January  April  July  October
February  May  August  November
March  June  September  December
DO WE HAVE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM TODAY?

I have a letter on my desk from a man who lives in Gadsden, Alabama. His letter begins by saying,

"This letter is written to every creature under heaven that is called by the name of the Lord, that tries to prove by the scriptures that the Holy Ghost is not for the people today."

He then sets out to prove that one does have the Holy Ghost baptism, but without power! Hear him.

"I don't know anybody on earth today that has the power to perform miracles like the early Christians. But we do have the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

This man says he doesn't know anybody on earth today that has the power to perform miracles! Yet, this man attends the services of the Church of God!! The Church of God claims to have the same power that the Bible speaks of. Yet, this man who attends the services of the Church of God in Gadsden says he doesn't know anybody on earth who has the power!

If there is no power to perform miracles, there is no power to speak in the so-called unknown tongues! If no tongues are spoken, what evidence do you have that there has been an immersion in the Holy Ghost? If you claim the tongues, then you must of necessity have the power that was characteristic of that
period. If you have the power, demonstrate it, 1 Cor. 2:4!

The reason this gentleman wrote this letter is because he attended some of the debate between this writer and Mr. E. J. Reynolds of the Church of God. He knows I asked for a demonstration of power from Mr. Reynolds over and over but received nothing but Mr. Reynolds' words only. Real Holy Ghost empowered men (this included those immersed in the Spirit) did not come in word only, but in POWER and the Holy Ghost, 1 Th. 1:5! Neither the letter writer, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Tom Sharp, or any other Pentecostal has real POWER described in the New Testament. That's why they will not allow themselves to be put to the test. That's why there will never be a Mt. Carmel test in our day!

Our letter writer ends his letter with these words. "I'll ask you the same question that the Apostle Paul asked the disciples at Ephesus: 'Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?'"

I'll ask that same question of the letter writer. Have you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost? If so, where is your power?

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MARCHING FOR THE MASTER

Fellowship: 68; 82  Lord's Supper: 1  
Absentee Report: 1;  
Outside Contacts: 107; 55  Cards: 181; 101  
Visitor Contacts: 7; 2  Food Prepared: 10  
Benevolence: 28; 26  6  
Sick Visits: 47; 23  Transp.: 23; 23  
Spec. Act.: 30;12
ACCELERATED BIBLE CLASS

A Bible class will be taught on Wednesday nights by Bill Cline that will equal college type work. If you want to participate in such a class be in Bill's class! Wednesday nights at 7 P.M.

NEW ADDRESS: Joann Butler, now Mrs. Phillip Kast, lives at Rt. 8, Box 674-F, Apt. 3. Phone No.: 455-8123.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: The Paul Brantley's hosted a party at their home for the young people. We appreciate the interest shown in our young people by members.

OUR RECORD FOR JESUS: Bible classes: 168; Worship: 195; Evening: 212; Wednesday: 131; Contribution: $1,778.00

RESPONSE FOR PRAYER: Daniel Denham and Donna Mullins.
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WHERE DOES THE DEBATE WITH THE PENTECOSTALS STAND?

On Sunday, September 7, 1975, three students from the Bellview Preacher's Training School visited the Pace Blvd. United Pentecostal Church where D. L. and Paul Welch co-pastor. Before they left the building, members had suggested a debate. The young men asked me if I was interested. I immediately wrote propositions which they hand delivered to Mr. D. L. Welch on September 8th. The propositions stated:

The scriptures teach that the signs of Mark 16:17-20 continue to follow believers today, and as a believer, I, D. L. Welch, will affirm and confirm this.

The scriptures teach that the United Pentecostal Church and its representative, Mr. D. L. Welch, are teaching false doctrine concerning miracles, signs, and wonders continuing today.

Mr. D. L. Welch refused to sign either, stating to the young men that he was too busy to engage in a debate. He turned the matter over to his son, Paul. Mr. Paul Welch tried to reach me by phone but I was out. Later I returned his call and he said he would debate me. I sent him the same propositions above, with his name where his father's had been.

On September 26, 1975 I received a letter from Mr. Paul Welch stating he had received my propositions and after two weeks, which time he would be out of town, he would send me propositions when he returned. However,
let it be noted that neither father nor son would sign my propositions!

Later, in November, brother Jerry Linde-smith called me and told me he was told by a member of Mr. Welch's church that the debate was still on and that an outsider was going to be brought in to meet me in public debate! When I finished talking to Jerry, I called Paul Welch and he confirmed this "fact" to me. But, a debate cannot take place until propositions have been signed and other matters agreed upon. The Welches will not sign my propositions nor will they send any for my consideration! Besides, this whole thing began as a matter between local preachers! I informed Mr. Paul Welch that we would get Guy N. Woods if they wanted to get their outside man, Marvin Hicks. Yet, I still haven't heard one word from Paul Welch since November! Not only that, but I found out that Mr. D. L. Welch told brother Jerry Moffitt in Dallas, Texas that he was going to meet me in debate! He told Jerry this "fact" back in the first part of November! Yet, he had already told us that his son was going to meet me in debate, not him, for he was too busy! How can Mr. D. L. Welch meet me in debate if he tells us he is too busy, but he tells a preacher in Texas that he is going to pluck a Hawk? He will not sign my propositions, but turns the matter over to his son before he made the comments in Texas! I can't debate his son, Paul, because Paul will not sign my propositions either, nor send any for my consideration. Then, Paul, without informing me tells Pentecostal people that Hicks or someone else will meet me. Yet, I am not informed, nor do I have propositions signed or sent for my consideration! In fact, I am still waiting for propositions from Paul. (More later).
OUR SYMPATHIES: To sister Crowson whose brother, Mr. Donald Tompkins, lost his wife. To brother Donald Little whose brother passed away.

OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 178; Worship: 210; Evening: 201; Wednesday: 180; Contribution: $1,892.


MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: Fellowship: 214; Absentee: 3; Outside Contacts: 74; Visitor Contact: 1; Benevolence: 20; Sick Visits: 23; Food Prepared: 7; Cards Sent: 145; Transportation: 15; Special Activities: 12; Bible Studies: 1; Other Visits: 17; D.B.R.: 328; Members Reporting: 66.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: Joe & Kay Findley, 6880 W. Fairfield; Apt. 114. Zone 5.

DELETE FROM DIRECTORY: Gene & Viola Melton. Placed membership at Eastgate.

OUR SICK SUNDAY: Inez Simmons, Mary Cline, Neva White (Baptist Hospital), and Lillian Henderson.

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FELLOWSHIP RESTORED

As of January 4, 1976, the Innerarity Point church of Christ and the Bellview church of Christ have re-established fellowship with one another. We are happy to see this and appreciate the work done by all parties involved to resolve the differences between the two churches. 1976 offers some great challenges to us in the Pensacola area. We can now meet those challenges more adequately with a united effort in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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NEW PREACHER IN AREA

We welcome brother John White and family to the area. Brother White is working with the Innerarity Point church of Christ. We look forward to working with him and appreciate his love for the Lord.

YOUTH MEETING AT JAY, FLORIDA ON THE 17TH

Let's make plans to attend the youth meeting at Jay, Florida on the 17th. We will need several adults and their cars to help carry the young people to Jay. I believe the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. So, we will need to leave here around 6 P.M.

ARE HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?

In Gal.2:13 we read about Peter and others being involved in dissernulation. The Greek word here is μπόκροσις (urokrisis). It means hypocrisy. Peter, Barnabas, and other saints were involved in hypocrisy!
In Rom.12:9 Paul says, "Let love be without hypocrisy." Apparently some were guilty of hypocritical love.

Hypocrisy is sinful. In fact, Paul withstood Peter to his face over Peter's condition, Gal.2:11. Peter repented. How many people today will use Peter's hypocrisy to keep them out of the church of Christ? None! Why do people find someone in the church of Christ who is a hypocrite and use him as their "reason" for staying out of the church of Christ? They do so for an excuse! They give one reason for staying out but really stay out for some other. Isn't that hypocrisy?

If a hypocrite threw you a line to save you from falling to your death, would you refuse it because he was a hypocrite? NO! Why refuse to enter the body/church of Christ then? To be IN Christ is to be in his body or church, Eph.1:22,23. To be IN Christ is to be saved, 2 Tim.2:10. To be IN Christ is to be a new creature, 2 Cor.5:17. Why refuse to be immersed into Christ (his body) just because there are some who act as Peter did? I think I would rather rub shoulders with a hypocrite in church, than to rub shoulders with him in hell!

Hypocrites in the church? Yes, there have been, and I suppose there will be, but my salvation does not rest upon the hypocrite, but rather upon Jesus. Therefore, I am in his church that I might be saved by him!

Investigate the church of Christ today.
OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 208; Worship: 226
Evening: 213; Wednesday: 177; Ladies' Class: 35; Contribution: $1,574. Newspaper evangelism: $61.00.

RESPONSES: Sister Mary Boatwright & Dorothy Lambert came confessing wrongs and asking for prayer.

PHONE NUMBER: Joe & Kay Findley: 456-0209.

OUR SYMPATHIES: To sister Mildred Faison whose brother, Donnell Barton, died from injuries suffered in a car accident.

OUR SICK SUNDAY: Sisters Muriel Elliott, Alberta Cozad, Neva White, and brethren Clint Leslie, W. F. Duncan, and Clinton Turbeville.

ZONE REPORT: Fellowship: 111; Absentee Report: 10; Outside Contacts: 162; Visitors: 1; Benevolence: 17; Sick Visits: 41; Lord's Supper: 9; Food prepared: 3; Sent Cards: 177; Transportation: 31; Special Activities: 45; Bible Studies: 6; Other Visits: 11; D.B.R.: 367; Members Reporting: 70

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KATHRYN KUHLMAN HAS HEART SURGERY HERE

The above title appeared in the TULSA WORLD newspaper, December 29, 1975. A friend and gospel preacher, Vance Smith, sent it to me. Who is Kathryn Kuhlman? She describes herself as "an instrument of God and of the Holy Spirit."

If Kathryn Kuhlman can heal others, why not herself? Is it due to a lack of faith? Some may rally to her defense and say that she had this ailment as Paul had his "thorn in the flesh." Yes, but (1) God did not remove Paul's thorn. Why didn't Paul have a doctor to remove it as Miss Kuhlman did? (2) Paul said God told him it would not be removed. If this is the case with Miss Kuhlman, why did she allow the surgeon to remove it? (3) If God told Miss Kuhlman that He would not heal it, surely she can prove God speaks to her as He spoke to Paul by confirming her word as did Paul, 2 Cor.12:12! Will she do it?

The newspaper article states that a close friend of Miss Kuhlman stood by for 2½ hours while she was in surgery. Who is that close friend? None other than Oral Roberts! Who is Oral Roberts? He is the king of the "faith healers." Why didn't Mr. Roberts heal Miss Kuhlman? It would have saved her much time, expense, and pain. Besides, open heart surgery is dangerous!

Perhaps some will come to Mr. Roberts' defense and say that Paul failed to heal his friends, Epaphroditus, Phil.2:25-27, and Trophimus, 2 Tim.4:20? But, where is the
verse that says Paul tried to miraculously heal them and failed? It cannot be found. Why didn't he heal them? Because the signs, miracles, and wonders were given to confirm the word preached or taught, Mark 16:17-20; Heb.2:3,4.

What a wonderful opportunity Miss Kuhlman and Mr. Roberts had! He could have walked into the operating room after they had opened her chest up, performed a miracle, and she could have walked away, completely healed without the further use of surgeons, recuperation, or medication! Here are two people who ask thousands to throw away their crutches, medicine, and "by faith" accept their healing, BUT WHO THEMSELVES GO TO HOSPITALS AND UNDERGO OPERATIONS WHEN THEY GET SICK.

I believe in divine healing today, but not miraculous divine healing. In divine healing one uses the doctors, medicine, and the healing properties built into the body. Over a period of time, he is healed. This is God's system of divine healing - but it is not miraculous! Miraculous divine healing is when one is healed without medicine, hospitals, doctors, bedrest, and it happens immediately. Dead are raised, limbs suddenly appear, deformed arms are made straight, blind eyes see, and mongoloids become normal! This is miraculous divine healing. With miraculous healing, complete healing takes place. No scars, no stiffness, and no failures! The reason Miss Kuhlman was not miraculously healed is because neither she nor Mr. Roberts have received any such power from God.

If you are sick, go to a doctor like Miss Kuhlman did, don't go to a "faith healer." You might die!

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NEW ADDRESS: Ada Belle Coe, 7502 West Jackson, 32506, Zone 5. Telephone: Same.

REMOVE FROM DIRECTORY: Mary & Susan Matthey placed membership at Leonard St. The Leslies have placed membership at Eastgate.

LADIES' CLASS: Last Tuesday week we had 38 in class. Afterwards we enjoyed dinner together. The Preacher students were also invited.


YOUTH NEWS: 34 from Bellview went to the Jay youth meeting Saturday. DON'T FORGET, THE MOBILE GROUP WILL BE HEREl SUNDAY! Let's make them welcome. Be here at 2 P.M. at the building.


OUR SICK: Bill Harris, Rm.349; W. F. Duncan, Rm.424: Catholic Hospital. At home: Sisters Linnie Roberts & Eddie Hardin.

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Almost all people have heard about the Masonic Lodge, although few know too much about it. It is usually classified as a "secret order." However, the Library of Congress and other sources have their books and materials that make it possible to discover their dogmas.

If Masonry is but another social organization, any person could be a member of it. If it is a religious organization, Christians should not join it. There is but one religious body that will take a person to heaven. That is the body of Christ! Jesus said he was THE way, THE truth, and THE life, John 14:6. It is only by means of Jesus, through his body or church, that one can get to the Father. The church is compared to a bride in Rev.21:2,9,10; Eph.5:25-32. If we are in Christ we are married to him, Rom.7:4. To be in the body of Christ is to be in his church, Eph.1:22,23; Col.1:18,24. To join ourselves to another religious body is to commit spiritual fornication! If we are married to Christ we cannot be joined to another religious group. Is Masonry another religious group? Is it a religious institution?
In the TENNESSEE CRAFTSMAN, p.1,4,7 we find prayers offered by Masons in their meetings. Not one of these prayers are offered to Jehovah through the name of Jesus Christ! Cf. Col.3:17.

In MACKY'S LEXICON, ART. PRAYER, STANDARD FREEMASONRY ILLUSTRATED, p.35, we read,

"All the ceremonies of our order are prefaced and terminated with prayer BECAUSE Masonry IS A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION."

"I contend, without any sort of hesitation, that Masonry is... an EMINENTLY RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION." ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY, p.727.

"Masonry, then, is indeed, A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION; and on this ground mainly, if not alone, should the RELIGIOUS MASON defend it." IBID., p. 729

"Every Masonic Lodge is a TEMPLE OF RELIGION, and its teachings are INSTRUCTION IN RELIGION." MORALS AND DOGMA, p.213.

MASONRY OPPOSED TO PURE NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY

Can you imagine a Christian belonging to an organization which declares the Bible is false? In MORALS AND DOGMA, p.224, it boldly declares, "The doctrines of the Bible are OFTEN not clothed in the language of STRICT TRUTH." What doctrines of the Bible are not strict truth? If the Masonic doctrine/teaching is true, the Bible is not strict truth. However, if the Bible is true, Masonry is a false religion! I'll take my stand with the Bible!

The KENTUCKY MONITOR, p.105 states that Masons believe in and teach EVOLUTION! If evolution is true, the Bible is a fable. If the Bible is true, Masonic claims are false! I'll take my stand with the Bible!
In the KENTUCKY MONITOR, p.26,27, Jesus is said to be the Saviour of the Christian, Krishna the redeemer of the Hindus, Kioun-tse the mediator of the Chinese, and HIRAM ABIFF the redeemer of Masonry! I'Il take Jesus Christ, Acts 4:10-12.

Eph.3:10 tells us that God's wisdom is made known through the church. However, Masonry teaches truth is deposited in the Lodge! MORALS AND DOGMA, p.210. If The Lodge is the depository of truth, the church isn't and Jesus shed his blood (Acts 20:28) for nothing. If the church is the institution through which God revealed His word, the Lodge is not the depository of truth.

On p.719 of MORALS AND DOGMA, it states that Jesus may or may not be divine; may be divine or just a Jewish essene (one of the religious groups in Palestine). Masonic writings place Jesus just a little higher than Plato, Socrates, and others!

CONCLUSION

The Masonic Lodge claims to be a religious institution, teaches religious instruction, calls the Lodge a temple, denies Jesus is divine, espouses evolution, denies the Bible is all truth, calls officers: deacons and Worshipful Master, and has its own redeemer, called Hiram Abiff. A Christian cannot be a member of the Lodge due to these and other reasons.

YOUTH NEWS: The following 4 young people have been selected by their group to meet with a committee of adults and plan activities of work for the young people. They are: Steve Orr, Cathy Cline, Dale Carter, and Susan McDonald.
SICK SUNDAY: Sisters Eddie Hardin, Mary Boatwright, Essie Way, Linnie Roberts; brethren Bill Harris, Clinton Turberville, W.F. Duncan, Paul Brantley and family. The Busch children were also out sick.

OUR LOVE FOR JESUS: Bible classes: 225; Worship: 251; Evening: 155; Wednesday: 175; Ladies' class: 29; Contribution: $1,283. Newspaper Ad: $42.00

MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: Report for two weeks: 137; 135; Absentee Report: 3; 1; Outside Contacts: 122; 106 Visitor Contacts: 10; 4; Benevolence: 23; 4; Sick Visits: 57; 33; Food Prepared: 6; 10; Cards Sent: 127; 162; Transportation: 73; 23; Special Activities: 73; 75; Bible Studies: 12; 9; Other Visits: 10; 13; D.B.R. 418; 443; Members Reporting: 78; 84.

Sermons Sunday: Fear: How To Conquer It: A.M. Brother Dale McCaleb will preach Sunday night.

BELLVIEW HAPPENINGS: We enjoyed our fellowship with the 35 young people from Mobile Sunday at noon and at 2 P.M. For the past 2 weeks we've had teaching ads in the local paper. Another one appears this Saturday! It is a joy to work with a congregation that believes in teaching the word of God!
IS SMOKING HARMFUL TO THE BODY?
Ray Hawk

How could such a small weed double hook so many people? What do I mean by double hook? (1) People who smoke have a habit that they think they can break with the snap of their finger. (2) They refuse to recognize it is harmful to their health. They're double hooked!

A fellow said he smoked. I said, "No you don't smoke, the cigarette does; you're just the sucker on the end." Someone said a cigarette is a weed with fire on one end and a fool on the other!

Is smoking harmful to the body? The Surgeon General thinks so. Why else would you have the statement found on every pack, "Smoking may be hazardous to your health"? The U. S. Surgeon General also makes this announcement,

"Smoking causes wrinkles and women who smoke are likely to be more wrinkled than non-smokers 20 years their senior!"

The Surgeon General should have tobacco companies to put the following warning on each pack: "A cough and crow's feet guaranteed with every pack." Or how about this line, "A smooth smoke that brings a rough wrinkle"?
Somehow, I can't feature the sales pitch of a tobacco company that goes, "Smoke the new longer, king-size filter brand - it filters out everything, including beauty. It gives the cigarette smoker that new 'prune-like' look."

With some women, this may do more to discourage smoking than the cancer scare. No woman relishes the idea of "offering up burnt sacrifices in memory of her departing youth."

Although more and more articles continue to hit the papers, magazines, and etc., people continue to shrug it off and keep on puffing! The link between cancer and smoking has caused 100,000 doctors to quit. So many deaths are now being linked to cancer, that the new flip top box for smokers has become a coffin!

Isn't it strange that when poison was used on cranberries several years ago, and a link was found between the poison and cancer, that the cranberry market dropped to 0, but the same warnings about poisons in cigarettes will not stop smokers from tobacco?

A recent READER'S DIGEST article confirmed that smoking mothers harm the babies they are carrying. And yet, people still insist that smoking doesn't harm them. Oh well, it's your funeral!

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MARRIAGES CAN BE HAPPY!

By Ray Hawk

Marriages can and should be made in heaven, but the maintenance work is done here upon earth! Too many couples forget that there are two bears in every marriage: bare and forebare. Marriage is not a 50-50 proposition, but actually each giving the other 100%.

Marriage, in order to be happy, must be established
upon a firm foundation. That foundation must be Jesus Christ, Heb.12:1,2. In fact, "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," 1 Cor.3:11.

Too many couples fail to see past their honeymoon. Some lose their head while winning another's heart. They exchange their eternal home for an earthly one by marrying someone who will destroy their faith. Someone has said, "Puppy love may lead to a dog's life." Real love will enrich one's life as the couple grow older together.

Many learn too late that every marriage needs to be united, not just between a man and woman, but between the two and God. The two should be of THE ONE FAITH in Christ Jesus. A divided home in religion will lead in the direction of the divorce court more than it will lead toward happiness. Jesus prayed that all who believe in him should be ONE, John 17:20,21. Two little boys were playing. One lived in a home that was divided religiously. One Sunday he went with his Father to one faith. The next Sunday he accompanied his Mother to another faith. This little boy looked at his friend and said, "You know, if God is so smart, why doesn't he make just ONE CHURCH for us all to go to?" JESUS DID! It is found in the New Testament, Matt.16:18; Rom.16:16.

All marriages are built upon two sacred principles: spiritual union and physical union. Some marry only for the physical. When her curves become flab and his chest sinks around his middle, there is nothing to hold that marriage together! A man who marries a woman to "show her off" will no longer want her when she is not attractive. A woman who marries a man for his looks, car, or other physical attractions will no longer care for him if and when those physical things cease. Too many folks who marry may have adult bodies, but those bodies are occupied by children. One thing is for sure, marriage was never intended for children!
Sometimes marriages are not happy because one or both cheat on the other. I didn't say they committed adultery or fornication. One can cheat without being immoral! One version states, "The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband... Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control." 1 Cor.7:3-5.

If two people do not learn to give emotionally, spiritually, and physically, they will find their marriage in trouble. A selfish attitude in marriage is a dangerous one! When one ridicules the mate before others, that marriage cannot be happy. There must be mutual respect one for the other. Self must often be put aside before selfishness weaves a vicious circle that is often broken only by divorce.

Selfishness and pride are two culprits that have ruined many a marriage and kept it from being happy. It has destroyed the effectiveness of prayer, the word of God, and the church because one or both refused to say, "I was wrong. I'm sorry, honey." Solomon said, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Prov.15:1. Love does not use fist or dishes to settle problems, nor does it use a bottle of beer or going home to Mother. Marriages will be happy if we build our's upon God's word!
FOURTEEN ATTEND FREED-HARDEMAN LECTURES

Fourteen people attended the Freed-Harde­man lectures from Bellview. This is the largest number of folks attending a lecture­ship of any church I have ever worked with! Everyone enjoyed the lectures and gained a great deal by attending. My wife and I enjoyed it and saw many old friends from bygone years. I want to thank the congrega­tion for allowing us the time off to go. I also want to thank those families that kept our children. I want to thank the other families who kept children of others who went.

VALENTINE PARTY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The young people will meet at the cafe­teria, "Our House," on Fairfield Saturday night at 7 P.M. We will go through the line and meet in the room provided. There will be a devotional afterwards and a skit by some of the youth. Afterwards, we will re­turn to our building for some singing.

OUR THANKS

We wish to thank brother Dale McCaleb for preaching Sunday night a week ago so that I
might get on the road toward Henderson Sunday afternoon. I understand we had a good crowd present. On Tuesday following, Dale entered the hospital. I knew he put himself into his sermon, but I didn't know a sermon would put a fellow in the hospital! Just kidding of course. Dale was scheduled to enter the hospital. We appreciate him filling in for us. Dale is now at home recuperating from his operation. Get well soon!

THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL OR AT HOME SICK SUNDAY

John Gulsby, Baptist, Rm.137. Dick Lambert, Baptist, Rm.123. Mrs. Crabb, West Fla., Rm. 527. Mr. Warren Lewis, Baptist, Rm.491. Mrs. Rita Williamson, Ward D, Rm.11, NAS.

DEBATE WITH THE PENTECOSTALS

Back in September, D. L. and Paul Welch told three of our preacher students that one of them would meet the Bellview preacher in a public debate. I immediately sent propositions to Mr. D. L. Welch. When he turned the matter over to his son, Paul, I sent him the same propositions. Paul informed me by letter that he had received my propositions. He PROMISED to send me some. That was back in November, 1975! So far, I haven't heard a word from either of these men, although I sent a letter to them two weeks ago asking for confirmation of a debate and propositions. No word has come from them.

I don't believe either one of the Welchses want a debate. I know they will not sign my propositions! They could and would if they really had Holy Ghost baptism! But, since they don't have it, they can't afford to sign something that will expose their false
doctrine publicly! What were those propositions which the Welches REFUSED to sign?

"The scriptures teach that the signs of Mark 16:17-20 continue to follow believers today, and as a believer, I, D. L. or Paul Welch, will AFFIRM and CONFIRM this."

Affirm: D. L. or Paul Welch  
Deny: Ray Hawk

"The scriptures teach that the United Pentecostal Church and its representative, Mr. D. L. Welch or Paul, are teaching false doctrine concerning miracles, signs, and wonders continuing today."

Affirm: Ray Hawk  
Deny: D. L. or Paul Welch

The Welches stated that they might call in an outsider, Marvin Hicks, to debate for them. I offered as his opponent, Guy N. Woods. I have heard NOTHING from them at all. Why? Were the challenges they gave to our preacher students just a PIPE DREAM? We shall see!

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OUR RECORD LAST WEEK AND THIS PAST SUNDAY

2/1/76: Bible classes: 197; Worship: 234; Evening: 230; Wednesday: 167; Ladies' class: 25; Contribution: $1,799. Ad: $34.00

2/8/76: Bible classes: 186; Worship: 236; Evening: 186; Wednesday: 157; Contribution: $1,526. Newspaper Ad: $36.00

OUR BUDGET IS $1,917 each week. We have not met this budget this month. Let's work on
it, brethren. We need to keep it up so we can operate all the good works we are involved in!

NURSERY: Feb.11: Dot Brantley & Jean Johnson
Feb.15: Sandra Hitchcock & Jackie Thornhill.

MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: (Two weeks) Fellowship: 79; 71; Absentee: 0; 1; Outside Contacts: 85; 96; Visitor Contacts: 1; 3; Benevolence: 19; 13; Sick Visits: 27; 35; Lord's Supper: 1; 1; Food Prepared: 12; 16; Cards Sent: 91; 127; Transportation: 43; 27; Special Activities: 47; 91; Bible Studies: 6; 7; Other Visits: 1; 7; D.B.R.: 261; 415; Members Reporting: 52; 79.

ATTENTION LADIES: If you are no longer attending Ladies' class, please turn in your book to the office unless you paid $2.50 for the book. Thanks.

GOSPEL MEETING AT NORTH PALAFOX CHURCH
With V.P. Black on February 13, 14, and 15.

SERMONS SUNDAY: A.M. Doubt P.M. Bill Cline

RESTORED: Sharon Lansdown was restored 1/25.
GOSPEL MEETING, MARCH 1-7 WITH BILL HATCHER

Our Gospel Meeting with William Hatcher will begin on Mary 1, Monday night, at 7 P.M. That isn’t too far away. Let’s try to get as many people as we can to come. Bill is a fine preacher with an excellent message for a dying world.

WORK PARTY SATURDAY

Attention! Young, Middle-age, and Older! We need your help this Saturday at 2 P.M. We will do door to door work for about an hour and a half, the weather permitting. Meet us at the church building before 2 P.M. so we can go out at 2 P.M. to work the subdivisions around the church building.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S VALENTINE PARTY A SUCCESS!

About 45 young people and adults met at the cafeteria, “Our House,” and enjoyed the fellowship together. We ate, had skits by some of the young people, and then returned to the building for a series of songs, prayers, and Ken Furlong’s lesson. Everyone did an excellent job. We enjoyed it all! We are planning a Youth meeting for March
20th. We hope area churches of Christ will mark their calendars for this event and be with us. We will have more to say about this later.

BELLSVIEW PREACHERS PUBLISHING TRACTS

The faculty of the Bellview Preacher’s Training School and the Bellview preacher are publishing tracts for the use of the local work. Already, brother Hawk has published the following tracts. “Are We Preaching Damnable Doctrines,” “Miracle or Natural?”, and “Is The Church The Body of Christ?” Bill Cline will soon have one entitled, “The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation by Faith.” Winston Temple is presently working on a tract to answer the error of Dispensationalism. This error is prevalent in the Pensacola area.

Other tracts are planned. Ray Hawk has several other tracts ready for publication. These will be, “Man and His Spirit,” “Divorce and Remarriage,” “The Misunderstood Spirit,” “I Had the Holy Spirit Separate and Apart From the Word,” “A Woman’s Place in the Church,” and “What About Acts 20:7 and the New Translations?”

RESPONSES SUNDAY: The following four people came forward requesting prayers for sin in their lives. Sherril Burke, Carol Garrison, Mary Hughes, and Phillip Mullins.

OUR THANKS to Bill Cline for the excellent lesson Sunday night. It certainly is great to work with men who are true to the word and preach it so mightily. We have several other good men in the congregation that are superb proclaimers of the gospel. We appreciate each of these men. If churches in the area need a good man to fill in while your preacher is away on vacation, in a meeting, or sick, call and we will put you in contact with one of these men.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Brad and Susan Blair upon the arrival of their son, Jeremy, born last week in Mobile. He weighed 7 lbs. And 5 ounces.

ON THE SICK LIST SUNDAY: Brother John Gulsby is still in critical condition in Baptist Hospital. Our prayers are in his behalf and the family’s. Jerry Maxey was at home with the shingles. Dick Lambert will come home this week from the hospital.

OUR SYMPATHIES: Brother Randall Johnson’s father passed away last week after a long illness with cancer. We sympathize with the family and pray that God’s comfort will be with them. As this bulletin was being typed, John Gulsby passed away.

ADDRESS: Pfc. Robert Burks, [ssn], 5th Battalion A Co., 68th Armor, APO, NY 00986. (This would be a good project for our Young People’s Zone—encouragement from home.)

REMEMBER, our budget is $1,917 each week! We need to try harder to keep striving to reach that goal. The congregation is to be commended for the fine way you gave in 1975, and the excellent reception you gave to this new goal of $1,917 a week. We can make it! Let’s keep trying. We can if we think we can. No one can defeat us if we love the Lord!

IS THERE A FORMULA FOR WATER BAPTISM?

The United Pentecostal Church believes the name of Jesus must be pronounced over a candidate before his water baptism is scriptural. I have a newspaper ad before me in which a UPC preacher, George W. Anderson, lists two columns, one with “In Jesus Name” on one side and “Father, Son and Holy Ghost” on the other. He gives Acts 2:38, 8:16, 10, 48, 4:12; and Col. 3:17 under the column with “In Jesus Name.” The side with “Father, Son and Holy Ghost” is empty. He wants someone to put a passage under that side showing where anyone was immersed with the Matt. 28:19 statement made
over them. I can put each of the passages he has referred to under the “Father, Son and Holy Ghost.” Why? Not because Jesus is the name of the Father and Holy Ghost, but because in each passage the preacher told them what to do, not what was said over the candidate! To preach or baptize by the authority of Jesus Christ was to preach or baptize by the authority of the Father (Jehovah) who gave the Son that authority, Matt. 28:19.
EDITOR IN STEENS, MISSISSIPPI FOR MEETING

I will be in Steens, Mississippi for a 5 day meeting, Monday through Friday, on the book of Revelation vs. Premillennialism. the preacher of the Steens church is Leonard Wood. I look forward to being with these good brethren. I will miss you at Bellview Wednesday evening.

MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: (For Feb. 8-14).
Fellowship: 124; Absentee Report: 1; Outside Contacts: 140; Visitor Contacts: 15; Benevolence: 16; Sick Visits: 145; Lord’s Supper: 2; Food Prepared: 24; Cards Sent: 180; Transportation: 32; Special Activities: 72; Bible Studies: 4; Other Visits: 6; D.B.R.: 391; Members Reporting: 93.

OUR SYMPATHIES: To the John Gulsby family. John passed from this life on Monday, Feb. 16 and was buried Wednesday, the 18th. OUR SYMPATHIES to Goldie Butler. Here sister passed away this past week.

YOUTH MEETING at Brewton, Alabama on Feb. 28th at 7 P.M.

OUR THANKS to all the ladies for the fine work you have done cooking for different ones who were in need. Also, to the ladies
WHAT YOU MAY EXPECT WHEN YOU ATTEND THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIRST: You may expect an atmosphere of friendliness. We want you to feel welcomed, Prov. 18:24.

SECOND: You may expect Bible preaching. We reply upon its authority for our preaching, 1 Pet. 4:11. Bring your Bible.

THIRD: You will find all things done decently and in order, 1 Cor. 14:40.

FOURTH: You will find our services are simple and easy to understand. We will have several prayers, each one led by men, 1 Tim. 2:8. A collection will be taken Sunday morning, from the members, 1 Cor. 16:2. A collection will not be taken during the rest of the week. We will have congregational singing, Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16. Our instrument will be our spiritual hearts, Eph. 5:19; and our vocal music will be singing, Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16. The Lord’s supper will be served to the audience on Sunday morning, Acts 20:7.

FIFTH: An opportunity will be given at the close of each service to those who desire to become a partner with Jesus Christ in that life he offers, Matt. 11:28-30. If a person believes, Mark 16:16; repents, Acts 2:38; confesses Jesus Christ as the Son of God, Rom. 10:9-10; and is baptized, 1 Pet. 3:21, God will add him to the church of Christ, Acts 2:47; Rom. 16:16.

SIXTH: You will be given an invitation to return and visit with us again. If you wish more information, that will be given.
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
A Series of
Evangelistic Services
March 1-7 7:00 Nightly

We take great delight in presenting to you Mr. William Hatcher of West Palm Beach, Florida. He will be preaching from this book in each of our services. We hope you will come to hear what God has to say to us today from His Word.

William Hatcher began preaching at the age of 17 in Detroit, Michigan. He has served churches in Detroit, Texas, and Florida. He has been preaching the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ for 33 years.

Brother Hatcher has worked in several campaigns. He has helped to establish churches in Alaska and Italy. He was an instructor in the Sunset School of Preaching in Texas for 5 years. He comes to us as a man qualified to preach the gospel. We hope you will attend each service, bringing your Bibles and a healthy spiritual appetite for bro. Hatcher to fill from God’s Word!

Why not investigate the church that JESUS BUILT
Bring your Bible and study with us the Holy Word of God
who helped fold the new tracts we have printed. OUR THANKS to those
who came Saturday and did door to door work. MY THANKS to the
ladies who helped put my debate book together.

OUR RECORD SUNDAY: Bible classes: 194; Worship: 245; Evening:
185; Wednesday: 194; Ladies’ class: 30. Contributions: $1,441.

NEWSPAPER AD: We did not have an ad this past week or this Saturday
in the paper because we did not have enough money to put one in last
week. This ad cost $47.00 each week. Also, if I cannot proof-read the text,
I believe it is best to wait until I can. That’s the reason for the ad not
appearing this Saturday.

PICTURES: If you haven’t had your pictures taken yet, please come by
the office Sunday morning after services, or Sunday night after the Zone
meetings. Thanks for your cooperation!

BROCHURES READY FOR MAILING ON MAY LECTURES

Our school lectures will be on May 10-13 this year. I hope many
will make plans to come. Housing will be provided for out of town
visitors.
RESPONSES: 2/22/76: Restored: Calvin Pugh came asking for prayers in his behalf. Sunday, brother and sister John (Kay) Bumpers placed membership. John is a Lt. in the Marine Aviation School at Saufley Field. Their address is 4045 Erress Blvd. They will be in Zone 2. Welcome to the growing Bellview family! A letter from the Warrington church informs us that sister Julia Smith has been restored and placed membership there. We rejoice with her decision to get back into fellowship with Christ.

OUR THANKS: We wish to thank the men who worked at the bldg. Saturday. They did a fine job moving the palm trees so our vision would not be obstructed leaving the driveway. We wish to thank those who came and passed out materials concerning our meeting. If all the material was passed out which was given out the last 2 weeks, we have distributed 900 or more invitations.

YOUTH "WIN BANNER AGAIN!" Several young people went to the youth meeting in Brewton, Alabama Saturday night and won the Bible Quiz Banner! This makes twice in a row! Congratulations, young people. WE WILL HAVE A YOUTH MEETING HERE ON MARCH 20th at 7:00 P.M. CHURCHES, mark your calendars and bring alot of young
people to be with us.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Sharon Lansdown, 5025 Perkins Road, City 32506. Findleys: 204 Berry Road, City 32507. Same phone number. NEW PHONE: The Bill Busches have a new phone number: 456-9158.

BELLVIEW PREACHER TRAINING SCHOOL LECTURES!!

This year's lectures will be on May 10-13. Mark your calendars and come! You will not want to miss these lectures. If you do not have a schedule, pick one up at the bldg., or out of towners should write for one. We will also try to provide housing for out of towners!

OUR SICK SUNDAY: Sister Virginia Elliott at home. Ray Grund, Sacred Heart, Rm. 204 (a friend of the Parkers and Hollowells). Mr. Clyde Mace, W. Fla., Rm. 431. (Brother-in-law of brother Crowson). Sister Louise Cline at home.

OUR LOVE SHOWN: Bible classes: 193; Worship: 231; Evening: 245; Wednesday: 177; Contribution*: $2,219. *This week's contribution will be used to finish bldg. needs for the black congregation in Cantonment. Ad: $109.

BREAK IN: Our bldg. was broken into last week. About $25 in cash was taken, plus postage stamps. Nothing else, as far as we can determine, was missing.

LOOK FOR NEWSPAPER AD THIS WEEK!

After an absence of 2 weeks, we will have another teaching ad in this Saturday's paper. Look for it in the religious section.
OUR APPRECIATION for the fine way you responded to the contribution Sunday. As we stated, this money will be used in the black work at Cantonment. Although the contribution was up Sunday, it has been down for the entire month. Let's not allow our good works to suffer due to our not meeting the budget! If your response each week will be what it was Sunday, we will have it made in the shade!!

STEENS MEETING: The Monday through Friday meeting at Steens, Mississippi was enjoyable. The brethren treated me royally, and we had an excellent study together on the book of Revelation vs. Premillennialism. Bill states that he had a good meeting in south Florida.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH JORDAN ST. BAPTIST PREACHER

Mr. Gerald Manley, pastor of the Jordan Street Baptist Church, and I, have been engaged in a discussion by mail over the differences between the church of Christ and the Baptist Church. It has been over a week since I have heard from him, but I am sure he will reply to my last letter.

I heard Mr. Manley over the radio two weeks ago, and decided to write to him. I explained my convictions and showed him that we held opposing views. He wrote back, but although he told me I was holding "cultic" thoughts, left the impression that I had not experienced the grace of God, and was in error, he failed to show where! In fact, he overlooked my questions and would not deal with the scriptures I presented.

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I asked Mr. Manley where he found a Baptist in the entire New Testament. I also asked him for his authority for the name Baptist Church. I asked him to produce a passage of scripture which would authorize such a name. He has not replied to that challenge yet. I hope, for his sake, he will. Here is what the Baptist Manual says about the Baptist name.

The New Testament churches always bore the names of the localities where they worshiped. Such should be the case today. It has become necessary, because of a multiplicity of denominations, to employ different names; but Christ's people should return, as speedily as possible, to simple, Scriptural names for their churches." F.M. McConnell, McConnell's Manual for Baptist Churches (Philadelphia: The Judson Press, 1926), p.11.

This manual admits that the name Baptist Church(es) is not a "simple, Scriptural name" for their churches! We would like to see the day when all churches become churches of Christ! In fact, the above Manual gives the name "church of Christ" as its definition of "a gospel church" on page 33! Why not return to the Bible and become just members of the church of Christ?
I have just finished reading a letter from a well known editor in the brotherhood who said he was tired of the wrangling and fussing in the brotherhood. Frankly, I am too!

What causes much of the trouble in the brotherhood? According to Paul, it is brought about by brethren who teach false doctrine, Gal.1:6-9. Actually, all problems, whether between individuals, members of a family, or in the church, are caused because someone does not want to follow the scriptures.

In the past few years, we are seeing more and more brethren speaking strange things from the pulpit. When questioned, they say they were misunderstood! Then, in some cases, they repent. When brethren talk about women leading prayer from the pulpit, girls leading in chain prayers, baptism being a miracle, the church being a big, sick denomination, having visions, and etc., they cause the trouble because they will not speak "sound doctrine," Tit.2:1. They are guilty of starting the wranglings and fussings. They cause the division that erupts in the body of Christ. They are the ones who cause
the divisive spirit, for they are that spirit at work!

When brethren lead away the flock, Acts 20:29,30, faithful brethren must arise to stop their mouths, Tit.1:11. This is not done in a spirit of vindictiveness, but in love. However, as is so often true of those who cut themselves loose from God's word, the actions to restore them, Gal.6:1; Ja.5:19,20, are looked upon as unloving, unkind, legalistic, judgmental, and Pharasaic. Instead, those who no longer speak "sound speech, which cannot be condemned," Tit.2:8, are the ones who are being unloving and etc.

Some brethren want to be left alone so they may shipwreck the faith of many. But Paul did not allow it then, 1 Tim.1:19,20, and we can do no less now! A few short years ago, brethren warned the brotherhood about using Don Finto, Jim Reynolds, J. Harold Thomas, and John McRay, but most of the church refused to listen. How many souls were lost because a deaf ear was turned to these Paulistic warnings? How many thought these few warning voices were only crying "wolf" out of preacher jealousy, or some other selfish motive? How many preachers and elders will stand in the day of judgment and be guilty of the blood of those who had their faith wrecked by these apostates?

When a warning was sounded against these men, how many hid their heads in the excuse that they thought it was only wrangling and fussing among preachers? How many thought those who sounded the warning were only trying to be "guardians of the faith"? I am thankful that men such as Guy N. Woods, Ira Y. Rice, Jr., Franklin Camp, Garland Elkins,
Roy Hearn, Max Miller, Ernest Underwood, and a host of others exist in this brotherhood of ours. If not, HOT, Crossroads, and others might still be going in the direction they were headed in, until someone stood up and made brethren investigate some of the happenings that were taking place.

The editor of the Texas based paper laments the wrangling and fussing in the brotherhood. Yet, he has not helped stopped such carryings on. He continues to allow false teachers to parade their doctrines in his paper without giving others an opportunity to reply to each of them. His editorial comments, often, are slanted in favor of those who have caused the trouble in this great brotherhood of ours. If he desires peace in the brotherhood, let him be the first to seek it by allowing only articles that are "sound doctrine" to appear in his weekly paper. Let him exhort and convict the gainsayers, Tit.1:9, and peace will return!

Let those who desire unity, get back to "sound speech, which cannot be condemned," and let those who have taken a "neutral" stand, get off the fence. There are no neutrals in the spiritual realm! In fact, if so many "neutrals" had not arisen, there would have been no need of a Memphis meeting, nor others that have had to be. I am thankful to God for those men who brought on the Memphis meeting, the Crossroads meeting, and all others that have sought to restore peace in our great brotherhood. When brethren will get back to preaching "the word," 2 Tim.4:2, then there will be no more trouble (wrangling and fussing)!

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ON THE SICK LIST: Sisters Louise Cline, Eddie Hardin, Muriel Elliott, Vera Young, and Hellen Nelson.


NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION: Congratulations to the Allen Fleetwoods who celebrated 27 years of marriage. V.B.S. is scheduled for June 14-18. Jerry Caine will be contacting the teachers soon. PICTURES - if you don't have yours taken, do so as quickly as possible! YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING this Friday at 7 P.M. Adult's NIGHT OUT, Apr. 2 at Country Squire. Make plans NOW to attend! YOUTH MEETING on Saturday, March 20th at 7 P.M. HERE!

MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: (3 Wks.) Fell: 163; 63; 132; Absentee: 0; 0; 3; Out. Cont: 134; 73; 463; Visitor Cont: 2; 1, 4; Benv.: 9; 11; 12; Sick Visits: 48; 34; 35; Food: 30; 11; 37; Cards: 184; 129; 98; Trans.: 37; 22; 27; Sp. Act.: 82; 47; 348; Studies: 7; 7; 6; Other Visits: 16; 9; 15; D.B.R.: 358, 309; 398; Reporting: 73; 73; 76.

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLE UPSETS PENTECOSTAL PASTOR

On Saturday, March 6, 1976, an article was put in the Pensacola News Journal entitled, "A Challenge." The article asked any preacher who believed miracles, signs, and wonders continued today to sign the following statement.

"The scriptures teach that miracles, signs, and wonders, continue today, and I, ..........., minister of ............. Church, will prove the above proposition by performing all 5 signs of Mark 16:17,18 and raising at least one person from a local cemetery. This will be done on March 13, 1976 with the news media present."

One Pentecostal preacher called and said he would do the 5 signs of Mark 16:17,18, but vacillated on raising a dead person. I told him I would be satisfied with his performing the 5 signs of Mark 16:17,18. He said, not once, but twice that he would sign the above! However, he would not tell me who he was nor the church he represented! Also, when I told him we would bring our own rattlesnake and poison, he hung up!

Who was this mysterious caller? Why did he say he would perform the 5 signs of Mark
16:17,18 and then hang up without giving me his name and church? Strangely enough, the caller's voice was very, very familiar! It sounded like a familiar figure in Pensacola! But, since the man did not have the courage to identify himself, his identity will always remain unknown definitely.

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PUBLIC DEBATE COMING UP THIS SUMMER!

Brother Clifford Dixon has signed proposition for a public debate with Marvin O. Holt, pastor of the First Pentecostal Church in Crestview, Florida. One of the propositions to be discussed will involve the Pentecostal preacher, Mr. Holt, in confirming his word with the signs of Mark 16:17,18! I wonder why no Pensacola Pentecostal preacher will do that?

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HANDPUPPETS AND WOMEN PREACHERS

I read an article with the above title in The Good News, the bulletin of the Shades Mt. church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama. In a nutshell, the article stated that brethren think nothing of a woman teaching in a mixed class as long as she had a puppet in her hands. If that is not "usurping authority over a man," 1 Tim.2:11,12, then why not put her in the pulpit on Sunday morning with a puppet in her hands? I wonder if those who practice such have an answer?

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ACTS 20:11: A COMMON MEAL OR LORD'S SUPPER? -2-
In the Palm Springs Drive church of Christ Bulletin, brother James Needham gives his answers to questions raised by his readers. The question in this issue was, "Does Acts 20:11 refer to a common meal, or the Lord's supper?" He replies, "I believe a common meal is involved in verse 11, since Paul had been up all night and was preparing to depart to Assos (v.14)." Brother Needham then continues by denying that this gives brethren a right today to eat in the church building!

His reasons are 1) the verse says "When HE (Paul) was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten..." (v.11). Paul ate, not the church, says brother Needham. His conclusion, "So, it is not an example of a church meal at the place of worship." 2) Needham says this was a meal Paul ate "in preparation for a journey after being up all night doing the work of the Lord, not a social meal eaten in preparation for an evening of fun and frolic." 3) Needham uses 1 Cor.11:22,34 and says Paul did not contradict these passages when he ate where the brethren met to worship. His reason? "The purpose of this meal differs quite radically from those it is misused to justify!"

I had a written debate with brother Needham over this very issue in 1973. The book sells for $1.00. Over the next few issues of this bulletin, I want to review brother Needham's reply to the Acts 20:11 question and deal with some things that appeared in his monthly magazine, Torch. I am asking the readers to keep this copy and other copies so you can see the complete series on this subject.

(To be continued next week)
YOUTH MEETING SATURDAY AT 7 P.M. AT BELLVIEW
MARCH 20TH

OUR RECORD: B.C.: 213; Worship: 251; Eve:163
Ladies' Class: 25; Contribution: $1,746.
Ad: $49

NURSERY: March 21: Paulette Born & Myrtle
Buchanan. March 24: Pam Busch & Darlene
Howland.

HOMECOMING AT INNERARITY POINT CHURCH SUNDAY
MARCH 21ST AT 12:30 P.M.

OUR SYMPATHIES to the Essie Way family.
Sister Way passed away Thursday and was bur­
ried Tuesday.

RESPONSES: Jerry Maxey came Sunday night
asking for the prayers of the saints in his
behalf.

MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: Fellowship: 61; Ab­
sentee: 2; Outside Contacts: 92; Visitors:1;
Benevolence: 10; Sick Visits: 31; Lord's
Supper: 2; Food Prepared: 3; Cards Sent: 142
Transportation: 22; Special Activities: 77;
Bible Studies: 8; Other Visits: 17; D.B.R.: 317; Members Reporting: 77.

PREACHER APPEARS ON WVIX RADIO, "RELIGIOUS
ACTION LINE." Your response to the program
was excellent.

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ACTS 20:11: COMMON MEAL OR LORD'S SUPPER?

Last week I gave a short resume of an article written by brother James Needham in the Palm Springs Drive Bulletin. He takes the position that it is sinful for brethren to eat a common meal in the church building for "social purposes."

Isn't it strange that Needham will say Paul could eat a common meal in the church building, but the rest of the church could not? He says Paul could eat in the building, but that doesn't contradict 1 Cor.11:22,34, "What? have ye not houses to eat in?" "And if any man hunger, let him eat at home." I agree. Paul's eating did not contradict 1 Co. 11:22,34 because those verses do not refer to what Paul did nor to what we do today when we eat in the church building!

Needham stated, "Brethren sometimes try to use this (Acts 20:11) as an example of eating a social meal in the church building. It hardly fits their practice. In the first place, the verse says 'When HE (Paul) was
come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten'... The subject of this sentence is PAUL, not the church. It says PAUL ate; it does not say the church ate. So, it is not an example of a church meal at the place of worship."

If no one else ate and Paul is the only one, Paul would be taking "before other his own supper: and one is hungry." 1 Cor. 11:21. This would contradict 1 Cor.11:22, 34! That passage says, "And if any M-A-N hunger, let H-I-M eat at home." If Paul was the only MAN eating, why wouldn't the passage apply to HIM? If 1 Cor.11:22,34 doesn't apply to Paul in his eating, neither would it apply against the church that met with him!

Needham believes Paul's eating at the building right after worship is alright because it was not a "social meal eaten in preparation for an evening of fun and frollic." In our debate, Hawk-Needham Debate, p. 39, brother Needham said, "Church functions are: Evangelism, edification, and benevolence to needy saints. In any situation where the church's eating together in the building would expedite any one of these works, it is included in the command to perform them, and the church could pay for the meals!" Since Needham says Paul's eating does not contradict 1 Cor.11:22,34 nor was it a "social meal," then Paul's eating must fall under evangelism, benevolence, or edification. If so, why would it be a sin for the church to join Paul in doing the work of the church? If it wasn't a sin for Paul, neither would it have been for anyone else!

In our debate, p.7, I gave Needham two
propositions to sign. One I would affirm and
the other he would. These propositions were:
"The scriptures teach that the church may
come together and eat a common meal on prop­
erly paid for out of the common church trea­
sury." Affirm: Ray Hawk; Deny: J.P. Needham.
"The scriptures teach that the church may not
come together to eat a common meal on prop­
erly paid for out of the common church trea­
sury." Affirm: J.P. Needham; Deny: Ray Hawk.

Needham wrote back stating, "There is no
way I would debate these propositions. I
wouldn't deny your proposition, and don't
know anyone who would." Well, here is an ex­
ample in Acts 20:11 of a church meal! It did
not contradict 1 Cor.11:22,34 nor was it a
meal for "social purposes." It falls under
evangelism, benevolence, or edification. It
is a meal that Needham agrees is a common
meal and Paul was doing what Needham says no
man would deny! Our meals are parallel to
Acts 20:11!

Needham says Paul's eating at the building
was alright because it was in preparation for
a trip! Bob West, another anti brother, says
it is alright to eat in the building if you
have come to work at the building! Which is
it, work or a trip? When you clear away the
smoke, the scriptures teach that the church
may eat a common meal in the church building.
This is what we do. Our eating is parallel
with Paul's. In Needham's and West's judg­
ment our eating is not parallel with Paul's.
In our judgment, it is. Since this falls in
realm of judgment/opinion rather than faith,
we prefer our opinion over that of West and
Needham!

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YOUTH MEETING A SUCCESS: 137 attended our youth meeting last Saturday night. All enjoyed a spiritual feast.

A STREET CHURCH YOUTH MEETING Saturday, Apr. 24th beginning at 12:00 till 4 P.M. Brother Jack Evans, president of S.W. Christian College will be the speaker.

RESPONSES: Dale Carter came Wednesday night asking for the prayers of the church. Carolyn Liles came Sunday night asking for our prayers in her behalf.

NURSERY: March 31: Iris Gallaher & Kay Hollowell. Apr. 4: Barbara Faison & Linda Parker.

EVENTS IN APRIL: Apr. 2, 6 P.M. at Country Squire - Adults Night Out. Bro. Hawk will be in a meeting at High Springs, Fla. Apr. 4-7: Meeting at Pace, Fla. Apr. 25-30 with bro. Hawk preaching and students doing door to door work. The school faculty will speak in a lectureship at 39th Avenue church in Gainesville, Fla. this week.


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A CORRECTION AND APOLOGY

It has come to my notice that an article I wrote in the March 18th bulletin caused some concern and misunderstanding. For this I apologize. It was not intended. Often, when facts are known, it is taken for granted that everyone else knows those same facts when indeed they do not. I wrote an article, "Handpuppets and Women Preachers." I was commenting on an article by the same title I had read in the Shades Mountain bulletin, edited by Dan Jenkins. Apparently, because the language was not clear, some thought I was saying Dan Jenkins believed in and Shades Mt. church practiced having women preachers. I meant no such thing!!!! I appreciated Dan's article and was simply using his article as a basis to add my comments against such a practice.

OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 211; Worship: 245; Evening: 183; Wednesday: 181, Contribution: $1,465. Newspaper Ad: $15

NURSERY: April 4: Barbara Faison & Linda Parker. April 7: Alice Williams & Emma Harris.
MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: (Two weeks) Fellowship: 66; 99; Absentee Report: 2; 1; Outside Contacts: 125; 99; Visitor Contacts: 3; 30; Benevolence: 8; 4; Sick Visits: 40; 41; Lord's Supper: 2; 3; Food Prepared: 23; 10; Cards Sent: 113; 93; Transportation: 37; 31; Special Activities: 81, 42; Bible Studies: 4; 2; Other Visits: 9; 3; D.B.R.: 348; 330; Members Reporting: 74; 65.

RESPONSES: Mrs. Lucy Bond was restored and placed membership with us Sunday night. Her present address is 6511 Allyn Way, 32504. Phone: 477-2843; Work: 433-5614. She has one child, Jeffery, age 3. She would like to find a 2 bedroom apartment or mobile home in the Bellview area. If you know of such a place for rent, contact the office.

LECTURESHIP AT 39th AVENUE CHURCH IN GAINESVILLE: Several students and the faculty went to Gainesville to the lectureship. All 3 of the faculty spoke. We enjoyed the fellowship and the lectureship. It was one of the finest we have attended.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DEBATE!

June 28 through July 1, 1976 a debate between Clifford Dixon, evangelist with the Jay church of Christ and Mr. Marvin O. Holt, pastor of the First Pentecostal Church of Crestview will take place. It will be held in the Crestview High School auditorium at 7:30 P.M. each evening.

The propositions are as follows:

The scriptures teach that there are three separate and distinct persons in the Godhead. The Father is one person, the Son is another person, and the Holy Ghost is another person. Affirm: Clifford Dixon Deny: Marvin O. Holt
The scriptures teach that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ should be used in water baptism and the Lord Jesus Christ is the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
Affirm: Marvin O. Holt  Deny: Clifford Dixon

The scriptures teach that Holy Spirit baptism was given only to the apostles and the household of Cornelius and is not promised to believers today.
Affirm: Clifford Dixon  Deny: Marvin O. Holt

The scriptures teach that the signs of Mark 16:17,18 are for Christians today and that they are now being demonstrated.
Affirm: Marvin O. Holt  Deny: Clifford Dixon

Crestview is about 50 miles from Pensacola. If anyone would like to attend this discussion, we can make up caravans and go each night from the building.

EDITOR HAS SIGNED FOR A DEBATE WITH CHURCH OF GOD PREACHER

I have signed the following propositions for a written debate, to be published upon completion, with Mr. Richard Reynolds, pastor of the Detroit Church of God, Detroit, Alabama.

The scriptures teach that believers today can receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and that God can work through believers today by signs, wonders, and miracles.
Affirm: R. Reynolds  Deny: Ray Hawk

The scriptures teach that believers today cannot be baptized with the Holy Ghost and that God does not work by signs, miracles, and wonders today.
Affirm: Ray Hawk  Deny: Richard Reynolds

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The scriptures teach that an alien sinner is saved before water baptism.  
Affirm: Richard Reynolds  Deny: Ray Hawk

The scriptures teach that an alien sinner must be immersed in water to receive remission of sins.  
Affirm: Ray Hawk  Deny: Richard Reynolds

The debate will be published sometime in the Fall or Winter.

I appreciate Richard's willingness to enter into a discussion on these vital subjects. I only wished some of my Baptist preacher friends would have as much faith in their doctrine to subject it to public investigation! Two preachers cannot say different things and both be right. Either one is right and the other wrong, or perhaps both are wrong.

The Bellview church believes in Jude 3. We want to practice 1 Thess.5.21 and 1 John 4.1. We are not afraid of error, nor confrontation with those who teach it. If we do not have the truth on some subject, we need confrontations so we can see whether what we believe will stand. We are not afraid to have any of these confrontations tape recorded, or for the public to be invited. Too many do not wish public exposure. Why? Truth does not fear the light!

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EDITOR OUT OF TOWN

This past Sunday I began a meeting with the High Springs, Florida church. It is a Sunday through Wednesday night meeting. I should be home, Lord willing, by the time you receive this. I missed all of you Sunday and Wednesday night. I know Bill had two excellent lessons.

Because this bulletin is being written up ahead of time, I will not have any late news to report.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO RAY PETERS

We were saddened to hear of the death of Ray Peter's mother, Mrs. Marie Kelly. The funeral was here in Pensacola last Saturday. We extend our deepest sympathies to Ray. I was not able to attend the funeral due to being out of town, but my prayers were for Ray and the family.

OUR APPRECIATION TO SO MANY FOR SO MUCH

I want to thank each one of you for all the cards, notes, phone calls, prayers, and visits during Mary Nell's illness. I don't
know what we would have done without your help. I certainly appreciate the food each one brought by.

RESPONSES TO THE GOSPEL: My youngest son, Mark Hawk was immersed into Jesus Christ on Thursday, April 1st.

DO WE HAVE DEACONNESS IN THE BELLVIEW CHURCH OF CHRIST?

The work deacon is translated from a Greek word that sometimes means deacon or special servant of the church. The qualifications of these men are found in 1 Tim.3:8-13. They serve under the oversight of the bishops, Phil.1:1.

The Greek word diakonos is also translated as servant. Paul calls himself a minister in Col.1:23, but this word is from the Greek word diakonos. Paul could not have been a deacon like those mentioned in 1 Tim. 3:8-13, for he was not married nor had any children. So, we see a person can be called a diakonos/deacon/servant/minister although he may not be the kind of deacon mentioned in 1 Tim.3. Actually, all Christians must be servants of the Lord!

It is the latter sense in which we speak of the many fine women in the Bellview church who serve so well. We appreciate you ladies and the excellent work you do.

BELLVIEW, AN OUTSTANDING CONGREGATION

Bellview is one of the finest congregations I have worked with. The unbelievable way many in the church here contribute of time, money, and talent is wonderful. It isn't hard to find someone to do something. Everyone who is concerned with the Lord's work as this congregation is, will pitch
right in and work. No congregation has ever amounted to much unless it worked. Bellview is a working congregation. Those who live in other places are invited to attend the Bellview church when you are visiting in Pensacola.

**ADULTS’ NIGHT OUT ENJOYED BY ALL**

Friday night of this past week, around 94 from Bellview met at the Country Squire restaurant and enjoyed a meal together, after which a number of our talented members performed.

**NEWSPAPER ADS CAUSING PEOPLE TO STUDY THEIR BIBLES AND WRITE US AND CALL**

We have been receiving money each week from members who are interested in a newspaper evangelism and using that money to buy a small space in Saturday’s paper. So far, about 11 ads have appeared. We have covered varied subjects, especially challenging the Pentecostals to practice what they preach. For the past few weeks we have been hitting the false doctrine of faith only and then we had an ad on water baptism. Every week I receive at least two phone calls and one letter from different people. For every person who writes, no doubt twenty or thirty others wanted to, but failed to do so. At least folks are getting the gospel, since the paper has a circulation of 60,000.

**WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FRIDAY "RELIGIOUS ACTION LINE"?**

Several weeks ago we were invited (Waymon Hatman of Ensley, Foy Cherry of N. Palafox, and Ray Hawk of Bellview) to appear on a religious talk show. There was a Presbyterian minister and two Baptists. We discussed the "Roman's plan of salvation." Although each
preacher from the church of Christ gave book, chapter, and verse for what he believed and practiced, there was a noticeable silence of scripture quoting or references when the Presbyterian and Baptist preachers spoke. In fact, the Presbyterian preacher complained about the program afterward, although he had as much time as anyone to voice his convictions.

It would be wonderful if several gospel preachers were invited to appear on this program each week, so people could see the difference between what the Bible says and the opinions given by men!

SEVERAL NEW ARRIVALS IN THE COMMUNITY

For the past few weeks we have been having several visitors to our services who are members of the church. Bellview wants to serve the community with the gospel of Christ. We need every member working for Christ and being a shining light for Him, Matt.5:13-16. We hope all who move into the Pensacola area who are members will investigate the Bellview church, see our desire to serve Christ, and place membership with us. To do so will put you under the best eldership anywhere and in a great and wonderful congregation! We need workers for the Lord. That's what we always want to be!

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TENT MEETING IN CANTONMENT IN JULY

Brother Billie Washington will be the evangelist in a tent meeting for the black work we are trying to establish in that area. More information will be given later.

RESPONSES: In the past two weeks the following people have asked for the prayers of the church. Susan McDonald, Philip and JoAnn Mullin, Pam Faison, Vicki Brantley, and Ray Findley.


GOSPEL MEETING IN THE AREA

The Foley, Alabama church will have a gospel meeting on April 13-23 with Tilly Lambert of Mobile doing the preaching. The evening services will be at 7:30 P.M.

ON THE SICK LIST SUNDAY: Steve was at home with the flu, Mary Nell Hawk at home, brother See p. 4
Several members are not faithful

Several of our members have stopped attending our assemblies! Remember, if your love for Jesus has grown cold, He says to repent, Rev. 2:5. Also remember that our elders have a responsibility to discipline those who will not be faithful, Heb. 13:7,17. Actually, all members should exhort you to be faithful, Heb. 10:24,25; Gal. 6:1.

The elders have been compiling a list of those who have not been attending faithfully. Visits will be made in the next few weeks to see you and exhort you to be faithful. If no contact can be made, letters will be sent to make you aware that we love you and we are concerned with your soul. If, after contact in either of these ways fails to restore you to your first love, the church under the leadership of our elders, has no other recourse than to withdraw fellowship. Please, if you are one who has not been faithful, repent and return to the Lord before these measures must be taken! James 5:19,20.

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What does Christ mean to you?

Some today become Christians because Mother and Father are. They neither know why one should be a Christian, nor understand the great sacrifice Jesus made for us, Phil. 2:5-8; Rom. 5:6-8. As they grow older, they lose their youthful awe and innocence and become little more than nominal saints. Out of habit, they frequent the building once each Sunday morning, complain about everything and compliment nothing, and give little or no support to the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

If this Christian moves to another locality, he may attend, but most often sinks into
oblivion, surfacing only when Mother and Dad pay him a visit on their vacation. If he does "place membership" with a congregation, he fails to receive the great blessings which that congregation can share with him in the Lord's work, because he gives so meagerly.

This is the member who is constantly complaining about others, but seldom takes a long hard look at himself. Everyone is out of step but himself! He measures everyone by his own conduct and fails to realize that he is a poor standard, 2 Cor.10:12,13.

If this individual could only realize the great love Jehovah has for him, John 3:16. If he could only grasp the sacrifice paid on his behalf, Rom.5:8. If he would only love as he has been loved, 1 John 4:9,10. This individual needs to deny self and enthrone Christ as his Lord, Matt.16:24-26. Only then will he be a profitable servant in the kingdom of God's dear Son! Service will become an important thing in his life and he will truly be great, Mark 10:42-45.

What does Christ mean to you? Is it a thrill to serve Him? Do you enjoy attending the services? Is Christ your standard in your home, at work, when you go on vacation, are among friends or strangers? Do you look upon the New Testament as a book which brings joy into your life with application of its contents to your life? Or, is it a book used only to collect dust, indicating the condition of your soul also? What does Christ mean to you?

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Eph.5:14.
and sister Turberville at home. Sister Tur­
riel Elliott enters Sacred Heart hospital Wed-
nesday for an operation Thursday.

GOSPEL MEETING IN PACE

This editor will begin a meeting in Pace on Sunday, April 25th through Friday the 30th. The preacher students will be doing door to door work that week.


PLACING MEMBERSHIP: John G. Patterson and Jeffery T. Meyer, Route 10, Box 314, Pensacola, Florida 32506. Zone 1. These two young men are in the Navy. We welcome them into the Bellview family of God.

NURSERY: April 18th: Sandra Hitchcock and Jackie Thornhill. April 21st: Dott Dodd and Goldie Butler.

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WHY IS THERE SO MUCH DIVISION IN THE WORLD?

By Ray Hawk

Have you ever wondered why people are a Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, and on and on we could go?

Jesus prayed, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: that they all may be ONE; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be ONE in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17:20,21.

Jesus said for the world to believe he was from Jehovah, his believers must be ONE! ONE! But, look around you. Ride into any town and you will find a dozen or more different churches, calling themselves by different names, and following different doctrines. Are we ONE? The answer is painfully obvious.

Paul said, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the SAME THING, and that there be NO DIVISIONS among you; but that ye be perfectly joined TOGETHER in the SAME MIND and in the same judgment." 1 Cor.1:10.
In Phil.3:16 Paul stated, "Let us walk by the SAME RULE, let us mind the SAME THINGS." Throughout Paul's letters, the HOLY SPIRIT had him to condemn division. Yet, the religious world today is divided into about 250-300 faiths or churches. WHY? It is because many are not following a "thus saith the Lord," 1 Pet.4:11. Men have originated religious names, churches, and doctrines to suit their own fancy rather than submit to Bible names, the one body of Christ, and the doctrine of Christ, 2 John 9.

If men would drop man-made and party names and accept Bible names, we could be one! Instead of calling ourselves Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Lutheran, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Pentecostals, or Adventists, we should accept the scriptural name of Christian, Acts 11:26; 1 Pet.4:16. The name Christian will not divide for it is given by the Spirit. These other names do divide religious people. Drop them and you no longer have a division over religious names!

The New Testament shows that those who were Christians were in the body of Christ, 1 Cor.12:27. The body of Christ is the church, Eph.1:22,23. Several congregations are referred to as "churches of Christ," Rom.16:16. One congregation would be the church of Christ. Other scriptural names that promote unity are church of God, 1 Cor. 1:2; house of God, 1 Tim.2:15; and kingdom, Col.1:13. Denominational names promote division, whereas scriptural names promote harmony and peace. It also pleases God!

If religious people would drop all doctrines that are man-made and accept nothing but New Testament doctrine, we would have unity. We would all be ONE people IN the
body of Christ Jesus. There would be many congregations, but they would all be the same church! This was true in the first century. It can be true in the 20th century if we will try to restore New Testament Christianity!

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BAPTIST PREACHER THINKS ANANIAS UNINSPIRED!

The other day, while in the doctor's office, I struck up a conversation with a Baptist preacher. While we were talking, I asked him what he thought about Acts 22:16 where a gospel preacher, Ananias, told Paul, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." I've heard a lot of ways people have chosen to get out from under the force of this statement, but this was a first for me when this preacher replied. He said, "Ananias was not inspired." I would hate to hold to a doctrine that must dismiss an inspired statement to establish that false doctrine! If Ananias was not inspired in verse 16, how can one know what parts of the Bible are or are not inspired? If Ananias was not inspired in his statement of verse 16, how do we know he was inspired in his statements of verses 13-15 or in Acts 9? Acts 9:10 is conclusive proof that the Lord was speaking to and through Ananias! It says, "And to HIM said THE LORD." Now, tell me again that he was not inspired!

This is a very good example of why our world is so divided religiously. When men will teach such false doctrines, we can see why we have so much religious confusion! The dispensationalist's doctrine was invented by men to dispose of and rid themselves of God's command to be baptized for the remission of sins, Acts 2:38.


RESPONSES: Asking for prayers of the saints were JoAnn Mullins and Betty Weekley.

OUR SYMPATHIES to the Mervyn Simmons family. Mr. Simmons passed away last week after a short illness.

OUR THANKS to so many for the cards, food, telephone calls, and visits concerning Mary Nell. She still has some recuperating to go, but hopefully she is on the road to recovery. Our thanks to those from out of town who have been so concerned also.

GOSPEL MEETING this next Sunday through Friday at Pace, Florida. Brother Hawk will be preaching.

ENROLLMENT for new classes in the school of preaching begins May 3rd. School will be out this week and next while students do door to door work in Pace. A schedule of classes will appear in next week’s bulletin.
NEW CLASSES TO BEGIN MAY 3RD

MONDAY: Church History, Cline at 9-11:30 A.M.; Pentateuch, Temple, 1-3 P.M.; 1 & 2 Peter, Cline, 6-8 P.M.; and Gospels, Hawk, 8-10 P.M.

TUESDAY: English, Temple, 9-10:30 A.M.; Greek with Cline, 10:30-12, Denominational Doctrine with Temple, 1-3:30 P.M. & Personal Evangelism, Hawk, 6-8 P.M.

WEDNESDAY: Church History, Cline, 9-11:30 A.M. and Homiletics, Hawk, 1-3 P.M.

THURSDAY: English, Temple, 9-10:30 A.M.; Greek, Cline, 10:30-12; Denominational Doctrine, Temple, 1-3:30 P.M.

RESPONSIBILITY ONE TO THE OTHER
By Ray Hawk

Every saint has a responsibility to remain faithful to our Lord, Rev.2:10. When we forsake the assemblies, Heb.10:25; become bad influences, 1 Thess.5:21,22; or rebel against the Lord, Heb.3:15-19, we need to be disciplined. This means that unless we repent of the particular sin we are involved in, the church needs to withdraw its fellowship. If
an eldership will not practice discipline, it is not taking its duty seriously, Heb.13:17. Such an eldership does not care for the souls of those it oversees. A congregation needs to support the oversight (discipline) the elders lead the church in, 1 Thess.5:12,13; Heb.13:7. A church that will not practice discipline when such is needed, is "puffed up," 1 Cor.5:2.

When the elders try to make contact with someone who has been weak, they do so because they LOVE that person, Gal.6:1,2; James 5:19, 20. When we RESENT their efforts to restore us, we place ourselves in REBELLION to Jehovah God! The purpose of discipline is to correct the erring and save their soul, 1 Cor.5:5.

Sometimes, when an announcement goes out that our elders are going to be making visits to those who have been neglecting the assemblies, some will immediately return to the assemblies. This is fine, but two things are still lacking. Repentance and confession! If a person returns because he recognizes his sin, he will repent and confess that sin, Ja. 5:16, Acts 8:22-24. If repentance nor confession are forthcoming, it indicates that the person has not returned for the right reason!

Also, we sometimes find people will be visited, warned that unless they repent and return to faithful service, they will be withdrawn from. When they do not repent, the congregation withdraws its fellowship until the person repents and confesses their sin before the congregation. After that, they will attend regularly for a week or two, but then start the same pattern. Consequently, the same process must be started all over again. Naturally, forgiveness will be extended each time a person repents, Matt.6:14,15;
18:21-22. However, a person who is restored and then two weeks later is right back in the same fallen state, places his soul in jeopardy. He stays out of fellowship with Jesus Christ more than he stays in fellowship. That is a dangerous trend!

In the coming weeks visits will be made. Some will return to faithfulness. Others may have to be withdrawn from. Some of those will later be restored. It would be wonderful if such action never had to be taken. It would be wonderful if all our time could be spent working with those who are alien sinners. But, such is not always the case. Our love for fallen saints motivates us as a congregation to restore the fallen.

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YOUNG PEOPLE MEET AT VICKER'S HOUSE

About 20 young people and several adults met at the Bennie Vicker's home Friday night a week ago and had hotdogs, cokes, and ice cream. Afterwards the young people played games while the "old folks" watched Lawrence Welk! We appreciate the Vickers opening their home to the young people. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

MAY 10-13: BELLVIEH PREACHER TRAINING SCHOOL LECTURESHP - 19 SPEAKERS COMING!!

Make your plans NOW to attend our lecture-ship next month. If you are from out of town and need housing, write and let us know how many are in your party. We will make arrangements for you on a first come, first serve basis. If you cannot come, we will make tapes of each lecture. Last year's lecture was great, but we should have an even greater one this year. Some of our speakers are George E. Darling, Hugh Fulford, Ira Y. Rice, Lynwood Bishop, Winfred Clark, Tuck Andrews, Roy Deaver, Garland Elkins, Roger Jackson, Bill Coss,
Archie Luper, Ernest Underwood, William Wilder, Rex A. Turner, Sr., Franklin Camp and Bill Yuhas. For the ladies, sisters Frankie Luper and Vada Rice will be teaching classes. The activities begin Monday evening at 7 P.M. Come and be with us for one of the great lectureships of 1976.


MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: (2 weeks) Fellowship 118; 44; Absentee Report: 1; 3; Outside Contacts: 112; 32; Visitor Contacts: 1; 5; Benevolence: 7; 2; Sick Visits: 43; 30; Cards Sent: 105, 24; Food Prepared: 18; 10; Transportation: 36; 6; Special Activities: 71; 19; Bible Studies: 12; 3; Other Visits: 7; 0; D.B.R.: 376; 184!?!; Members Reporting: 71; 31!!?

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THE SCRIPTURES VS. THE RAPTURE
By Ray Hawk

Recently, we ran an article in the Saturday's Pensacola News Journal on "The Rapture: Fact or Fiction?" Several days later, we received a letter from Mr. John C. Perdue, pastor of the Bible Believers Baptist Church, Route 1, Box 550-E, Cantonment, Florida. Mr. Perdue wrote to defend the premillennial doctrine of the Rapture. I appreciate Mr. Perdue's letter, his willingness to write, his convictions, and his courage to disagree. I have found that so often those who disagree will call or send a "hate letter" and never give their name. They "claim" to be Christians, but their actions deny it! Mr. Perdue is not that caliber of man. I thank him for it. Most Baptist preachers will not discuss the Bible with an evangelist of the church of Christ. Again, Mr. Perdue is not that type of man. My hat is off to Mr. John C. Perdue.

What is the Rapture? Most people today believe that Jesus will rapture or catch up his church to heaven just before the Tribulation begins upon earth. Hal Lindsey, in his book, THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH, gives 1948 as the date Israel proclaimed itself a nation. He believes this set in motion God's
timetable for the Rapture, Tribulation, and coming of Christ's reign of 1,000 years upon earth. He tells us to add a generation, 40 years, to the 1948 date. That naturally gives us 1988 as the date of the Rapture. This is the time many today are looking forward to, expecting to be caught up with Jesus in the clouds.

The only problem with all this hope and expectation by so many honest and sincere people is that the entire doctrine is based upon assumptions and perversions of scripture! In Mr. Perdue's letter he gives 1 Cor. 15:52 and 1 Thess. 4:16,17 as passages teaching the Rapture. He then turns around and says 1 Cor. 15:24-28 is the end when Christ will deliver up the kingdom to the Father for eternity. Yet, if verses 24-28 teach the end of all things and verse 52 is speaking of the Rapture, you have the Rapture taking place AFTER the kingdom has been delivered for eternity to the Father! Actually, neither 1 Cor. 15:52 nor 1 Thess. 4:16,17 teaches the Rapture. 1 Thess. 4:16,17; 1 Cor. 15:24-28; 52 all teach the same event! These passages speak of end time, not the beginning of our Lord's kingdom.

In Col. 1:13 Paul writes to the church in Colosse. He tells the church that they have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of his [God's] dear Son! They were in Christ's kingdom in A.D. 64 on earth! Also, John the apostle in Revelation states, "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ," Rev. 1:9. John said he was not only IN the kingdom of Christ, but also in the tribulation! Both the tribulation and kingdom of Christ existed in the first century when John wrote this letter! If John was in it with
those he wrote to, how can people say they are looking for his kingdom to be established in our day? It is here! It is the church of Christ! It was the church of Christ in the first century and it is the church of Christ today!

In our article, I stated that the word Rapture is not found in the Bible. Mr. Perdue countered by saying, "Would that someone care to look further and locate the word 'Bible' in the Bible?" The word "Bible" is not found in English. The word biblos which is translated Bible is found in such passages as Rev. 20:12 under the term books! But where is the expression "Rapture" either in English or Greek? The term is just as antibiblical as the doctrine is. Brother Marshall Keeble use to give this definition of premillennialism. "'Pre' means 'before,' 'millennial' means '1,000;' and 'ism' means there ain't no such thing!"

It is a shame that so many honest and sincere folks have swallowed the Rapture doctrine and premillennialism hook, line, and sinker. It is my prayer that these fine people, such as Mr. Perdue and the Bible Believers Baptist Church, will get back to the Bible and see that Christ's kingdom exist today upon earth. I pray Mr. Perdue will drop the expression Baptist Church from his religious name and accept only Bible names so he can speak as the oracles of God, 1 Pet. 4:11. I pray that all will get back to and restore the New Testament church of Christ. It is the body of Christ, 1 Cor. 12: 27; Col. 1:24. It is the kingdom, Col. 1:13. It is the house of God, 1 Tim. 3:15. It is the churches of Christ, Rom. 16:16.

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RESPONSES: Dorothy Lambert came forward Sunday morning asking for the prayers of the church in her behalf.


BELLVIEW PREACHER TRAINING SCHOOL LECTURESHP
NEXT MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY: MAY 10-13

EVENTS IN MAY: Lectureship: May 10-13; Debate in Gadsden, Alabama: May 27,28; (Charles Box, church of Christ and E. J. Reynolds, Church of God on the scripturalness of tongues).

EVENTS IN JUNE: V.B.S.: June 14-18th, Debate at Crestview, Florida: June 28-July 2. (Between Clifford Dixon, church of Christ and Marvin O. Holt, First Pentecostal Church on Godhead, miracles, and the baptismal formula.

HAWK-REYNOLDS DEBATE shaping up. I have received Richard Reynolds' second affirmative speech. I appreciate Richard's courage and zeal to affirm what he believes to be the truth. This debate will be published.

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On February 8th I happened to hear Mr. Jerald L. Manley, pastor of the Jordan Street Baptist Church on the radio. On February 9th I wrote him a letter.

In the letter I expressed my appreciation to Mr. Manley for his convictions, since so few denominational preachers today will either quote from the Bible, nor be dogmatic on anything except to be dogmatic against dogmatism.

I then began showing wherein Mr. Manley's convictions and mine differed. Mr. Manley had quoted from Matt.7:23 to show one was not saved by works of any kind. I asked Mr. Manley to notice verse 21 where Jesus said one must DO the will of the Father to enter into the kingdom. If obedience is not essential to one's salvation, why does Heb.5:8,9 teach it is? In fact, Mr. Manley left the impression on his program that faith only saves. I pointed out to him that the only place in the New Testament where the expression faith only was used, was in James 2:17-26. There it calls faith only a DEAD FAITH! Those who teach you are saved by faith only, try to be
saved by a DEAD FAITH!

Mr. Manley also used Rom.4:1-4 to prove one is not saved by works. However, I showed Mr. Manley that Rom.4:1ff is showing that one is not saved by the works of the law of Moses, Gal.2:16; Rom.4:13. Paul is not saying we aren't saved by works of faith, for in Rom.6 he shows baptism does save!

I also pointed out that if faith only saves, the chief rulers of John 12:42 were saved without confessing Christ! Cf. v.43. I showed that Paul's statement in Eph.2:8,9 referred to the works of the law which some were teaching you had to do to be saved, Acts 15:1. I asked Mr. Manley to find one passage that said we are saved by faith only. I also asked him to give me the passage that said Baptist Church or Churches.

On February 12th, Mr. Manley replied with a short letter. He began by saying, "There would be little to be gained, however, from argument with you." Then, for several paragraphs he "argued" with me, as he did in two more letters!

He accused me of "somehow hold that the water of the baptistry becomes the blood of Christ." I of course said no such thing. I believe what the Bible does. We are immersed in water to be immersed into Christ and into his death, Rom.6:3,4. Christ shed his blood in his death. When we get into his death by baptism, we come in contact with his blood. BLOOD is WHAT washes our sins, Matt.26:28. WATER BAPTISM is WHEN our sins are washed away, Acts 2:38.

Although Mr. Manley quoted 1 John 1:7; John 3:14-18,36; Luke 19:10; John 20:30; Heb.1:1-3; James 1:18,21; Rom.10:10; Gen.15:6; Acts 16:31; Eph.2:8-10; Rom.5:2; Col.1:14
and John 1:12, not one of these passages said anyone is saved by faith only! Not one!

Mr. Manley ridiculed my use of 1 Pet. 3:21. He used a stock Baptist argument when he said "May I call to your attention that the only ones who got in that water of Noah's day went to hell. Not a very good passage to cite. The salvation is in the ark not the water." The Holy Ghost still said, "eight souls were saved BY WATER," 1 Pet. 3:20. The water carried them from the old life to the new life. In like figure, baptism takes us from the old life to the new life. It saves, 1 Pet. 3:21!

Mr. Manley did not give me a passage which says you are saved by faith only. Not one! Neither did he show me a passage that says anything about the Baptist Church or Churches. I continued in my letter back to Mr. Manley to press him on these two facts.

On March 10th, I received a reply from Mr. Manley. With regard to faith, he said, "Faith is not a work in the sense of merit—faith is just crediting God with being God." In my reply I reminded Mr. Manley of John 6:28, 29 where JESUS calls faith W-O-R-K! It was interesting that Mr. Manley gave no passage to back up his above statement! Why didn't he? He then gave Noah, the dying thief on the cross, and the Israelites being saved by the brazen serpent as illustrations of salvation by faith only! I reminded him that in the case of each, they had a working faith, not faith only!

Mr. Manley finally, in his second letter tried valiantly to justify his Baptist name with scripture by giving Matt. 3:1. However, I pointed out to him that the passage doesn't say a Baptist, but the Baptist, meaning only one. The only Baptist God knows and named is John THE Baptist. (More to follow)
RESPONSES: Steve Orr came forward confessing sins in his life. Mead Gallaher was baptized by Joe Ruiz at Liberty last Sunday.


OUR THANKS to the 13 who went out Saturday doing door to door work and to the 11 who came Sunday afternoon.


SICK SUNDAY: Linnie Roberts at daughter's home. Aaron Crabb in W. Fla., Rm. 226. Richard Dodd at home after an operation.

OUR THANKS TO Bill Yuhas for speaking Sunday night. It was good to have Bill and family back with us.


40 to 50 people from Bellview attended Warrington's meeting Sunday P.M.
BAPTIST PREACHER VS. THE NEW TESTAMENT
By Ray Hawk

Last week I began a series with the above title to show how the Bible and the Baptist Church are incompatible. I had a written discussion with Mr. Jerald L. Manley, pastor of the Jordan Street Baptist Church, located here in Pensacola.

On March 23, 1976, Mr. Manley replied to my March 14th letter. Mr. Manley said, "It is beyond my comprehension how anyone can read through Romans and come away preaching salvation through water baptism." It isn't hard if a person opens his eyes! In Chapter one Paul shows, beginning with verses 16,17, that the gospel is God's power to save. One is saved by faith, v.17. But, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God, Rom. 10:17. Rom.1:5 at the beginning of the book, and Rom.16:26 at the end of the book, shows that the kind of faith the Holy Spirit has in mind is an obedient faith! Chapter two shows that the Jew nor Gentile lived in harmony with the law he was under. Chapter three concludes that all (both Jew and Gentile) have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Both need a Saviour! In chapter four Paul shows that faith justified Abraham, not
the works of the law of Moses, 4:13. If the works of the law justified, then grace does not. Chapter five shows we are justified by faith (not faith only) through Jesus Christ. Chapter six shows how that faith justifies. We are baptized into Christ. Baptism puts us into the death of Christ where he shed his precious blood. When my faith led me to be immersed into Christ, I came in contact with his death/blood and had my sins washed away, Acts 22:16.

Mr. Manley does not believe the book of Romans nor James 2:17-26! He says, "FRIEND, the only thing that cleanseth from sin is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 John 1:7) and the only way we receive that cleansing is through faith (Romans 3:22-25). The blood of Christ WASHES AWAY our sins, but when? If we ask, "What washes away my sins?" the answer is, "the blood of Christ," Matt.26:28. If we ask, "when are my sins washed away or remitted?" the reply is, "in baptism," Acts 2:38. God made it that simple! When I obey the command to be baptized, I am walking by faith. When Mr. Manley tries to be saved by faith only, the Holy Spirit states, "faith without works is dead," James 2:26. If a man has a dead faith, he is dead spiritually. He is still in trespasses and sins, Eph.2:1. Mr. Manley has a dead faith! Hear Mr. Manley on this!

"Access to salvation is solely, entirely, completely, and entirely by faith (Romans 5:2)." He quotes Rom.5:2, but where does it say one is saved by faith only? Mr. Manley adds the work "only" to God's word and by so doing brings the curse of heaven down upon him, Gal.1:6-9; Rev.22:18,19. He preaches another gospel. Mr. Manley wants to put water baptism outside of the faith! If water baptism is no part of faith, then "whatsoever is not of faith is sin," Rom.14:23. If you submit to water baptism, you are sinning, if
Mr. Manley's conclusion is true. How does one get into the Baptist Church? By water baptism. But, if water baptism is no part of faith, then the Baptist Church is no part of faith, for it takes water baptism to get into the Baptist Church. Whateoever is not of faith is sin. Therefore, Mr. Manley's conclusions point to his own church being sin! Now, is water baptism a part of the faith or not? If Mr. Manley leaves it out, he must preach that the Baptist Church is sin also. If he admits that it is part of faith, he must teach it is essential to our salvation! What will he do?

On March 30, 1976, I replied to Mr. Manley's letter. I have not heard from him since that time. If Mr. Manley can enter into a written debate with me on these issues that divide us, surely it is worth his time and effort to enter into a public discussion on these vital issues! His soul and those he preaches to are at stake. Will he sign the following?

The scriptures teach that water baptism is essential to the remission of sins.
Affirm: Ray Hawk, evangelist, church of Christ

Deny: Jerald L. Manley, pastor, Jordan Street Baptist Church

The scriptures teach that one is saved by faith only without further acts of obedience.
Affirm: Jerald L. Manley, Jordan St. Baptist Church

Deny: Ray Hawk, evangelist, Bellview church of Christ
RESPONSES: Laura Bedard came forward during the lectures and was restored.


OUR LECTURESHIP was an outstanding success! 19 speakers delivered 26 speeches. The crowd doubled that of last year's lecture. Each of the speakers praised our lectures as being the best they had attended, and commended us highly for our work here in Pensacola and what we are doing for the brotherhood. I want to thank Bill Cline our school director, the speakers, the elders, and all from Bellview who supported this effort. I am appreciative of the support of faithful congregations from Pensacola. We look forward to an even greater lectureship next year. The theme will be on 'Contending Earnestly For The Faith,' dealing with defending the faith in public debates. A number of men who have and still are fighting the battles will be our speakers! Plan now to attend the 2nd week in May, 1977!!!

NURSERY: May 23: Barbara Faison & Linda Parker. May 26: Alice Williams & Emma Harris.
On May 11, 1976, a Baptist preacher, I presume, who is a friend of Mr. John Perdue, pastor of the Bible Believer’s Baptist Church in Cantonment, Florida, wrote a letter to me on the above subject. The writer asked me to put him on our bulletin mailing list. I would be happy to do so, but I could not make out the name and an address was not given.

The writer states that I am confused on 1 Cor.15 and 1 Thess.4. No, both passages speak on the subject of end time, not the Rapture. According to most premillennialists, the Rapture is suppose to take place just before the Tribulation. However, the Tribulation of Matt.24:21; Acts 14:22, Rom.5:3; 8:35; 12:12; 2 Cor.1:4; 7:4; 2 Thess.1:4,6, Rev.1:9; 2:9,10,22 took place in the first century! John said, in Rev.1:9, that he was IN the Tribulation! If the so-called Rapture is to happen before the Tribulation, the Rapture took place in the first century! However, the Rapture is a false doctrine like its parent - Premillennialism.

Does the expression "caught up" in 1 Thess.4:17 mean "the Rapture"? No. Premillennialists could not prove it if their soul
depended upon it — and their souls do depend upon it! They look for a kingdom in the future. However, the kingdom existed in the first century and John was in it as well as other, Rev.1:9; Col.1:13.

The gentleman asked if baptism is a false teaching since I said brother Keeble said "pre" meant "before," "millennial" meant "one thousand," and "ism" meant "there ain't no such thing." No, baptism is found in my Bible and yours and is the English transliteration of the Greek work for immerse or immersion. However, where is the word "pre-millennialism" in Greek or English? Why did our writer not supply a passage which gives us the passage where the word "premillennialism," "Rapture," or even "Baptist Church" is found?

Our friend then labors over the word "mystery" in 1 Cor.15:51; Eph.3:3 and 5:32. But what does the mystery which has now been revealed have to do with the so-called Rapture?

Before I close, I want our writer to notice that 1 Thess.4 says (1) Jesus will bring those who are dead with him (their souls), (2) He will come, (3) There will be a shout, (4) the voice of the archangel, (5) the trump of God, (6) the bodies of the dead will rise, (7) those who are alive will be caught up with Christ. This is parallel to 1 Cor.15:24-57. Notice: (1) Christ comes, (2) the end comes, (3) the kingdom is delivered up to God. When this happens, the corruptible will become incorruptible at the last trump. This is not the so-called Rapture, but end time.

It is my prayer that all Baptist will take the advise of the McConnell's Manual for Baptist Churches, p.11, "The New Testament churches always bore the names of the localities where they worshiped. Such should be the case today. It has become necessary, because
of a multiplicity of denominations, to em­
ploy different names; but Christ's people
should return, as speedily as possible, to
simple, Scriptural names for their church­
es." If we want to be the Lord's people, we
must "speak as the oracles of God," 1 Pet.4:
11. To do so, one must forsake sectarian
names and doctrines and return to the New
Testament as our only rule of faith and
practice!

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IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BUS MINISTRY YOU DON'T:
By Ray Hawk

Many churches of Christ have successful
bus programs today. For those who carry on
scriptural programs, I rejoice with you. How­
ever, I am getting tired of seeing arti­
cles that condemn me because I and others
are not engaged in such programs!

I have seen articles which tell me that
if I don't have a bus program I don't be­
lieve in evangelism, don't love children,
don't believe in large numbers, etc.

I suppose, if I were as illogical as
those who exceed their logic with zeal, I
could say "If you don't have a school of
preaching, you don't love souls, evangelism,
etc." Or, I suppose Getwell church could
say, "If you don't have 'The Spiritual
Sword,' you don't love souls, evangelism,
etc." Of course we could name other good
works and multiply the list. But, I believe
right thinking brethren will get my point!

I also believe brethren can abuse the bus
programs! I am sure we could do with cars
what others are doing with buses, if we of­
fered the same prizes and gimmicks to ride
in our cars that these brethren offer to
ride in their buses and we wouldn't be out
thousands of dollars for those buses!!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEWS: Sister Cozad had a party for her class last Friday evening. Everyone enjoyed a good time at her house. 21 young people attended the youth meeting at Foley, Alabama last Saturday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place June 14 through 18. Make plans now to attend. Invite the neighborhood children to attend. A teacher's meeting is planned just before the VBS begins. More news on that later.

RESPONSES: Kendall Trammell was immersed into Christ May 9th. We have failed to report this an apologize for the oversight.

LEAVING: Sister Doris Gulsby has left our midst and we hate to see her go. She has meant alot to our program of work. She recently decided to return to her old home congregation after John's passing.

OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 217; Worship: 244; Evening: 203; Wednesday: 182. Contribution: $1,551. Newspaper Ad: $35.36

THANK YOU CARD: We received a fine card from sister Moore, thanking us for all the congregation did for her during the passing of her father, brother Duncan.
In my mail the other day I found a bulletin, Wake Up Christians, published by the Bible Believers Baptist Church. Mr. John C. Perdue is pastor of that church. Mr. Perdue is a man I can easily respect. I have not met him, but I like him. He is a man of conviction. We disagree, but I believe that even though we disagree, we can still discuss our differences with the right spirit.

Mr. Perdue has an article in his bulletin on "The Rapture of the Church." Most of the article is material I have already replied to in previous articles in the Beacon. However, I do wish to notice a passage that Mr. Perdue gives in his bulletin article to prove the Rapture and Premillennialism.

He states, "These verses--if you will read them--says that HE will build again the tabernacle of David--this means the Kingdom--, and that HE will build the ruins of it, and that HE will set it up. Read it & see."

The passage he was referring to is Acts 15:13-17. The part of that passage we need
to look at are verses 15-17. "And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things."

Mr. Perdue believes the tabernacle is the kingdom and that it will not be set up until Jesus returns to the earth! The tabernacle is the kingdom. This I accept. However, if it is not to be set up until a future date, the Gentiles could not have the very thing that James said they had at that time! In Zech. 6:12,13 we find Jesus is both priest and king. When he is priest; he is king. Is our Lord priest NOW? Heb. 7:12; 8:1,4 teaches Jesus is priest now. When he is priest, he is king. As priest, he presides over the true tabernacle or temple, Heb. 8:2; 9:11,24. We, who are Christians have the right, in this tabernacle or temple to serve God, Heb. 10:19-22.

Jesus cannot sit and rule as king from the literal city of Jerusalem! Jesus is a descendant of Coniah/Jechonias/Jehoiachin, Matt. 1:12; 2 Kings 24:10-16. Jeremiah tells us that Coniah's seed will not sit and rule in Judah on David's throne, Jer. 22:30. If Jesus returns to the earth to rule in Jerusalem, Jeremiah lied! Since Jeremiah spoke by the Spirit, Jer. 1:7,9, the Spirit cannot lie. Therefore, Jesus cannot reign in Judah. He cannot reign in Jerusalem. With this in mind we can see that Peter shows us where the throne is located and where Jesus reigns from, Acts 2:30-36. It is heaven.

It is also interesting that Paul tells the Ephesian Christians they are a "holy temple."
Eph. 2:21. Peter informs Christians that they are "a spiritual house," "holy priesthood," royal priesthood," and "a holy nation," 1 Pet. 2:5,9. Paul said he and the Colossian church of Christ were translated into the kingdom, Col. 1:13. John said he and his readers in the first century were in the kingdom, Rev. 1:9.

All of these passages point to the church of Christ being the kingdom of God! We are not looking for the Rapture, we are already in the kingdom. Jesus is our King. We are citizens in his kingdom. When we die, we will be with our Lord, 2 Cor. 5:1-9.

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DEBATE WITH RICK REYNOLDS PROGRESSING

I have just received Rick's first negative speech. I will soon be replying to it through my second affirmative. We have only 10 more speeches to go until the book will be published. Our next proposition will cover water baptism.

DEBATE AT CRESTVIEW COMING UP IN JUNE

Keep in mind that brother Clifford Dixon will meet Mr. Marvin O. Holt in Crestview the last of June and the first part of July.

V.B.S. COMING AT BELLVIEW ON JUNE 14-18

Start NOW inviting your neighbor's children to attend. We want to have a good V.B.S.

OUR THANKS to Richard Parker for the great work he does here at Bellview on our sound system. We have received several good compliments from others concerning the recorded speeches they have received on our lecture-ship and the good quality of the tapes.
HOW WE GAVE: (Checks) 1-$3; 3-$5, 1-$8, 3-$10
1-$12; 1-$13.50; 1-$14; 6-$15; 7-$20, 2-$25,
1-$26; 3-$30; 1-$33.50; 1-$33, 1-$40, 1-$43;
1-$47; 3-$50; 2-$52, 1-$55; 1-$60, 1-$62, 2-$75. Total: $1,273.00. Currency: 1-$20; 4-$10; 7-$5; 42-$1.00, Total: $141.00. Change:
$8.76. Total of Contribution: $1,422.76.

OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 198; Worship: 220;
Evening: 164; Wednesday: 182. Newspaper Ad:
$37.35.


THANK YOU NOTE: With Grateful heart I wish to thank you for your prayers, flowers, and cards. Also for the kind words of sympathy extended to me in the loss of my brother. Words cannot express my love for the people of Bellview. Your sister in Christ, Mary E. Bailey.

DEBATE IN GADSDEN: I will have a review of that debate in next week's bulletin. Don't forget the debate in Crestview on June 28-July 1 between brother Dixon and Mr. Holt.
V.B.S. HERE AT BELLVIEW ON JUNE 14 - 18, 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. TEACHERS!! There will be a general teacher's meeting at Country Squire June 10th at 6:30 P.M. DON'T FORGET!!!

RESPONSES: Jeffrey Meyer was baptized by bro. Brantley, Sunday night, May 23rd. Bill Busch came forward Sunday night asking for the prayers of the church.
REVIEW OF THE BOX-REYNOLDS DEBATE
By Ray Hawk


The propositions discussed were, "The scriptures teach that tongues today are of the devil." Charles Box, affirmed; E. J. Reynolds, denied. "Speaking in tongues today is a Bible doctrine taught in the New Testament and is of God." E. J. Reynolds, affirmed; Charles Box, denied.

Brother Box began by producing a chart Mr. Reynolds used in the 1973 debate with me. (That debate is now in print and sells for $2.00). The chart showed that Paul had Holy Ghost baptism. Mr. Reynolds gave two (2) proofs that Paul had Holy Ghost baptism! One proof was that Paul spoke in more tongues than all the Corinthians, 1 Cor. 15:18, and the second proof was Paul did special miracles, Acts 19:11. Brother Box then hit Mr. Reynolds with a following chart that asked for the same proof from him that he had Holy Ghost baptism. Since Mr. Reynolds said these two proofs confirmed Paul had Holy Ghost bap-
tism, he of necessity must confirm his claim to have what Paul had by producing the same proofs! The debate lasted two nights, a total of 4 hours. Yet, not once could brother Box coax, plead, or beg Mr. Reynolds to produce any proofs. Yet, Mr. Reynolds is the one who said tongues and special miracles are proof of one having Holy Ghost baptism. Now, why couldn't Mr. Reynolds give the same kind of proof Paul did? Brother Box pointed out that he could not do so because gifts had ceased!

Mr. Reynolds claimed that he spoke as he was guided by the Spirit. Brother Box asked Mr. Reynolds if he spoke "ex-cathedra." Mr. Reynolds said he did not. Brother Box then told the audience that he was happy to see Mr. Reynolds admit he didn't speak "ex-cathedra," for the word means to "speak by authority." Therefore, Mr. Reynolds, who has claimed to speak by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, admitted that he did not speak with authority from God. Brother Box told the audience that since Mr. Reynolds admitted it, he was happy to point out that Mr. Reynolds' teaching was without the authority of God!

Brother Box's charts were excellent, as were the speeches of brother Box. It was his first public debate. He handled himself well and the truth did shine in his hands.

Mr. Reynolds has had 5 public debates prior to meeting brother Box. Mr. Reynolds is a likeable person. He is warm and friendly in a very personable way. I like Gene. I appreciate his willingness to debate what he believes. I wish we could find some Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics, and Jehovah's Witnesses who are as willing to debate as Gene is. Mr. Reynolds' weakness in debate is that when he cannot meet an argument, he begins preaching. He is a good showman, and Pentecostals are usually attrac-
ted to showmanship rather than heeding a logical, scriptural argument. I guess Mr. Reynolds' answer to one of the charts is a good example of his showmanship. He put a chart of brother Box's up, read through it for the audience, and then with much ado said, "Baloney"! I am sure his people thought he answered the chart.

From this debate another will come on the subject of water baptism. Brother Box tried to get Mr. Reynolds to sign propositions for a "Bi-centennial Debate" to discuss "No person living today can 'speak in tongues' or do any other miracle. 'Pentecostalism' is false." This proposition would be discussed one night each week until one or the other admitted that what he taught was false, or until one quit. Mr. Reynolds quit before he began!

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INTERESTING NEWS ITEM

I read lately that brother Lemmons has the names and addresses of over 1,400 missionaries being supported by the churches of Christ, working in more than 200 foreign countries. There are only two religious groups who claim to have more missionaries in foreign countries than do we—the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons.

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V. B. S. HERE AT BELLVIEW JUNE 14 - 18

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DEBATE AT CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA JUNE 28-JULY 1 at the High School Auditorium, beginning at 7:30 P.M. each evening. Brother Clifford Dixon will meet Mr. Marvin O. Holt of the First Pentecostal Church on Holy Ghost baptism, miracles, and the Godhead.
RESPONSES: Teresa Orr was baptized this past week by her father, Don. We rejoice with her in her immersion into Jesus Christ.

WITHDRAWAL OF FELLOWSHIP: Because the following fail to walk orderly in harmony with the scriptures, the Bellview church under the leadership of its elders has withdrawn fellowship from Bette Crowe, Larry Ernes, and Gary Ernes.

OUR RECORD: Bible classes 167; Worship: 184; Sunday evening: 165; Wednesday: 164. Newspaper Ad: $31.75.

HOW WE GAVE: Currency: 41-$1; 1-$5; 2-$10 = $66.00. Change: $6.10. Checks: 6-$5; 1-$8; 3-$10; 2-$12; 1-$13.50; 1-$14; 7-$15; 1-$18; 5-$20; 1-$24; 3-$25; 1-$26; 1-$30; 1-$33.50; 1-$40; 1-$42; 2-$50; 2-$52; 1-$55; 1-$60; 1-$67; 2-$75; 1-$85; 1-$85.50; 1-$180; 1-$209 = $1,743.50. Total Contribution: $1,815.60.

A RECOMMENDATION: Many churches dropped their support of Herald of Truth programming when the Highland church was found to have error in its pulpit, writing staff, and the following coverup. Many have not had their confidence restored in the HOT yet. I would like to recommend a good program for you to support. The International Gospel Hour with V. E. Howard as speaker. It is supported by the Nash church of Christ, P.O. Box 6029, Texarkana, Texas 75501.
I AM A TIRED WOMAN
Vanguard Via The Chapel Hill Courier

I AM A TIRED WOMAN. . .tired of being told that I am not happy, and that any illusions I might have to the contrary are indicative of a low mentality or at best a lack of originality or imaginative thinking.

I AM A TIRED WOMAN. . .weary of those married females who, having made a shambles of their own marriage, tell us that the institution of marriage won't work, who having found themselves unequal to the task of finding happiness in marriage, intimate that we are less than adequate if we do not seek fulfillment outside marriage.

I AM A TIRED WOMAN. . .tired up to here with those who choose to ignore the basic and most apparent differences between men and women and their capabilities, thereby proving once more the truth of the old adage that "there is no one so blind as he who does not wish to see."

I AM A TIRED WOMAN. . .and full of pity for those who complain of being the playthings of men while they strut around in broad daylight in such a state of undress that they leave no doubt whatever as to what they consider their primary function in
I AM A TIRED WOMAN. ...tired of watching those who have never learned the art and grace of being a woman, yet seek to undermine everything that is feminine, trying to make men and women into carbon copies of each other, not for the betterment of mankind but for the sole purpose of satisfying their own selfish desires.

I AM A TIRED WOMAN. ...fed up with those who are so interested in their own so-called "Rights" that they actually want to pass a bill making it illegal to treat us like women, stomping thus on the rights of those of us who have found fulfillment in being a woman, who know what it really means to be a woman and be treated like a woman.

I AM A TIRED WOMAN. ...Yes, but I AM a woman. And I like it that way!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS

Vicki Brantley, Cheryl Burke, Tim Cozad, Karla Cunningham, Donna Dodd, Joy Egan, Rhonda Hawkins, and Mike Nall. Congratulations to you! If there is anyone else which we have left out, please contact the office and we will put their name in next week.

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THE ELDER SPEAK

We hear of churches in the brotherhood seeking to employ a youth counselor to devote his time to the training of the youth in the church. The elders of the Bellview church are seeking to employ 50 or more youth counselors who will devote their time and interest to this work. They are to teach these boys and girls the scriptures and spiritual obligations to the church; but they are to do far more
than this. The elders want these youth counselors to also supervise games and recreation. They are to give talks concerning dating, courtship, marriage, divorce, and remarriage. They are to even give lectures on how to properly dress. The elders promise the very highest rewards for this service, but the only title the youth counselors will have will be "PARENTS." Please apply in person.

-Selected from Ripley, Tenn. bulletin

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DIXON-HOLT DEBATE IN CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA

On June 28 - July 1 there will be a public debate between brother Clifford Dixon, evangelist of the Jay church of Christ and Marvin O. Holt, pastor of First Pentecostal Church in Crestview, Florida. The debate will last four nights, covering the oneness doctrine, baptismal formula, and Holy Ghost baptism and miracles.

Crestview is about 50 miles East of Pensacola. The debate will take place in the Crestview High School auditorium, beginning at 7:30 P.M.

Brother Winston Temple will be moderating for brother Dixon.

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SEVERAL BACK IN SERVICES AFTER BEING OUT SICK

Sister Linnie Roberts was back in services last Wednesday evening and Sunday. We're happy to see her back after being out for several weeks due to an operation. We were also happy to see Michelle Nall back. She has had quite a time after oral surgery. Sister Ada Belle Coe continues to remain at home after several trips to the emergency room. Richard Dodd was sick Sun-
day. We hope these and others who are sick will soon be back in good health.


JUNIOR BOYS' OUTING FRIDAY

The Junior Boys (Junior girls are also invited!), ages 9-11, will go out Friday to engage in mini-golf. Meet at the building at 6:30 P.M.

HOW WE GAVE: Currency: 40-$1; 5-$5; 1-$10; 1-$20 = $95.00. Change: $8.92. Checks: 1-$3; 5-$5; 1-$8; 3-$10; 2-$12; 1-$13; 1-$13.50; 1-$14; 8-$15; 3-$20; 2-$25; 1-$26; 1-$30; 1-$33.50; 1-$35; 1-$40; 1-$42; 2-$47; 3-$50; 2-$52; 1-$55; 1-$75; 1-$90 = $1,135.00. Total: $1,238.92.


RESPONSES: Jackie Tramill and Phillip Mullins responded to the invitation Wednesday and Sunday.

V.B.S. began this morning (Monday). We hope to have an excellent school this year. We appreciate Gerald Caine and a host of teachers who have worked so hard to make this a good school.
J. M. Powell, who formerly preached for the East Chestnut church of Christ in Asheville, N.C., made a ten week around-the-world missionary tour during the summer months. He has reported some interesting events which occurred as he preached from country to country. One especially caught our attention. While he was in Hamilton, New Zealand, he met a Christian by the name of John Gerrand. John, however, had not been a Christian until after Billy Graham had visited the island. But, we quote the remainder of the story from Brother Powell:

"One night Graham was preaching on the subject of 'Repentance' and cited Acts 2:38 as a proof text. He repeated only the first word. John was within a few feet of the speaker and had a New Testament in his hands. He stood up and said, 'Mr. Graham, quote the rest of the passage.' This irritated Graham who said to Gerrand, 'Get out of here you church of Christ man.' John said this was the first time he had ever heard the expression. He made contact with the local church of Christ and was baptized into Christ." (Gospel Advocate, August 11, 1975).
Here is a man who was rebuked and called a "church of Christ man" because he believed the Bible and wanted a whole verse of scripture quoted rather than just a single word from the verse. Although he never heard of the church of Christ at that time, he was identified with it because he wanted all of Acts 2:38 quoted. If believing the Bible and wanting to hear it all preached instead of just a part makes one a "church of Christ man," then we gladly put ourselves into that category!

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WHO WILL OBEY?
By L. A. Mott, Jr.

Some interesting notes on religious titles come from recent reading. One was a Christianity Today news item (January 2, 1976, page 32). Headlined "Dumping the Reverend" the short piece ran as follows:

"The Right Reverend Mervyn Stockwood, outspoken Anglican bishop of Southwark, London, wants to abolish ecclesiastical titles such as Reverend and Venerable. He condemns them as both unscriptural and ridiculous. He feels that, like gaiters, they should be dumped in the trashcan of 'pompous ecclesiastical absurdities.'"

Elihu thought the same thing several centuries before Christ: "Let me not, I pray you, respect any man's person; neither will I give flattering titles unto any man. For I know not to give flattering titles; else would my Maker soon take me away" (Job 32:21f.).

Right Reverend Stockwood must have been reading after fellow-Anglican Michael Green who wrote:

"One cannot help feeling that the whole gamut of ecclesiastical courtesy titles, 'the Ven-
erable,' 'the Very Reverend,' 'the Most Reverend' and so on, are a hinderance rather than a help in the work of the ministry. They tend to build an invisible wall between their bearer and the world at large; much more important, they tend to make him just a little proud, just a little pleased with himself, just a little further removed than he was before from the role of the Servant." (Called to Serve, p.16).

Possibly Mr. Green has read after the head of the church: "But be not ye called Rabbi: ... And call no man your father on the earth: ... Neither be ye called masters: ... " (Matt.23:5-12).

It is clear that Jesus can be understood. But who will obey?

V.B.S. A SUCCESS

Our program began Monday with 115. Tuesday's number was 128. Wednesday's was 125. Thursday's was 120 and Friday was 115. Billy Harris, Tanya Brantley, Juanita Crabb, Barbara Johnson, and Terri Orr won a Bible each for bringing the most.

DEBATE AT CRESTVIEW CANCELLED!!

Mr. Marvin O. Holt, First Pentecostal preacher of Crestview has cancelled the debate due to sickness. We regret that Mr. Holt is sick, but it would seem that since one of his propositions is that signs, miracles, and wonders are still in the church today, he would get some of his fellow preachers together, have prayer, and get some of this healing he and they are always "shouting" about!! This way, brother Dixon wins the discussion without saying a word!

HOW WE GAVE: Currency: 50-$1; 2-$2; 3-$5; 2-$10; 1-$20 = $109. Change: $6.73. Checks: 1-$3; 1-$5; 1-$8; 2-$10; 2-$12; 1-$13.50; 1-$14; 6-$15; 5-$20; 2-$25; 1-$26; 1-$29; 3-$30 1-$33.50; 1-$35; 2-$40; 1-$42; 2-$47; 3-$50; 2-$52; 1-$55; 2-$75; 1-$90; 1-$109 = $1,415. Total: $1,530.73.


SICK LIST SUNDAY: Richard Dodd and Sonja Orr were both at home sick. Clinton Turberville is in W. Fla. Hospital, Rm. 434 as a result of a severe fall.

JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS went out Friday evening and played Putt-Putt Golf. 14 went and enjoyed the outing.

MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: Fellowship: 125; Absentee Report: 1; Outside Contacts: 74; Visitor Contacts: 2; Benevolence: 3; Sick Visits 24; Lord's Supper: 2; Food Prepared: 2; Cards Sent: 52; Transportation: 6; Special Activities: 28; Bible Studies: 2; Other Visits: 4; D.B.R.: 271; Members Reporting: 47! It seems many of our members are not reporting their activities each week and helping us by cooperating in this program.
FELLOWSHIP RESTORED BETWEEN BELLVIEW AND BRENTWOOD CHURCHES OF CHRIST!

We are happy to report that fellowship has been restored between the two congregations here in Pensacola. Our thanks to the elders of the Bellview church and the brethren at Brentwood who worked toward this reconciliation.

A LITTLE SEED WAS PLANTED
By Earl West

A gospel meeting was being held in Arkansas. A Christian girl invited her friend. The friend attended, learned the truth and obeyed the gospel. Later, she went to Texas and met a soldier. She taught him the truth and he was baptized into Christ. They were married. They wrote to his parents in Salisbury, Maryland, and taught them the truth. Later, they went to Salisbury to make their home. The church of Christ is now in existence in Salisbury, Maryland. . .all because a girl in Arkansas invited a friend to attend a meeting where the gospel was being preached!

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TAPES OF THE BOX-REYNOLDS DEBATE AVAILABLE!

I have been informed by Richard Reynolds of the Detroit Church of God (Gene Reynolds' son) that he now has several sets of the debate between his dad (Church of God) and Charles Box (church of Christ) available. He is asking $7.50 for a set. His address is Route 1, Detroit, Alabama 35552. This debate covers the subject of tongues and whether they are of the devil as used by Pentecostals today.

Rick and I have finished the first two propositions on Holy Ghost baptism. We will now begin the last two propositions on water baptism. We are ahead of schedule. This debate will be printed after we finish.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY OF SAVANNAH JACKSON

Sister Jackson passed away this past Wednesday at her home. The services were conducted Monday at 1 P.M. by brother Hawk. Burial was in Mt. Zion cemetery.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: The Horace Myricks new address is Route 2, Box 423, Cantonment, Fla. 32533. Telephone: 1-587-5381.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Brother and Sister Lewis Roberts of the Innerarity church of Christ will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 8th. Friends are invited to call at their home between 7 - 9 P.M.

GOSPEL MEETING AT CANTONMENT COMING UP!

On July 19th a gospel meeting will begin on the property which has been purchased in Cantonment for a work among the Black people in that area. Brother Willie Washington of Detroit, Michigan will do the preaching.
We announced the cancellation of the debate in Crestview through the pages of the *Pensacola News Journal* last Saturday. I suppose we received around a half a dozen irate calls from people who didn't like it because we said Pensacola Pentecostals should get together with Mr. Holt, pray him well, and continue the debate. One man told me that the power was not of man. I never said it would be. However, most are under the impression that (1) if you are not healed, you don't have enough faith, or (2) if you are not healed, it is God's fault — he didn't want you healed!

In Acts 3:6, Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but what I HAVE, that give I thee." According to some, Peter should have remarked, "Silver and gold have I none; but if the Spirit wants you healed, and you have enough faith, you will be." That way, if Peter's results were like the results of fake healers today, he could have blamed his failure on the cripple man or God!

God gave Peter the power he possessed. Peter used that power at HIS discretion. Notice his words again, "What I have... that give I. .".

Pentecostals make God a whimsical God, blessing this one but overlooking that one at His leisure. Actually, what it boils down to is that gifts have ceased and these "healers" con themselves and their audience into believing in miracles. If these men really possessed the power they claim, they could raise the dead, heal the cripple, speak in foreign languages, make maimed parts of the body whole, and strike false teachers blind. But, alas, they can do nothing but talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk...
TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGED: Maurice & Hellen Nelson: 455-5930.


WITHDRAWAL OF FELLOWSHIP: After a number of unsuccessful efforts to restore sister Caryl Coleson, the elders are leading us in a withdrawal of fellowship from her. Our pray is that she will repent and return to the Lord.


MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: Fellowship: 83; Absentee: 4; Outside Contacts: 45, Visitor Contacts: 0; Benevolence: 2; Sick Visits: 12; Cards Sent: 39; Transportation: 60; Special Activities: 112; Bible Studies: 6; Other Visits: 3; D.B.R.: 256. Members Reporting: 46.

A religion that won't take you to church services, won't take you to heaven.

A woman's tongue is her sword and she never lets it rust?

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CARE OF THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY!

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it.
4. If you break it, repair it.
5. If you can't repair it, report it to the church office.
6. If you borrow it, return it. Soon!
7. If you use it, don't abuse it.
8. If you mess it up, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If you want to use something belonging to someone else, get permission.
11. If you don't know how it operates, leave it alone.
12. If it doesn't concern you, don't meddle with it.

THINK: You are not so busy that you have the right to be careless, thoughtless, discourteous, or wasteful.

WHAT CAN BE REMEMBERED?

If the New Testament may be used as a pattern, we need to control more carefully what men will remember about us. Note the facts which can be cited about the Thessa-
This church, however, was remembered by Paul. It was literally on the map, recognized for its activity. Note the remembered facts:

"Their work of faith," 1 Thess.1:3
"Their labor of love," 1 Thess.1:3
"Their patience of hope," 1 Thess.1:3
"Followers of the Lord," 1 Thess.1:6
"Were examples to all that believed" 1 Thess.1:7
"Sounded forth the word," 1 Thess.1:8
"Turned from idols to serve the living God," 1 Thess.1:9
"Received the word as the word of God," 1 Thess.2:13
"Were "brethren, beloved of God," 1 Thess.1:4

What would be remembered if Paul visited here? - By Ron Bryant

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A CORRECTION

In a previous bulletin, when reporting on the Box-Reynolds Debate, I stated that Mr.
Reynolds was asked by brother Box if he spoke "ex-cathedra." I received a note from Mr. Reynolds this past week in which he corrected me. Mr. Reynolds stated, "I stated that I did not speak 'ex-cathedra,' and fully explained that I was referring to 'as the Pope speaks to the Roman Catholic Church."

I am happy to correct this and apologize to Mr. Reynolds for stating Charles Box asked him if he spoke in such a manner. Actually, the Pope speaks (he thinks) by the authority of God. He believes that what he says is from God by inspiration. Mr. Reynolds says he isn't inspired like that. Box's conclusion still stands — Mr. Reynolds speaks without authority! Mr. Reynolds believes he preaches by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Yet, it is not ex cathedra. Therefore, he speaks without authority.

Mr. Reynolds and brother Box will meet at a later date to discuss whether or not water baptism is essential to salvation.

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HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAMS

My appreciation to those who have responded so well to the plans to have regular visits made by teams to local hospitals. The teams will be as follows, visiting the suggested hospitals. (This does not mean others cannot visit the hospitals!)

1. Inez Prosser & Isabelle Nicholson — University Hospital
2. Louise Vickers & Mary Nell Hawk — West Florida Hospital
3. Shelby & Jennette Nall — NAS Hospital
4. Laura Bedard & Jackie Tramill — Baptist Hospital.
RESPONSES: Phillip Mullins came forward Sunday evening confessing sins and asking for the prayers of the church.


MARCHING FOR THE MASTER: Fellowship: 116; Absentee Report: 3; Outside Contacts: 55; Visitor Report: 4; Benevolence: 8; Sick Visits: 23; Food Prepared: 3; Cards Sent: 81; Transportation: 25; Special Activities: 42; Bible Studies: 5; Other Visits: 9; D.B.R. 281; Members Reporting: 59. We have a lot of working members, but not all are reporting their activities.

A NEW PAPER! We have just received our mailing permit for a new paper which will be published by the church and sent to those in our area who are not members of the church of Christ. The paper will be the same size as The Defender, but the articles will be geared for those who are not Christians. We will so edit the paper that any congregation may use it. We will probably begin by sending it to Routes 7 and 10, which will cover some 1500 homes in our locality. If you have a good name for this paper, please turn that name in to the office for our consideration. Please put your name on your entry. Thanks!
SOME FOLKS GIVE THEIR MITE, OTHERS GIVE WITH THEIR MIGHT, AND SOME DON'T GIVE WHO MIGHT!

THE MEDICAL ACCURACY OF THE BIBLE
Author Unknown

A good source of information on this subject is a pocket book which costs between one and two dollars by S. I. McMillen, a medical doctor. The book is titled "None of These Diseases" and is published by Pyramid Books. Most bookstores carry it, especially Christian College Bookstores.

The medical book of the Egyptians was a book called "Papyrus Ebers," written about 1552 B.C. The following are quotes from this book, which represents the knowledge of Moses' time in medicine. I would not close this lesson without reading these to the class.

"To prevent hair from turning gray, anoint it with the blood of a black calf which has been boiled in oil, or with the fat of a rattle-snake." "When hair falls out, one remedy is to apply a mixture of six fats, namely those of the horse, the hippopotamus, the crocodile, the cat, the snake, and the ibex. To strengthen it, anoint with the tooth of a
donkey crushed in honey." "To remove embedded splinters apply worm's blood and ass's dung."

Now let us consider some of the medical statements of the Bible, written in part by a man who was trained in the medical practices mentioned above.

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tact with possible disease animal or man.

15. The seeds of plants cannot be contaminated by contact with diseased animals.

There are others, but the point is that the Israelites were given a system of hygiene that not only distinguished them from their neighbors, but also prevented the diseases and plagues of their day. A large number of these practices are still exercised today, and none of them have been shown to be wrong. Isn't this quite a record for a man who wrote from the background of the "Papyrus Ebers"? Surely this is good evidence that God inspired the practices given by Moses to the Israelite nation. We can marvel at this man Moses — the world's first bacteriologist. More important, we can marvel at the great God of heaven that gave him this information!

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THE SMITH-LOVELADY DEBATE BOOK

This debate on divorce and re-marriage was held this past spring in Long Beach, California between J. T. Smith and Glen Lovelady. It was a representative debate on this live issue. Searching the Scriptures will publish the debate. It will be printed in paperback and sell for $2.95. Advance orders will be accepted. Order from: Religious Supply Center, P. O. Box 13164, Louisville, Ky. 40213.

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THE McGUIGGAN-KING DEBATE BOOK

This debate is a written one between bro. Jim McGuiggan of Lubbock, Texas and bro. Max R. King of Warren, Ohio. Brother King believes that there will be no final judgment nor end of our physical world. This book is paperback and sells for $6.00. You may
order it from Firm Foundation Publishing Co., P. O. Box 610, Austin, Texas 78767.

GOSPEL MEETING: July 19-30 with brother W. F. Washington of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. At 7:30 P.M. except Saturday Under the tent on Muscogee Road west of Hwy 29 in Cantonment.

WITHDRAWAL OF FELLOWSHIP: After several efforts to restore sister Liz Brazwell to faithfulness, but with no positive results, the elders are leading us in withdrawal of fellowship from her until she repents and is restored to the Lord, Rom.16:17; 2 Thess.3:6.

MISSION WORK: 1,000 tracts of "Are We Preaching Damnable Doctrine" were requested by the missionary in Monrovia, Liberia. These were printed, folded, packed, and shipped a few weeks ago.

OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 168; Worship: 208; Evening: 158; Wednesday: 147. Newspaper Ad: $37.46. Contribution: $1,084.55!

HOW WE GAVE: Change: $5.55. Currency: 36-$1; 1-$2; 1-$5; 4-$15; 1-$20 = $83.00. Checks: 1-$2; 1-$5; 1-$8; 1-$9; 4-$10; 2-$12; 1-$13.50; 1-$14; 7-$15; 4-$20; 1-$25; 1-$27; 1-$30; 1-$32; 1-$33.50; 1-$35; 4-$40; 1-$42; 2-$47; 1-$52; 1-$75; 1-$90 = $996.00. Total: $1,084.55.

There are still 15 "She Hath Done What She Could" books unaccounted for. Please turn these into the office.

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WHAT IS THE CREATION OF ROM. 8:22?

By Ray Hawk

In Rom. 8:19-22 Paul says,

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

Some commentators have thought Paul was talking about the animated creation when he penned these words. Listen to one commentator,

"Paul now lifts his eyes to a broader horizon envisioning the redemptive work of God to encompass the whole of creation." (Emphasis mine, RH). "The Spirit of God at work within mankind to reconcile and sanctify the sinner is also working in the creation as a whole. Paul thinks of man as a creature of God and does not conceive of man's reconciliation apart from the reconciliation of the whole creation." Richard A. Batey, The Letter of Paul to The Romans (R. B. Sweet Co.,
Someone might say that they recognize bro. Batey's name and that he is a liberal among Christians. True. But, his ideas are also used in the following commentary.

"The 'creation' here means the world, embracing all animated nature below man... The hope is entertained that when the deliverance comes to the children of God, when they are delivered from the bondage of corruption and from the prison house of the grave, then the whole creation will share this deliverance and be freed from the corruption and mortality to which it has been subjected by the sin of man. It shared the corruption and mortality of man's sins, and will share his deliverance from it." David Lipscomb, Romans (Nashville: Gospel Advocate Company: Second Edition, 1961) Vol.I, p.152,153.

I cannot agree with either brother Batey or brother Lipscomb. I do not believe the physical world is under consideration in Paul's writing.

The word "creature" and "creation" are the same Greek word *ktisis*. This same word is used in Mark 16:15; 2 Cor.5:17; and Col.1:16, 23 to refer to people! Paul is referring to people groaning, not the earth and inanimate objects. If Paul was referring to the earth groaning, then Paul said, "...the whole creation (earth, trees, etc.) groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." Did Paul mean by this that the groaning and travailing in pain was almost over? Surely this is what he had in mind! But, instead of speaking of inanimate creation, he is instead talking of people. What people? Those who, according to verse 19, are waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God! The word "manifestation" is taken from the Greek word *apokalupsis* and is translated "lighten," Luke 2:32; "revelation," Rom.2:5; "coming," 1 Cor.
When will this "coming," or "appearing" of the sons of God be? What event signaled to the world that the Jews were no longer the children of God? What event indicated who were God's true children? Brother Franklin Camp shows this took place at the fall of Jerusalem. The Judaizing teachers and Jews were the continual foes of the gospel. The Judaizing teachers tried to bind the Law of Moses upon Gentile Christians. The Jews thought they were the chosen of God. Such passages as Gal.3:26-28 clearly show who are the true children of God. Hear brother Camp on this,

"When Jerusalem fell, that was God's way of saying, 'I will show you once and for all who the sons of God are.' Consider this passage, 'But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets,' (Revelation 10:7). What was the mystery declared by the prophets? Paul leaves no doubt about this. 'How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel,' (Ephesians 3:3-6). The mystery was that Jew and Gentile would be heirs in Christ by the gospel. John sees this question settled when Jerusalem fell." Franklin Camp, The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Redemption (Birmingham: A Roberts & Sons Publication, 1974), p.56. $6.95.

These passages have to be talking about an event close at hand. Look at the use of the word "now" by Paul! Rom.8:1, 9, and 22! These passages also indicate that Paul and
the Romans will be involved in that which they are waiting upon! (Keep this copy to read with next week's on the same subject).

CONGRATULATIONS: To Bill & Pam Busch upon the arrival of Toby Thomas. He was born on Tuesday, July 13th at 2:10 P.M. He weighed 7 lbs. 15½ ozs. Congratulations to Pam too! July 13th was her birthday!

COMING EVENTS: On Sunday, July 25th, Bill Cline will speak at both services. The Hawks will be on vacation in Oklahoma. On Saturday August 7th, brother Hawk will speak at a youth meeting in Cantonment at 2:30. The meeting will begin at 1 P.M. On Sunday, August 8th, brother Ira Y. Rice will speak to us at the morning services.

OUR CONTRIBUTION: Our contribution has fallen below the budget in the past few months. In fact, in the past few weeks it has taken a nose dive! If you are going off on vacation, why not remember to leave a post-dated check with Dot Brantley? That way we can meet our expenses each week.


RESPONSES: Asking for prayers of the saints were Katie Mullins and Dot Dodd.

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WHAT IS THE CREATION OF ROM.8:22?
By Ray Hawk

Last week we saw the "creation" of Rom. 8:22 referred to "people." We found that the people under consideration were those of Paul's day. They were waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. This manifestation/revelation/coming/or appearing took place in A. D. 70 at the destruction of Jerusalem. We saw that Paul spoke of this taking place upon him and those he wrote to. Notice Rom.8:18,

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

What was the "sufferings of this present time," and the "groaneth and travaileth in pain" of which Paul spoke? It was the "present distress," of 1 Cor.7:26 and "tribulation" of Rev.1:9; 2:9; Matt.24:21.

What was "the glory which shall be revealed in us"? The answer is found in Matt.24:30,31,

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn: and they shall
see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and GREAT GLORY. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Please keep in mind that Jesus is speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem in these verses. In verse 34 he says, "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." Brother Roy Deaver has an excellent article on Matt. 24 in the Second Annual Bible Lectureship Book, Back To The Bible (Pensacola: Bellview Preacher Training School, 1976). When Jesus came in glory, the perfect of 1 Cor.13:10 and Eph.4:13 would come. This was what Paul told the Corinthians they were waiting on, 1 Cor. 1:7. What the Corinthians were waiting on, Paul and the Romans were expecting.

John stated, "Beloved, NOW are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2. Jesus would appear, he said, in the destruction of Jerusalem, Matt.24:30. Jesus said the high priest would see him, Matt.26:24. John said saints would see him too in the above passage. Brother Camp points out the significance of the fall of Jerusalem in his book. Here are some things that saint and sinner would see. (1) It would answer the question, "What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?" Matt.22:42. The fall of Jerusalem said, "He is David's son, but He is also David's Lord." (2) It confirmed the message of the New Testament as God's covenant with man today, Mark 16:20. (3) It closed the question of the Messiah. (4) It proves the coronation of our Lord, 1 Tim.6:13-15. (5) Satan was bruised, Rom.16:20 and in this we see the defeat of the wicked. (6) It pictures the victory of the faithful, Rom.8:28. (7) It settled the
question of who are the sons of God. (8) It answers the question of the promise to Abraham, Gen.12:2; Gal.3:16-18. (9) It ended the miraculous age, 1 Cor.13:8-10. (10) It ended the Jewish age, Heb.8:13; 1 Pet.4:7; and (11) it pictures the judgment of all who will not obey the gospel, 2 Thess.1:7-9. (Taken in part from Franklin Camp's book).

Paul and the saints at Rome were waiting for the perfect/complete to come in their day. It is that which the Old Testament prophets had looked for, 1 Pet. 1:10-12. The Hebrew writer says, "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some BETTER thing for us, that they without us should not be made PERFECT." Heb.11:39,40. When Paul wrote to the WAITING Corinthians, 1 Cor.1:7, he said, "Now all these things happen unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ENDS OF THE WORLD (age) ARE COME." 1 Cor. 10:11. The Corinthians were waiting for the perfect, 1 Cor.13:10. It came in A. D. 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem and coming of Christ, Matt.10:23; 24:30. This teleios is that which Paul, the Romans, Corinthians, and even Old Testament saints had looked forward to and came in the first century!

Today we live under a covenant that can make those who come to it in obedience, perfect! Cf. Heb.7:19; 10:14. The Old Testament law could never do that! Thank God that we live under and in that which is teleios/complete!

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"Wild oats" take something out of the soil of one's life that no system of crop rotation can restore.

NURSERY DUTY; August 1: Sheila Myrick & Sharon Caine. August 4: Lucille Staples & Sonja Orr.

On Sunday evening, July 25, 1976, Andy & Cindy Opachick were baptized into Christ.

GOSPEL MEETING AT LEONARD STREET: Aug. 1-6 7:30 P.M. with James Andrews.

Mr. Walter Weekley (brother William Weekley's brother) wishes to express his thanks for all the cards and letters sent to him during his recent illness.

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The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not do.

The man who sells liquor is worse than a highway robber. The robber demands your money or your life, but the liquor-seller demands both.

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BELLVIEW Church of Christ
4850 Sausley Road
Pensacola, Florida 32506
"Trouble came looking for (the lost little kid) the day he was born out of wedlock to a teenage mother and a father he never laid eyes on.

The place: Cincinnati. The date: November 11, 1934.

Not long after, he experienced life's second cruelty: his mother, who bore him when she was 16, went to prison, convicted along with her brother of beating up and robbing dates she hustled in riverfront bars.

After his mother's imprisonment, the little boy left to live in McMechen, West Virginia, with his maternal grandmother, then with an uncle and aunt who had a sour marriage and gave him little attention.

When he was 8, his mother got out of prison and he joined her. She drank and lived with a succession of men in seedy apartments.

The men paid little attention to him, the mother not much more. He spent the most of his time indoors, alone. Two years later, she tried to farm her son out to foster parents, as she occasionally had done before.
But this time the law moved in.

(The lost little kid) was made a ward of the county, and sent off to the Gibault School for Boys, a caretaking institution near Terre Haute, Indiana. After ten months, he ran away.

That escapade put him in the first correctional institution, the Indiana Boys' School in Plainfield.

That was the way it would be most of the remainder of his life. By the time he was 25, he had spent 13 years either in reformatories or prison. . . ."

This material is quoted from a newspaper article printed in the Courier-Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, December 7, 1969 (Via Los Angeles Times-Washington Post Service), describing the pathetic life of Charles Manson, who was convicted of being "the mastermind" of a renegade hippy band who murdered Sharon Tate and several other people.

This story was brought to everyone's attention again in the book Helter Skelter and the movie based upon this book released recently by CBS television over most of its network stations.

One Associated Press article quoted a Catholic priest as saying he recalled Manson 20 years ago as a "lost little kid." Another remembered Manson as a "lovable young boy who needed a lot of attention." Obviously, that "lovable young boy" didn't receive "a lot of attention," and today he is serving a sentence for murder.

A case summary on Charles Manson 25 years ago would read much like many summaries we have received. Here is the point; who knows but that right now we are preventing a simi-
lar tragedy from occurring in the year 2000 - approximately 25 years from now?

This writer believes it is wiser, better and cheaper to build boys and girls than to mend men and women. Think about it!

Via: The Informer

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WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT AND CATCH THE BAD GUYS?

By Ray Hawk

Tommy Garrison, one of the Bellview members was recently on vacation in South Carolina. He was visiting with friends who are members of the church. They had received a letter from the church with their record of attendance. It showed every absence, as well as everytime they attended.

First, they did not appreciate the church keeping "tabs" on their absences! Second, they thought it was terrible that the church would send them a letter and remind them of such a thing. Third, they thought the church was "wasting money" by sending such material to members of the church, when they could be using their time and energy sending materials instead to the lost!

It is commendable upon the part of the church in Spartanburg, South Carolina to care enough about its members to oversee their souls in such a fashion. It is sad that members such as these act like caught speeders and indignantly ask the policeman, "Why don't you go out and catch the bad guys instead of picking upon law abiding citizens like me?"

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ATTENTION: If you change addresses, please send us a change of address before you move. If we receive a notice from the Post Office that you have moved and have to pay for return postage, your name will be dropped from our mailing list. It will cost $0.50 to reinstate you on the mailing list if you desire to be reinstated.


GOSPEL MEETING: Leonard St. church is in a meeting this week through Friday night with James Andrews. 7:30 P.M. Nightly.

YOUTH MEETING: A meeting at Cantonment began Wednesday evening and will conclude Saturday with a youth meeting. The meeting Saturday begins at 1 P.M.

ON THE SICK LIST: Barbara Burke, Ray Dodd, and Linnie Roberts are at home.

WITHDRAWAL OF FELLOWSHIP: We regret that it is necessary to announce a withdrawal of fellowship from sister Liz Brazwell. We hope sister Brazwell and others who have left the Lord will soon be restored.

FELLOWSHIP: Sunday evening after services, Zones 1 and 6 will meet in the fellowship room for a meal and fellowship.
"Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5:5

The Jehovah's Witnesses believe this passage relates to a future reign upon the earth for all faithful Witnesses as their eternal reward. Is this what Jesus is speaking of?

Actually, Jesus is drawing a contrast between physical, earthly Judaism with what the next age will be like.

In Matt.5:18 Jesus showed that heaven and earth would not pass away till the Law had been fulfilled. The heaven and earth to pass away was not the literal earth we occupy nor the heavens above, but rather Judaism. Let us see if Judaism is not meant in these passages.

In Matt.24:29 Jesus speaks of the destruction of Jerusalem with language that was prophetic and familiar to his Jewish audience (the apostles). Jesus used the same type of language employed by the Spirit through Isaiah, Isa.19:1, 23. In Matt.24:35 Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." When you compare this with Matt.5:18 you can see that the Law
would pass, but Jesus' words would not. But, when the Law passed away, heaven and earth would! "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." What heaven and earth will pass away? What earth will those in Jesus' audience in Matt.5:5 receive?

I believe Heb.12:26,27 has our answer! In this passage the Holy Ghost states,

"Whose voice then shook the earth; but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

Here the writer definitely refers to Judaism as the earth and heaven that are being shaken. Judaism is to be removed. A new order (heaven and earth) is to be completed-teleios. This new heaven and earth that will be perfected, 1 Cor.13:8-10; Eph.4:13, is that which the meek of Matt.5:5 will occupy!

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HOW DID THE GENTILES KNOW GOD?
By Ray Hawk

In Rom.1:20 Paul states that the Gentiles were without excuse because "the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

It is true that a person can look at a tree, leaf, the heavens, or the earth and see there is order and design. If there is order, someone must have set it in order. If there is design, there must be a designer. All of this points to God.
Is this the only way the Gentiles could know God? If so, they could never know how many gods. If so, they could never know the name of God. In fact, all they could know was that the earth was made by some kind of intelligence and force greater than mankind.

The Gentiles knew much, much more than the above about Jehovah. Then knew, not through deduction from leaves, etc., but because Jehovah revealed Himself to them! Notice Paul's statement in Rom.1:19,

"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them."

When one goes back to the Old Testament, he can see that there were Gentiles prophets. In fact, the book of Jonah shows that God sent Hebrew prophets to the Gentiles. Yet, in spite of all this, the Gentile as well as the Jew still needed a Saviour!

We cannot save ourselves in that salvation does not originate from man. We must submit to the commands in the New Testament if we are to be saved. Jesus tells us we must believe and be baptized to be saved, Mark 16:16. Peter was inspired to tell the Jews to repent and be baptized to have their sins remitted. When one obeys God's revealed will on the subject, he is saved by the God who gave those commands! It is just that simple.

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Our contribution is looking better the past couple of weeks! Let's keep it up.
RESPONSES: Diane Butler was immersed into our Lord's body Monday, August 2nd. She and her husband, Bill, will be worshipping at Jay.

NEW ADDRESS: George and Ida Williams, Route 10, Box 277, Pensacola, Florida 32506. Telephone: 453-6207.


BELLVIEW PREACHER'S TRAINING SCHOOL: Classes begin on Monday, September 6th.

YOUTH NEWS: 15 from Bellview attended the Youth lectureship at Cantonment last Saturday. Brother Hawk spoke to the young people and sister Hawk taught a class for girls later in the day.

ZONE NEWS: Zones 1 & 6 met Sunday night for fellowship. Zones 2 & 5 will meet this Sunday night after services.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS: A good number visited the gospel meeting at Leonard St. this past week. Brother Ira Rice spoke here Sunday in a combined Bible class and at the worship hour. Brother Rice has received support from Bellview since 1958. We wish him Godspeed in his mission efforts in the Far East.

SICK SUNDAY: Sister Mary Lou Holderfield.
CORRECTION

In last week's article, "The Meek Shall Inherit The Earth," I stated in the last paragraph, "Judaism is to be removed. A new order (heaven and earth) is to be completely teleios. This new heaven and earth that will be perfected, 1 Cor. 13:8-10; Eph. 4:13, is that which the meek of Matt. 5:5 will occupy!" The sentences are in the future tense. I put them in that tense from the standpoint that the new earth to be occupied was in the future when Matt. 5:5 was uttered by Jesus. However, if the reader thought I meant these events were still future, then this is not the case. This is the reason for this short statement of correction. RH

HE MADE THE WORLDS
By Ray Hawk

"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." Heb. 1:2

Perhaps some Bible students have thought the "worlds" mentioned in the above passage were different planets or galaxies. Actually, the word is from a Greek one that
has this definition,

"Hence, an age, end, or dispensation, designed, adjusted, and fitted out by God (Heb.xi. 3) according to what is called in Eph.iii.11 πρόθεσις τῶν αἰωνίων, the purpose of the ages or dispensations." Ethelbert W. Bullinger, A Critical Lexicon And Concordance To The English and Greek New Testament (London: Samuel Bagster And Sons Limited, 9th Ed., 1969), p. 901.

Jesus made the ages! Patriarchal, Mosaic, and now Christian age. This verse speaks of God speaking by His Son "in these last days." What age did the "last days" refer to? Jesus lived in the last days of the Jewish age. In Heb.9:26 we read,

"For then must he (Christ) often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now once in the end of the world (age) hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

The end of the Jewish age is under consideration in Heb.1:2 and 9:26. The Jewish age ended completely in A. D. 70, for that is when it was removed, Heb.12:27. The Hebrew writer, penning his letter around A. S. 64, stated, "Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." Heb.8:13.

Some Hebrews Christians were forsaking the assemblies (Heb.10:25) and drawing back to perdition, (Heb.10:38,39). The writer is showing them that Christianity is far superior to Judaism and that Judaism is in the process of being removed.

In chapters one and two he shows that Jesus is superior to the angels. In chapter three He is better than Moses. In four He is greater than Joshua. In chapters five through seven, He is after the order of Melchisedec and therefore greater and better
than the Jewish priesthood. In chapter eight He offers a better covenant. In nine He is a better sacrifice than animals. In ten Christ is at the right hand of Jehovah and Hebrew Christians should remain faithful. Chapter eleven shows all the faithful worthies of the Patriarchal and Mosaic period and how they "having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise," Heb.11:39. Those Hebrew Christians living at that time were with those who had died in faith, to see their faith completed or perfected by Jesus, Heb.12:2. Christians were in that which could not be removed, Heb.12:28. Those Hebrew Christians who had gone back into Judaism had returned to that which was about to be removed, Heb.12:25-27.

Jesus made the ages. He worked everything out so we could receive what others before looked for, Heb.11:10,13,14,16; 1 Pet.1:11. Knowing this, by inspiration, Paul wrote to the Romans and said, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom.8:29. We live in that country Abraham and others looked for. We occupy the true promise land that gives what Palestine could never offer under Joshua (the KJV has Jesus in the text whereas it should be Joshua, RH), Heb.4:8-11. It is the church! The body of Christ! How then can religious people degrade the church of Christ, refuse to enter it by baptism, ridicule its members, deny the gospel of Christ preached by its ministers, and state that the church my Lord bought with His blood is non-essential to their salvation? What the Hebrew writer told folks back then is the same message needed today!

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."
For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation. Heb. 2:1-3.


FAREWELL: Laura Bedard and boys will be leaving for the Dallas, Texas area this week. We wish them well in their new home. The Horace Myrick family moved several weeks ago to Cantonment and decided Sunday to place their membership with the church there. We will miss them. The Don Bopp family have moved their membership to the Warrington church. We will miss these families and hate to see them leave our midst. We wish them well in their work for the Lord in these new areas.


SICK LIST: Jackie Thornhill entered Baptist hospital Monday for an operation Tuesday of this week. David Norris (Pam Busch's brother-in-law) is in W. Fla., Rm. 305-B.

ONE YEAR! On August 17th we celebrate one year of work with the congregation here. RH
RECIPE FOR A HAPPY HOME
Author Unknown

One cup of Love,
One cup of Thoughtfulness,
One cup of Friendship,
Blend together with a pinch of tenderness
One big dash of Loyalty
Blend in faith, hope, and charity
Add a spoon of compassion
One of gaiety that sings,
Also one of ability to laugh at little things
Moisten with tears of joy-sorrow and sympathy
Bake in a pan of good nature
And serve repeatedly.

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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR SCHOOL OF PREACHING
Beginning on September 6, 1976

Monday
B-4310 - 9:00-11:30 Hermeneutics - Cline
L-1201 - 1:00-3:00 English - Temple
B-4290 - 6:00-7:30 Parables of Jesus - Cline
B-4440 - 7:30-10:00 Psalms, Proverbs, Eccl. - Hawk

Tuesday
L-4353 - 8:30-10:00 Greek - Cline
B-4431 -10:00-12:00 Prophets - Temple
B-4270 1:00-3:00 Scheme of Redemption - Temple

Wednesday
S-4224 8:30-10:00 Homiletics - Hawk
S-1221 10:00-12:00 Homiletics - Cline
B-4242 1:00-3:00 Denom. Doctrine - Temple

Thursday
B-4431 9:00-11:00 Prophets - Temple
B-4242 1:00-3:00 Denom. Doctrine - Temple

NOTE: L-1201 and S-1221 are for first year students only. L-4353 and S-4224 are for second year students only. All other courses will be taken by first and second year students.

KITTY WELLS SHOW - Pensacola High School Stadium, Friday, September 3, 1976 - 8:00 P.M. The tickets are $4.00 advance, $5.00 at the gate. This is for Escambia Christian School.

HOW TO READ NOTES

Have you ever noticed the notes in the song books? Our books have shaped notes. This means each shape tells you what the note is. Brother Ralph Casey gave each note a verse and sings it to "Do, Re, Mi" in "The Sound of Music."

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{"Do"} - is like a pyramid,
  \item \textbf{"Re"} - is shaped just like a bowl,
  \item \textbf{"Mi"} - a diamond in a ring,
  \item \textbf{"Fa"} - A hill down which to roll,
  \item \textbf{"So"} - the "O" in telephone,
  \item \textbf{"La"} - A box to follow "So,"
  \item \textbf{"Ti"} - a tasty ice cream cone,
  \item And that brings us back to "Do."
\end{itemize}

DO I BELIEVE IN BUS MINISTRIES?

I have written two articles recently that have caused some to believe that I am against
bussing. Nothing could be further from the truth! I believe buses, cars, or even motor cycles could be used to bring people to services. I am not against the church using buses to transport people to the building. What I have spoken out against in two recent articles are the abuses some have brought into their bus ministries.

Several people have been upset with my articles. I cannot understand why they are unless they are practicing the abuses! If they aren't, why do they get upset?

I have spoken out against "bribing" children to ride the buses. I have spoken out against using gimmicks and prizes to motivate them to ride. If we can use reward motivation to get children to ride buses, why can't we use reward motivation to get adults to attend? Before long, some brethren will use that argument and we will see some offering vacation trips, and who knows what else to get people to attend!

Some brethren have accused me of not loving the souls of children because I write against giving bicycles, transistor radios, and such like to get them to attend to hear the gospel. I am not against children, I am against the abuses I have described, as well as others that are parallel! I am sure the Christian Church accused brethren of not loving souls or mission work when they opposed the Missionary Society back in the last century, but today without the Society, the churches of Christ have surpassed the Christian Church in missionary work!

No, I am not against any scriptural work being employed by brethren to save the lost. I am against the abuses sometimes found in those programs. As Paul once said when he wrote to the Galatians, "Am I become your enemy, by telling you the truth?" Gal.4:16.

NEWCOMERS TO OUR AREA: We wish to welcome into the Pensacola area several newcomers who are members of the church. We hope you will want to make Bellview your home. The newcomers are Mrs. Frances Woehler, Mr. Louis Consoli, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Russell, and Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hammonds.

OUR SICK: Steve Orr was in NAS Hospital Sunday. Jackie Thornhill will reenter the Baptist Hospital Monday of this week for an operation on Tuesday. Richie Dodd enters W. Fla. Monday for an operation Tuesday.

FELLOWSHIP: Next Sunday after evening services the entire congregation will eat a meal together on the tables in back of the building.

SERMON TOPICS SUNDAY: Building Up The Local Congregation, A.M., and Questions and Answers, P.M.

NURSERY: August 29: Barbara Faison and Linda Parker.

VACATIONS OVER! It is almost time for school to begin and vacations are winding down. It was good to see most of our folks back in services again Sunday.
FALSE PROPHETS AND GULLIBLE PEOPLE
Ray Hawk

Tell people an absurd lie and they will believe it, support it beyond measure, and work for it with more zeal than you can imagine. Tell people the truth and they will ridicule it, slander you for teaching it, and work against it.

A year or so ago, a friend sent me a paper named The Macedonian Call. I wrote an article on this paper and it first appeared in Truth, the bulletin of the East Gadsden church in Gadsden, Alabama. Later in this year, brother Rice reprinted the article in Contending For The Faith.

I still have that paper before me. It is the Vol.1, No.12, June 5, 1974 issue. Mr. Bernard Gill is the editor. The paper is published by the Colonial Village Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene in Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Gill is the pastor of that church. In the paper, he calls himself, "God's Prophet of the Latter Rain." The paper consists of one article, giving prophecies Mr. Gill says he received from God between October, 1969 to September 20, 1973.

I suppose, if I were a Pentecostal, I
would be obligated to accept the claims of Mr. Gill, as we are called upon to believe the claims of other Pentecostal preachers! Mr. Gill offers no more proof than do they that miracles, signs, and wonders continue today. Whereas Mr. Gill offers his "gift" of prophecy that he has the baptism of the Holy Ghost, most other Pentecostals offer "tongues" as their "gift." However, Mr. Gill goes one step further. He prints his prophecies, but you can't get the majority of others to speak their "tongues"!

In yesterday's mail, I received a note from brother Fred Stroop. He, for some reason, had received The Macedonian Call. On August 11, 1974 he received his last word from the Colonial Village Pentecostal Church. Below is that letter.

Dear Readers of the MACEDONIAN CALL,
Subject: 15th issue of the MACEDONIAN CALL

In the 14th issue of the MACEDONIAN CALL you were informed that issue 15 would carry the account of the event that would publicly vindicate God's Prophet of the Latter Rain. We of the Colonial Village Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, having been aware for several months that this vindication would come in the form of God's resurrecting someone from the dead through His prophet, have eagerly anticipated this time.

The dateline for the 15th issue, according to man's schedule, would have been July 17, 1974. On that date at 8:58 p.m. God called His prophet home for an indefinite period of time. Pastor Bernard Gill was taken ill suddenly on the 14th of July, hospitalized on the 15th, placed on the critical list on the 16th, and pronounced dead by man on the 17th.

To many his death is proof that he was a false prophet. To us, his death is the first step in God's vindication of him as His pro-
phet to the end of this age. The final step will be God's resurrection from the grave of Bernard Gill, His Prophet of the Latter Rain. We cannot, however, tell you how many steps there may be between these first and final ones as we can no longer have our direct questions answered by God in the absence of His prophet.

This letter is simply to inform you of the situation and to allow you one last opportunity of faith to either accept or reject God's move before it becomes reality.

Living By Faith,
Members of The Colonial Village
Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene

Think how these honest and sincere folks are being blinded! That is the fruits of Pentecostalism! That is the fruits of any false religion. Remember the family out in California who believed their Assembly of God preacher and threw their son's insulin away? The boy died. Then they prayed for his resurrection. Remember those folks up in Tennessee who were bitten by rattlers and drank poison? All of them are dead. None were raised.

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thess. 2:11, 12

I admire the zeal of these people, but I despise the doctrine that destroys people in soul and body. I pray the day will come when these fine people will see that Pentecostal doctrine is not Biblical, but is merely manmade doctrines, used by the devil to destroy souls. The day of miracles ceased in the first century with the completion of the Jewish age, 1 Cor. 13:8-10 and the perfection of God's covenant, Eph.

It's not the church that's nearest to you, but the one that's dearest to you that counts! That's why people don't mind a few miles to attend Bellview. Why not come and see for yourself?


RESPONSES: Charles Lansdown was immersed into Jesus Christ Friday evening by Bill Gallaher. We rejoice with Charles upon his new birth. Charles and Sharon live at 511 Atlanta Ave. Phone: 456-0504.

OUR SICK: Linnie Roberts at home; Jackie Thornhill at home from hospital; and Richie Dodd, W. Fla., Rm. 510.

MOVING: Sister Elaine and Mary Dodd, Vickie Pfeiffer have placed membership with North Palafox. The Jean Johnsons have moved to Milton, Florida. We hate to see these go, but we wish them well in their new locations. The moving van has hit us hard in the past few months.
31 MORE DAYS UNTIL OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH GEORGE DARLING!

A few years ago brother George Darling was in a meeting with the Bellview church. From what I am told, it was one of the best meetings this congregation has ever had. A number were immersed into Christ and others were restored.

A preacher cannot do it all though. Let us begin now to invite our friends and acquaintances to attend this meeting. Let us decide that we will be here for every service! It means a lot when every member is in his place!

When is our meeting? October 10 - 15.

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PREACHER AWAY IN A MEETING IN TOCCOA, GA.

I shall be in a gospel meeting in Toccoa this week. Ron Childress is the capable evangelist. This is a mission effort which brother Childress has been working in for several years. Please pray for the success of the meeting.

BILL CLINE IN JAY, FLORIDA THIS WEEK

Bill began a meeting in Jay, Florida
this past Sunday. It will continue through Friday night. Pray for this effort. If you can, back up your prayers with your attendance. Jay is only 50 miles from Pensacola.

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DISTANCE IS NO OBJECT WHEN IT MEANS BEING A MEMBER AT BELLVIEW!

Ask several members of the Bellview congregation why they drive in from Alabama or from across town and they will tell you that Bellview makes the difference. What is that difference?

1. An eldership that oversees the flock as taught by the New Testament, Acts 20:28. If you want to work under an eldership that practices discipline, consistently and lovingly, look no further. Bellview does!

2. A team of evangelists that preach book, chapter, and verse sermons, 1 Pet.4:11; 2 Tim.3:16,17. Regardless of which preacher stands in the pulpit, you will hear the whole counsel of God if you stay with us very long, Acts 20:27. No Bible subject is shuffled to the side and forgotten.

3. A congregation that works, 2 Cor.6:1. All have different abilities and each is expected to do his part in building up the Lord's church, 1 Cor.15:58.

   A. We have deacons that are real live deacons that serve! 1 Tim.3:13. We don't have deacons that are deacons only in name. We don't need that kind and don't have that kind!

   B. We have dedicated teachers that prepare their lessons and train their students to be obedient to the gospel, 2 Tim.2:2; Eph.4:11. We have an excellent Bible school director in
Bill Gallaher.

C. We have an excellent school of preaching. We are building toward one of the greatest in the brotherhood. Bill Cline is the able director. Winston Temple and Rex Turner are capable instructors. This writer also serves on the faculty.

D. We send out over 4000 copies of the Defender each month. The bulletin, Beacon, numbers about 950 each week. A new paper, The Seeker is being sent into every home in our area in Pensacola. The first 1,000 are to go out this month!

E. We have one of the finest group of women anywhere! Come to the building anytime any of the papers are being prepared for mailing and you will find a dozen or more women at work.

F. We have elders, deacons, and other saints actively engaged in cottage meetings. There isn't a week that goes by that members of Bellview aren't engaged in a Bible discussion at work, in doctors' offices, and elsewhere.

G. Members at Bellview give better than most other congregations our size. Yet, we have no physicians, lawyers, or others who have large salaries.

H. We have some of the finest song leaders of any congregation. Paul Brantley and John Bumpers lead most of the time, but others are available at a moment's notice.

I. We print our own tracts. Last month we sent 1000 to Africa to be used in a mission work. Elward Brantley and Charles Williams run our press. They are two of our working deacons. Alice Williams addresses the papers, with help from several
other fine ladies.

J. Several ladies are active in helping put together papers and books for the school. Shirley Bailey, Darlene Howland, and Sonja Orr are frequently at the building. We have two efficient secretaries too, Dot Brantley and Jackie Thornhill. I could go on and on about Bellview, but space will not allow me to continue. Before closing, I want to mention that our elders are Hairston Brantley, Harold Cozad, and Eugene Walp. Our deacons are Henry Born, Elward Brantley, Paul Brantley, Frank Buchanan, Charles Garrett, Richard Parker, Bill Thornhill, and Charles Williams.

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OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 183; Worship: 196; Evening: 155; Wednesday: 169. Newspaper Ad: $23.00. Contribution: $1,878.00

NURSERY: September 12: JoAnn Pugh and Julie Johnson. September 15: Goldie Butler and Phyllis Brantley.

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Dates To Remember

OCTOBER 10 - 15

BELLVIEW Church of Christ
4850 Saukley Road
Pensacola, Florida 32506
What is the "creation" of Rom.8:19-23? There are numerous positions. Seeing that these differences do exist, R. L. Whiteside has said: "Where students differ so, it is not well for any one to be overly dogmatic." (R. L. Whiteside, A New Commentary On Paul's Letter To The Saints At Rome, p.181.)

Several of these views are worth mentioning.

(1) The "creation" is the Church (Christians): so taught by R. L. Whiteside, and more recently, Franklin Camp.
(2) The "creation" is the believing Jewish remnant who awaited Christ.
(3) The "creation" is all mankind.
(4) The "creation" is the Jewish System: so teaches Max R. King.
(5) The "creation" is the material creation which God cursed at the Fall: Moses Lard, David Lipscomb, and more recently, Jimmy Allen, Jim McGuiggan and Robert Shank all accept this view.
In the July 22, 1976 edition of THE BEACON (Vol.5, No.30), Brother Ray Hawk proposed that the "creation" of Rom.8:22 stands for Christians. Since Brother Hawk and I are friends, I know he will not object to several observations concerning his view.

Brother Hawk begins by showing that "creature" and "creation" (ktisis) come from the same Greek word. He proceeds to show several Scriptures which would indicate that "creature" refers to human beings. Therefore, he concludes, the "creation" of Rom.8:22 are human beings, (Christians), not the inanimate creation itself. Reader, such is a credible view. Nonetheless, please consider the following.

(1) Read Rom.8:23. Brother Hawk omits this verse in his discussion. The "creation" is said to be delivered (at the same time as) along with the children of God. This seems to make the "creation" speak of something other than Christians.

(2) The word "ktisis" is also used of the inanimate world. "He ktisis is the world and all that it contains, animate and inanimate, distinguished from man." (James Moffatt, The Expositor's Greek Testament, Vol.5, p.649.) I believe THE CONTEXT IS THE KEY. The cases Brother Hawk cited are quite valid. However, for him to conclude that Rom.8:22 means human beings does not necessarily follow. Rom.8:39 uses "ktisis" to refer to things other than humans. Here the word does not mean Christians. The word must be viewed in light of the context. To say the least, Brother Hawk's argument is not definitive.

(3) Seeing that Brother Hawk applies these verses to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, did the "manifestation of the sons of God" AND the "redemption of our body" occur in A.D. 70? Such is to face the pitfall of Max R. King. That doesn't make the view wrong, yet why can't we accept Rom.8:23 at face value? Could these verses not refer to
the Second Coming of Christ and the resurrection of our bodies at that time?

It goes without saying that there are several weighty objections to this view worthy of consideration.

(1) This would mean that 2 Peter 3 is not speaking of the fiery destruction of the universe. (For comments favoring a figurative interpretation of 2 Peter 3, see Jim McGuiggan, The Book of Romans, Let The Bible Speak Series, p.95.)

(2) That such phraseology as "hoping," "expecting," and "travailing" should not be used of the impersonal. This is not as weighty as the previous objection. The Bible is full of language that attribute human characteristics to inanimate objects. This is called "anthropomorphism." (cf. Psalm 148).

(3) There is no purpose in God rejuvenating the earth. This is a matter of speculation. Could its remaining be as a memorial of the great sacrifices heaven made there? This, as well, is without evidence.

Obviously, there is a correct interpretation of the verses in question. However, who has that interpretation? Might we be so humble as to plead Deut.29:29 and continue to be about the teaching of the lost?

Editor's Note: Please keep this copy to refer back to as I plan to review brother Hansen's article in next week's bulletin. As he said, we are friends. He is not the only brother who has disagreed with me. One brother in Texas also wrote to tell me he thought I was in error. He referred me to several commentaries and to what they have said about the verses under consideration. I will also reply in part to his statement on the commentaries. Keep in mind that I reply because the Lord tells us to study to show ourselves approved, 2 Tim.
2:15. If I am wrong, I hope brother Hansen will show me wherein I am wrong. If he is wrong, I should be able to show him where he is not correctly interpreting the passage. I hope all will keep in mind that brother Hansen and I are brothers in Christ and friends.

OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 178; Worship: 185; Evening: 168; Contribution: $1,601. The Seeker: $26.00

YOUTH RALLY at Gulf Shores Saturday - 9:30 to 4 P.M.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Bill Harris; Route 1, Box 362, Elberta, Alabama 36530. Muriel & Virginia Elliott, King George Estates, 2225 Deerwood Road. Maurice & Hellen Nelson: 456-7393.

REPORT ON MEETINGS: Bro. Cline reports an excellent meeting at Jay with one man restored. Bro. Hawk reports one baptism and one asking for prayers in his meeting at Toccoa, Georgia. Brothers Cline, Hawk, and Temple will be in a lectureship this week at Baker, Florida.

OUR SICK: Sisters Jeanette Nall & Mary Cunningham were sick at home Sunday. Aaron Crabb's father is in Baptist, 440. Richie Dodd is at home. Dale McCaleb was at home sick Sunday.
OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH GEORGE DARLING IS
ONLY 17 DAYS AWAY - Oct. 10 - 15TH

THE "CREATION" OF ROM.8:22
Ray Hawk

Last week I printed brother Jack K. Hansen's article in which he replied to two essays I had on the above topic. This is a reply to his response.

Brother Hansen gave us five positions held by scholars, mentioning different brethren who took each of these approaches. I hold mainly to position No.1 which R. L. Whiteside espouses, with some variation.

A brother in Texas stated that I did not hold with the majority of commentators on Rom.8:22 and that he was afraid I was in error. Yet, a number of commentators take the position that there is not a consensus among scholars on these verses! Although many scholars believe Paul is talking about the animate and inanimate world, they are only giving their interpretation of the passages, usually based upon their premillennial convictions!

The Premillennialists believe that the earth will be returned to its perfect state
as it once occupied when Jesus comes to reign for a 1000 years upon earth. They literalize such passages as Isa.11:6-9. My brethren who occupy the same interpretation as held by these scholars on Rom.8:22, will have to deal with the logical conclusions of the premillennial view!

The only position worth our consideration is R. L. Whiteside's. This is not to say that there aren't problems involved, but I see fewer here than in the other 4 positions given.

In Rom.8:23 Paul says "we." Since Paul and the Romans were Christians, New Testament saints would have to be under consideration in these verses. But, who else is involved? Our brother correctly infers that there are others under consideration. Who would have an "earnest expectation" and be "waiting" on the manifestation of the sons of God?

In 1 Pet.1:9-12 the apostle shows the prophets inquired concerning the salvation Peter revealed to his readers. In Heb.11:39-12:2; Paul shows that the faithful, from the beginning of man's history down to the Jewish saints, waited for that which God had provided for them. They were to share, with the Christians, in that which the prophets had written about and of which Jesus was the author and finisher (perfector), Heb.12:2. The "creation" of Rom.8:23 refers to those mentioned in Heb.11:39-40.

It is admitted by this writer that the expression "redemption of our body" presents a problem. If Paul had used the same language here as he did in Eph.1:14 or Luke 21:28, no problems would have arisen. All would have understood it to refer to events in the first century. My explanation here is that as the destruction of Jerusalem is a picture of God's judgment upon all men, so it also is a picture concerning our ultimate and final redemption.

Brother Hansen states, "Obviously, there is
a correct interpretation of the verses in question. However, who has that interpretation? Might we be so humble as to plead Deut. 29:29 and continue to be about the teaching of the lost?" Who has the correct interpretation? God does! Does Deut. 29:29 apply to Ro. 8:22? Not if God has revealed by other passages what it means. I believe He has. It does relate to our edification. It behooves us to study, 2 Tim. 2:15, and see what God is saying lest we miss something that will build us up!

I appreciate brother Hansen's article and his and the Texas brother's interest. I don't have the last word on these verses. We need more study on God's word. The Restoration came out of a deep desire to know God's will. This should continue to be a determining factor among us today!

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RESPONSES: Dot Lambert and Sharon Lansdown came this past week seeking the prayers of the church on their behalf for neglecting the services of the church. Brother Cozad baptized Christine Faye Oswalt and Karen N. Oswalt was restored. Jessica Garrett was baptized Sunday night by brother Hawk.

OUR SYMPATHIES: We express our deepest sympathies to Emma & Billie Harris upon the death of Bill Harris this past week. We also extend our sympathies to Aaron Crabb, whose father, Dennis, passed away this past Thursday.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Henry & Paulette Born upon the arrival of Jennifer, born Wednesday, Sept. 15th at 7:30 P.M. She weighed 9 lbs. & 2 ozs.

FAREWELL: Philip Mullins left last week for Guam. We will miss him.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Daniel Denham, Route 1, Box 374, Elberta, Alabama 36530.

MY THANKS: To Allen Fleetwood and Dale McCaleb for preaching in my place the Sunday I was away in the meeting in Toccoa, Georgia. Also to Daniel Denham and Tommy Alford for teaching my Sunday and Wednesday classes.

WELCOME: We wish to welcome Bruce Curd to our area. Bruce now works with the church in Crestview, Florida.

LADIES CLASS BEGINS THIS TUESDAY at 9:30 A.M. Bring your Old and New Testaments as well as a notebook and pencil!

YOUNG PEOPLE GET-TOGETHER SATURDAY 3-5 P.M.

CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES: 9 went out for door to door work Tuesday evening and signed up 5 for Bible correspondence courses in half hour. Several will be going out again this Tuesday. The elders are also busy. They are now in the process of visiting delinquent members, trying to encourage them to return to God. Zones 1 and 2 met Sunday after services and enjoyed a meal and fellowship together.
JUST 11 MORE DAYS UNTIL OUR MEETING WITH
GEORGE DARLING
October 11 - 17  7:30 P.M. Nightly

THE FIRST ANNUAL
"SPIRITUAL SWORD LECTURESHIP"
ONE OF THE GREAT EVENTS OF 1976
Garland Elkins

Some time ago the elders of the Getwell church of Christ announced that the first annual "Spiritual Sword Lectureship" would be conducted, the Lord willing, October 24-28.

During the lectureship the basic message of every book of the New Testament will be discussed in the light of the general theme of the entire Bible and in view of the crucial situation, involving a number of specific problems, which the Lord's church presently faces. There will also be five special lectures.

The message of Christ for Christians and all others is revealed in twenty-seven books of the New Testament. Each of these books makes a unique contribution to the whole. Each Christian (and all others) needs to understand each individual book and how it
fits into the whole of the New Testament. Though there are needs for lectureships which deal with methods, there is far more urgency for those that are devoted to content. The first annual "Spiritual Sword Lectureship" will concern itself with the proclamation of the doctrine of Christ, and to the opposition of all false doctrines (Rom. 6:17,18; 2 Tim. 1:13; 1 Tim. 4:16; Rom. 16:17,18; 2 John 9-11).

The speakers will come from across America. Brother B. C. Goodpasture, distinguished Editor of the Gospel Advocate, will speak during the Sunday morning worship hour on the subject of "Soldiers of Christ Arise." The inimitable G. K. Wallace will conclude the series on Thursday morning. Brother Wallace will be speaking on the subject of "What Shall We Conclude?"

Those desiring further information should write to Thomas B. Warren or Garland Elkins, lectureship directors, and enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope for a free brochure. All lectures will be presented in the meeting house of the Getwell church of Christ on 1511 Getwell Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38111.

*Brother Cline will speak on Tuesday at 9 a.m. on "The Living Message of 2 Thessalonians."

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PROPOSED DEBATE WITH MYRTLE GROVE CHURCH

Propositions have been sent to the elders of the Myrtle Grove church of Christ for a public discussion over the issues that divide us. The elders of the Bellview church have selected brother Roy Deaver as our representative. The Myrtle Grove elders have not as yet announced their representative.

Brother Deaver has submitted the following propositions:
The Scriptures teach that a church may send funds to a home for orphans.

The Scriptures teach that congregation "A" may [has the right to] contribute to [send funds to, give assistance to] congregation "B" for the purpose of enabling "B" to accomplish a work which "B" is unable to accomplish without help, and to which work both "A" and "B" were equally related prior to its being undertaken by "B".

The last correspondence received from the Myrtle Grove elders stated that they had sent the propositions to their man and they expected to receive his propositions soon.

We will keep our readers informed through the pages of the Beacon.

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RESPONSES: Susan McDonald came for prayers Wednesday night. Jay Worley was immersed into Christ Sunday evening.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: 40 young people and adults went to Fort Pickens for an outing. After investigating the Fort, all enjoyed a cookout around a campfire. Afterwards, Tommy Alford directed our devotion with a fine lesson.

DOOR TO DOOR WORK: 8 turned out last Tuesday afternoon for an hour of door to door work. 6 people were signed up for correspondence work. This gives us a total of 11. Some of the ladies will be going out on Tuesday mornings after Ladies' class and the students and anyone else who desires may go out after 3:30 p.m.

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LECTURESHIP: Brother Cline left Monday for a gospel meeting in Indiana where Bill Yuhas preaches. Winston Temple and Ray Hawk will leave Saturday for a lectureship in Dalton, Georgia beginning on Sunday. Brother Cline will speak there too. All of us should return Tuesday, the Lord willing.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Philip & JoAnn Mullins upon the arrival of their daughter, Venus, on Thursday, September 23rd. Venus weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces. Philip received an emergency leave and was with us Sunday with his family.

DEBATE OF CENTURY OVER AND TRUTH TRIUMPHS

Brother Temple attended the debate between brother Thomas Warren and Dr. Athony Flew. Winston said that brother Warren did an outstanding job. If you want pre-publication price on the tapes or book, turn your name in to the office by Sunday! All orders must be in by then! Tapes are $27.00 and the book is $9.00.

Brother Temple will have a fuller report in the pages of The Defender.

PROPOSED NEW ELDER: Brother Hawk's name was put before the congregation as an additional elder. If no scriptural objections are given he will be appointed on October 10th.
ONLY 4 MORE DAYS UNTIL OUR GOSPEL MEETING
WITH GEORGE DARLING
October 11 - 17
7:30 Nightly Except For Sunday Which Will Be
At 6:00 p.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND

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CONGRATULATIONS: To brother & sister Robert Matheny. They announced the arrival of their adopted daughter, Angela Dee, born on Sept. 19th, weighing 8 lbs. 13 ozs.

DOOR TO DOOR WORK: Eight ladies worked last Tuesday morning and the students worked that afternoon. Five correspondence courses were signed for. This gives us a total of sixteen for three times out. We thank these who helped and would appreciate any others who would like to assist us.

OUR THANKS to our ladies who came last Wednesday and worked on The Defender and The Seeker. Both papers will be mailed out soon.

OUR ELDERS are busy. They went out this past Tuesday evening seeking to encourage and build up those they saw. We appreciate these fine men and the work they take so seriously.

REMEMBER OUR REVIVAL WITH GEORGE DARLING!
In Ps.23 we find the English expression, "The Lord (Jehovah, ASV) is my Shepherd." In Hebrew these 5 English words are condensed into what is called a Jehovistic title. That title is Jehovah-raah, translated "Jehovah my Shepherd. There are seven instances of these Jehovistic titles in the Old Testament.

2. Jehovah-rapha: Jehovah heals, Ex.15:26
3. Jehovah-shalom: Jehovah our peace, Judges 6:24
4. Jehovah-tsidkenu: Jehovah our righteousness, Jer.23:6
5. Jehovah-shammah: Jehovah ever-present, Ezek.43:35
7. Jehovah-raah: Jehovah my Shepherd, Ps.23:1

Although only No.7 is found in Ps.23, all are indicated therein! Jehovah-jireh: "I shall not want." Jehovah-rapha: "he restor­eth my soul." Jehovah-shalom: "He leadeth me beside still waters." Jehovah-tsidkenu: "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness." Jehovah-shammah: "I will fear no evil for thou art with me." Jehovah-nissi: "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." Jehovah-raah: "The Lord is my Shepherd."

Because the Lord is my Shepherd, Ps.23 indicates provision (green pastures), peace (still waters), restoration (restores my soul), guidance (he leads me), courage (valley...) comfort (rod & staff), protection, preservation and honor (table), joy (anoints my head), blessings (cup runneth over), Divine favor (goodness & mercy) and heavenly home (dwell in the house of the Lord forever)
THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN CONVICTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL BY THIS MAN. WE ARE EXPECTING GREAT THINGS. THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST WILL THRILL YOUR SOUL. WHY NOT BE AMONG THOSE WHO WILL COME OUT FOR THIS SPIRITUAL FEAST AND BE FILLED?

Bellview church of Christ

4850 Saufley Road

Transportation: 455-7595 or 453-4513
OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 185; Worship: 222; Evening: 174; Wednesday: 189; Ladies' class: 33. Contribution: $2,036.

MY THANKS to brethren Dale McCaleb and Alan Fleetwood for the fine sermons Sunday. I appreciate these brethren filling in for me when I am out of town. My thanks to Tommy Alford for teaching my Sunday morning class.

TWO NEW TRACTS will soon be available. They are "The Rapture: Fact or Fiction," and "Restoring New Testament Christianity."

YOUTH NEWS: About 20+ young people and adults went canoeing last Saturday at Milton. This coming Saturday, the young people are going to meet and do door to door work in preparation for our gospel meeting October 11-17th with George Darling.

EXCHANGE OF PULPITS on Sunday night, October 10th with brother Jack Black. Brother Hawk will speak at Brentwood congregation.

RESPONSES: Pam Busch came for prayers Wednesday evening. Rochelle Thompson came forward Sunday for prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jerry & Sharon Caine upon the arrival of Jeremy Scott, born Thursday at 3:05 p.m., weighing 9 lbs. and 3 ozs.
THE KEY TO THE PUZZLE
Ray Hawk

Have you ever put a puzzle together and found you needed one more piece to really tie the whole thing together? The book of Hebrews does just that for the New Testament.

IT OCCUPIES MANY ROLES

The book of Hebrews occupies many roles. It is the genesis of the new covenant. The word "genesis" means "beginnings." As Genesis shows us the beginning of creation, man, sin, nations, and Israel; so the book of Hebrews indicates the beginnings of Christianity and the demise of Judaism. Heb.1:1 shows that what was received by the fathers in the past is ready to vanish away, 8:13. Why? Because, Jehovah now speaks to us by His Son, 1:2. That which was revealed by the prophets "in time past" allowed the faithful to see the promises from "afar off," 11:13. We who have received the kingdom today look back at its beginning in the first century, 12:26-28. Genesis shows us the beginning of the ages. In Heb.12:2 Jesus is said to be the author (captain) and finisher (perfector) of our faith. The book of Hebrews reveals that Jesus is the originator of the ages, Heb.1:2, 10; 11:3 (the word "world" is the Greek word, ages). The book explains that Christ is the
sacrifice for that which he is author and finisher of, 9:11-14. Heb.13:8 reveals that Jesus transends all, for he is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Also Cf. 1:12. That which he is the author and finisher of is an eternal covenant, 13:20. Therefore, Hebrews shows that every prophecy in the Old Testament, beginning with Gen.3:15 and 12:2,3, finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ! The book shows the establishment of Jesus' covenant (the New Testament) and the end of the old (the Old Testament).

Hebrews is the book of Exodus to the New Testament. The book of Exodus tells about Israel's exodus (departure) from Egypt to Canaan. Hebrews shows the exodus from Judaism to Christianity!

The book bears the same relationship to the New Testament as Leviticus does to the Old. Leviticus is a book on fellowship through sanctification. Chapters 1 through 17 of that book shows us the ground of fellowship through sacrifice. Chapters 18 through 27 tells us the walk of that fellowship through separation. In Hebrews we see Jesus as our High Priest and a better sacrifice, 5:10; 10:10. By him we are sanctified and have fellowship with God, 13:8-16. Our walk is by faith, 10:38,39.

In Numbers we see the "goodness and severity of God," Rom.11:22. We see Jehovah's severity in chapters 1-14 with the old generation who rebelled against God and died in the wilderness. They wandered for a total of 40 years while death took its toll, chapters 15-20. God's goodness is seen upon the new generation in 21 through 36 by Jehovah taking them to the border of Palestine, ready to enter the promise land.

Hebrews also shows us that some have acted as did the old generation, 3:7-19, and fell away, 6:4-6; 10:25-29, 39. God's severity is
seen in such passages as 2:1-3. His goodness is seen throughout the book, if one remains faithful.

Deuteronomy is a book that restates God's law and promise to His children. The same can be said about the book of Hebrews. Deuteronomy looks backward in chapter 1 to 11. It reviews their way from Sinai to Moab as well as the Law. In chapters 12 to 34 it looks forward giving final rules and warnings before entering into their earthly inheritance. Hebrews reviews the Old Testament Law and shows the superiority of the New Testament covenant. It shows Christians where they have been, are at that time, and where they are going.

The book of Hebrews is a great book. We need to study these great books over and over again that we may glean from them the eternal message for us!

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NEW ELDER: Brother Ray Hawk was appointed as an additional elder Sunday. He will work with brethren Brantley, Cozad, and Walp in overseeing the work of the church.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: Max and Yvonne Frederick with Doug and Bonnie, placed membership Sunday. They have one other son, Tommy. Add them to your directory. Their address is: 7767 Folkstone Drive. Zone 6.

SICK: Aaron Crabb's brother had a heart attack and is in W. Fla. CCU. Albert Fleetwood, son of our sister Fleetwood, is in W. Fla. Rm.521. Albert is the evangelist with the Andalusa, Alabama church.

OUR THANKS to the 22 young people and 3 adults who worked Saturday passing out advertisements and inviting people to attend our gospel meeting this week. Bennie Vickers and Tommy Alford are doing an outstanding job with our young people and we appreciate it!

OUR THANKS to Jack Black, evangelist with the Brentwood church, who exchanged pulpits Sunday night. I enjoyed being with the Brentwood brethren. We enjoyed having Jack with us at Bellview.

HELP NEEDED: If you can take care of children of preacher students so they may attend the Spiritual Sword lectures with their wives, please turn in your name to the office.

FIVE NEW STUDENTS COMING IN SEPTEMBER! Among that number will be Tommy Garrison from the congregation here. If you know of some congregation which will help with Tommy's support, please contact the office.

RESPONSES: Julie Lambert came forward Sunday night asking for prayers.
REPORT ON OUR GOSPEL MEETING
Ray Hawk

Our gospel meeting with George Darling is now history. It was a great meeting. Brother Darling preached the gospel with all the vitality and vigor of one who loves the truth and desires souls to obey the gospel. Many of the members were here each service in full support of the truth. Several congregations in the area gave us wonderful support. We had a good number of visitors to attend each service.

RESPONSES: Sue Smith was restored Monday night and Jerry Maxey came asking for prayers. On Tuesday night Mary Hughes was restored. On Saturday night Mary Boatwright asked for the prayers of the congregation and Sunday Betty Weekley asked for our prayers.


CORRECTION: Sister Frederick's name is Evon, not Yvonne, as reported in the bulletin last week. Their telephone is 478-0297.

FELLOWSHIP: About one hundred stayed after our services Sunday morning and enjoyed the continued fellowship. The meal, served by the ladies, was outstanding. I believe we have the best cooks anywhere!

OUR THANKS: To the ladies for working on The Seeker last week. We mailed out 1,281 this week. Another bundle will go out soon to Routes 10 and 8. Our thanks also to Elward Brantley for running them off on the press.

OUR SICK: Brother Clinton Turberville is in CCU at W. Fla. Dot Lambert's son's father-in-law is in ICU at Baptist Hospital. His name is Robert Jenks. Albert Fleetwood is in 521 at W. Fla.

OUR SYMPATHIES

We wish to express our deepest sympathies to the Henry Born, Sr. family. Brother Born passed away last week. His funeral was Saturday.

We also express our sympathies to sister Mary Lou Holderfield. Her brother passed away this past week in Mobile.

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THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK
Ray Hawk

An article has come across my desk with the above title. The author suggest that the observation of the Lord's supper on the first day of the week is "custom." I suppose another word would be "tradition"! He continues by saying that where he worships, they will continue to meet upon Sunday (the first day of the week) because that is when the Lord was raised. However, he still declares that it is a "custom." Is it?

First, this brother, who wrote the article
in the pages of the FIRM FOUNDATION, October 12, 1976, does not know how to arrive at Bible authority on this matter.

In Matt.28:19,20 Jesus told his apostles to teach the baptized to observe ALL that he commanded. He commanded them to observe the communion, Matt.26:26-28. Paul reiterated this command in 1 Cor.11:20-25. Acts 20:7 is an example of their obedience to that command!

Our brother's statements clearly show where one can go if he does not rightly divide the word of truth, 2 Tim.2:15. He puts our entire first day of the week assembly in the realm of "custom" or "tradition"!

We do not meet to partake of the Lord's supper on the first day of the week due to custom. We meet to obey the command of our Lord. We meet upon the first day of the week because we have a Divine example for such. Those in the denominational world who partake once a month, or on Thursday evening, etc., have no authority for their actions. We do, because we follow the New Testament pattern.

Perhaps the brother did not realize the consequences of his article. He needs to rethink his statements. If the first day of the week meeting is only "custom," then we may meet and partake of the Lord's supper on any day. We may make our own "customs"!

Our brother stated that in Germany, where he works, the government made Monday the first day of the week. This sent him and others to their Bibles to see what they should do. They found that Christians in the first century met upon Sunday as a "custom." If that is so, then these German saints could change "customs" and make Monday the first day of the week. If not, why not? If it is nothing but custom, custom may be changed. However, if it is Divine command, it may not be changed! I am thankful that these German saints did not
change the day they met to partake of the Lord's supper, but let us hope and pray that brother Ted will restudy the Bible with them and show that the first day meeting is commanded, and not just a "custom!"

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GOSPEL MEETING!

Brentwood church of Christ
with Jerry Humphreys, evangelist
October 24 - 26
7:30 Nightly

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Once there was a Christian,
He had a pious look;
His consecration was complete,
Except his pocketbook.

He put a nickel in the plate,
And then with might and main,
He'd sing "When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain."

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Reputation is what you are suppose to be; character is what you are.

Reputation is what you have when you come to a community; character is what you have when you go away.

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SPIRITUAL SWORD LECTURESHIP

This week the Bellview Preacher Training School is in Memphis, Tennessee attending the Spiritual Sword Lectureship. Brother Bill Cline will speak on the book of Second Thessalonians. This past week brother Hawk drove to Albany, Georgia and presented the opening speech on the Southwest Georgia Bible Lectureship. He spoke on the "Unity of the Spirit."

A NEW BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

In a month or two a debate book will be published in which the question discussed is Matt. 24 and 25. The propositions are: "Resolved that in Matthew 24 the Lord distinguishes between the destruction of Jerusalem and his second coming." Affirm: Bruce Webster; Deny: Jack Hansen. "Resolved that Matthew 24 and 25 speak only of the fall of the Jewish commonwealth in A.D. 70." Affirm: Jack Hansen; Deny: Bruce Webster.

Before the discussion ended, one of these men changed his views in some respects. The discussion will well be worth having in your library. Jack Hansen will sell the book. His address is Box 56, Smithville, Miss. 38870. The tenative price is $2.00.
MAY THE GUILTY PARTY REMARRY?

Ray Hawk

In the past three years I have been noticing more and more brethren accepting the view that the guilty party may remarry and God will accept that union as holy.

The Fuqua position of twenty years hence stated that alien sinners could enter the body of Christ with whatever mate they were married to at the time because they were not amenable to the law of the Spirit. This position is still advocated by the disciples of Fuqua, and a paper is published in Phoenix, Arizona called The Conceitend Christian, upholding that error. This position tried to help the many in the world who had multiple marriages. At that time divorce was not the problem in the church that it is now, therefore brethren like Fuqua tried to get around Matt. 5:31,32; 19:9 for alien sinners. Now that divorce has become a cancer in the church among members, the Fuqua position is being dropped and brethren are now trying to change the scriptures to allow divorce and remarriage among Christians!

My first notice of this position was in the Frost-Moyer Debate. Brother Moyer took the position that when a married man committed the sexual act with another woman, that one act was fornication. That one act dissolved the marriage. They were no longer bound. The innocent party could remarry. But, since the guilty party was no longer bound to his wife, he was free to remarry. His only obligation was to repent of committing the one act of adultery or fornication. All other acts of cohabitation were not sinful, but complied with Heb. 13:4, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled."

There are many things wrong with brother Moyer's position. I do not have the space to deal with every aspect of his error, but I will deal with one passage.
"For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress though she be married to another man." Rom. 7:2,3.

Paul, by inspiration, says that if the woman joins herself to another man, she is an adulteress. Those who advocate Moyer's position would say that this first act of cohabitation would be sinful, but all following acts are holy or undefiled. Paul says differently! "So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress." I suppose, if these brethren are correct, what the Holy Spirit should have said is, "So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, the first act of cohabitation is adultery and she shall be called an adulteress, but the second and successive acts shall be the bed undefiled and she shall be called a married woman."

In Rom.7:3 someone calls this woman an adulteress. Who is it? A special Greek word is used here which indicates God does the calling! Cf. Arndt-Gingrich, p.893, Chrematizo. Also notice the use of the word in such passages as Matt.2:12,22; Lk.2:26; Acts 10:22 11:26; Heb.8:5; 11:7; 12:25, i.e., warned, revealed, admonished, and spake.

Regardless of the loopholes one may feel he has found on this subject, God still places the guilty party in sin. Those who divorce for any cause commit adultery, Mark 10: 11,12. This means that if two people divorce, they each commit adultery by remarrying and the ones who marry them commit adultery! The only exception is when one commits fornica-
tion, Matt. 5:31,32; 19:9. The innocent party may remarry. The guilty party may not, for he would be guilty of fornication or adultery!

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OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 175; Worship: 199; Evening: 160; Wednesday: 180; Contribution: $1,345. The Seeker: $5.00.

TIME CHANGE: Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour when you retire on October 31st! See you in Bible class and worship Sunday!

OUR SICK: Bro. Clinton Turberville is in Room 448 W. Fla. Hospital. Mandy Staples, granddaughter of sis. Lucille Staples is in Sacred Heart Children's Hospital, Room 158.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Peggy & Ray Besch, 190 Old Corry Field Road, N., Apt. 203; 32507.

RESPONSES: Cheryl Butler came Sunday morning asking for prayers. Pam Busch and JoAnn Mullins asked for prayers Sunday night at Brentwood's meeting.

ARE YOU A DAILY BIBLE READER?
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: IS IT AUTHORIZED?

Ray Hawk

Since the advent of bussing, some brethren have started dividing the assembly and having "Children's Worship." Not all who are involved in bus programs have the "Children's Worship." There may be some who are involved in it that have not thought out their position relative to the scriptures and seen the consequences of their actions.

I have been reading some materials, written by those who are engaged in bus programs with a "Children's Church," who are militant in their efforts to prove it is scriptural. If these brethren are right, we must accept these programs. If they are wrong, they need to repent and stop such practices! If the practice is scriptural, and I oppose it, I am guilty of opposing the gospel! If the practice is unscriptural, these brethren are guilty of adding a practice which puts them in the position of preaching another gospel, Gal.1:6-9. It therefore behooves us to investigate the scriptures and see what they teach concerning this subject.

THE ANTI-BIBLE SCHOOL DEBATES

The Anti-Bible class brethren accused us of dividing the assembly by having classes.
In a number of debates it was shown that this is not the case, but classes are equal to house to house teaching, Acts 20:20. Now, we have brethren practicing what the antis accused us of and we denied! It would be interesting to see these brethren debate an anti-Bible class brother if they would! I doubt if they will for they cannot afford to!

HEBREWS 10:25

One brother, in an article in the Firm Foundation, March 16, 1975, pp.9,11, states concerning Heb.10:25, "The passage also says nothing about where to meet or what arrangements to use. If this passage forbids 'simultaneous periods of worship' then [1] it also forbids any simultaneous assembly such as divided Sunday morning Bible classes, and [2] it demands that every assembly of the church at all times be conducted at one time in the same room."

Heb.10:25 is a principle applied to the first day of the week assembly in which the Lord's supper was partaken of. To have Bible classes on the Lord's day is not to disobey this command. We meet together on the Lord's day for the Lord's supper and in addition to that meeting have classes. Simultaneous classes would not be in disobedience to Heb. 10:25, but simultaneous assemblies of worship to partake of the Lord's supper would.

PASSAGES ON WORSHIP

In Acts 20:7 we read, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them." Verse 8 says "the upper chamber." It will be observed that they were "together" in "the" upper chamber. In otherwords, if your soul depended upon it, you could not get a "simultaneous periods of worship" out of that passage! In 1 Cor.11:18,20 Paul says, "When ye come together in the church (assembly)."
When ye come together into one place." Where does that passage authorize the Lord's supper being divided into two places? When it says, "When ye [the church at Corinth, 1:2] come together in the church [assembly]," it means one assembly.

These passages authorize the Lord's people to meet in one assembly for the communion. In Gen.6:14 God said, "Make thee an ark of gopher wood." The reason no other kind of wood could be used by Noah was because God did not authorize pine or others. Therefore, to use pine or any other kind would have been to act without divine authority! For brethren to divide the Lord's day assembly so children may worship separate and apart from their parents or adults is to act without divine approval or authority!

**EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES?**

The brother I quoted from continues by admitting the Jerusalem church "may have met together all in one room or space for a while," but then assumes that when persecution came simultaneous worship assemblies took place. He then concludes that if they could have such assemblies during persecution, we may have the same today without the persecution. I always thought that when 1 or 100 brethren moved from one city or locality to another and began meeting, that this was a new congregation! May I live in Pensacola and yet still be a member of the Central church of Christ meeting in Ada, Oklahoma where I was baptized in 1957? Am I still under the oversight of the Central elders? I believe the answer is obvious. (To be continued)

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SHOWER: Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the bldg. for Sharon Lansdown.
OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 201; Worship: 238; Evening: 188; Wednesday: 162; Contribution: $1,796. The Seeker: $14.00.

RESPONSES: Brother & Sister William & Florence Harvey, 5370 Dover Avenue, placed membership.

FAREWELL: Gerald & Sharon Caine are moving to Mobile. We shall miss them. Mike McCaleb is leaving for a tour in the Navy.

WITHDRAWAL OF FELLOWSHIP: In harmony with 2 Thess.3:6, the church withdraws its fellowship from Robin Smith, Bobby Smith, and Tina Mullins until such a time that these repent and are restored to Christ.

YOUTH NEWS: 43 young people and adults met at the Randall Johnson home last Saturday night and enjoyed the fellowship together. Our thanks to the Johnsons, Vickers, Garrisons, Alfords, and Hawks who worked with the young people on this event.

RESPONSE: John Bumpers came forward last Wednesday asking for the prayers of the saints on his behalf.
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: IS IT AUTHORIZED (2)
Ray Hawk

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES CONTINUED

If because of persecution, a congregation of 5,000 must now meet in 500 different assemblies for worship, would this authorize a children's church? A friend, who wrote an article in the Firm Foundation assumes that it does. What my friend will have to prove is that each of these assemblies, when they met, segregated the children and conducted a "children's church" for them! He even tries to prove the children's church by showing that church A and church B have services at the same time. I believe the scriptures will authorize such an action. What my friend must find is his authority for church A and church B to conduct children's worship while the adults in church A and B are meeting at 10 or 11 A.M. five blocks apart for worship!

IS CHILDREN'S CHURCH AN EXPEDIENT?

The article I have quoted from also says, "The very same principles that authorize these expedients and leave them to human determination also authorize 'simultaneous periods of worship' under the general command 'to assemble together.'" It is assumed by the writer of that article that 'children's
worship" is an expedient. What command does "children's church expedite? Is there a command for adults to place children in their own worship service? The answer is NO! As one of Bellview's faculty of our preacher training school has said, "An expedient without authority is no expedient at all."

Does the command "to assemble together" authorize a children's worship? I can find a worship assembly in Acts 20:7; 1 Cor.11:18, 20, but this is in "one place" or "the chamber." There was no "Children's Church" authorized in those passages. Actually, the "children's worship" expedites nothing. It is as much an addition to what God's word teaches as is mechanical instruments of music!

MULTIPLE WORSHIP SERVICES

Do multiple worship services authorize a children's worship or church? Some churches have outgrown their buildings. To keep from building another one, they have gone to two worship services. However, this is not a simultaneous worship. In both assemblies the children are with the adults. In both assemblies they are together in one place, 1 Cor.11:18,20. If we have a scriptural right to segregate children because they cannot "gain the full value of an adult-centered worship," why not segregate those with a B.A. degree from those who only have a high school diploma? Why not segregate the M.A.s from the B.A.s and B.S.s? Why not segregate the M.A.s from the Ph.d.s? Then we could have a worship assembly for women and one for the men. We could have one for the sons and another for the daughters. Sounds silly doesn't it? Yet, it is as justifiable as a children's worship.

Our friend states further, "The same justification used for separate Bible classes for children, youth, and adults, also justifies
in principle the youth worship arrangement."
Again, our brother fails to recognize the
difference between Bible classes and the
assembly for the Lord's supper. Where does
God authorize an assembly to meet the needs
of those from four to the fourth grade?
There is as much authority for that as there
would be to have an assembly for the "meat"
eaters of Heb. 5:12-14, another for the "milk"
takers, and a third for ages four to grade
four!

THE TERM "CHILDREN'S CHURCH"

One brother in his defense of children's
worship deplores the term "children's church"
to describe what he practices. Yet, the word
"church" means "assembly." Are these "child-
ren's worship" periods not assemblies? If
so, they are children's churches or child-
ren's assemblies! If not, why not?

This brother states "we do not have a play
church with make-believe activity, but rather
a service of real worship conducted on the
level of children." (Emphasis mine, RH). Real worship? If so, why does he make this
further comment? "Our workers are not taken
out of worship but rather help with worship,
worship on the level of children. These
workers are rotated so that their continual
spiritual growth will not be hampered. But
while they are in the children's worship,
they participate in all five acts of wor-
ship." (Emphasis mine, RH). Notice, it is
"real worship" but workers are rotated so
their "continual spiritual growth will not be hampered"!! What is it about "children's
worship" ("they participate in all five acts
of worship") that hampers the "continual
spiritual growth of an adult? I know! It
isn't authorized! (Continued next week)
PUBLIC DEBATE: Dec. 6-9 at Tupelo, Miss. Alan E. Highers, Christian and Raymond G. Bishop, Pentecostal, will meet and discuss Holy Spirit Baptism and the Godhead.


ZONES 2 & 4 will meet after Sunday morning services in the fellowship hall.

MY THANKS to Allen Fleetwood and Dale McCaleb for preaching in my place while I was away at the Spiritual Sword lectures. My thanks to Tommy Garrison who taught my Sunday morning class and John Bumpers who taught my Wednesday night class.

EXCHANGE: We appreciate Winston Temple coming Sunday night and giving us a report on the Warren-Flew Debate, recently held in Denton, Texas. It was good to visit Pace church again.

BILL CLINE is in a meeting at Liberty church near DeFuniak Springs where Joe Ruiz preaches. The preacher students went over last Friday to do door to door work. The students worked here last Tuesday. 8 Bible correspondence courses were set up. Pam Busch and JoAnn Mullins also worked last Tuesday afternoon as a team in the door to door work. Our thanks to them.
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Is It Authorized (3)

Ray Hawk

ARGUMENTS USED TO DEFEND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

A Mexican And English Service

Is it scriptural for a Mexican church and an English church to use the same building for their worship services, having those services at the same time? Yes, you have two churches. The Mexican church is obeying 1 Cor.11:18,20 as is the English church. In both, children worship with the adults. To have a parallel, the Mexican church would have to segregate its children into another assembly for a Mexican children's worship. The English church would have to do the same. Then you would have a parallel! If they are parallel, I suppose the English brethren help with the Mexican services rotating their help "so that their continual spiritual growth will not be hampered"?

Isn't it strange that these brethren will designate this new assembly they have founded as "children's worship hour," yet children who are not members do not participate in the Lord's supper? The members who help are the ones who participate in "all five acts of worship." The children do not participate. But, that kind of teaching can best be done
in the auditorium with the whole church as commanded in 1 Cor. 11:18,20! At least there the workers will not have to be "rotated so that their continual spiritual growth is hampered."

EXAMPLE OF SUNSET CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Sunset church has two evening services. One at 4:30 p.m. and the other at 6:00 p.m. Why? Their auditorium will not hold everyone. Most of the young people attend the early service and older folks attend the later service. The first and second services are no different and no distinction is made due to younger folks attending one and older folks attending the other. Is this scriptural. Yes. Does this parallel the children's worship or assembly? No. Why not?

If I use this brother's own words, I believe I can show a marked difference. First, do the young people, who are members, have to "rotate so that their continual spiritual growth" is not hampered? Need I answer? Do those who attend the 6 p.m. services have to go occasionally to the 4:30 p.m. service to recharge their spiritual batteries? Need I answer that? Second, in giving this example, the good brother said, "The first service and the second service are no different." Yet, he recognizes such a marked difference between his example and his children's worship that he so indicated that difference! Third, this is not an example of simultaneous worship. Fourth, children are not segregated in either the four or six p.m. services from the rest of the assembly.

ELDERS' RETREAT AND OTHER MATTERS

The brother asks, "Can elders call a weekend retreat of its elders and deacons and worship at the lakeside while the rest of the church meets in the building?" This statement is supposed to prove and give authority
for a children's church! Let's see if it does. Are they parallel? First, why would the elders want to schedule a meeting which would deliberately take them away from the Lord's day assembly? If they have a right to schedule a meeting to conflict with the Lord's day meeting, why wouldn't others have that same right? Second, if this "retreat" authorizes a children's church, why would it not also authorize an elder's and deacon's church? One will be just as scriptural as the other! Brethren, think! Where are you going?

Our brother asks, "Has Brother Mayo ever geared a single service to the level of young people, preaching a theme of special importance to the young?" I am sure brother Mayo has. I have. But, does this authorize a children's worship? To have a parallel, our brother will have to separate the young he has a special message for from the others! Did brother Mayo do that? No. Neither have I. We may have meetings for young people, but they are not meetings to partake of the Lord's supper, 1 Cor.11:18,20; Acts 20:7.

I thought it was interesting that brother Wayne Monroe was so eager in his search for scripture to prove/authorize the children's worship/church, that he said, "Whole books of 1 and 2 Timothy geared to young age." I wonder if Paul wrote those books to the four years of age to the fourth grade, to be used in a worship service that hampered the spiritual growth of the adults present, unless they were rotated back to the other assembly where adult books of the Bible were used??

Our brother tries to get around 1 Cor.14:23 by saying, "1 Cor.14:23 says 'if,' not 'must.'" Our brother needs to look at the context and see what Paul is saying. The "if" relates to the "all speak with tongues," not the "whole church be come together into one place." Our brother recognized it was a
passage he needed to deal with, so he tried to twist it, but it hung him. He tried valiantly to overthrow the force of 1 Cor.11:18, 20, but it turns on him and devours him due to his own wording! This will be dealt with next week.

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NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION: Bill Cline is in a gospel meeting in Muncie, Indiana this week. The Max Fredericks had about 20 members of the congregation at their home Saturday to get better acquainted. Zones 2 & 4 met Sunday in the fellowship room and Zones 5 & 6 are scheduled this Sunday after services. We had a lot of people out Sunday due to sickness and folks being out of town. Did you know our average contribution from January through October has been $1,623 per Sunday? That is below our budget, but with the size of the congregation, it is very good!
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Is It Authorized (4)

Ray Hawk

1 CORINTHIANS 11:18, 20

I have been reviewing an article written in defense of the "Children's Worship or Children's Church." The brother has brought up the above passage and tries to set it aside so he can justify his practice. He says, "1 Cor.11 mentions coming together in one place. Of course, they were abusing the Lord's supper in the one assembly, before each other, not separately, doing it in an untidy, disorderly way. Then too, are we not 'together'? It is the same congregation, meeting at the same time for the same purpose, using the same parking lot, same building, under the oversight of the same elders; contribution in the same deposit, and even attendance is put into one figure." (All emphasis his).

Notice, our brother says 1 Cor.11 was ONE ASSEMBLY. But, with his children's assembly he has TWO. In all his assumed parallels, he left out the expression, "same assembly"! He asked, "Are we not 'together'?" Not together in one place, 1 Cor.11:20. I thought it interesting that he used the RSV to prove his position. The RSV says, "When you meet together." Why not go to the Greek? It should
tell us more than the RSV ever would. The passage says, "Coming together therefore ye into one place." The children's church is not authorized by 1 Cor.11:18,20! Why is it that brethren have recognized what God said in this passage until a few years ago?

Our brother further states, "It is doubtful if the over 5000 member Jerusalem church (which had one eldership, Acts 15:4) met all in one location." I can just see it, the 4,000 met in the temple, Acts 2:46, and 1,000 rotated with the children's church! Even if they met in different locations, our brother must still prove that children had their own assembly!

OTHER MATTERS

Our brother states that children need an assembly in which they can understand what is going on. He gives his rebuttal to a statement made by brother Foy Smith.

"It is not going to hurt children to sit for an hour and watch and listen and learn in the auditorium with everyone else." Notice he says 'watch.' We want them to participate, within scriptural bounds."

Our brother attacks brother Smith's use of the word "watch." Yet, he admits himself that children "watch" while the adult workers partake of the Lord's supper. Now, what is the difference? I wonder if our brother thinks that children have never attended services in large numbers until the bus program began?

Our brother states that the confusion caused by children going in and out and the noise arising therefrom made it impossible for the services to be conducted decently and in order. If children brought in on buses disrupted one assembly, why wouldn't they disrupt another, whether made up of adults or
of children? If our brother says they are taken out and disciplined in the children's assembly, why can't the same individual take the same child out of the other assembly and discipline him?

Our brother states that in the children's church, adults supervise the children. But, I know of bus programs that do exactly that in the one assembly! If brethren would, they could have a bus work and still have one assembly in one place as the Bible teaches!

Our brother talks about the "children's worship" being an optional expedient. Actually, if what he is saying is right, we can do away with the expense of an auditorium! All we need are Bible class rooms. Each person would go into his age, intellectual, or professional group for Bible class and remain there for a worship service with his peers. This would eliminate the need for an auditorium and millions of dollars could be saved and used for mission work! If we can pull children off and create an assembly or worship for them, why not do the above?

WHERE IS THE AUTHORITY?

If Heb.10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor.11:18,20 and 14:23 do not authorize the church coming together in one place, then what passage would make it unscriptural for families to stay home each Lord's day and have family worship? If you may separate children from adults because they cannot "gain the full value of an adult-centered worship," why not have family home worship because the family atmosphere is lost in a large assembly of multiple families? If Children's Church does not digress from the above passages, why would Family Church at home do so?

Brethren, either the children's church is scriptural or it is not. If 1 Cor.11:18,20
teaches one assembly in one place, this is what we must do. If that is not what the passage teaches, we can have as many assemblies as we care to have and make any divisions we desire. (More to follow).

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DEBATE BOOK ALMOST READY! The debate between Jack Hansen and Bruce Webster on Matthew 24 & 25 is almost ready. The book may be purchased from either of these brothers. Brother Webster's address is 209 Parkway Drive, Huntsville, Ala. 35801. The book is $2.00.

DEBATE: Alan E. Highers, Christian, will meet Raymond Bishop, Pentecostal, in a debate on Dec. 6-9 at Ripley, Mississippi.


RESPONSES: Teri Orr came forward Wednesday seeking the prayers of the congregation. Jo-Ann Mullins came Sunday morning asking for the prayers of the church for her as she joins her husband Phillip in Guam. Our prayers go with her.

OUR SICK: Carolyn Liles, Linnie Roberts, and Clinton Turberville. W. L. Totty of Indianapolis, Ind. had a severe heart attack but is now out of CCU and in a room at St. Francis Hospital. Sister Henderson was with us Sunday but will reenter the hospital later for surgery.
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Is It Authorized? (5)

In the past four articles I have shown from several passages that children's worship is not authorized by the scriptures. I have dealt with a number of arguments advanced by advocates of children's worship. I believe I have given ample evidence to overthrow the argumentation of these brethren.

If any brother is willing to have an exchange in their bulletin on this matter, I would be happy to hear from you and arrangements can be made for such an exchange.

OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

If brethren can prove that children's worship is scriptural, it would not prove the following things to be right. The following will not prove children's church wrong. They are abuses which have sprung up lately among churches of Christ.

WHO SHALL TEACH THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH?

Some children's assemblies are composed of youth between the ages of four and the fourth grade. These include not only bus children, but youth who attend with their parents. Under most conditions, the young people are
taught by women.

Since the advent of the children's church, some brethren don't know who should teach this newly formed assembly! Should it be men or women?

One preacher in Texas on an article, "What's A Woman To Do?" states,

"Women are permitted to teach women and children (Titus 2) and privately men, where they do not exercise dominion by position or attitude (Acts 18:26). . .Examples of this might be... (3) A woman teaching or working with puppets, songs, or stories in a children's Bible hour while men are present to help with discipline."

A week later, an article appeared in the same bulletin titled, "Children's Hour Changed to Regular Worship." The Bible Hour was taught by women with men apparently helping to discipline. Notice what is stated about the Bible Hour being changed to a worship service.

"In meetings in the class, it has been decided that the nature of the Bible Hour will be adapted to a more reverent, spiritual worship service. Several different men of the church have been entrusted with the teaching program. Since these and other men are usually in attendance, and this is the only worship service they get to attend some Sundays, the program in the Bible Hour will be not only directed toward the children but also the adults. In view of this, the Bible Hour's name will be changed to 'Children's Worship,' and only men will be directing the programs. . .The Children's Worship will then be directed on the same basis as the auditorium worship service." (Emphasis mine, RH).

We commend these brethren in that they see the need of men leading in such matters. I
cannot see why they desire two assemblies if they are going to gear the worship to children and adults. That's what the I Cor.11:18, 20 assembly is suppose to be and that is in one place! If the assembly is going to be for children, then why not keep the women in teaching roles? If the men may help the women by keeping order, while the women teach, why not let the women help the men by waiting on the table, etc., since the assembly is for children?

In some churches where children's churches are practiced, women are allowed to teach with the men. Men are present! It would seem that if women may teach with men in the children's worship, they could do the same in the adult's worship! Men are present in both assemblies!

I know of some churches that allow their women to teach the children's worship with puppets. In fact, some are now allowing women to use puppets and demonstrate to adult audiences how their "ministries" work. What is the difference between a woman demonstrating teaching techniques with a puppet and her using a blackboard or overhead projector? I am afraid that some brethren are getting closer to women in the pulpit than they may think.

There are some who use girls as teachers on buses. The argument is made that they are working with children and not teaching the adults on the bus. This may be so, but when adults join in on the class, some changes need to be made. We need to keep in mind that in the first and second centuries, the church did not take one giant leap into apostasy, but rather a large number of small steps. The same can and is happening today!

Some who now practice children's worship are involved in more than worship! Some of it is actually play! Is clapping hands,
jumping up and shouting, and other carnival theatrics worship? I must admit that we have been guilty in times past of practicing such in VBS, but no more! We have been wrong. It is inconsistent to teach children one thing and as adults practice something different! Such childish horseplay, whether in VBS or children's worship, is far removed from John 4:24. Brethren, let us return to New Testament practices and exercise only a "thus saith the Lord."

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CONGRATULATIONS to Garry Brantley who with the Tate High School Band marched in Macey's Parade in New York City on Thanksgiving Day!


RESTORED AND PLACED MEMBERSHIP: Robert Crowson came Sunday morning, responding to the invitation.

LECTURESHP AT WARRINGTON CHURCH, Dec. 5-8 at 7:30 P.M. on "Developing Church Leadership." Leonard Johnson is the speaker.
PUTTING AWAY AND THE PUT AWAY ONE
By Ray Hawk

"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committheth adultery; and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." Matt. 19:9.

In Matt. 19:1-9 the Pharisees tried to ensnare Jesus on the question of marriage, divorce, and remarriage. Their question was, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife FOR EVERY CAUSE?" Matt. 19:3. The I.S.B.E., II, p. 864 gives several reasons men put away their wives in Jesus' day. She could burn the bread, fix her hair in public, break a vow, be ugly, or dozens of other reasons and the man could put her away.

In the first century the man had most of the rights. He could put away his wife for every cause. It made no difference whether she wanted to be divorced or not! In our society, the woman has most of the rights in such matters. Again, it makes no difference whether the husband wants to be divorced or not!

In this discourse, Jesus shows that God's law in this matter applies to the one who puts away as well as the put away one. In
that society, as well as ours, a mate could
put away his spouse for every cause. Jesus
gave only ONE cause for a mate putting away
his spouse THEN and NOW! All other acts of
putting away would involve the putting away
one to be involved in adultery if he remarr-
ried!

"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries
another woman commits adultery, and the man
who marries a divorced woman commits adul-

If a man put away his wife because she
burnt the bread, refused to keep a vow, fixed
her hair in public, or there was some kind of
disfavor in her and remarried, he would com-
mit adultery. The one who married him would
also commit adultery. There is only one act
that gives a mate the right to put away his
mate! That act is fornication upon the part
of the one to be put away. Jesus said that
if a man put away his wife except it be for
fornication and married another, committed
adultery. If she committed fornication, he
could put her away and remarry and he would
not be guilty of adultery.

Jesus also shows that whether the put away
one has been put away for burning the bread
or fornication, if she remarries, she commits
adultery and whosoever married her would be
guilty of adultery, Matt. 19:9. In this verse
and others, Jesus shows that the put away one
commits adultery whenever she/he remarries!
Notice also, that the one who was put away
could have been unwilling in that divorce,
but Jesus classifies all "put away ones" to-
gether! TO MARRY A PUT AWAY ONE INVOLVES ONE
IN ADULTERY!

Some brethren now teach that if two people
marry, later get a divorce, and remarry, that
God will recognize both marriages! It is
taught that neither continue in an adulter-
eous relationship! How can this be so?
We are told that if a man puts away his wife, who is not a willing partner to the divorce, that when he remarry's he is guilty of adultery/fornication. She can then put him away in her mind and is free to remarry. What about him? He must ask God to forgive him. The first act of cohabitation is considered adultery/fornication, but the second and all other acts are considered the bed undefiled, Heb.13:4.

This false theory says (1) Divorce, (2) Remarry on part of husband, (3) Adultery, (4) Put Away mentally by first wife, (5) She may now remarry, and (6) the second act of cohabitation is marriage for him. God's order is: (1) Put Away, (2) Remarry (either or both), (3) Adultery on the part of each that remarry's!

Brethren are conforming to the standards of the world in this matter. Such theories as the above return us to the position of the scribes and Pharisees in Jesus' day. It says we can put away or be the put away one, remarry, and continue in an adulterous relationship!

We need to teach the truth on this New Testament subject regardless of who does not want to hear it. If it means losing our job as an evangelist, then preach it and get fired! Our soul and the souls of those we preach to are worth more than any paycheck!

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FISH FRY at Escambia Christian School, Dec. 17, 1976. 4 - 7 P.M. Adults, $2.00; Children, $1.25. Tickets may be purchased from Dot Brantley.

RESPONSES: Willard Enfinger was baptized Thursday night and his wife, Aileen was restored. We welcome them into our fellowship. 3204 Patricia Drive. 456-7229. Zone 4.

CONGRATULATIONS: Charles & Sharon Lansdown are the proud parents of a 7 lbs. 5 ounce boy born Saturday at NAS. His name is Christopher Eedward.

HOME NEEDED: Karen Darling will enter PJC in January. She would like to room with a member at Bellview and attend services here. If you can supply a room for Karen, please contact sister Walp.

ZONES 2-5 will meet Sunday night after services in the fellowship room.

BABY SHOWER for Carolyn Matheny this Friday at 7:30 P.M. in the fellowship room.


Robert Crowson, who was restored last week is the son of brother & sister James and Doris Crowson. He lives in Robertsdale, Alabama.
A REPLY TO A CHURCH OF GOD PREACHER (1)

By Ray Hawk

In my mail recently I received a seven page mimeographed article by Mr. E. J. Reynolds, pastor of the Alabama City Church of God, Gadsden, Alabama. The article is titled "Debate Notes On Holy Ghost Baptism."

In October, 1973, Mr. Reynolds and I met in a public debate in Gadsden. For two nights we discussed Holy Ghost baptism and whether that baptism is still being poured out today. Now, after three years, Mr. Reynolds publishes an article, trying to reply to questions submitted to him by this writer and two others, who have debated him on the subject of miraculous gifts and Holy Ghost baptism. For the next five issues, I shall review his seven page article.

REPLYING TO MR. REYNOLDS' SLURS

Mr. Reynolds is a likeable man. In fact, I admire him because he is willing to stand up for what he believes and defend it publicly. Too many preachers in the Church of God and other denominations refuse to debate or get someone to defend their religious practices. Not so with Gene Reynolds. "Gene" is what he prefers to be known by. In conversation, Gene conducts himself as a gentleman.
However, in a debate or an article, such as the one before me, he slurs the church of Christ and his opponents. Why?

Mr. Reynolds states, "I am here listing a number of facts derived from debates with the preachers of the denomination which calls itself the Church of Christ. These men are perhaps sincere in what they teach, but they are very obstinate and sarcastic as a rule. I have had three major debates with Mr. Carol Sutton, Mr. Ray Hawk, and Mr. Charles Box, influential Church of Christ preachers in their areas." (Emphasis mine, RH).

In other places in his paper, Mr. Reynolds speaks of us as "so-called Church of Christ," "the most deceitful groups of preachers that I know when it comes to explaining the Bible or Bible-related matters," "the most fanatic of denominations," and "Campbellites." These are all derogatory remarks unbecoming of one who calls himself a preacher! In fact, Mr. Reynolds once told me that he would not refer to us as "Campbellites" but he has gone back on his word.

In our debate together I never once referred to Mr. Reynolds nor the Church of God as "holyrollers." They do not use the name for themselves, and therefore it would be wrong on my part to call them that. We do not refer to ourselves as "Campbellites" and neither should Mr. Reynolds. If one has the truth he does not have to slur his opponent!

Mr. Reynolds charges the church of Christ as "a very cumbersome denomination." Since we follow the New Testament in name, doctrine and practice, Mr. Reynolds charges the Godhead, who gave us the New Testament, as the originator of a cumbersome church! Shame on him!

Mr. Reynolds charges we are "beset by many rifts on doctrinal matters." I suppose such
a charge proves that Holy Ghost baptism is still being poured out today? Actually, Gene exaggerates. It is true that there are some differences between brethren on doctrinal matters. This is not the fault of the Bible, but of interpretation. Yet, this does not mean we are wrong on the cessation of miracles.

Gene assumes that because the Federal Census of 1906 lists the church of Christ for the first time, that we began as a religious group that year. Preposterous! Since when did the Federal Census become inspired? I find where Jesus promised to build his church in Matt.16:18. It was founded on Pentecost, Acts 2:47. Paul called each congregation the _churches of Christ_, Rom.16:16. The church is the "body of Christ," 1 Cor.12:27. Since Jesus is God, it is also called the "church of God," 1 Cor.1:2. The church of God, which I am a member of, was established on Pentecost, not in 1906! The difference between the church of God which I am a member of and the Church of God which Mr. Reynolds represents, is that Mr. Reynolds' church has headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee and the church of God which I am in has its headquarters in heaven where my head, Jesus Christ, is quartered. Mr. Reynolds sarcastically refers to the Biblical organization of my Lord's church as "a shadow-government type of way." Christ is our head, Col.1:18. There is no organization larger, in the New Testament, than the local congregation. Christ is over all these congregations. The church is built upon Him as our foundation, 1 Cor.3:11. Each church has its own bishops (elders) and deacons, Phil. 1:1. This is what we have and this is what Mr. Reynolds says is "a shadow-government type of way"! Shame on him.

Gene also accuses us of being a "direct offshoot of the teachings of Thomas and Alexander Campbell." The church of Christ existed in the U.S.A. before the Campbells became


ZONES 4-6 will meet this Sunday after evening services for a meal together.

NEW BUDGET: The 1977 budget of $100,100 was presented to the congregation Sunday morning by the elders. This represents $1,925 a week. This congregation is to be commended for its faith, dedication, and willingness to meet this challenge. This congregation gives better than many congregations twice its size! Are we rich? Yes, in faith!

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: Larry & Linda Lasure asked to be recognized as part of the Bellview house of God this past Sunday. They live at 8514 Kingfisher Way, Zone 1. They have two small children, Lori and Jason.

SERMONS SUNDAY: A.M. The Holy Ghost P.M. Being Accepted.
A REPLY TO A CHURCH OF GOD PREACHER (2)
By Ray Hawk

Mr. Reynolds, a Church of God preacher, states, concerning the church of Christ, "They do not believe that the Holy Spirit operates directly upon any human being today in the matter of salvation or Holy Ghost baptism."

The Holy Spirit does not operate directly upon anyone today. The Spirit does operate upon folks to save them, but He uses the New Testament as His agent to convert people! In his paper, Mr. Reynolds leaves the impression that we do not believe the Holy Spirit operates at all in conversion. That would be a misrepresentation of the most flagrant nature! The Spirit gave the word to the apostles and prophets in the first century, John 14:26; 16:13. They wrote the New Testament, John 20:30,31; Eph.3:4; 2 Tim.3:16,17. By obeying the teachings of the New Testament, we obey the Spirit. His written word is His agent to convert those who obey its precepts.

We do not believe Holy Ghost baptism is poured out on anyone today. Mr. Reynolds and other Pentecostals admit that Acts 2:38,39 and Mark 16:16-20 are parallel. Yet, you cannot get Mr. Reynolds or others to take up a serpent or drink deadly poison as a sign
that their claims are truthful! If the signs cannot be performed, it indicates that the Lord is not with them. If there are no signs there is no baptism. It is just that simple!

Gene says, "They generally believe that the devil can work miracles today, while denying that God will work a miracle today." It is unfortunate that brother Sutton left this impression in his debate with Gene, but actually the devil does not work miracles. The miracles worked today by false teachers are "lying wonders," 2 Thess. 2:9. Neither wicked nor religious men can perform true signs, miracles, or wonders today!

QUESTIONS AND REPLIES

The following questions were asked of Mr. Reynolds in the debates he had with evangelists of the church of Christ. Those questions I asked of him will have an asterisk (*) by them.

1. Since God set the apostles in the church ON EARTH, 1 Cor. 12:28, where does this office continue today ON EARTH, and what are the names of the apostles ON EARTH, and their addresses ON EARTH? If they are not ON EARTH today, who took them out?*

Mr. Reynolds says they are in the church. I know they are in the church IN HEAVEN, but I ask for apostles in the church ON EARTH! 1 Cor. 12:28 states that God set apostles AND miracles in the church on earth. If the apostles are not still in the church on earth God must have taken them out. If the apostles are no longer on the earth, neither are the miracles! Mr. Reynolds saw the force of this argument and refused to deal with it in our debate and he is being just as evasive in his paper. We are still waiting for Gene to give us the address of Peter, James, or John here ON EARTH! To fail to do so shows that just as the apostles are not on earth, mir-
acles are not being performed today on earth!

Mr. Reynolds tries to prove apostles are on earth today by giving a Mr. Paul Walker in the Northwest, a Mr. Robert Cook in India, and a J.B. Ellis in Alabama as modern apostles. This will not do! 1 Cor.12:28 says G-O-D set some in the church, F-I-R-S-T apostles. . . .’ Mr. Walker, Cook, and Ellis were not set in the Lord’s church, nor were they set in by God! So, they do not fit. If Mr. Reynolds believes Mr. Walker, Cook, and Ellis are apostles of Christ, set in the church by God, then when will these men do the signs of an apostle, 2 Cor.12:12? May we make an appointment??????

2. Why does the Church of God teach some doctrines which are different from other Pentecostal churches, such as the UPC or Oneness, since each claim to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost?*

Mr. Reynolds stock reply is that these two churches may disagree on doctrinal matters, but it is parallel to Paul and Peter disagreeing and Paul and Barnabas disagreeing.

First, Peter was not led into his dissimulation by the Holy Spirit. Second, Paul and Barnabas were not led in their disagreement by the Spirit. Third, Paul and Barnabas disagreed over Mark, not doctrine. Fourth, to assume that the Spirit leads two denominations into contradictory doctrines is nothing short of blasphemy! Fifth, Mr. Reynolds and the United Pentecostal Church claim to be inspired. Yet they contradict one another. Sixth, although they claim they have all the gifts in their respective churches, in debate neither can prove his claims with signs following, Mark 16:20! No confirmation of their claims signal that the miraculous gifts have indeed ceased!

(More to follow)
Ray, Mark, Mary Nell, and Donald want to wish each one of you the best for 1977. We appreciate the opportunity to live and work among you. It is our prayer that the work we are all engaged in for the Lord will bring forth much fruit in the new year.

OUR RECORD: Bible classes: 194; Worship: 207; Evening: 168; Wednesday: 170; Ladies' Class: 28. Contribution: $1,416. The Seeker: $4.00

CONGRATULATIONS: The Dale McCalebs celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on Dec. 19th.
3. Since miracles, signs, and wonders were given to confirm the Word, and since Paul did not come in word only, but in power, would you confirm your "word" with "power" tonight?*

Mr. Reynolds' reply in our debate and in his paper is that he will confirm his word with the word of God. Mark 16:20 says God confirmed their word with signs following. If Mr. Reynolds has what they had, where are the signs? By the absence of such signs, it proves all such ceased. Second, Gene uses Acts 2:15-18 to prove that Peter did not produce any signs, miracles, or wonders, but preached only. Gene fails to read Acts 2:1-12 where tongues were used. This wasn't the "prayer language" that Pentecostals like to claim, but languages understood by people living then! In the Box-Reynolds Debate, brother Box tried his best to get Gene to speak in a foreign language as the apostles did on Pentecost and Mr. Reynolds could not! Third, 1 Thess.1:5 shows the difference between first century men and men like Mr. Reynolds. Paul and others had P-O-W-E-R! Mr. Reynolds has word only minus power. In fact, he admitted as much in our debate! Fourth, Mr. Reynolds and all Pentecostals claim that
they have the Bible + 'extra-Biblical things! They claim that the Bible proves they can do 'extra-Biblical things.' Yet, when you 'try the spirits,' 1 John 4:1, you can't get them to do anything. Paul proved his claims with signs, miracles, and wonders, 2 Cor. 12:12. Others did the same, Mark 16:20, Heb. 2:3, 4. But, when you beg, plead, and ask Mr. Reynolds or any other Pentecostal to confirm their claims, they have word only: Fifth, Mr. Reynolds looks upon signs, miracles, and wonders as being "extra-Biblical things": Mr. Reynolds, if signs, miracles, and wonders are still in the church on earth today, they are not extra-Biblical things! They would be Biblical things!

4. Do you believe that Joel 2:28, 29 was fulfilled completely in Acts 2?*

Mr. Reynolds' reply was, NO. Yet, in all three debates he produced a chart to prove that Joel 2:28, 29 was fulfilled ON PENTECOST! So, his reply destroyed any good which he hoped to achieve with that chart.

5. Do you believe that everyone included in Mark 1:5-8 received Holy Ghost baptism; and if not, what passages would you cite to exclude some from receiving it?*

His reply was, 'I do not necessarily believe everyone present in Mark 1:5-8; Matt. 3:11; Luke 3:16; or John 1:31-33 received Holy Ghost baptism, but the promise is that every eligible believer may.'

I knew Mr. Reynolds would have to make a reply like that. When he admits all did not receive the baptism, except those who were eligible, he opens the door to me to show who was and who was not eligible.

6. In the light of the fact that Eph. 4:5 teaches that by 64 A.D. there was only one baptism, how can you teach a baptism in water
and a baptism in the Holy Ghost?

Mr. Reynolds rightly concludes that Eph. 4:5 does not say "only" one baptism. However, the Church of God teaches one more baptism than the scriptures ever have! Mr. Reynolds' church says the Holy Spirit immerses one into Christ, 1 Cor. 12:13, man immerses one into water, Matt. 28:19, and Christ immerses one into the Holy Ghost, Acts 1:5.

1 Cor. 12:13 does not teach that the Spirit immerses one into Christ. 1 Cor. 12:3 interprets verse 13. One speaks by the Spirit and one immerses another by the Spirit. When I was immersed in water into Christ, it was by the Spirit. It is the teaching of the Spirit which directed Paul to baptize and the Corinthians to submit to water baptism, 1 Cor. 1:14, 16; Acts 18:8. This is all 1 Cor. 12:13 relates to.

This leaves two baptisms. Water baptism into Christ and Holy Ghost baptism. By A.D. 64 there was one. This one put a person into Christ. Holy Ghost baptism had been given to the apostles on Pentecost, Acts 2:1-4. Others received the gifts through the laying on of the apostle's hands, Acts 3:15-19, Rom. 11; 1 Cor. 9:2. This power was given to the apostles and it was their's to use until the power and gifts ceased. Those who received gifts through the laying on of hands could use that gift until the gifts ceased. They did cease at the coming of the Lord, Matt. 24:29-34 - the destruction of Jerusalem. When Paul wrote Eph. 4:5 in A.D. 64, Holy Ghost baptism was no longer being poured out. Those who had received it continued to have the power, but the pouring out had ceased by then.

(More to follow)

MY THANKS: To Bill Cline for preaching in my place while we were out of town. My thanks also to Ken Furlong and Daniel Denham for teaching my classes in my absence.

A FIRST!
Ray Hawk

Wednesday night of last week we attended services at the East Gadsden church in Alabama. As the class started, the lights went out on the east side of town. We were left in total darkness! Candles were brought out and the class resumed. Joe David Weeley, the evangelist, did an excellent job teaching the class. It was a first time for us to have 'candle light services'!

Another 'first' during our vacation trip was Sunday night in Memphis. We attended the Derclair church. At the end of the services, a young man came forward and asked the church to forgive him for his sins. He had left his wife for another woman. His wife had divorced him. He married the other woman. He and his second wife studied their Bible for the past six months, decided they were living in adultery, repented, and are no longer living together! I appreciate their courage!

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