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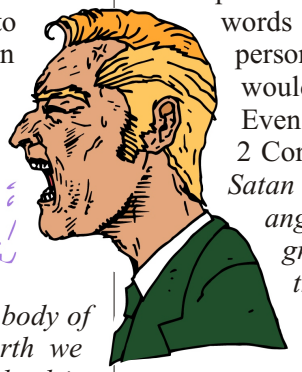
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Harsh Words

Iranaeus 120-205 A.D. wrote, "This class of men have been instigated by satan to a denial of that baptism which is regeneration to God, and thus to a renunciation of the whole faith."

These words, "instigated by satan" seem harsh and cold but these are the words chosen by Iranaeus. And when taken into account that the words were used in conjunction with a "denial of that baptism", one must conclude that he was dead serious. Romans 6:3,6-8 "*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ... Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:*" To be crucified with Him one must be baptized into His death. To live with Christ one must first be dead with Him.



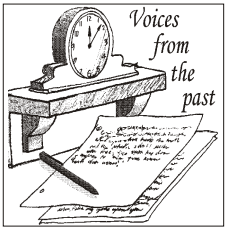
Perhaps you have known a religiously-minded person that has argued "baptism is not necessary". To use the words "instigated by satan" for such a person seems harsh, but where else would such an argument come from? Even satan's ministers are transformed 2 Cor. 11:14-15, "*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*" 1 Pet. 5:8, "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may*

devour:" Is it a possibility a person may be devoured and not even know? Matt. 24:24, "*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*"

One desiring salvation should seriously consider the words of Christ in Mark 16:16, "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*" Verified by Peter in 1 Pet. 3:21, "*The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*"

For love of the truth,
Jack Warford

What Church Shall I Join?



This is a question many ask. The fact is there is but one church which has to do with man's salvation and it is not a "joinable" institution. There is but ONE BODY.

- "*For as we have many members in ONE BODY, and all members have not the same office; so we, being many, are ONE BODY IN CHRIST, and everyone members of another.*" (Rom 12:4-5).
- "*For as the BODY IS ONE, and hath many members, and all the members of that ONE BODY, being many are ONE BODY; SO ALSO IS CHRIST.*" (1 Cor. 12:12).
- "*And that he might reconcile both unto God IN ONE BODY by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.*" (Eph. 2:16).
- "*And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, To the which YE ARE CALLED IN ONE BODY and be thankful.*" (Col. 3:15).
- "*There is ONE BODY, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;*" (Eph. 4:4).

The ONE BODY is the ONE CHURCH.

"*And he is the head of THE BODY, THE CHURCH.*" (Col. 1:18). "*And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to THE CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.*" (Eph. 1:22-23)(Emphasis are mine).

Thus we see there is but ONE BODY and that ONE BODY is the ONE CHURCH. We do not "join" this one body, the Church; but God adds us to it. "*Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord ADDED TO THE CHURCH daily SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED.*" (Acts 2:47).

"*But now hath GOD SET THE MEMBERS EVERY ONE OF THEM IN THE BODY as it hath pleased him.*" (1 Cor. 12:18).

We now see we do not JOIN the ONE BODY, ONE CHURCH, but God SETS US IN IT, as it is evident from the last two scriptures. "The saved" are the ones set in it (Acts 2:47). Hence it is not joinable. Christ purchased that

ONE BODY, ONE CHURCH, with his own blood. Acts 20:28, "*Take heed unto yourselves, and all the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed the CHURCH OF GOD which he hath PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD.*" "*Gave Himself for it.*" (Eph. 5:25). "*He is the SAVIOUR OF THE BODY*" (Eph. 5:23). He is the "*Head of the body, the Church*" (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23). But one will say how are we saved and added to that one church that we might enjoy all the spiritual blessings? So, here are the Bible answers for that question. But let me state first to be IN CHRIST is to be IN THE BODY; because it is His body. And to be IN THE BODY is to be IN THE CHURCH; because the Church is His body as we have above proven. Now with the promised proof:

- Reconciliation is IN CHRIST, in the body. (2 Cor. 5:19; Eph. 2:16)
- IN CHRIST is life. (John 1:4)
- We are rooted and built up IN HIM. (Col. 2:7)
- We are complete IN CHRIST. (Col. 2:10)
- We are circumcised with circumcision of Christ IN HIM (Col. 2:11)
- All spiritual blessings are IN CHRIST JESUS. (Eph. 1:3)
- We are chosen IN HIM (Eph. 1:4)
- Redemption in his blood, the forgiveness of sins are IN HIM. (Eph. 1:7)
- We obtained our inheritance IN CHRIST. (Eph. 1:11)
- We are new creatures IN CHRIST. (2 Cor. 5:17)
- We are established IN CHRIST. (2 Cor. 1:21)
- We are children of God by faith IN CHRIST. (Gal. 3:26-27)
- SALVATION with eternal glory is IN CHRIST JESUS. (2 Tim. 2:10)

Since we see that all these blessings are IN CHRIST, IN THE ONE BODY THE CHURCH; how do we get IN CHRIST that we may enjoy these blessings? Here is your answer: "*For as many of you as have been BAPTISED INTO CHRIST have put on Christ.*" (Gal. 3:27).

"*Know ye not that so many of us as were BAPTISED INTO CHRIST were baptized INTO HIS DEATH.*" (Rom. 6:3).

But says our friends; "I see that baptism puts us IN CHRIST, where SALVATION and all these blessings are; but is this baptism only?" No, Bless your heart, not baptism only, faith only, nor anything else only; but baptism with all its prerequisites.

We must hear and learn. John 6:44-45. "*Without faith it is impossible to please God.*" (Heb. 11:6); and "*faith comes by hearing the word of God.*" (Rom. 10:17). "*We must repent.*" (Luke 13:1-5). "*Confess Christ*" as the eunuch did before his baptism. (Acts 8:36-38) and be baptized INTO CHRIST. (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3).

Then continue faithful till death and the Lord will give you a crown of life. (Rev. 2:10).

May God bless us all to do his will as it is revealed in his holy word is my prayer. As ever, yours in Christ.

J. S. Bedingfield

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Precious Memories

***The Christian Courier*, November, 1969.** Bro. W. A. Nelson, Somerton, AZ, reported on two separate car accidents involving Steven Nelson and Benny Smith. Neither was hurt too badly. Bro. Claud Perigen thanked everyone for their prayers, cards, and calls while he was in the hospital for an operation. Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Bill McCay, during which there were 5 baptisms. There was another baptism after the meeting: Donna Dabbs. He also announced the marriage of Bro. Bill Taylor and Sis. Debra Dabbs. Bro. Ken Harper, Penn Valley, CA, reported on their meeting with Bro. W. A. Nelson. Bro. Ken Baldwin, Cedaredge, CO, reported on the Delta Camp Meeting.

***The Christian Courier*, December, 1969.** The Somerton, AZ, congregation reported that Sis. Ruth Duncan had to have emergency surgery for kidney stones; Bro. Jack Renick was in the hospital with heart problems; and Bro. W. A. Nelson had gall stones. Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, announced the birth of Renee Michelle to Bro. Dick & Sis. Georgia Taylor on October 29th. Bro. John Usrey, Sacramento, CA, announced the baptism of Ernest Brown. The Yuma, AZ, congregation were saddened by the passing of Bro. Horace Orendorff's father in California. The Modesto, CA, congregation reported that Sis. Adel Stark had fallen and broke her shoulder.

***The Christian Courier*, November, 1979.** The San Pablo, CA, congregation reported on their meeting with Bro. Richard Johnston. The Chico, CA, congregation announced a Thanksgiving meeting with guest speakers. They also reported on the passing of Sis. Clara Mahan and the baptism of Martin Brockman. The Gardendale, TX, congregation announced the baptisms of Jeff Krieger and Robert Biddy during their meeting.

***The Christian Courier*, December, 1979.** Bro. J. D. Logan, Modesto, CA, reported on the Far West Camp Meeting at Fort Bragg, CA. Bro. Jerry McCay, Yakima, WA, announced the baptisms of Wayne Markham and Felicia McKinney. The Baron, OK, congregation were saddened by the passing of Sis. Vea Morris on December 10th.

***The Christian Courier*, November, 1989.** The Bellflower, CA, congregation reported on their meeting with Bro. Dan Teague. They also announced the passing of Bro. Henry Oliver. Bro. Marion Serrano, La Habra, CA, congregation reported on the passing of Sis. Ina Nunnally on August 8th.

***The Christian Courier*, December, 1989.** Bro. Audley Barnes, Loco, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Mark Perigen. Sis. Saundra Ross, Stilwell, OK, reported that Bro. Mick Boen was hospitalized for what appeared to be an allergic reaction to medication. Bro. Howard McCay, Selah, WA, announced the passing of Sis. Geneva Roark. He also reported his daughter, Lynell Forsman, had a total hip replacement surgery and that Tom Putz had been baptized. The Randlett, OK, congregation announced the marriage of Bro. Roy Mullens and Sis. Kim McCormick on September 30th. The San Pablo, CA, congregation reported that Bro. Gene McKinney was injured when a large jack fell on his hand. He had to have a bone

fragment removed. His wife, Sis. Pat McKinney, injured her shoulder in a fall. Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, announced the marriage of their daughter Lori to David McCarthy on October 14th. He also announced that Bro. Mark and Sis. Tammy Perigen were expecting a child in June and that Erelene Chessman and Regina Dunn were baptized.

***The Christian Courier*, December, 1999.**

The Baron, OK, congregation reported that Sis. Lectie Denny had a pacemaker installed. Bro. Robert Farley, Selah, WA, announced that the were in the process of purchasing an old church building in Gleed. The Yuma, AZ, congregation wrote that Sis. Laveta Boling spent a night in the hospital with heart problems and that Bro. Dean Heck had back surgery. They also announced the baptism of Ivan Spicer on October 3rd. Sis. Teresa Barnes, Comanche, OK, announced the 50th wedding anniversary of Bro. Howard and Sis. Leola Taylor on December 18th.

In Loving Memory of Sis. Maggie Oma Sanner Taylor



Sis. Maggie Oma Sanner Taylor, 104, of Comanche, OK, passed away October 22, 2009, with her son, Don Taylor, at her side. She was lovingly laid to rest October 24, 2009.

She was born September 7, 1905, in Indian Territory, the daughter of Louis Auther and Ora Bell Blackberby Sanner. She was the oldest of nine children with all brothers and sisters preceding her in death. Oma married Joe Oliver Taylor on September 10, 1922, and was married for 72 years until his death in 1994.

Oma was one of the last original enrollees of the Choctaw Tribe. Oma lived in her home until August of this year at which time she needed nursing home care. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ora Jo Williams; a son, Howard Taylor; Howard's wife, Leola Taylor; a granddaughter, Danese Coody; and a great-granddaughter, Kayla Williams.

Survivors include one son, Harold Don Taylor and his wife, Zelpha, of Comanche, OK; ten grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Oma was baptized when 15 and was a life-long member of the church of Christ.

Bro. Don described her as feisty and a hard worker. She loved to raise a garden and can the fruit of her hands, and she loved to quilt. She had been a mail carrier and an Avon lady. She also fed and sheltered many people. Her first love was always for her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. She knew many scriptures by heart.

Oma described herself as older than dirt. She lived during the terms of 19 presidents.



Cards and Letters

Baron, OK

Dear brethren,

It does not seem possible the summer is over and Thanksgiving is nearly here. Speaking of Thanksgiving, the church at Baron, OK, is going to celebrate the holiday in the church lunch room. Sure would be nice if some of you could be here.

Sis. Crystal White and son Corbin have had flu symptoms, but are okay now. Sis. Jackie Brown is still having respiratory problems and still is in need of the prayers of the faithful. Bro. Jim Brown has a bruised leg from a fall and is getting around slowly. Sis. Ruby Brown has had an operation on her right hand and is slowly recovering. Please pray for them both. I think the rest of us are having the usual allergy problems and perhaps a cold.

Penny Spence had a car wreck two months ago. She had multiple injuries, including crushed heel bones on both feet. She is recovering at this time. Her husband, Randy, spent a few nights in the hospital with fluid on his heart, but is also recovering. Please remember them in your prayers.

Anyone coming this way are welcome to stop and worship with us.

In Christian love,

Baron Church of Christ

Just in

We received a call just before printing that Evelyn Wood passed away on Monday, Dec. 14th. Evelyn is the sister of Bro. Gerald Buckner of the Pleasant View, OK, congregation. Services are scheduled for Dec. 18th.

Flora Vista, NM

To The Christian Courier,

We want to thank everyone for the nice cards, flowers, food, and money sent and for everyone that could come. We especially want to thank Bro. Dennis Davis for doing the service and Bro. Ellis Forsman & Bro. Russell Morris for their help. May the Lord bless you for your kindness to us and to Rex. He would have loved having all of you here. Please remember us in your prayers.

Special thanks to the churches that sent money. It was surely appreciated.

With Christian love,

Tina, Anna, Dallas Mickey

Gleed, WA (October 27th)

Hello to all,

I just wanted to make a correction on Ola McKinney's medical conditions. She does not have cataract problems. She had an allergic reaction to an eye bandage that caused her cornea to become inflamed. Still very serious, she could have lost her sight in the eye. She is now well with the eye problem and she has recovered very nicely from the fractured pelvic bones from her fall in May. Thank you for all your prayers, and please continue to keep her in them. She is almost 89 now. Thank you again, and God bless.

Her daughter,

Kathy Treat

Gleed, WA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

I write this letter with a humble heart and a thank you on my lips for all the prayers that have been offered to God for me these last seven years. I am sending you this letter with some good information on my lips and a glad feeling in my heart. I returned home this morning from the hospital with a Drug Delivery Therapy system in my back "Pain Pump.

So far the results seem to be offering me a great deal of hope. I have no back pain at this time and the groin pain is minimal. This will only be the first step in what is going to be a long recovery. After spending up to eighteen hours a day in bed now for six years I have no muscle tone left. But that will return with time and work. It is our hope that this next year will only continue to improve my health and that Wilma and I may actually get to travel again. If you would like more information on the pain pump please go to their web site:

www.tamethepain.com

This site may help you or someone else you know with chronic pain.

Thank You again for your prayers as we can always use them. I will pray for you always.

In Christian love,

Robert Farley

Harlingen, TX (October)

Dear brethren in Christ:

I greet you in the name of the Lord.

I comment that the brothers in the churches in Mexico and Guatemala continue firm in the faith and we continue working and helping in the edification of the brothers and also in the work of evangelization.

I have informed you in other occasions that I write and print booklets and record CD's (with Biblical studies) and send to many people of the



addresses that the evangelists and also the members send me. After I visit the people that are interested I teach them to obey the gospel and the evangelists continue with their work of edification. This form of evangelization has permitted many people to be converted to Christianity, but it is a continuing work and requires much effort, but with the help of the Lord, we continue.



On September 21st in San Ciro City, I baptized three persons (Erika, Isabel, Teresa) and I have confidence in the Lord that the families of these new sisters in time will also obey the gospel.

In Rio Verde City, Mexico, the brethren have already purchased a small lot and began construction of a local church building, but we have insufficient money to buy the materials and to continue this work. It is necessary to have a building in this place.



The churches in Guatemala (area of Quetzaltenango) invited me to work during next January or February and I am planning to visit these churches, if the Lord permits. In this area (with indigenous people) we have a program in a local radio station and each day for an hour the brethren transmit the studies that I send them on CD's. We plan on continuing with this program.

The church in Brownsville, TX, after constant work have already several people that visit us each Sunday.

Also, the congregation in Valle Hermoso, Mexico, has many new people that attend the meetings.

We send our gratefulness in the name of the Lord for your important participation in the work of predication of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I send photos of new sisters and photos of the church in Rio Verde, Mexico.

Your brothers in Mexico and Guatemala.

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Harlingen, TX (November)

Dear brethren in Christ:

I greet you in the name of the Lord.

Thank you for your fellowship with us in this work of the Lord in Mexico and Central America.

I communicate that during November we had many activities between the churches of the area north of Mexico.

In Matamoros we have home Bible studies on Wednesdays. Saturdays, several brethren evangelize house to house in different areas of the city and we have several contacts of new people to teach the gospel. Also each Saturday to 5 pm in the premises of the church we have



studies to continue preparing the evangelists in these areas.

Each Thursday we are working with the new congregation in the city of Valleharmoso and we have studies to edify the brothers and to teach new people.



On Tuesdays in the city of Brownsville, TX, we have studies with the brethren and new visitors and at this time we have some people very interested in the gospel.

Also we are beginning the evangelization in Carbonera with a family that is interested in the gospel and we have hope that a congregation is established in this area.



November 21st we had 6 baptisms (3 in Vallehermoso and 3 in Matamoros).

The construction plans of the small local church in Rio Verde continue forward and already we began the construction for a 14 x 28 foot building. At this moment we bought part of the material and several brethren of this area are collaborating to build it one day a week.

The form of construction in Mexico and Central America is different from construction in the USA. Here blocks of cement are used for the walls. Also, iron is used to make the columns and join the walls. In some instances, a little wood and metal plate are used for the roofs. This form of construction is important to avoid damage caused by hurricanes and rain.

In the photo you can see in the left side one of the built walls and in the right side some materials. Also, I send the photo of the new baptized brothers.

Again, thanks in the name of the Lord for your valuable help so that the gospel is preached in these places. You are participating in this great work.

Receive love, all our Christians; and again, thanks.

Your brother in Christ,
Otto Alvarez

Note from *The Christian Courier* editor: In a separate letter from Bro. Otto, he addressed a question some had asked concerning how Spanish Bibles and song books should be supplied to them. "I think it is better that we buy in Mexico because we need in Spanish and also in Maya language because there are brothers in South of Mexico and Guatemala that speak these languages." Send your contributions to:

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Las Cruces, NM

Hi everyone,

My son Kyle has been talking to me about being baptized and has articulated very clearly why he needs to be and should be baptized. He is only 10, but I am convinced that he knows what he is doing. Please pray for him and his new life with the Lord.

I had thought that I was only going to baptize Kyle tonight (November 25th), however my daughter Mikayla (13) also wanted to be baptized — so I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to baptize two of my children tonight. What a way to start Thanksgiving!

Dale Lindley

Las Cruces, NM

Lorenzo, TX

Dearest Readers,

You'll be happy to know that all seems well here in the Lorenzo congregation. As the holidays are surrounding us with visitors, friends, and loved ones, we have much to be thankful for, and it seems as though the holidays just draw us nearer to one another. Recently, Bro. Ellis and Sis. Lynell Forsman decided to take a long road trip, and took with them the one and only, not so well behaved, Bro. Shiloh Boling. On their trip they visited the Sacramento congregation in California. "I thought our congregation was small, now I realize how blessed we are for the many persons at our church" Shiloh told Lynell after visiting the congregation. Shiloh also mentioned how beautiful it is there and how the congregation has so much heart, they are warm and welcoming to any person who comes to visit just like a Christian should be.

In other news, Sis. Reba White has been recovering from a broken leg surgery and is doing exceedingly better. Sister Jaetta Loftis is still fighting infection under her left shoulder; Sis. Wynetta McCay is still fighting infection from her recent knee surgery; and Brenda Casarez needs to have some tests performed to determined if she has cancer, however these tests cannot be performed until her blood pressure is lowered considerably. Your prayers are needed as well as appreciated for all of them.

It's been suggested that maybe young people from other congregations would like to communicate and meet others their age, just like pen pals! Whether it be mailing, E-Mailing, calling, or the new technology sweeping the globe known as texting, it'd be nice if younger Christians could find others around their age group to talk to, or any age for that matter. If anyone is interested in the idea, please send info such as your name, age, and how to communicate with you, to *The Courier*, then it will be distributed and published, and we'd like to encourage this between ALL the congregations if we could.

May god be with you and keep you safe,

From the Lorenzo congregation with love

Editor's note — It was a joy to have Bro. Shiloh travel with us. He had never been to California or seen the ocean. We did all that and a lot more. It was a blessing to get to spend two days with all the Shepherd, Harper, and Forsman families and that he was part of that.

— Ellis & Lynell Forsman

Newcastle, TX

"Energized" — From where do you get your spiritual energy? We are individuals and we may receive our spiritual energy differently. For my wife and I, we have been blessed several times this year with our spiritual lives being energized. We have been able to attend several meetings and camps which have been a spiritual blessing. We were "Energized", the spiritual energy we come away with is uplifting, and it helps us face the world we live in. We were first blessed with being able to attend "The Yuma Camp Meeting" in March being reunited with brothers and sisters in Christ that we had not seen in many years, and meeting brothers and sisters we had never meet. In May we were blessed with many visitors attending our weekend meeting at The Newcastle Church of Christ. Our energization continued by attending part of the "The Cypress Lake Camp Meeting" at Broken Bow Oklahoma in June. This was followed with the GREAT privilege of my preaching a weekend meeting at "The Barron Oklahoma Church of Christ" in October. In which we were all blessed (energized) with many visitors from several congregations. We have just returned from a weekend at the Cypress Lake Camp at Broken Bow the second weekend of November. This weekend meeting is held each year in conjunction with the Beavers Bend Fall Festival. We receive such a GREAT SPIRTUAL BLESSING when we are able to spend time with our brothers and sisters in Christ. To receive a spiritual boost to your spiritual energy, attend as many gospel meetings and camps as you can. You will not only receive a spiritual blessing, but you will help energize your brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Christian LOVE;
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Pleasant View, OK

We here at Pleasant View had a great young men service the 1st Sunday with Bro. Robert Fuson, Jr., also known as Little Robert who is doing a fine job teaching from the word of God. Robert, Jr., keep up the good work!!

Also am glad to see Sis. Bonnie Johnson back in church. As you know she has been confined to home after a long illness and we surely are glad to have her back in services.

Sis. Bonnie requested prayers for her grandson, James Lee Smith, who got a eye injury using a table saw, Lets all keep him in our prayers!

As I write this, Bro. Robert Fuson, Jr., will be going back into the Children Hospital in Tulsa, OK, for wound care and will be there until his wound is completely healed. Please keep him in your prayers, also. As we know, he has came along ways since birth and does a great job in the church and is very inspiring to those who know him.

Reba and I (Russell), along with Sis. Retha Gail Morris, traveled to Flora Vista, NM, in August to attend Bro. Rex Mickey's funeral service and to support our family in Christ during the loss of our brother.

In the past months we (Reba and I) have been blessed to travel to different congregations and met and saw other brothers and sisters in Christ we haven't seen in a while as well as see new ones we hadn't met before.

We appreciate Bro. John and Sis. Betty McKinney for the tour of Washington State, and also Sis. Sammy and Bro. Jim for opening their home for us to stay while we were there. Thanks for all the hospitality everyone showed us while we were there. We Love you all dearly!! Also thanks to Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay, Bro. Ellis and Sis. Lynell Forsman, the Washington Ferry was terriffic!! If your haven't been to any of the meetings try to attend and support them, we know you will be blessed like we have.

Also that Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wynetta are great to travel with.

Reba's health has changed, the "Lupus" has progressed farther along, but the Rheumatologist was impressed with her balance improving. She told him about a brother and sister who showed the Wii Fit to her and that's why her balance is improving. The Rheumatologist says to keep up the good job along with losing 39.3 lbs. She says "THANKS" to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wynetta!!!!

If anyone is traveling our way our home is all ways open; just call before just in case we are attending other meetings. My cell number is: 1-918-507-0644.

Please remember all the ones I mentioned in your prayers.

In Christian Love,

Russell (Sr.) and Reba Morris

Pleasant View, OK (October 29th)

Dear all,

Please keep Robert Fuson, Jr. in your prayers. The same sore that left him bedridden in February is back and once again infected with staph. He is going into the hospital at St. Francis November 3rd. Once the infection is gone, they will once again do surgery to try to close up the sore. He is looking at being bedridden for an extended amount of time.

The Pleasant View congregation

Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren:

My how time flies. Very soon we will be in a new year. Much has happened over the last couple of months. Jason Powers is now back home after being discharged from the Navy. Needless to say, we are all happy to have him home permanently. Paula Edmondson had a welcome home party for Jason and we had a great time. We received word a couple of days ago that Brady Lamb was back in the U,S. and should be back in the USMC Air Station, Miramar by Thursday, Dec. 10th. While in Iraq, he was promoted to Sgt. His wife Kyla, and baby son Ty are leaving for San Diego tomorrow. We will miss them but know that they will be happy to be back together again. Jason and Kim Wintersteller and family, were here for a couple of weeks over Thanksgiving, Bill and Stef McCay along with Elise were here also, so all of our 6 Great-grandchildren were here over the holiday. Terry Warford and family also visited here in this last month.

Veda and I were in a traffic accident last Monday which totaled our Mercury. Veda was pretty badly bruised with a cut on her neck, and a large hematoma on her chest caused by her seat belt. It is so bad that the doctor said it could be 3 months before the swelling and discoloration would be gone. I have a slightly sore chest and swollen left wrist, but nothing like hers. As bad as the accident was, we consider ourselves truly blest , as it could have so much worse. The other car turned across the lanes to enter a

driveway and was cited for not yielding the right of way.

Mikaela Lamb has graduated from her Massage Practitioner classes and is now ready to practice. Mike McCay Jr. was voted Best Auto Repair business in the Yakima Valley, and has as much business as he can handle.. Travis Lamb had back surgery last week and won't be able to drive for several weeks, which means, he won't be in his WSP cruiser for awhile.

We remind you once again of the 2010 meetings. Ours will start on June 30th and end July 4th. Please come. All are welcome. Please keep us and all who are hurting, in your prayers as we do you.

Yours in Christ,
Bill McCay Sr.

The editors of *The Christian Courier* wish to acknowledge the efforts and express thanks to the editors of the *Fruits of the Spirit* for their exceptional publishing work of the past 23 years. We know how much time, effort, and expense is required to publish a Christian newspaper. They mentioned that in order to continue they would have to purchase another business printer, which is pretty expensive.

We also discovered that the printer supplies *The Christian Courier* had been using since 1995 was being discontinued by the manufacturer. We were forced to purchase another business printer that cost $3500, not including the ongoing printer supplies (toner, drums, fuser, transfer kit, etc.). Regular household printers would not be able to handle the volume of printing that is required to publish the paper. We use nearly a case of legal paper for each publication. This is in addition to postage and other costs.

We appreciate everyone's support through articles , letters, and donations. Thanks again, "*Fruits of the Spirit*" for everything and we look forward to joint participation in this effort that honors our heavenly Father as well as bringing the brothers and sisters closer.

Note — The Lorenzo, TX, congregation has established that the cutoff for any material sent to *The Christian Courier* is to be received no later than the second Sunday of the month (it helps if we receive it a little before this cutoff date). After this date we will have final typing, editing, formatting, and printing before we do final assembly on the third Sunday of the month.

In Christian love,
The editors of *The Christian Courier*

Yuma, AZ

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ.

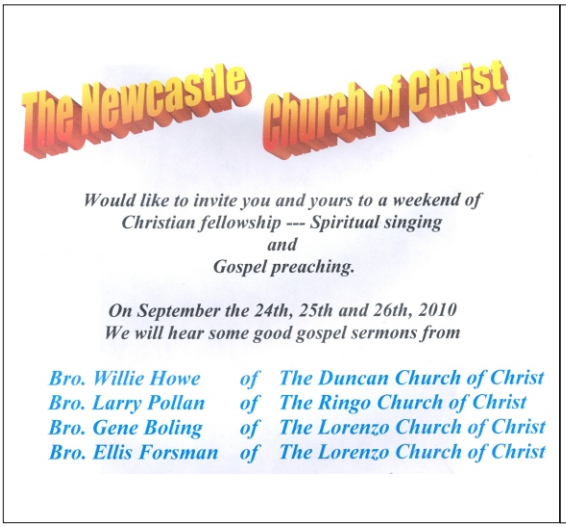
This will be my first letter that I have sent through "The Christian Courier". It has been up till now the duty of my Uncle Harry Davis, but he has designated the change. We have been having some splendid weather down here of late. This is the time of year that we that live in the Southern states get our best weather. Everyone to date are in pretty good health, at least no one's health picture has changed in the last month. We have gotten a few people that walk in and attend services with us but most are just traveling through looking for a service while in town. All of our roads are chopped up so travel in town can be a bit of a chore. It seems that our town fathers have to wait until the winter visitors are here by the thousands to start any street work and for the life of me I don't what it is they are trying to accomplish. They must want to get the effect of traffic jams in Yuma and they have certainly managed to do that. Bro. Harry Dye was in Yuma this past Sunday and gave us a wonderful lesson. I remember listening to him when I was just a kid but somehow it seems that I have caught up in age to him, always loved hearing his messages.

Susie and I and Jennifer (our granddaughter) were blessed to have company for lunch last week. Bro. Ellis and Sis. Lynell Forsman, along with Bro. Shiloh Boling were headed home from Thanksgiving with some of their family in California and we got together and had lunch with them. Ellis and Lynell wanted to show Shiloh the church here in Yuma since he hadn't been here before so we opened the doors and showed him around. I tried hard to talk them in to staying for church that Sunday but they had to get back and attend to business back in Lorenzo. It was sure a pleasure to be able to see them. We spent a lot of time together with them this summer at the different meetings.

I have some great news that I would like to share with all of the brothers and sisters. It was my pleasure to baptize my granddaughter Jennifer Davis (12) on Sunday, December 6th, 2009. Jennifer had been asking about what she needed to do to be baptized for a while and she came to the realization that she wanted to have that done. She is the daughter of our son Denny and Juli Davis. There was much joy in Heaven and more than a little joy down here too, with a few tears, mostly mine. We are very proud to be able to call her sister.

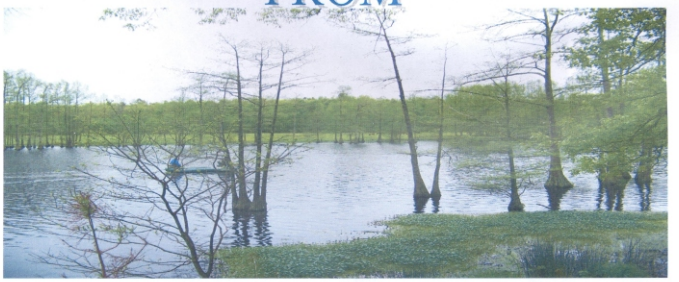
I want to announce the meeting that we are planning for this year. It will be in the month of March as usual and the actual dates will be March 14th through March 21, 2010. We will have guest speakers to bring lessons for us. Again if any have the chance to come out then please come and join us. We enjoy this meeting so much, we look forward to it every year and it seems that it just gets better and better. We are hoping for a big crowd again this year, maybe even bigger than last year. I know that some of you are up in the cold snow country and may just want to get down to a warmer climate, if so then come and join us a little early. It's always nice to visit as long as we can. We will ask any of you for activities that you would enjoy to let us know so that if possible we could possibly accommodate. Keep us in your prayers as we will keep all of you in ours. We love you all.

Dennis and Susie Davis,
from the Yuma, AZ, congregation



NEWS FLASH

FROM



Cypress Lake Campground

Broken Bow, Oklahoma

*We would like **everyone to participate** in a fun project we have planned for our summer Church Camp in June, 2010! We would like everyone to bring crafts which they have made, and to donate them for an auction! If possible **please** sign and date your crafts! We will auction these items off one afternoon. You will be able to bid on these crafts **made by your loved ones in Christ**!*

The proceeds will go to help cover the camps' expenses!

Bring your crafts,
and money to buy your favorite craft!!!

See you at camp---June 13-20, 2010

YOU CAN HELP

To ALL our Brother and Sisters in Christ:

As we continue to work and improve "The Cypress Lake Camp" for ALL to enjoy we find there are things that you can HELP us with. Here are some things you may have or maybe could find at garage sales. There's a need for:

Hanging Racks for Clothes — Bath Stools — Bath Mats —Towels — Small Mirrors — Mixing Bowls (all sizes) — Box Fans or Stand Fans — Rugs for Bed Side — Paper Towel Holders — Outdoor Furniture (any kind) — Ceiling & Wall Light Fixtures — Any Kind of Wall Hung Shelving — Large Coffee Mugs!!!!

We would like for YOU to bring any of these items with you to Church Camp, but if this is not possible PLEASE send them with someone who is going to be able to join us at camp.

See you ALL in June 13-20, 2009 at camp.

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

March 12-21, 2010	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
June 25-29, 2010	Gleed, WA	TBA
June 30-July 4, 2010	Yakima, WA	TBA
July 6-11, 2010	Glenwood, WA	TBA

Baptisms

Kyle Lindley	Las Cruces, NM	November 25, 2009
Mikayla Lindley	Las Cruces, NM	November 25, 2009
Jennifer Davis	Yuma, AZ	December 6, 2009

Passings

Evelyn Wood	Pleasant View, OK	December 14, 2009

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Jackie Brown	Baron, OK	Respiratory problems
Ruby Brown	Baron, OK	Hand operation
Penny Spence	Baron, OK	Fluid on heart
Rita Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Heart attack & surgery
Ericka Ferguson	Clinton, NJ	In prison
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Lavetta Boling	Citrus City, AZ	Alzheimer's disease
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe pain
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Heart trouble & diabetes
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections
Marvin Daniels	Goshen, AR	Lost ground
Melvin Daniels	Goshen, AR	Bad heart & lungs
Joan Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Heart problems
Brenda Casarez	Lorenzo, TX	High blood pressure & medical tests
Jaetta Loftis	Lorenzo, TX	Shoulder infection & hip pain
Nell McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eyesight & balance problems
Wynetta McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Knee surgery & infection
Bonnie Bryant	Oakdale, CA	Fighting cancer
Reba Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Lupus
Robert Fuson, Jr.	Pleasant View, OK	Spinal Bifida & open back sore
James Lee Smith	Pleasant View, OK	Eye injury
Vivian Baker	Waterford, CA	Fighting cancer
Travis Lamb	Yakima, WA	Back surgery
Bill & Veda McCay	Yakima, WA	Car accident injuries
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer