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Judge Not?

Introduction

There is a growing sentiment in the church today that Christians should not be "judgmental" of the **actions of others.**

Christians who speak out against sin are often labeled as cold, unkind and unloving, Preachers who proclaim the dangers of false doctrine are called "legalists", "narrow-minded" and "judgmental". Anyone who points out sinful actions is referred to as having a mind full of bitterness, obsessed by the danger of worldliness and guilty of sowing discord among brethren with their judgmental actions.

Are these things true? Are we to close our eyes to the occasional scenes of misconduct, or unscriptural teaching in the church in fear that we will be labeled "judgmental"?

What do the scriptures really teach on the question of judging?

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Judgment According To Jesus

On one occasion, Jesus healed a man on the sabbath, an action that was, at best, a technical violation of that holy day under the Law. He was called in question by the Jews for this. He defended his actions by pointing out the hypocrisy of such criticism.

"If a man on the Sabbath day receive circumcision , that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the Sabbath day?

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." (John 7:23-24).

It would seem that Jesus was actually encouraging his disciples to be "judgmental".

Some Examples Of Early Christian "Judgmentalism"

Peter was certainly "judgmental" when he publicly exposed the actions of Ananias and Sapphira in lying to God (Acts 5:1-4). God's subsequent punishment certainly vindicated Peter in his "judgment".

At Antioch, Peter was guilty of showing partiality toward the Gentile Christians. His actions were obviously hypocritical. *"And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas was also carried away with their dissimulation."* (hypocrisy Gal 2: 11-14). Paul publicly criticized him for his conduct…*"I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed."* Certainly, Paul would be severely criticized today for being "judgmental".

The martyr Stephen would find no sympathy in his martyrdom because of his "judgmental" attitude toward his fellow-countrymen, the Jews, "*Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.*

Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers." (Acts 7:52-53). They must have felt him to be too "judgmental" as their subsequent actions demonstrated.

The Imperative Of Sscriptural Judgment

The scriptures make it plain that we must exercise judgment in all things that the world has to offer, both inside and outside of the church.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph 6: 12).

"(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;)

Casting down imaginations, and <u>every high thing that</u> exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled." (2 Cor. 10:4-6).

We are engaged in a "spiritual" warfare, constantly contending with Satan and his hosts. (Of course, he would be the first to protest our "judgmental" attitude.) Christ is our "commander" in this war, "*For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."* (Heb. 2: 10).

We are commanded to "*Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."* (1 Tim. 6:12).

No fight is ever won without a struggle. Jude charges us, "*that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."* (Jude 1:3).

We are commanded, "*believe not every spirit, but <u>try</u> the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."* (1 John 4:1). "Try" is defined as to test, prove. Surely, this requires one to be "judgmental"!

Paul further enjoins us to, "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."* (1 Thess. 5:1). One could hardly comply with this directive without exercising good judgment.

It is difficult to understand how we could obey Paul's injunction, "*Them that sin <u>rebuke</u> before all, that others also may fear…"* if we did not exercise *<u>righteous judgment</u>*. (1 Tim. 5:20).

A Look At Certain Scriptures

But, some ask, 'What of the scriptures that seem to be opposed to judging?' An honest look at these will reveal that they, in reality, refer to several abuses in exercising judgment. It is necessary to read the entire context of any verse in order to determine the exact meaning. Consider the following…

- Matt 7:1, *"Judge not, that ye be not judged."* Isolated, this verse would seem to forbid all judgment. Read in context, however, we find that it is in reality teaching against hypocritical judgment. One should not attempt to remove a speck from a brother's eye, while a far greater obstruction is in his own eye.

"Thou hypocrite" Jesus accuses. (Probably, it was the conduct of the Pharisees that the Lord had in mind; that of constantly pointing out minute errors from traditional teaching, but omitting *"weightier matters of the law"*. (Matt. 23:23).

Jesus never said that the *mote* should not be removed. The *beam* should be first removed — then one can see better to remove the *mote*.

Why, then, the injunction "*judge not"*? This is, in reality, a caution to judge righteously, for we will be judged in the same manner we judge. If we judge hypocritically, we will be judged in the same manner: if we judge righteously, we will be judged in the same manner.

- John 8:3-11, Speaking to the women taken in the act of adultery, Jesus said, *"...Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."*

Jesus clearly identified her act as *"sin"*: he did not condone what she had done. The condemnation that Jesus referred to was that of the Law of Moses, that such a person should be stoned to death. Jesus refused to do this. **Some today, would call his statement "too judgmental".**

- Rom. 14:4, *"Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth*."

This is not a general injunction against exercising judgment in matters of doctrine and practice. If one reads carefully, it would be seen that Paul is restricting his remarks to our attitude toward one who is *"weak in the faith"* in matters of eating meat or not, and esteeming one day above another, or not.

These are clearly seen to be of no significance from a scriptural standpoint and are not matters subject to judgment. God has accepted those of both persuasions. This entire chapter deals with these two disputes in the early church. Paul argues that there is room for both persuasions in the church without disputation. (See also 1 Cor. 10:23-33).

- James 4:11-12, *"Speak not evil of one another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law..."*

The kind of judging here is equated by James with one speaking evil of his brother. This is shown to be judging one in a slanderous manner (speaking evil). Note: "Speaking evil" of someone is not to be understood to mean "speaking of one's evil" — two entirely different thoughts. Example: Paul spoke of the evils done to him by Alexander the coppersmith (2 Tim. 4:14). But this was not "speaking evil" of (slandering) him. **This is not an injunction against judging righteous judgment!**

In The Church?

Paul addresses this subject from many perspectives. *"For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?"* (1 Cor. 5:12). **Was not Paul reminding them of their duty to judge matters of conduct within the church?**

The subject was one who had committed an horrendous sin; taking his father's wife as his own. This merited the severest form of reproval, that of expulsion. It seems that they had been defending him in his sinful action (1 Cor. 5:2).

Paul orders them to gather together and follow his judgment in this matter. (Vss 3-5).

In Matters Of Civil Law (Of The World)

"*Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints."* (1 Cor. 6:1). *"Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life. If ye then have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.*

I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?" (1 Cor. 6:3-5). **We are to judge not only in matters concerning sin within the church, but in matters of the world between brothers.**

In so doing, we will be following Peter when he wrote, "*…all of you be subject one to another…"* (1 Pet. 5:5).

If we are to esteem the Word of God higher than the wisdom of man in all matters of conduct and doctrine, we recognize that we must make judgments in all these things. God is the ultimate judge and we are instructed through his Word in the principles by which He judges. If we must apply these principles to specific cases, this is to *"judge righteous judgment".* Let us not disdain from doing so!

J. D. Logan

Joined Unto The Lord

1 Cor. 6:17, "*But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*"

Eph. 5:30-32, "*For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be **joined unto his wife**, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but **I speak concerning Christ and the church***."

But how is one joined unto the Lord, seeing it is likened to being joined unto a wife? While on earth Jesus established the ordinance of baptism just before He went up into heaven. This ordinance is no trivial matter like washing one's face. The ordinance of baptism is an integral part of the gospel.

Gal. 3:27, "*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*" There could be no closer joining than this, being baptized into Christ. Baptism is how one is joined unto the Lord, but there is more evidence.

Rom. 6:3-6, "*Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were **baptized into his death**? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 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.*"

Rom. 1:16, "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*"

Acts 2:37-38, "*Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*"

But one may ask, "To which baptism do you refer?" There are more than one in the scriptures. Yes, it is true there are more than one baptism in the scriptures: John's baptism, Holy Ghost baptism, baptism of fire, to name a few. Therefore, a search of the scriptures will answer the question, "To which baptism do you refer?"

Eph. 4:5, "*One Lord, one faith, one baptism,*" The scripture has eliminated all but one baptism. Which on remains? In the scripture the latter command takes preference over the earlier, as the New Testament takes preference over the Old. The latter command for baptism is Mark 16:16 and Matthew 28:19 and Jesus had revealed earlier "*to be born again*" is by water and spirit (John 3:5). The apostles followed this example.

Acts 8:38, "*And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.*" This man went on his way rejoicing; why? Because he was joined unto the Lord in one spirit.

For your consideration.

Jack Warford

A CORRECTION!!

I got an e-mail recently from (a loved brother in Christ Body) Brother J. D. Logan. Brother J. D. had stated that he had gone back and was reviewing some of the articles in the past church papers. One of interest to him was the ONLY one that I have ever submitted.

I know that he did not agree with a statement that was in the sermon (as he should NOT have), but he did not criticize or reprimand, he just ask me to explain, and ask if this was a reflection of what I believed. I want to thank Brother J. D. for bringing this to my attention.

I want to ask everyone to forgive my carelessness. The wrong thing happens if you do not pay attention. Brother J. D. stated while going through past issues of the Courier, he came across an article of mine entitled "A Stone Speaks" in which he found the following passage: *"He calls to us from the right hand of the throne of Almighty God, from where, one day, he will come to set up His kingdom on this earth."* He stated that this statement troubled him, and ask if this a true reflection of my teaching of the word of God? He asks me to explain this statement in light of the scriptures. I CAN NOT as it is not a scriptural statement.

Here is my letter of response to Brother J. D. of what I believe.

This is one of my greatest fears, making a mistake in presenting the Lords word. There is **NO excuse (on my part)** for this kind of mistake.

This **IS NOT** a reflection of what I believe or what the scriptures say, (as you well know). In my cutting and pasting of different material I DID NOT pay close enough attention and proof read it. J. D. you don't know how bad I feel about this.

- What **I believe** is that when Christ returns in the clouds those of us in Christ will be caught up together (the dead and those still alive) to meet the Lord in the air. And that we will be with the Lord forever. *I Thess. 4:16-17 — Matt. 24:30-31.*
- **I believe** that after our fleshly bodies are dead, our spirit (or new being) will face the judgment. The results of this judgment of our lives will determine where we spend eternity. *Heb. 9:27 — Rom. 14:10-12 — II Cor. 5:10.*
- **I believe** that if we live in the Lord and we are found worthy, we will live with Him in Heaven forever. After we have joined Christ in the clouds – whatever happens on earth or in hell, we will not have to worry about, or be a part of. *Luke 21:36.*
- **I believe** that this will happen in a very short period of time. *I Cor. 15:51-52.*

It is important to note, the purpose of Christ's teachings is for believers to be watchful and to live each day as though Christ's return is eminent.

The message is simply, **"Be Ready."**

I hope that my rambling has helped clear up what I believe and what I should have stated in writing.

We love you and wish that we could be with you and all our brothers and sisters in Yuma. We have a new grandson in N.C. born in Oct. that I have not seen. So hopefully we will make meetings in Texas and Oklahoma and a trip to N.C.

In Christian LOVE,

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Precious Memories

***The Christian Courier*, March, 1970.** Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, asked for prayers on behalf of Sis. Clements who was in a rest home. Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, wrote that Sis. Ila Kellogg was recovering from an operation. He also announced a meeting in April with Bro. Ken Baldwin as the speaker. The Yuma, AZ, congregation announced the baptism of Anna Blake on December 30th.

***The Christian Courier*, April, 1980.** The San Pablo, CA, congregation invited all to attend their meeting over the Labor Day weekend with Bro. Al Way of the Bellflower, CA, congregation. The Bellflower, CA, congregation wrote of the passing of Sis. Juanita Nelson of Yuma, AZ. Bro. Bill McCay, Sr. wrote of their visit to the Springfield, OR, congregation. He mentioned the following: They had four people move to Eugene from the San Francisco, CA, area (Sis. Edna Martin, Janet Parham, Justin Limley, & Judy Jacobson); Bro. Dale & Sis. Anna Lee Roberts had moved into their new home near the Oregon beach; prayers were asked for Bro. Dale's health as he was battling cancer; and a birthday celebration was planned in Yakima, WA, for Sis. Phoebe McCay who was turning 92 years young. The Cedaredge, CO, congregation wrote of detailed plans of the Big Spruce Camp Meeting the next summer and invited all to attend. Bro. Richard Johnston, Yakima, WA, invited all to attend their camp meeting in June.

***The Christian Courier*, March, 1990.** The Sacramento, CA, congregation announced that they were now meeting in the Taylor Street Elementary School in North Sacramento. Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, wrote that Sis. Lula Way of Salem, OR, had suffered a stroke.

***The Christian Courier*, April, 1990.** Bro. Al Burtis, Waterford, CA, invited all to attend their meeting in July with Bro. Bobby Lamb and Bro. Bill McCay, Sr. of Yakima, WA. He also wrote of the passing of Sis. Wanda Morse on January 19th. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, wrote that Sis. Tammy Perigen and Sis. Betty Perigen were injured in a car accident. Sis. Tammy was hospitalized for 24 hours and Sis. Betty had to see a doctor for her back being out of place. Bro. Al was dealing with cancer on his face. Also announced: Sis. Lula Way was admitted to the hospital for a stroke.

***The Christian Courier*, March, 2000.** Bro. Otto Alvarez, Harlingen, TX, wrote of his work in Mexico and Guatemala where several were baptized and some congregations were established. The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation announced the baptism of Michael Geho on February 19th, that Bro. Rick & Sis. Barbara Carter and family had moved to the Port Orchard, WA, area, and that prayers were needed for Sis. Jeannean McSwane (physical problems) and Sis. Sandy Nunnally (cancer) of the Glenwood, WA, congregation. The Yuma, AZ, congregation wrote that Bro. Heck had suffered from a stroke, Sis. Billie had back problems, and Bro. Horace Orendorff had a skin cancer removed from the bridge of his nose. Also mentioned was the passing of Bro. William Brandon Howe (motorcycle accident), Duncanville, TX, and Sis. Margaret Scott (in nursing home after a stroke a few years earlier), Kaufman, TX.



Cards and Letters

Baron, OK

Greetings, Brethren,

Please remember Bro. Jim Brown, Bro. Doyle & Sis. Sue Wilson, Bro. Jake Hollan, and Sis. Jackie Brown in your prayers.

Sis. Darlene and I were able to worship with the congregation in Oklahoma City on March 7th. We were pleasantly surprised to see friends and loved ones we had not seen in several years. We enjoyed ourselves very much.

God speed to all the brethren going about to spread the true gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. They are deserving of our prayers and financial support in the quest to spread the word of God.

For the Baron church of Christ and love of the brotherhood,

Bro. Jack Warford

Broken Bow, OK

Hello from all of us at Broken Bow! We would like to take a few lines to say how much the Courier and the www.onecup.org website means to us. We are extremely encouraged by the articles from the U.S. and around the world. Hearing about individuals and congregations striving to do God's Will is very uplifting and serves to strengthen each of us in Christ. To everyone contributing information and to those responsible for putting the Courier together- THANK YOU!

Please add Sis. Lawanda Durham from the Tiner congregation to our prayer list. She has been experiencing some serious health issues in recent weeks and could use our prayers.

In the month of February Bro. Paul Warford united Bro. Dan Treat and Sis. Sherry Hendon in marriage on Valentine's Day. A crowd of approximately 50 attended church services and the ceremony. Also, family and friends helped celebrate Bro. Ray and Sis. Rita Queen's 50th Wedding anniversary at Broken Bow's Alpaca Ranch. Congratulations to both couples!

In March, Bro. Mike, Sis. Melissa, Michayla and Micah Harcrow attended services at the Moore Avenue Church of Christ in Oklahoma City. They enjoyed a wonderful visit with Bro. Roger & Sis. Jan Walkingstick and the entire congregation there, and with visitors Bro. Boonie & Sis. Becky Morris and family, and Bro. Jack & Sis. Darlene Warford. The following week Bro. Gerald Buckner spoke for the Broken Bow congregation before heading to the Yuma meeting with Bro. Doug and Sis. Phyllis Ferguson. We pray for a safe trip and wonderful time for everyone attending the meetings around the country this year and look forward to seeing all who can make it to the Cypress Lake Meeting in June.

Thanks so much, the Costilow Street Church of Christ, Broken Bow, OK

Citrus City, AZ

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We hope this message finds all doing well. We here in Citrus City are, for the most part, doing well.

We are sending this check to help defray some of the expenses in putting out the *Christian Courier*. We appreciate the hard work in getting this newsletter out. Even though we are not consistent in writing about our happenings, we do enjoy hearing how others are doing.

The Citrus City church grieves with family and friends in the loss of our Sis. Lavetta Boling. She passed away on February 12, 2010, at home in Roll, AZ, surrounded by her husband, children, and loved ones. She was born in Elk City, OK, on December 20, 1930. Memorial services were held on February 16th at Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Yuma, AZ. Bro. Robert Davis of the Yuma church of Christ did a wonderful job officiating the service. Someone sent this wonderful message which seemed fitting, "She has taken her bright candle and gone to a room we cannot find. But everyone will surely know where she has been by all the bright little lights she has left behind." Please remember this family and us in your prayers.

Sis. Helen Martin will be turning 88 in April and is now in a nursing home in Yuma. Sis. Lou Dye and Sis. Louise Brister have health issues that keep them from church services; Bro. Melvin Lytle has had some knee problems; and the rest of us have age, aches, or something , so please remember us all in your prayers, too.

May God keep you in His care.

The congregation at the church of Christ in Citrus City.

Duncanville (Metroplex), TX

I wanted to send a brief note to put in the Christian Carrier.

The property where we have been meeting has been sold. We will continue to meet there for a couple of months. The final service will be on May30th. As yet the future is still in thought only. I hope that this can be run in April and May editions so that all will know.

In Christian Love,

Bro. Willie Howe

Harlingen, TX

Dear brethren in Christ,

I greet you cordially in the name of Christ hoping that you are enjoying good health along with your family and brothers in Christ.

This month was difficult for my family because I had problems with my respiratory system and it was necessary to stay in my house for three weeks. My wife also had some problems with her spinal column, but thanks to the Lord we already are recovered to continue the work with the churches in Mexico and Central America.

During this time I managed to prepare the book # 9 of biblical studies so that the evangelists and other brothers in the churches are better prepared to teach the gospel. Also, I recorded new CD's with topics for studying the Bible to send to brothers and also for other people to study the scriptures with us.

Each day I occupy more time in the work of the Lord because we have more doors opened to preach the truth. The evangelists send their gratefulness in the name of the Lord for the help that you send for the work expenses of the Lord. We have confidence that the Lord blesses them and that you continue to help and participate in this work because without your help we could not continue in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Would that someday some of you could visit some of the churches.

Also, I comment that some people in Carlsbad, NM, and San Francisco, CA, have invited me to visit them and possibly establish Spanish-speaking churches there. Some of these in San Francisco are brothers of those in Guatemala and are studying with other people. I send CD's and booklets to contacts in New Mexico each month and I have confidence that some of them are ready to obey the gospel. I am making plans to visit these places in April.

I want to request in the name of the Lord for a little money to help me in the expenses of this trip because at this time I do not have sufficient money for this need.

Also, I request your prayers for my wife and me because during the trips we make to Mexico and Central America we have dangers on the roads because of much delinquency in these countries.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

Otto Alvarez

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings to all from the Lorenzo, TX, congregation,

Not too much news to report this month.

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman, Bro. Evart & Sis. Becky Forsman, Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay, and Bro. Gene & Sis. Joann Boling and Sis. Angela Boling all from the Lorenzo congregation were happy to attend the Yuma, AZ, meeting. A good time was had by all with some really good gospel preaching , singing, and Christian fellowship. Unless I'm

mistaken, there were 13 congregations represented: Citrus City, AZ; Mesa, AZ; Payson, AZ; Yuma, AZ; Waterford, CA; Cedaredge, CO; Broken Bow, OK; Pleasant View, OK; Stilwell, OK; Flora Vista, NM; Lorenzo, TX; Glenwood, WA; and Yakima, WA

Sis. Jaetta Loftis was finally released after an 8-week stay in the hospital. She was suffering with a lot of infection in her shoulder and had to have her shoulder joint removed. She is doing much better now, but still needs your prayers for a full recovery

Noah McCay, 10-year old grandson of Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay, is still receiving doses of chemotherapy to reduce and kill the cancer in his small body. He and his family need lots of prayers.

Remember our meeting this summer with Bro. Kurt Harper of the Waterford, CA, congregation and Bro. Kevin Lamb of the Gleed, WA, congregation. All are invited to attend.

In Christian love,

The Lorenzo, TX, congregation

Pleasant View, OK

Dearest ones,

The congregation at Pleasant View has had some illness, but doing as well as possible. With the Lord's help there are a couple families going to the Yuma meeting.

This donation is for your efforts and supplies for the *Courier*.

We keep all the sick in our prayers. Hope those at the Lorenzo congregation are better.

Keep up the good work.

In Christian love,

George & Retha Morris,

Pleasant View, church of Christ, OK

Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren:

There's not much news from here but we want to get the announcement in the paper that Brother Roger Walkingstick will be holding our meeting June 30th - July 4th. All are welcome.

Since we plan to leave for the Yuma meeting on the 9th, we may not get any news in for March, but want to report the baptism of Danae McCay on Sunday, February 28th. She is the daughter of Marisa and Mike McCay Jr.

Love to all the Brethren, Bill McCay Sr.

Ahtanum church of Christ, Yakima, WA

Yuma, AZ

Good morning brothers and sisters in Christ,

I would like to send in a short note on us down here in the Yuma area. Things are for the most part continuing as usual. No one has changed health wise over the last month or so. We are now past the Yuma meeting that was held in March. The seams of the building were not bulging from participants but the meeting was about the same size as normal. We here would like to thank all that were in attendance; most nights there were between 50 to 70 on hand to hear some very wonderful lessons. The singing was simply wonderful to listen to. We had a number of people that came to Yuma and brought their own RV's and we certainly appreciate that as we are limited to the number of local RV's that we can locate. People all seemed to have a good time going to different sites here especially the local Flea Market. I guess that I will have to go and see what is so interesting out there. Anyway thank you one and all and if you can plan ahead, think about returning next year so that we can keep the Yuma meeting going. We mustn't grow weary of

well-doing. We all, especially Susie and I want to thank everyone that pitched in to help in the kitchen. I want to thank the ladies that chased me out of the kitchen during dishes and clean up, though I enjoy helping. All it took from me was a "feel sorry for me" look and they would send me out. Keep us in your prayers as we keep you all in ours. We love our time that we have to spend with you. For those of you that were here and worried for my Aunt and Uncle, there was an arrest made on the murder that was so close to their home. Everyone is feeling better about the incident.

Thank you just doesn't seem to say enough for the times that will be etched in our memories nor do our saying how much we love you all mean as much as your being here and knowing first hand.

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.

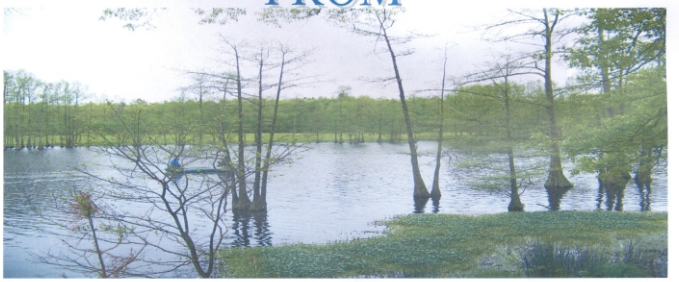
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In Christian love,
The members of --- "The Newcastle, Texas - Church of Christ"

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:

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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For information, call:
Bob Farley 509-945-3897
Gene McKinney 509-965-7864
John McKinney 509-865-4070 Libfishing@AOL.com

Ahtanum (Yakima) Church of Christ
Invites You to Attend
Our Gospel Meeting June 30 – July 4, 2010

The Ahtanum congregation in Yakima, WA, is happy to announce our gospel meeting this year is being held June 30 – July 4, 2010. Our guest speaker is Roger Walkingstick. The meeting will be held at:

Ahtanum Church of Christ
4309 Ahtanum Blvd
Yakima, WA 98903

For information, call:
Bill McCay, Sr. 509-966-9697 mccaysr@charter.net
Richard Johnston 509-697-4961
Bill McCay, Jr. 509-698-3119 mccayb@elltel.net

Glenwood Church of Christ
Invites You to Attend
Our Gospel Meeting July 6-11, 2010

The Glenwood, WA, congregation is happy to announce our gospel meeting this year is being held July 6-11. The meeting will be held at:

Glenwood Church of Christ
13944 Creekview Dr.
Port Orchard, WA 98367

Come and listen to some fine speaking from our guest speakers, Jason Christianson of the Gleed, WA, congregation and Levi Smith of the Sacramento, CA, congregation.

For information, call:

Bill Taylor	360-876-1460	watcity1@wavecable.com
J D Logan	360-874-8741	jd_fern@msn.com
Greg Stacey	253-884-9680	

Lorenzo Church of Christ
Invites You 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:

Lorenzo 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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For information, call:

Matt Matlock	806-778-0437	
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Meetings

May 9-16, 2010	Pleasant View, OK	Jerry McCay & Stanley Goodwin
June 13-20, 2010	Cypress Lake Campground	Guest speakers
June 25-29, 2010	Gleed, WA	Denny Davis
June 30-July 4, 2010	Yakima, WA	Roger Walkingstick
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

Baptisms

Danae McCay	Yakima, WA	February 28, 2010

Weddings

Dan Treat & Sherry Hendon	Broken Bow, OK	February 14, 2010

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Jim Brown	Baron, OK	
Jackie Brown	Baron, OK	Serious lung problems
Jake Hollan	Baron, OK	
Tyland Hollan (age 3)	Baron, OK	Fighting cancer
Doyle Wilson	Baron, OK	
Sue Wilson	Baron, OK	
Minnie Davis	Broken Bow, OK	In nursing home
Ruth Johnson	Broken Bow, OK	In nursing home
Louise Brister	Citrus City, AZ	Health issues
Lou Dye	Citrus Ciry, AZ	Health issues
Melvin Lytle	Citrus City, AZ	Knee problems
Helen Martin	Citrus City, AZ	In nursing home
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
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel
Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & spinal problems
Joann Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Heart problems
Brenda Casarez	Lorenzo, TX	High blood pressure
Jaetta Loftis	Lorenzo, TX	Shoulder infection recovery
Bonnie Bryant	Oakdale, CA	Fighting cancer
Robert Fuson, Jr.	Pleasant View, OK	Spinal Bifida
Reba Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Lupus
Lawanda Durham	Tiner, OK	Serious health issues
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer
Jean Orendorff	Yuma, AZ	In nursing home