tell ourselves that they like it that way. Jesus wants us to see other's needs, their loneliness, their longings, and he wants to give us courage to reach out to them. To do that means that we will have to take the risk of rejection. To let people into our lives is a frightening but essential ingredient in evangelism. It is risky to abandon our comfortable schedules in order to penetrate the lives of others. I'm glad Jesus took that risk for me.

It is also easy for us to assume a person will never be open to the message of Christianity. The Samaritan woman in John 4 had had five husbands and was living with a sixth man. The disciples took one look at her and said, "That woman? Follow Jesus? No way, just look at her lifestyle!" But Jesus thought differently. He saw needs in her life and gave her the right answers to satisfy those needs.

As we go out this week let's seek to see people as Jesus sees them. It might cause us to look in a different direction. When we issue the invitation of Jesus, people will respond.

-Bill Lawrence

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Shults-Lewis child and family service in Valparaiso have come up with an easy way for helping support the home. It is called "Change for Children Campaign". It consists in dropping change or dollar bills into little brightly decorated tin cans. These cans are for three months then they are to be brought or sent to the Open House on September 11, 1982. A simple plan would be to put in a dime every day or a \$1.00 bill every week. Of course the cans will hold a great deal more and I'm sure you'll want to utilize this fact. There are still a number of cans available. Each can is numbered and a record is being kept by Bob Sowles. This is an excellent opportunity for each one to practice "pure religion" (Jas. 1:27)

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FILMS

The Reed Road church in Ft. Wayne will be showing the very popular and informative Marriage Enrichment Film Series by Brecheen and Faulkner. The films begin Sunday June 20 at 7:00p.m. and will continue for the next eight weeks.

NEW DEACONS

During the next couple of months the church will be selecting and appointing new deacons. This need has been felt for some time by the elders and the other deacons.

This is a very important process and will call for the help of every member. Deacons, or servants of the church, are a vital part to the work of the Lord's church. We ask that you familiarize yourself with the qualifications in 1 Tim. 3:8-13 and seriously consider those you feel qualified to serve.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme for this years VBS which starts Monday June 21 is "The Bible: God's Guide for My Life". It shows that every day can be joyful if we do what God says and follow His son, Jesus Christ. So this summer let's share true joy from God's word with children and parents, friends and neighbors at VBS. There will be classes for all ages from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. with refreshments.

YOUTH RALLY

The 2nd Annual Youth Rally at LaPorte, In. is on June 25-26. Registration fee is \$3.00. Overnight housing will be provided.