

The Christian Courier

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Between Heaven And Earth

Bro. Gene McKinney was over visiting at the Glenwood congregation in July. He served at the communion table for us that particular morning. As he was reminding us of the suffering of Jesus Christ on the cross, he said that Jesus was "hanging between Heaven and earth".



I had never heard it put that way before, at least that I remember. Some of the older brethren said it used to be a fairly common saying. It is a wonderful phrase, so aptly describing what Jesus did for us, because He loved us.

In John 3:14-15, we see that it is a true statement. Jesus was hanging between Heaven and earth, both in a physical and a spiritual sense. "*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."* He was lifted up from the ground physically, and spiritually gives us life.

In 1 Tim. 2:5-6, the Apostle Paul further describes Jesus as a mediator, a go-between through His death; a mediator between God and us. "*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*"

Let us look at a few things Jesus accomplished on the cross, between Heaven and earth.

Jesus died on Calvary's cross, hanging between God's wrath and man's sin to bring us salvation from our sin.

Rom. 1:18, "*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*". God's wrath comes because of our sin, Rom. 6:23, "*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*"

We deserved the wrath of God because of our sin, but Jesus bore that wrath Himself on the cross, Isa. 53:5, "*But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*" In bearing our iniquities He saved us from God's wrath, as we read in Rom. 5:8-9, "*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*"

Jesus was hanging between God's Presence and man's loneliness to bring us back to God.

One of the saddest verses in the Bible is Gen. 3:8, where man first hid from God. "*And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.*" Isa. 53:6 goes on to say we have all been hiding from God since. "*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*" This leads to a profound loneliness apart from God, Eph. 2:12, "*That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:*"

But in forgiving our sins, Jesus brought us back to God by His death on the cross. Eph. 2:13, "*But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*" 1 Pet. 3:18 is as beautiful a verse as Gen. 3:8 is sad. "*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*"

Jesus was hanging between God's glory and man's shame to establish the church in which we can give glory to God.

Many verses in the Bible talk of the glory of God. One such is Psa. 100:5, "*For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.*" Many also describe the shame of man because of sin. God said in Hos. 4:7. "*As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.*" David expressed his shame because of sin in Psa. 69:6, "*Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.*"

One of the things Jesus accomplished at Calvary was establishing the church, as we read in Acts 20:28, "*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*" And we read in Eph. 3:21 that it is in the church that we can give glory to God. "*Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*"

Jesus died on Calvary, between God's knowledge and man's ignorance to deliver God's Word to mankind.

Isa. 55:8-9 describes the awesome knowledge of God, especially in comparison to us. "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*" In contrast, Hos. 4:6 describes the consequences of man's ignorance.

"*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*"

The things that Jesus taught during His life were given to Him by God, as Jesus told us in John 12:49-50, "*For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*" And what Jesus taught became in effect when He died, Heb. 9:15-17, "*And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.*"

So, Jesus was hanging between God's wrath and man's sin to bring us salvation from our sin; between God's Presence and man's loneliness to bring us back to God; between God's glory and man's shame to establish the church in which we can give God glory; and between God's knowledge and man's ignorance to deliver God's Word to mankind.

In short, Jesus was hanging between Heaven and earth to share His home in Heaven with us. In John 14:1-6, Jesus said, "*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*"

The purpose of this article is not to make us feel bad about what sinners we were. The purpose is to help us feel more thankful for what Jesus did for us, and more dedicated to serving Him faithfully every day. Let's close with 1 Cor. 15:57-58, "*But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*"

In Christian love,

Bro. Terry Warford

Missionary Society

This was one of the first digressions to appear among the churches of Christ. It represented a major departure from the scriptural pattern, outlining the role of the church in spreading the Gospel.

The Historical Facts

The American Christian Missionary Society had its roots in what we refer to as the "Restoration Movement". In the early 1800s the religious ferment referred to as "the great awakening" began in the western sections of the

United States and quickly spread into other parts of the country. Men began to insist that believers in Christ should abandon all denominational doctrines, names, and patterns of worship, and called for a "thus saith the word" in all doctrine, faith and practice in worship.

There arose several men who became prominent preachers and teachers of God's word, among whom John "Raccoon" Smith, Barton Stone, Thomas and Alexander Campbell, as well as others. Gradually those who followed these principles formed congregations separate from their denominational neighbors and began to put these principles into practice. They referred to themselves as "Christian Churches" and "Disciples of Christ". These congregations grew at a rapid pace and the membership grew at an unprecedented rate.

As the church grew, some preachers and leaders felt that the church needed help in carrying out the "great commission". They became dissatisfied with the scriptural organization of the church in its simplicity and began to organize various non-scriptural organizations and societies to do this essential work.

On October 23, 1849, in Cincinnati, Ohio, there was a convention held by a segment of the church for the express purpose of furthering the work by the church collectively. During this meeting, the "American Christian Missionary Society" was organized. Prominent in this convention was W. K. Pendleton, son-in-law of Alexander Campbell.

In the words of William J. Wright of Cincinnati, Ohio, (1910 Centennial Convention report) "our movement had no missionary organization". "...the conquest of America and the lands beyond was an impossibility unless the mobs or bands were hammered into an army." He was referring to the preachers and workers of the "restoration movement", (Smith, Campbell, Stone, etc) plus a multitude of great workers who furthered this work of restoring early Christianity in its purity.

Arguments in Defense of the "Society"

1. That this restorative effort had, and was, succeeding was clearly seen in that the movement was the fastest growing religious movement in the world. Why was it necessary to add into this clearly successful effort a element separate and apart from the church? That it was apparent to the instigators that it was to be a separate organization from the church is clearly shown by the following from the Centennial Report on the 100th anniversary of the Missionary Society. "It became necessary to show how far human accessories to the working of the church were advisable or permissible if the faith, worship and service were to be kept pure. How could we restore the church of the first century, and yet make use of agencies and methods not described in the New Testament?"

A further admission by the supporters of the Society that it was entirely foreign to the New Testament teachings is the following: "Conservative and literalist called the society an innovation and an abomination. The Fathers decided that to restore in Toto the apostolic church was neither wise nor Christian."

Astounding!! This needs no answer on my part!!

2. Another contention of the founders of this "society" was..."To hold the same opinions, to be of the same craft or profession, to share the same beliefs, or even hold common religious faith does not constitute a brotherhood..." It was necessary , in their words, to create a non-scriptural man-made organization in order to bring about true brotherhood. What incredible effrontery to suggest that the apostles of our Lord and the congregations they established

were unable to fulfill the mission assigned to to them by the Lord necessitating a man-made "society".

Answer

In Paul's words, "*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). This was God's plan to achieve brotherhood"!!

It seems that those who hold to this "society" find themselves at odds with God's plan!!

What is it that constitutes a "brotherhood"? Hear Paul again. "*To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse...*" (Col. 1:2). "*Salute the brethren which are at Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.*" (Col. 4:15) Apparently, Paul believed that the church constituted a "brotherhood". According to some, for 1849 years, the church of Christ had failed to accomplish the work given by God, according to the form instituted by the apostles (the local congregation with its elders), making it necessary for men to form a "society" to do this work.

In this scheme of things, congregations were to channel their resources into an outside organization, which would in turn do the work assigned to each local congregation and its elders. This was early-on made into a test of fellowship and a division was made in the church.

3. Mr Pendleton argued that the church's responsibility was to preach the Gospel to the whole world; but did not specify the method of doing this. He reasoned that any method the church chooses to do this work is acceptable.

Mr. Pendleton further reasoned that since there is no expressed objection (in the scriptures) to the society, it is not an unscriptural method.

Answer

This is the sort of reasoning that is used to justify all additions to the work and worship of the church. If anything is acceptable merely because it is not expressly forbidden in the scriptures, there is no limit to the innovations that we may introduce. Choirs, orchestras, actors (I know of some of these), infant baptism, instrumental music (This was adopted by the same people shortly afterward) burning incense, candles, "holy water"...the list is endless. In the end, what is called "church of Christ" would bear no resemblances to that church we read about in the New Testament.

In short, this would not be a restored church, in any sense, but merely another denomination among many others!!

Ben Franklin, in the American Christian Review, on May 7, 1867, wrote, "The circumstance that they had no missionary societies in the first age of the church, of itself, does not prove that we may not have them. But the fact that the Lord ordained the congregations, with their officers, and made it their work to convert the world with the additional fact that we have their example in sending out preachers, with the circumstance, that they had no missionary societies, but the churches, proves that it is wrong for individuals to create missionary societies, separate from local churches, as substitutes to do the work which the Lord appointed for the churches....The simple question is, whether we shall honor the churches in working in them and making them effective as the Lord's appointed societies, in converting the world, or declare them insufficient to do the work which the Lord committed to them, and substitute a creation of our own hands, to do the work of the churches ordained by the Lord."

David Lipscomb wrote in the Gospel Advocate, Feb 7, 1867, "To operate through an institution of man's devising in preference to the

church of God is, in our esteem, to exalt man as of superior wisdom and power to God."

Jacob Creath wrote in the Gospel Advocate, Jan 6, 1866, "...Ancient Christianity was spread by individuals, and not by societies or proxies, as is the modern gospels....The Jerusalem Church spread the gospel, or her members did individually, after the resurrection of Christ, before another church existed to assist her through Judea, Samaria, Phoenicia, Cyprus, Antioch...in the first century of the Christian era (Acts 1, 2 and 11) As this mother and model church spread the gospel, so did the other churches individually (not from societies), such as Antioch in Syria (Acts 13), and Thessalonica sounded out the gospel in Macedonia and Achaia (1 Thess. 1:8). Let any church now do the same as these ancient churches did; let each member do all he can to spread the gospel. If a church or person is not able to do anything to spread the gospel, nothing is required of that person..."

We should take the records of the first-century churches to heart, as well as these diligent nineteenth century workers, as our examples and shun all "societies" as unworthy.

J. D. Logan

Precious Memories

***The Christian Courier*, February, 1969.** Bro. Ed Tate, Newcastle, TX, announced the passing of Harvey Bishop of a stroke. Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, wrote that they had a wedding shower for Bro. & Sis. Dick Taylor. Bro. John Usrey, Sacramento, CA, announced the baptism of Toby Lawder on January 12th. Bro. J. D. Logan, Modesto, CA, reported on the accidental burning of Connie Burtis in a camp fire and the injury of Patricia Logan in a car accident. Bro. N. E. Bergstrom, Stanton, TX, reported on the passing of Sis. Willie Ann Fisher January 1st and Ross Fisher, killed in an accident.

***The Christian Courier*, March, 1969.** The editor of *The Christian Courier* wrote of the Far West Camp Meeting plans at Booneville, CA. Bro. W. A. Nelson, Somerton, AZ, reported that Sis. Ruth Duncan was hospitalized for a serious gall bladder surgery. Bro. J. D. Logan, Modesto, CA, reported on the passing of Bro. Alvis Walker, accidently killed during a violent windstorm.

***The Christian Courier*, February, 1989.** Bro. Eddie Wilkerson, Cedaredge, CO, encouraged all that could to attend the delta Camp Meeting the next summer. Bro. Errol Forsman, Lorenzo, TX, reported on their meeting with Bro. Ellis Forsman.

***The Christian Courier*, March, 1989.** The Bellflower, CA, congregation announced their meeting in July with Bro. Dan Teague. Bro. Ken Harper, Indian Springs, CA, wrote of the passing of Sis. Norma Frago and Sis. Ines Usrey. Bro. Al Burtis, Waterford, CA, reported that Sis. Kay Guyer had heart by-pass surgery and that Bro. Frank Morse had emergency surgery for a ruptured appendix. Bro. John Usrey, Sacramento, CA, reported on the passing of his wife, Ines Usrey. The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation reported that Sis. Amy Orendorff and her son, David, had been injured in a serious car accident.



Cards and Letters

Citrus City, AZ (Dec., 2008)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Just a short note to say Hello to everyone and to wish everyone the very best for the New Year. Most of us are doing as well as can be expected. We have several members that don't get out much now due to age and illness. Sis. Lou Dye rarely feels up to Sunday services. Sis. Helen Martin is almost 87 and rarely leaves her home. Sis. Lavetta Boling is losing ground to Alzheimer's. Sis. Louise Brister has been having some health problems but we are hoping that those will soon be resolved and she can meet with us more regularly. We are blessed that Jennifer and Larry Brister and their son, Seth, usually join us on Sundays. Bro. Melvin and Sis. Ann Lytle bring their great-grandchildren (Hallie, Anthony, and Emily) whenever possible, as their mother, Jackie, is usually busy caring for her ailing mother-in-law.

We, at the church of Christ in Citrus City, send our love and prayers to all and we appreciate the prayers and love of our fellow brothers and sisters.

The Citrus City, AZ, congregation

Citrus City, AZ (Feb., 2009)

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Hope this message finds all well. We at Citrus City are doing reasonably well.

Sorry about being slow in sending our contribution to help with the expenses of The Christian Courier. We appreciate and thank you for the time and effort in writing and preparing this newsletter.

We at the church of Christ in Citrus City send our love and prayers to all.

Fayetteville, AR (Jan., 2009)

Some of you know I got a job recently at the Jones Center as a painter. In my second week, two kids slashed two of my tires. They were caught by the security officer on duty. Two new tires were put on the next day by Garrett Tire. My supervisor's secretary's husband owns Garrett Tire. I had no money, nor do I hold credit cards anymore. They knew this. I had planned to pay for the new tires when I got paid this last Friday, January 2nd. When I asked what I owed, I was told, "Nothing, the bill had been taken care of." But no one seemed to be able to tell me who paid the bill. So I looked up and said, "Thank you, God." For God knows who paid. God works through those who love Him. So please give a special praise to God, when God comes to you. May God bless the unknown heart who was kind.

Billie Jones,
Fayetteville, AR

Goshen, AR (Dec., 2008)

Greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters,

It has been some time since the church here has written. There has been a lot of sickness in our congregation the last 6-7 months. Bro. Marvin Daniels has had several trips to the

hospital. 6 weeks ago he had surgery to patch a hole in the wall between the chambers in his heart. That seemed to be healing, but then he had blood clots in both lungs and spent a week in the hospital, but was out and back in church last Sunday (Nov. 30th). Sis. Christy Burkhart has gone on oxygen because of her lungs. Sis. Lynn Serrano had shoulder surgery, but is mending. Bro. Melvin Daniels has recently been told his lungs have worsened. He is being treated for a new development.

These brothers and sisters need prayers. It's very hard when you are so sick to keep your spirits up. We just all know that when this life is over we have a much better place we can go to if we remain faithful.

The others in the congregation have the normal wintertime complaints, but are hanging in there.

Our summer hung on as long as it could. We had a really nice fall, but we had our first snowfall Nov. 30th – Dec. 1st. It wasn't much, but sure was cold. After our great fall, God painted the mountain here in so many beautiful colors.

Hoping each and everyone enjoys a new year and a new beginning. Time passes so fast as we get older.

Sis. Melvin Daniels
For the church at Goshen, AR

Harlingen, TX (Dec., 2008)

Appreciated brothers:

We have confidence that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ blesses and that the church in your city continue firm in the faith and the truth.

We thank in the name of the Lord to be interested and participation of the gospel in Mexico and Guatemala. I inform that during October we visited brothers in the congregations in the area of Huasteca, Mexico, with the purpose of teaching more of the scriptures and to confirm the truth.

In that area also we visited new persons that the brothers contacted and we continue sending by mail studies or booklets with information of the scriptures.

A family of 4 persons let off attending the meetings because of some problems. They are reconciled and these brothers returned to the communion with the church.

The evangelists in southern Mexico and northern Guatemala inform that the brothers continue firm in the truth. They also inform that the problems caused by the continuous rains and floods are slowly being solved and think that the situation each day is going to improve.

The churches in northern Mexico continue firm. The evangelists continue teaching the gospel and some members continue collaborating in the studies that we make in the houses of the members.

We have need of Bibles and song books. Would that you could help.

During this year write a series of topics that help, especially the evangelists. This material is finished and have plans for printing next year.

I request your prayers so that the Lord will open more doors for the predication of the gospel.

Otto Alvarez,
Harlingen, TX

Harlingen, TX (Jan., 2009)

Dear brethren in Christ:

Receive our most sincere greetings and our hope that you are well along with our esteemed brethren in the faith.



We desire to express our gratitude in the name of the Lord by the important participation and your prayers for the preaching of the gospel in Mexico and Central America. This effort between you and us is the result of new Christians in that effort.

In this year of 2008, we have had many benedictions because we have had to preach in some places and the fruit or result is that several persons have been converted as Christians.

The faithful brethren have accepted the responsibilities on preaching the gospel and they have opened doors so that the evangelists can teach the people. Also, the evangelists have complied with their responsibility of work and each day we have new Christians.

Some brothers that live in southern Mexico and northern Guatemala have had many problems because of excessive rains and floods several times during this year. Some brothers in these areas have collaborated to help these brothers that had these problems, but at this time the situation is solved.

I comment that in the city of Jaritas, Mexico, we have studies in different homes and we baptized one person and have plans of establishing a congregation in this place, taking advantage that a Christian family lives in Jaritas. Would that the Lord would permit us to continue with these plans.

Again, thanks in the name of the Lord by the help and participation of you in this work of teaching the gospel.

I send a photo of a new sister that was baptized December 20, 2008. Also, four new sisters baptized December 30, 2008. In this photo new evangelists are helping in the baptisms.



Your brother in Christ in Mexico,
Otto Alvarez

Harlingen, TX (Feb., 2009)

Dear brethren in Christ:

By means of this simple letter I send you greetings hoping at the moment you read it you may be enjoying good health in the Lord.



We comment that during the months of December and January in northern Mexico we made work of evangelization and the Lord opened new doors for the predication and we are studying with several persons that belong to Baptist, Pentecostal, and Catholic churches. We have studies in households of these new persons 2 days each week.

Also, we continue to study with the churches of this area (Matamoros, Jaritas, Vallehermoso, Brownsville). The evangelists help in the activities in these areas. Each Sunday we travel from Harlingen to meet with the churches in the USA and Mexico border areas (Matamoros and Brownsville).

Also in this month I had opportunity to visit the churches in Rio Verde and San Jose, Mexico, with the purpose of encouraging and teaching the scriptures.

The evangelists in the churches of southern Mexico inform that the brothers continue firm in the faith and all continue with much encouraging preaching the gospel.

Also we have information of the churches in Guatemala that the evangelists open new doors for the predication and there are new persons interested in the gospel.

The brothers invite me to help during April and May because there is the possibility of establishing new churches in northern Guatemala. In these areas we have preached several years and probably that starts to give fruit. If the Lord permits me, I am making plans to visit during 5 weeks some churches in southern Mexico and Guatemala.

The evangelists and all that are involved in this work of the Lord express to you our gratefulness in the name of the Lord by your help and participation in this work. Philippians 4:19-21, "*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ... Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.*"

The photo is a baptism in Brownsville, TX, in January.

Evangelists in Mexico

Lorenzo, TX

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We seem to have mostly survived the winter months with only a few illnesses and hospital stays. As we age, the winters seem longer.

We are happy to have Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman back with us. They had gone back to Seattle to take care of some business concerning the sale of their property, which has not sold yet. They were away for about 3 months.

As Spring approaches, we start to prepare for people traveling to meetings. Beginning with Yuma March 15th and continuing through

Yakima which starts August 2nd. Plan to attend as many as you can.

There has never been a time when the effort that we spend to attend any meeting was not richly rewarding. It is with a great deal of anticipation that we look forward to our meeting July 1-8 with Bro. Mark Perigen. To that end we are doing some remodeling to the building that should add to the convenience of all. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

We really appreciate that the congregations are cooperating with scheduling so that all may attend as many meetings as possible. We look forward to seeing you all as often as we can.

From the brethren at Lorenzo, TX.

Love and peace to you all.

Yuma, AZ (Jan., 2009)

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Just a few words to say "Hi", with hope all are well or improving. We here are mostly doing okay except for Sis. Flo Fuller who has been undergoing chemo treatment to her throat area and will follow with radiation.

There isn't much news from the church; all is well except we are few in number, but filled with hope and joy and looking to things above.

The latter part of November and the first part of December we had lots of rain, then it turned cold, and now it is in the high 70's & 80's. We are looking forward to our meeting of March 15th – 22nd. We have hookups for RV's and will have some accommodations here. We are looking forward to seeing many of our dear brothers & sisters at that time.

Not much else I can think of at this time. Take good care and let us all be prayerful one for another.

In Christian love,

The brothers & sisters in Yuma, AZ

Yuma Church of Christ

Invites You to Attend
Our Gospel Meeting
March 15-22, 2009

Join us this spring with an opportunity to listen to some very good gospel sermons from guest speakers. You will be glad you did.

The Yuma, AZ, meeting will be held at:

2890 S Avenue B
Yuma, AZ 85364

For information, call:

Harry Davis 928-783-0474
Dennis Davis 928-503-3709

Lorenzo Church of Christ

Invites You to Attend
Our Gospel Meeting
July 1- 8, 2009

Join us this summer with an opportunity to listen to some very good gospel sermons from Bro. Mark Perigen of the Oakdale, CA, congregation. You will be glad you did.

The Lorenzo, TX, meeting will be held at:

4th & Monroe St.
Lorenzo, TX 79343

For information, call:

Larry Wood 806-778-7545
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Ellis Forsman 806-771-9587 forsmanep@yahoo.com

Glenwood Church of Christ

Invites You to Attend
Our Gospel Meeting
July 19-24, 2009

The Glenwood, WA, congregation is happy to announce our gospel meeting this year is being held July 19-24. The meeting will be held at:

13944 Creekview Dr.
Port Orchard, WA 98367

Come and listen to some fine speaking from our guest speakers, Eric Harper of the Sacramento, CA, congregation and Kevin Lamb of the Gleed, WA, congregation.

For information, call:

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Greg Stacey 253-884-9680

Gleed Church of Christ

Invites You to Attend
Our Gospel Meeting
July 26-31, 2009

The Gleed, WA, congregation is happy to announce our gospel meeting this year is being held July 26-31. The meeting will be held at:

120 Donelson Ln.
Gleed, WA 98908

Come and listen to some fine speaking from our guest speaker, Eric Harper of the Sacramento, CA, congregation.

For information, call:

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Ahtanum (Yakima) Church of Christ

Invites You to Attend
Our Gospel Meeting
August 2-9, 2009

The Ahtanum congregation in Yakima, WA, is happy to announce our gospel meeting this year is being held August 2-9 with Bro. Jerry McCay of the Lorenzo, TX, congregation. The meeting will be held at:

4309 Ahtanum Blvd
Yakima, WA 98903

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Church of Christ

* Camp Meeting * June 20-28, 2009 *

Cypress Lake Campground

(South of Broken Bow on HWY 259)

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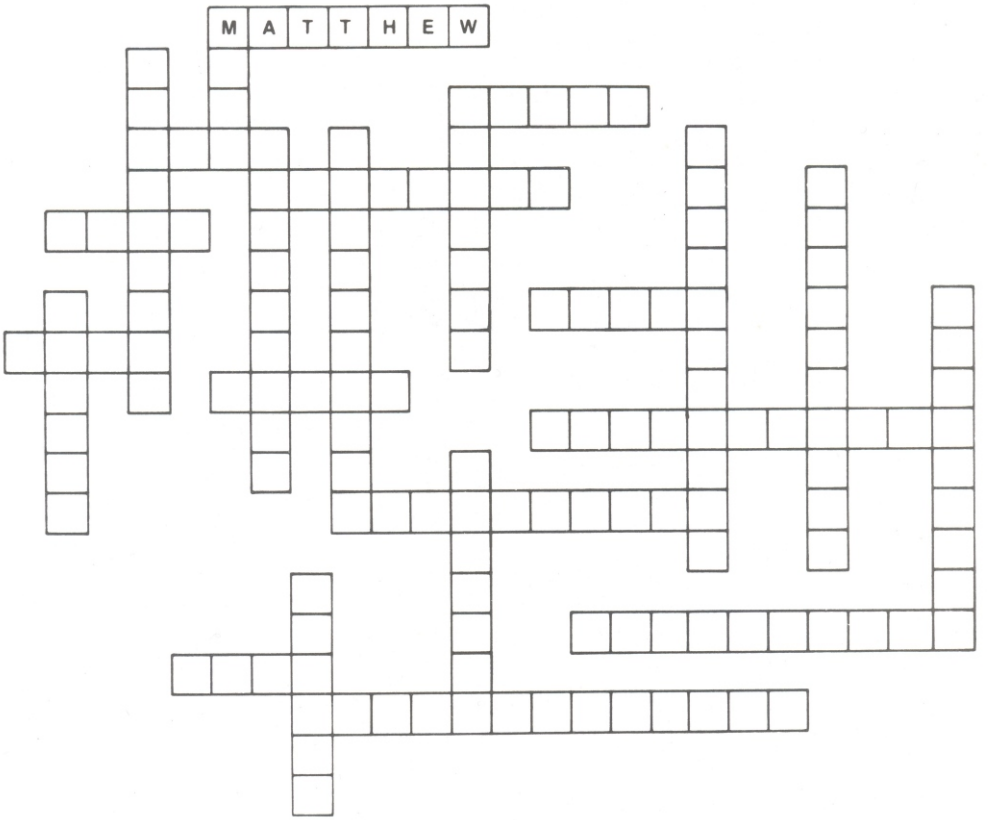
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▪ R.V. Hookups ▪ Dorm Rooms ▪ Tent Sites	▪ Bible Study ▪ Volleyball ▪ Horseshoes ▪ Basketball ▪ Softball ▪ Games ▪ Crafts ▪ Paddleboats ▪ Horse Rides ▪ Swimming ▪ Fishing ▪ And More	▪ Towels & Wash Cloths ▪ Personal Hygiene Items ▪ Light Blanket ▪ Pillow ▪ Bedding ▪ Bug Spray ▪ Tennis Shoes	▪ Please Adhere To ALL Camp Policies For Safety Purposes ▪ No Children Left Unattended ▪ Activities Will Be Conducted In Groups ▪ Wear Modest Apparel ▪ Camp Curfew 10:30

NEW TESTAMENT FILL-UP

Start with Matthew and add each of the New Testament books below until the entire puzzle is complete. Better use a pencil—you may have to move some books around before you get them all in the correct places!



MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN
ACTS
ROMANS
CORINTHIANS
GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
THESSALONIANS
TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON
HEBREWS
JAMES
FIRST PETER
2 PETER
FIRST JOHN
SECOND JOHN
3 JOHN
JUDE
REVELATION

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

March 15-22, 2009	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
June 20-28, 2009	Cypress Lake Camp Meeting	Guest speakers
July 1-8, 2009	Lorenzo, TX	Mark Perigen
July 19-24, 2009	Glenwood, WA	Eric Harper & Kevin Lamb
July 26-31, 2009	Gleed, WA	Eric Harper
August 2-9, 2009	Yakima, WA	Jerry McCay

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Duane Bixler	Aztec, NM	Alzheimer's disease
Minnie Davis	Broken Bow, OK	In nursing home
Ruth Johnson	Broken Bow, OK	In nursing home
Brenda Treat	Broken Bow, OK	Severe blood disorder
Edwin Crowell	Broken Bow, OK	Chemotherapy treatments
Movelle Wilkerson	Canton, GA	Chest pains & shortness of breath
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Lavetta Boling	Citrus City, AZ	Alzheimer's disease
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Heart trouble & diabetes
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections
Christy Burkhart	Goshen, AR	On oxygen
Melvin Daniels	Goshen, AR	Bad heart & lungs
Dana Garner	Hillsboro, OR	Breast cancer
Joan Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Heart problems
Nell McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eyesight problems
Bonnie Johnson	Pleasant View, OK	Ill health
Robert Fuson, Jr.	Pleasant View, OK	Spinal Bifida
Vivian Baker	Waterford, CA	Fighting cancer
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer
Jean Orendorff	Yuma, AZ	In nursing home