

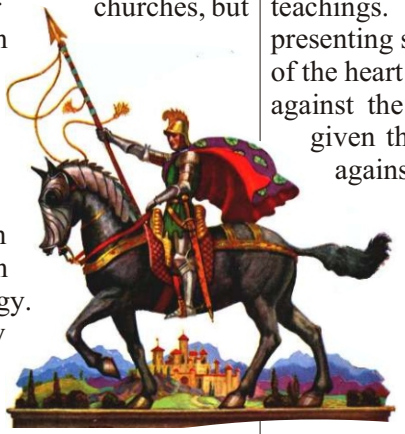
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Fables in the Church

Not all that passes for truth in the pulpit, religious articles, and in the emails among Christians is truth according to the Bible, but are fables. "What? Fables in the church?" you ask. "Fables in other churches, but certainly not in the church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!"



These fables try not to come to Christ's church under the label of a fable, but rather as an embellishment on the truth to promote a certain ideology. A familiar aspect of many religions is the use of fables to teach and reinforce moral attitudes and religious principles in forms that are easy to assimilate and remember. Fables are not sound teachings. They are never produced without the accumulation of distorted, crooked, and especially unreasonable interpretation. It neglects and forsakes many clear words of God to establish unsound teachings. Whatever intentions the giver has for presenting such fables, no matter what emotions of the heart they produce, usage of such fables is against the command of God. Our Lord has given the following scriptures as a warning against such usage:

- 1 Tim. 1:4, "*Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.*"
- 1 Tim. 4:7, "*But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.*"

- 1 Tim. 6:20, "*O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:*"
- 2 Tim. 2:16, "*But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*"
- 2 Tim. 4:4, "*And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables*."
- Titus 1:14, "*Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.*"

Unbelievers would consider the foundation of our faith a fable, but we know differently. The events of our Lord's birth, deity, life, death, burial, and resurrection are no fable. 2 Pet. 1:16, "*For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*"

Christians do not need to use cunningly devised fables to enhance their belief in God's plan of salvation; they need only to use God's plain and simple words to accomplish this. For years, the motto of the church of Christ has been, "Speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent." In recent years Satan has crept undetected into the church and turned the minds of many into accepting the usage of such fables.

How does a person fall for fables? It seems to follow our personal inclinations to believe certain things. Some are bored with the plain teachings of the Bible and their ears are "perked" when they hear something they have not heard before; the message suddenly becomes more interesting than it used be. When preachers see the response and interest they get when they use "*cunningly devised fables*", they are encouraged to use them more. The result, however, is that too many Christians who do not investigate what they are being taught accept these fables and other religious nonsense in the church along side of biblical truth.

The cure against fables and other nonsense in the churches is to instruct God's people about the biblical admonitions for using spiritual discernment of His actual words instead of fanciful tales of doubtful origin. Fables are not from the teachings of the apostles, but of Satan. God does not tolerate the use of fiction (fables). Our Lord admonished us with the following words:

- Matt. 4:4, *"...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*"
- Job 28:28, "*And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.*"
- Eph. 5:10, "*Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.*"
- 1 Thess. 5:21-22, "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.*"
- 1 John 4:1, "*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*"
- 2 Tim. 4:1-4, "*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; <u>Preach the word</u>; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*"

- Gal. 1:8-9, "*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*"

Paul warned Timothy several times to not even go down the path of using an imposter-truth as opposed to using sound truth. However "moral" a story may be, if it is not of God's word it is irrelevant. Even if using a fable with spreading God's truth gives the perceived benefit of aiding it, in reality it works the opposite. 2 Tim. 4:3-5, "*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*" Fables actually weaken the word of God by drawing men toward the fables. People want new and interesting ways to hear the gospel; but we should not turn to Satan's message for inspiration. Brothers and sisters, Our Lord says the time will come when that will happen; that time is now.

Reading God's Holy Word is godly exercise. It takes effort to read the Bible "as is" and to show ourselves "approved" unto God by studying it. Reading fables takes little effort and is one way how Satan makes merchandise of lazy Christians who do not make any effort to prove what is acceptable to the Lord.

The following is some examples that I have received or heard that can be classified as fables. Many of these are distributed via the use of e-mail and the accuracy or truthfulness can be verified with the aid of Snopes.com.

- **The Lost Day Claim.** Supposedly, NASA scientists discovered a "missing day" in time which corresponds to Biblical accounts of the sun's standing still in the sky as found in Joshua 10:12-13. While Christians believe the Biblical account, the event at NASA never happened.
- **Gay Jesus Film Claim.** A claim was made by some that in the year 2001 a movie was to come out portraying Jesus and His disciples as gay. An e-mail effort went out urging everyone to send a message to the Alabama Attorney General asking that this production be stopped. This office was flooded with letters and e-mails. Somehow the same e-mail message went to the office of Illinois Attorney General, and it also was flooded. The Illinois office had made a plea to the public via the Ann Landers column to stop this false story. Even today this office is receiving approximately 1000 protests every week. Hoaxes die hard. There was however a play entitled "Corpus Christi" which depicted Jesus Christ and His apostles in this light.
- **God's Hands Claim.** A photo of a cloud formation in the aftermath of Hurricane Charley in 2004 was circulated depicting the hands of God outstretched over the devastation. This same photo was circulated in 2007 with the claim it was taken in Kentucky and also in Texas, then again in 2010 saying it was taken over the earthquake destruction of Haiti. It was used as an inspiration of God's care for humanity. Snopes.com proved that the photo was altered to make the clouds look like the hands of God.

- **Awesome Rock Claim.** A picture claimed to be of a rock on a sea in Birmania during perfect calm waters when turned on its side supposedly shows an image when looking at the rock and its reflection in the water of a praying mother and child. The effect was to give tranquility to the viewer. The picture was actually taken from a hand-made drawing.
- **Jesus in the Clouds Claim.** An Air Force pilot took a picture during a dogfight over Korea. It shortly after made its way into the *Daily Independent* newspaper with the caption "Jesus in the Clouds". The picture supposedly shows the image of Jesus watching over the American pilots. There were quotes in the newspaper from pilots saying the picture uplifted them spiritually. The picture quickly was picked up by newspapers everywhere across the United States as an inspiration for the war effort. When the original photo was found in 1951 it was discovered the image of Jesus was painted on. The photo was a fake.
- **The Ghostly Rescue Claim.** Supposedly in 2000, the ghost of a woman killed in a car crash directed rescuers to the wreck to save her still-living baby who was trapped inside. The end of the story encourages the reader to believe in miracles in their life as well. Snopes.com says the popular culture is replete with such stories being circulated that are only the imagination of the writer; many having to do with the apparitions of Christ and the Holy Spirit guarding loved ones from danger. The following is one such:
- **The Alley Oops Claim.** Supposedly, a Christian girl who prays for protection while walking home late one night is saved by two angels who keep her safe from rape. Another girl was supposedly raped in the same alley 20 minutes after this girl went through. After this story made the news the "protected" girl came forward and told the police her story; that she could identify the man she saw in the alley. After she identified the rapist in a lineup she asked him why he let her go through the alley unmolested. He told her, "Because there were two men walking with her." This story gives its reader an inspiration of prayer. However, different accounts of this story have circulated since 2001. No names or location is provided in any account. Snopes says this is typical of fictional stories on the Internet. This incident has not been found in any police report searches.

Brothers & Sisters, there is a lot of religious garbage on the Internet! And readers are encouraged to pass it on to others on their mailing list.

Advice from Snopes.com:

"Anytime you see an e-mail that says forward this on to "10" of your friends, sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, it almost always has an e-mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and e-mails of those folks you forward to."

Col. 2:8, "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*"

I sincerely hope this has been helpful.

In Christian love,

Ellis Forsman



Cards and Letters

Arusha, Tanzania, Africa (Feb 22nd)

Greetings Brethren,

Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus be with you hoping that you are well under the Lord's umbrella. First and foremost, I would begin by letting you know that I am Domnic Owaga aged 33 years old, married with two children and I have been spiritually raised and studied in a preaching school sponsored by churches of Christ multiple cups. The school is called Andrew Connally School of Preaching in Arusha-Tanzania, Africa it's under affiliation of Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver, Colorado. It is seven years time in this faith as a preacher thinking that I was right based on what I was taught but not what the Bible says. I have said so to say that after scrutinizing the scriptures critically, I have discovered that we have been in a mess of worship in the following two fold elements. Multiple cups and bread in Lord's suppers and separate bible studies in the church without any direct divine and authority in the Bible and this is dangerous for it violates the law of inclusion and exclusion. I have tried to talk to the school and the church that affiliates us for the congregation that I had started two years ago that has almost thirty people but they don't want to change their stand in worship arguing that the content is the most important thing not the cup and the bible conservers the one cup and one bread explicitly which means going to the extremes is wrong. What about children and women's bible class? No biblical example for this. Besides, all the church in local capacity need to be autonomous but here there is a sponsoring church, missionary society, and one missionary overseeing a number of congregations an earthly headquarter without the divine approval. Me and members of my congregation need to restore the New testament church in Arusha and rest of Tanzania and Africa should we find the empowerment that will make this ministry to be run in liberty will all the government legacy and so we are looking for people of like minded to assist with us to accomplish the great commission in Tanzania – Africa. For this incentive, we urgently and seriously invite your ministry here in the capacity you can should you be of the same doctrine, mission and vision of universal restoration of New Testament church in 21st century. May God bless you as we look forward to hear from you soon.

Yours in Christ,
Domnic

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(Editor's Note – Bro. J. D. Logan of the Glenwood, WA, congregation has been in contact with Bro. Domnic and has been encouraging him. The Glenwood congregation is supporting his work with as much finance as they can afford and asks if any other of the congregations are able to help support Bro. Domnic in this work. For further information, please contact Bro. J. D. Logan at jd_fern@msn.com)

Baron, OK (Jan. 30th)

Dear Brethren,

Today is January 30th, and Stilwell has a large snow on the ground. Our prayer and hope is that all are safe and warm during this cold spell.

We extend an invitation to any traveling in our area, or if you want to visit our congregation, please do. We enjoy seeing brethren from near and far. Lord willing, perhaps we can enjoy each other's company during the coming gospel meetings. Better yet, perhaps by our combined efforts, lost souls can be saved or those drifting away can be persuaded to return to the fold.

Finally, brethren, pray for us, for we trust we have a good conscience in all things willing to live honestly (Heb. 13:18). The effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

From the Brethren

At the Baron Church of Christ

Douglassville, PA (Feb. 16th)

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Hello, my name is Stephen Shirey and I read in the December issue of *The Christian Courier* (pg 10) that it was suggested that the young people from other congregations would like to communicate and meet others their age. I am interested in meeting other Christians near my age also. There are not many young Christians in my area, so will you please distribute my information which is listed below? I enjoy reading The Christian Courier; may God bless you to continue publishing this wonderful paper.

Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen Shirey (age 45)

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Editor's Note – The best place to meet church people you've never met before is attend one of the gospel meetings, especially the Broken Bow, OK, Cypress Lake Camp Meeting.

Gleed, WA (Jan 27th)

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ.

I am thankful that the Lord has given me good enough health to write this letter. My pain pump is helping but not as much as we had all hoped. I understand that brother John McKinney is also writing and giving you information about his brother Gene (Editor – Published in the January issue of *The Christian Courier*). My wife and I worshiped with Gene and Pat this last Sunday and he sure looked better than he has recently. He is still tired but he got a good thumbs up from his heart and lung doctors over the last few days.

My wife Wilma is suffering from extreme back pain and asks for the prayers from all. It seems that back pain is becoming the norm in our congregation, as there are many that are suffering very badly.

On a happier note, Denny Davis has accepted our invitation to hold our meeting this year. If you can come to our meeting I am sure you will hear many excellent lessons.

May God bless all!

Robert Farley

For the Gleed congregation.

Glenwood, WA (Feb. 19th)

To our brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings, love, and best wishes from the Pacific Northwest, and the Glenwood congregation of the churches of Christ.

Our dear sister Fern Logan gave us quite a scare this past weekend. The family thought she had another stroke, and took her to the hospital. After investigation, it was found to be a different, less severe, problem called TIA. The doctors treated her for that, and she improved, but still had wide swings in blood pressure and blood sugar. After a medication change and a few days in the hospital they got it under control and she is back home, though very weak. We thank God for His watchful care over her.

Other than that our health is okay other than normal seasonal and aging problems.

We are excited about the various meetings this year, and hope to attend several. We invite all to ours in the Northwest on July 6-11, 2010. We pray for much edification, with all the praise and glory going to God where it belongs.

In Christian love,

Church of Christ

Glenwood, WA

(Editor's Note – Sis. Ellen McCay is experiencing some difficulty with her esophagus. Please pray for her, as well.)

Harlingen, TX (Jan. 23rd)

Dear Brethren in Christ,

I inform you that from December 13th we traveled to Southern Mexico (Arriaga Chiapas State and Oaxaca City) and Northern Guatemala (Coatepeque, Quetzal, San Marcos) to visit some churches. All of the brothers continue firm and working with the evangelists of that area.

The numerical growth in members during this year was less than in previous years, but the brothers continue firm in the responsibility of evangelizing.

Also, I had studies during one day with the evangelists to encourage them to continue faithfully in the work of the Lord.



After visiting these areas, I traveled to Colombia. In this country from two years ago the Lord has opened doors by means of a family from Guatemalan that now live in Colombia.

During two years, I send each month written studies and CD's for different groups of people and the evangelist that we sent from Guatemala. It is making a good work and during these days we had several baptisms and had established two congregations. Between the two congregations (in Ibague City and Calarca City) there are 23 Christians and there is hope that other people will obey the gospel very soon.

Colombia is a country like Guatemala that the people during many years have suffered wars and possibly of this they have many GOD desires and accept the gospel. I have made a commitment to work with these new brothers for a time; would

that the Lord permit me and with your help we can make a great work in this country.



Receive from Mariela and me from Colombia a strong embrace with the desires of our Lord Jesus Christ they will be blessed much during this new year.

We have plans on returning to Harlingen, TX, the 19th of January. I request your prayers that we arrive well to our house.

I send photos of the two congregations in Colombia.

Your brothers in Christ.

Otto and Mariela

Ps I had desires of sending this letter from Colombia, but the postal services are very bad in this country and there is no guarantee of the delivery in the USA. The service of Post Office companies is extremely expensive. Because of this, I make the decision of waiting until arriving in Harlingen before sending this report.

Lorenzo, TX (Feb. 23rd)

Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We hope and pray for our loved ones in the church. We know the effectual, fervent prayers are needed by all.

One person in particular is our Sis. Jaetta Loftis, who had a shoulder joint removed on January 28th that had been causing infection and a lot of pain for several months. She is now in a long-term recovery hospital, so please remember her in your prayers, as she continues to fight infection.

Sis. Wynetta McCay is slowly winning the battle to heal after her knee surgery in September.

Noah McCay, 10-year old grandson of Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay, was diagnosed with a form of fast-growing lymphoma in his stomach. He is receiving doses of chemotherapy to reduce and, hopefully, kill all the tumorous fingers that are trying to attach themselves to his major organs (heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, etc.) He is doing better, but faces a long battle that hopefully will lead to recovery. He and his family need lots of prayers.

Also, our Sis. Erica Bryant had gall bladder surgery, so please remember her in your prayers.

We have picked our speakers for our meeting August 1-8 this summer: Bro. Kurt Harper of the Waterford, CA, congregation and Bro. Kevin Lamb of the Gleed, WA, congregation.

Winter finally got here – cold weather with rain and snow; along with it comes colds and flu.

Remember us in your prayers and be safe in your travels this year.

In Christian love,

The Lorenzo, TX, congregation

Yakima, WA (Feb. 4th)

Dear Brethren:

Well, we are into the 1st week in February and not a whole lot has changed over the last month. Our weather has been warming up and most of the nights have remained above freezing. Brady, Kyla, and Ty made it home to San Diego safely, but said it was the worst storm they had ever been in. That was when Southern California was in the midst of heavy rain.

We had a very pleasant surprise when Roger and Jan Walkingstick came to visit us over New Years. Bill Jr. and Richard knew of their plans, but none of the rest of us did. Roger preached for us on Sunday and did an excellent job as he always does. It was great to see this Christian couple again.

Travis Lamb has gone back to work with the State Patrol at a desk job and thinks it's the worst job he has ever had. He won't be back in his Cruiser for several weeks yet. Veda is still bruised black and blue but the hematoma is shrinking. Oren Johnston has had pneumonia but is recovering. The rest of us have had the usual winter blahs but are getting along quite well.

Veda and I are still hoping to be able to attend the Yuma meeting, but it will depend largely on how the weather is and the condition of the roads. The days are long gone when it didn't matter if we had snow, ice, sleet, hail, or rain, and nothing deterred us. We put our trust in the Lord and He saw us through. However, we still trust in the Lord, but realize that He also gave us brains so we can make the right decisions, and we have to realize that we are getting older very fast.

There is still quite a bit of illness, pain, and loss in the Brotherhood and we pray that all circumstances will improve.

I remind you once again of the Northwest meetings starting with the Gleed congregation, June 25th – 29th, followed by Yakima, June 30th – July 4th, and Glenwood, July 6th – 11th. We invite all to come and fellowship with us. We are hoping to see many of you this coming summer. Please keep us in your prayers as we do you.

Yours in Christ,

Bill McCay, Sr.

Yuma, AZ (Feb. 16th)

Hello to all,

Just a short note to let everyone know how we are all doing here in Yuma. We, as a whole, in Yuma are doing as good as can be expected, however I do have some very sad news to report. Our dear Sister Lavetta Boling has passed away. There was a short excerpt from the paper and I will print it.

Lavetta Boling *(1930-2010)*

Lavetta Boling, 79, of Roll, died Feb. 12, 2010, in Roll. She was born Dec. 20, 1930, in Elk City, OK., and was a homemaker. Graveside services were Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at Desert Lawn.

Our brother Robert Davis, nephew to Sister Lavetta and Brother Sonny Boling, her husband, has been asked to handle the services. We are all deeply saddened by the loss. She was such a wonderful person to be around; she was filled with love and always had an encouraging remark to give at the end of each of my lessons. Sister Lavetta was inspiring to me and the rest of the congregation. Sister Lavetta will certainly be missed. Our prayers go out for those of her family.

Word just received about our Sister Fern Logan in Port Orchard, Washington and that she

is in the hospital. I won't speculate on her condition but keep her in our prayers and remember our dear Jaetta Loftis as she is continuing to have problems with her shoulder. We love all of our brothers and sisters and truly hate to see them in pain. And a special prayer for the grandson of Jerry McCay. Prayer works and goes a long way toward our good physical and spiritual health. God loves us all!

Remember our Meeting here in Yuma and if at all possible please join us.

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Denny and Susie Davis
for the Yuma Congregation

The Newcastle Church of Christ

Would like to invite you and yours to a weekend of Christian fellowship --- Spiritual singing and Gospel preaching.

On September the 24th, 25th and 26th, 2010
We will hear some good gospel sermons from

Bro. Willie Howe	*of*	*The Duncan Church of Christ*
Bro. Larry Pollan	*of*	*The Ringo Church of Christ*
Bro. Gene Boling	*of*	*The Lorenzo Church of Christ*
Bro. Ellis Forsman	*of*	*The Lorenzo Church of Christ*

Friday the 24th services at 7:00 PM -------- with fellowship, and snacks to follow!
Saturday the 25th services at 11:00 AM --- with fellowship & lunch to follow!
Saturday the 25th services at 4:00 PM ----- with Sandwiches, & Ice cream to follow!
Sunday the 26th services at 10:30 AM ----- with fellowship, lunch & singing to follow!

We will make arrangements for places to stay –
PLEASE let us know when you can be with us.

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In Christian love,
The members of --- "The Newcastle, Texas - Church of Christ"

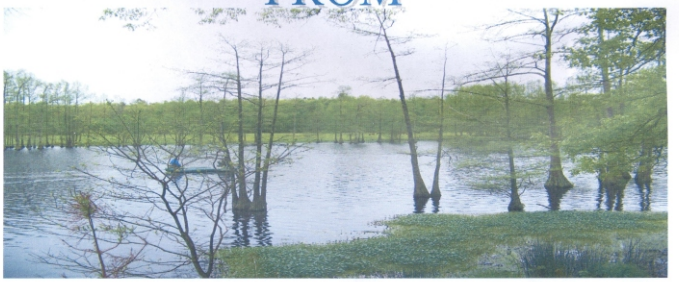
The State of Washington Invites You to Attend Our 2010 Summer Gospel Meetings At the Gleed, Yakima, & Glenwood congregations

The meeting dates are as follows:

Where	When	Speaker(s)
Gleed, WA	June 25 - 29, 2010	Denny Davis
Yakima, WA	June 30 – July 4, 2010	TBA
Glenwood, WA	July 6 – 11, 2010	Jason Christianson & Levi Smith

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.

Gleed Church of Christ
Invites You to Attend
Our Gospel Meeting June 25-29, 2010

The Gleed, WA, congregation is happy to announce our gospel meeting this year is being held June 25-29. The meeting will be held at:

Gleed Church of Christ
120 Donelson Ln.
Gleed, WA 98908

Our guest speaker is Denny Davis of the Yuma, AZ, congregation

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Lorenzo Church of Christ
InvitesYou to Attend
Our Gospel Meeting August 1 - 8, 2010

The Lorenzo, TX, congregation is happy to announce our gospel meeting this year is being held August 1-8. The meeting will be held at:

Church of Christ
Lorenzo, TX

Our guest speakers are Kurt Harper of the Waterford, CA, congregation and Kevin Lamb of the Gleed, WA, congregation.

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COME ONE COME ALL

To the PLEASANT VIEW

Church of Christ

of Stilwell, Oklahoma



Precious Memories

***The Christian Courier*, February, 1970.** The Yakima, WA, Congregation announced the baptism of Kathy Taylor, the daughter of John & Judy Taylor (grand-daughter of Bro. Eulon & Sis. Belle Taylor). They also reported on their meeting with Bro. Horace Orendorff. Sis. Alice Weakley, Modesto, CA, thanked everyone for their cards, letters, flowers, and visits while she was in the hospital. The Lorenzo, TX, congregation announced the birth of Stacey Burt, daughter of Bro. Charlie & Sis. Kathy Burt. The Modesto, CA, congregation announced the birth of Kristina Foundation, daughter of Don & Patricia Foundation. Bro. Roger Bixler, Aztec, NM, reported on their meeting with Bro. Donald Dabbs. Bro. W. A. Nelson, Somerton, AZ, reported on their meeting. Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, reported on their weekend meeting with guest speakers.

***The Christian Courier*, February, 1980.** The Bellflower, CA, congregation reported on the passing of Sis. Norma Fulkerson. The Yuma, AZ, congregation announced the passing of Bro. John Edward Givens and Sis. Juanita Nelson. The Indian Springs, CA, congregation announced the passing of Bro. Leonard Starnes.

***The Christian Courier*, February, 1990.** Lee McDonald, Olivehurst, CA, congregation announced the passing of Sis. Bonnie Luther. Bro. Howard McCay, Yuma, AZ, reported on their meeting. He mentioned the following had to be hospitalized for various reasons: Sis. Verda Nelson, Sis. Ruth Duncan, and Bro. Gerald Warner. Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, announced a meeting in July with Bro. Howard McCay.

***The Christian Courier*, February, 2000.** The Bellflower, CA, congregation reported that Sis. Earlene Chessman was having health problems. The Lorenzo, TX, congregation reported that Bro. Earl Howe had fallen and injured his shoulder. The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation wrote of the difficulties of Sis. Sarah Sauve who was fighting cancer. She underwent an 8-hour surgery. Sis. Kathy Treat, Selah, WA, mentioned Sis. Ola McKinney heart surgery in December. The Yuma, AZ, congregation reported that Sis. Betty Carlson (90) had fallen after services, but seemed to be okay with just some soreness; had announced the marriage of Sean Garcia & Jessica Davis on November 27th; and they announced a meeting in April with guest speakers. They also reported on some communication with Bro. Otto Alvarez of Harlingen, TX, where it was discovered they have met in the same worship service manner (one cup) for 8 years after having left the digressive use of plural cups. Also reported: Bro. Dean Guyer of the Waterford, CA, congregation had passed away on December 5th; and Cassidy Rachelle Shepherd was born on December 2nd to Bro. Tim & Sis. Cassie Shepherd of Payson, AZ.

In Loving Memory of Mary Ann Anderson

We attended a funeral last week in Weed, NM for Mary Ann Anderson. Now, if you have never been to a cowboy funeral I can tell you it is different! We met at the old school gymnasium about 11:00 where the casket was open for viewing and had a wonderful lunch. (Mountain people do know how to put on a feast). After lunch the guitars, fiddles, etc. came out and we had mountain music until the funeral actually started. Afterwards, we all got in pickups and went to the cemetery (you really would not want to drive a car there). After she was placed in the grave the younger men filled the grave and everyone went back to the gym for more music and food.

This brought back a lot of fond memories to us. In earlier years we had a cabin in the Sacramento Mountains and spent a lot of time there. If you have never been to the community of Weed you probably never knew Demry and Mary Ann but if you have been there you were probably a recipient of their hospitality. No one was ever turned away from their door but they did have rules of conduct and Mary Ann made sure every one followed those rules.

Our fondest memories are of the little church there. The church building was a small building set on a bed of rocks and the only utilities was a wood burning stove for heat in cold weather. We would meet there on Sunday morning for some of the most heartfelt worship while the dogs waited outside at the door. We had some of the best singing and preaching that I have ever

heard. Bro. Buel Lindley didn't live there but he did attend church there much of the time. He is probably more of a bible scholar than most theologians and his talks were always interesting. He is now in a nursing home with Alzheimer's and we did get to visit him on this trip. After church services we would all go to Demry and Mary Ann's for a delicious meal and an afternoon of visiting and 'picking and singing'.

After Demry died and other members started moving away the little church building set empty for many years. Mary Ann remained in the home where she had so many fond memories until necessity forced her into a nursing home. The little church house is still there and Mary Ann has gone on to meet her Father but those fond memories of her will live in our hearts forever.

Gene Boling
Church of Christ at Lorenzo, TX.

In Loving Memory of Robert Duane Bixler, Sr.

Robert Duane Bixler was born on July 26, 1944 and passed from this life early on February 14, 2010. Duane finally conquered his 15-year battle with Alzheimer's, leaving his earthly body for his new one in Paradise. He was carried to his rest by his children and grandchildren on February 19th, on a cold and snowy day.

Duane was born a fighter, weighing just 2 pounds at birth and living the first two months of his life in a boot box, kept warm on a wood stove. No matter what challenges he faced he took the high road, never backing down, setting an example for all of us to follow. Even when it appeared he was dealt an unfair hand at the end, he never faltered from the truth, complained or blamed God, but continued to walk in light.

Duane's passing leaves behind the love of his life, Sis. Sue and their children and grandchildren. They were married December 22, 1962 when Duane was only 18 and Sue was only 17, which spans over 47 years.

Duane joined the U. S. Navy in 1961. We first met Duane in 1962 when he was stationed at the Bremerton Naval Shipyard in Washington. At that time Duane and Dan Greenway located and attended services at the church of Christ near Port Orchard with Bro. Robert & Sis. Ellen McCay. That was when Lynell & I came in contact with his penchant for pranks and wicked sense of humor, which was life-long.

Duane was baptized in 1957 at the age of 12. He was loved, nurtured, and greatly influenced by Grandpa (Calvin) & Grandma (Myra) Dabbs as long as they were alive. He was a member of the church of Christ for 53 years and leaves behind a lasting legacy of kindness, love, and faithful Christian service. He performed many weddings and funerals. He was adored by many and will be missed by all.

Surely he will hear the Lord say, "Mat. 25:21, "*...Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*"

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Meetings

March 14-21, 2010	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
June 13-20, 2010	Cypress Lake Campground	Guest speakers
June 25-29, 2010	Gleed, WA	Denny Davis
June 30-July 4, 2010	Yakima, WA	TBA
July 6-11, 2010	Glenwood, WA	Jason Christianson & Levi Smith
Aug. 1-8, 2010	Lorenzo, TX	Kurt Harper & Kevin Lamb
Sept. 24-26, 2010	Newcastle, TX	Willie Howe, Larry Pollan, Gene Boling, & Ellis Forsman

Passings

Mary Ann Anderson	Weed, NM	
Lavetta Boling	Roll, AZ	Feb. 12, 2010
Robert Duane Bixler	Aztec, NM	Feb. 14, 2010

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Jackie Brown	Baron, OK	Serious lung problems
Tyland Hollan (age 3)	Baron, OK	Fighting cancer
Ericka Ferguson	Clinton, NJ	In prison
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Noah McCay (age 10)	Farmington, NM	Fighting cancer
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe pain
Wilma Farley	Gleed, WA	Extreme back pain
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Collapsed lung, heart, & gall bladder problems
Fern Logan	Glenwood, WA	Recovering from recent illness
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Spots on the esophagus
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections
Melvin Daniels	Goshen, AR	Bad heart & lungs
Joan Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Heart problems
Erica Bryant	Lorenzo, TX	Gall bladder surgery
Jaetta Loftis	Lorenzo, TX	Shoulder infection
Nell McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eyesight & balance problems
Wynetta McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Knee infection
Bonnie Bryant	Oakdale, CA	Fighting cancer
Robert Fuson, Jr.	Pleasant View, OK	Spinal Bifida & open back sore
Reba Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Lupus
Vivian Baker	Waterford, CA	Fighting cancer
Oren Johnston	Yakima, WA	Pneumonia
Veda McCay	Yakima, WA	Hematoma from car accident
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer
Jean Orendorff	Yuma, AZ	In nursing home