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ANTICHRISTS

Bro. Ellis Forsman gave us an excellent article recently on Fables, especially as received on the internet, and via email.

I received an email with video attachment recently I would certainly classify as very incomplete scholarship at least. It asked this question. Did Jesus identify the Antichrist in Luke 10:18? "*And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*" It proposed the idea that perhaps President Barack Obama is the Antichrist; not based on his policies, but on his name. I hope to show in this article why this idea is false.

In fairness to the person who put this video out, they stressed that they were not saying this is a fact, just presenting the facts for the listeners to decide. The problem is that the facts presented were very incomplete, missed the whole point of what Jesus was saying, and missed the point of what the word "antichrists" really means.

I am not getting into politics in this article. While I respectfully disagree with most of the President's policies, that is beside the point of this article. I am not writing to defend President Obama, but to defend the scriptures from misrepresentation. I want believers, especially younger ones; to be armed against this false doctrine should they see it.

The video based this idea on the Aramaic words Jesus might have used for "lightning" and "heaven". While the New Testament scriptures were recorded in Greek, Christ would have spoken the words in Aramaic, which is more closely related to Hebrew. So instead of focusing on the Greek words which were translated as "lightning" and "heaven", the video focuses on Hebrew words that could be so translated.

If you have a Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, the Hebrew words proposed for "lightning" were 1299 and 1300. Both of these

are spelled (in English) Baraq, but pronounced a bit differently. The Hebrew word proposed for "heaven" was 1116, Bamah. So it was therefore proposed that a modern Jewish rabbi speaking the words of Jesus may use those words, sounding very much like the President's name.

First of all, did you notice how it went from "Did Jesus name the Antichrist?" to "a modern Jewish rabbi may pronounce it as…" But in addition to this "bait and switch" routine, there are several more serious flaws with this argument

Problem number 1 is the very incomplete scholarship. This will take several paragraphs to bring out, so please be patient. When you see the numbers below, remember they are referencing Strong's Exhaustive Concordance numbers.

The 1299 word Baraq is a verb, so was never translated as lightning itself. It was translated as "cast forth", in reference to 1300, which is a noun that was translated as lightning. In fact, 1300 Baraq was the word most often translated as lightning.

However, four other Hebrew words in addition to 1300 were translated as "lightning" in the Old Testament. None of those four are pronounced remotely like the President's first name. So in trying to determine what Hebrew (or Aramaic) word Jesus may have used, there are at least 5 choices. Who can say definitively which, if any, Jesus actually used?

A similar problem exists with 1116, Bamah. It was never translated as "heaven". It was translated as "heights" one time. There were 6 different Hebrew words translated as "heaven" or "heavens" in the Old Testament scriptures, and 10 Hebrew words translated as "height" or "heights". So again, with 16 recorded choices, who can say which Jesus actually used?

So with only one of 5 possible choices for "lightning" presented, and only one of 16 possible choices for "heaven" or "heavens" or "height" or "heights" presented, we can see the argument presented was very incomplete.

Is it possible the words spoken by Jesus sounded like "Barack Obama"? It is possible, but it is only one of many possibilities.

The next problem is that even if Jesus did use the word Baraq for "lightning" and Bamah for "heaven", it completely misses the point Jesus was making. Jesus was not naming Satan as lightning from heaven. The point Jesus made is that Satan **fell** from heaven like lightning.

The context of Christ's statement was this. Jesus had, during His earthly ministry, sent out 70 people to preach in Israel only. When they got back they were excited about the miracles they were able to perform. Jesus explained that since Satan had fallen, he couldn't hurt them, because Jesus had given them power over Satan's devices. Let's read now the entire passage, including the surrounding verses, Luke 10:17-20.

"*And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*"

This real point that Jesus was driving at is exciting news. Because not only was Satan kicked out of Heaven, but he has less power here on Earth now, at least over us as Christians. He can still tempt us, persecute us, try to deceive us, but he cannot control us. We can resist the devil, (James 4:7-8, I Pet. 5:8-9), and we can overcome him through the power of God, (I Pet. 5:10-11).

Heb. 2:14-15 summarizes this for us, speaking of Jesus. "*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*"

This video also completely misses the point of what the Bible actually teaches about antichrists. This word "antichrist" is most often used in the religious world to mean some political or military ruler who would try to take over the world and persecute Christians. Various candidates have been proposed over time, such as Saddam Hussein, Adolf Hitler, Napoleon Bonaparte, and so on. Now it has been applied to President Obama. However, if we search the scriptures, we see the word "antichrist" is never used in this way to mean one evil ruler.

The word antichrist is only used 4 times in scripture, all by the apostle John. Three times it is used in I John, and once in II John. It was never used to reference one evil ruler, but simply anyone who does not follow what the apostles taught, and/or denies that Jesus is the Christ, and/or does not confess that Jesus came in the flesh.

The first place John uses the word "antichrist" is I John 2:18-19. The very point he makes here is that the word is plural, and simply refers to those who left the apostles, not one big powerful evil ruler. "*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there <u>many antichrists</u>; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*" Note – "many antichrists" – plural. And who were they? Those who "went out from us". Who were the "us" the antichrists left? If you go back to the first three verses of chapter one of I John, you see that John was writing as one who had seen Jesus, touched Him, and listened to Him. The first three verses of the first chapter of Acts tell us the apostles were chosen by Jesus to share His Word with the world. John was an apostle, writing as an apostle, with the authority of the apostles. The antichrists were, and are, simply people who left the apostles.

The second definition of an antichrist is one who denies that Jesus is the Christ. We see this just a few verses later, I John 2:22. We will read on through verse 23, which shows that when a person denies Jesus they deny God as well. "*Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.*"

The fourth chapter of I John begins by telling us to test what we are taught; to be sure it is not false. Verses 1-6 give us two tests, confessing Jesus and hearing the apostles. In verses 2 and 3 in particular it defines anyone who will not confess that Jesus came in the flesh as an antichrist. "*Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*" Verse 6 goes on to tell us to follow Christ's apostles. "*We* (referring to the apostles) *are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*"

II John 7 gives the same definition, that an antichrist is anyone who will not even confess

that Jesus came in the flesh. "*For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*"

So, who is an antichrist? According to the apostle John, the only one who used the word in scripture, an antichrist is simply one who does not follow the apostles, and/or denies that Jesus is the Christ, and/or does not confess that Jesus even walked this earth in the flesh.

Armed with this knowledge from God's Word, what do we need to do about antichrists? Two things: be on guard against antichrists, and examine ourselves to be sure we are not one.

We need to be on guard against real antichrists. Certainly there have been evil men come to power throughout the ages. There have been evil people try to take over the world, and many who persecuted Christians. But, if you notice, John was more concerned with our spiritual safety than our physical. We need to beware of anyone who teaches against Jesus Christ, or who does not follow His doctrine as He revealed it through His apostles.

John went on to tell us to beware of false doctrine in II John 9. "*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son*."

Peter also warned us of false teachers in II Pet. 2:1-2. He did not use the word "antichrist", but he warned of the same dangers John did, specifically false teachers who deny the Lord. "*But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.*"

We need to be on guard that we do not follow false teachers, or antichrists.

Last, we also need to examine ourselves; that we are not an antichrist ourselves.

That may sound like a horrible thing to say, but it's true. John himself warned us to examine ourselves, II John 8. "*Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.*" Jesus told us we are either with Him or we are against Him (anti-Christ). Matt. 12:30. "*He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.*"

While we do need to beware of the world's religions that do not proclaim Jesus, and beware of false doctrines among churches that profess to follow Jesus, most of all we need to examine ourselves.

What specifically do we need to examine ourselves for? The three things John said identified an antichrist. Be sure that we do confess that Jesus is come in the flesh, that we do not deny that Jesus is the Christ, and be sure we do follow the apostles and their teachings.

In Matt. 10:32-33, Jesus said. "*Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.*"

In Mark 8:38, Jesus said. "*Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of <u>me and of my words</u> in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.*"

Jesus gave His Words through His apostles, who not only preached them in their lifetime but also wrote them down for us. So we need to examine ourselves, and be sure we are following their teachings, because their teachings are the

teachings of Jesus. Acts 2:41-42. "*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*" We need to be sure this describes us, so that we know that we are not antichrists ourselves.

In summary, the video in question presented very incomplete facts. There were 5 Hebrew words translated as lightning in the Old Testament, and 16 words translated as heaven, heavens, height or heights. We don't know which, if any, Jesus used in Luke 10:18. Further, Jesus was not naming Satan as lightning from heaven. He was pointing out that Satan fell like lightning from heaven. Finally, the word antichrist is never used in scripture to refer to some evil, scary ruler. It is used only by the apostle John, of anyone who does not follow the apostles, anyone who denies that Jesus is the Christ, or anyone who will not confess that Jesus came in the flesh. So we need to be on guard against such false doctrine, and examine ourselves to be sure we are not antichrist ourselves in any way. Brethren, keep the faith.

In Christian love,

Bro. Terry Warford

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Precious Memories

***It Is Written*, October, 1950.** Bro. W. R. Farrar, Elk City, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. W. A. Nelson. He also wrote of the passing of Bro. Noah Atchley (85) on September 19th. The Colter City, OK, congregation mentioned that Bro. I. A. Peterson was ill in an Oklahoma City, OK, congregation.

***The Christian Courier*, October, 1980.** Bro. Charles Jared, Chesterton, IN, reported on their meeting with Bro. Tom Broadway during which two were baptized: Dawn and Jamie Ferrell. The Yuma, AZ, congregation reported that Bro. Ralph Jones and Sis. Virgie Childress were unable to attend services because of poor health. Bro. Robert McCay, Glenwood, WA, thanked all of the visitors who came to their meeting with Bro. Robert Farley. The Happy Hollow congregation in Cedaredge, CO, thanked all who attended the Big Spruce Camp Meeting during which there were several baptisms. *The Christian Courier* announced they were moving their operation to the congregation at Bellflower, CA.

***The Christian Courier*, October, 1990.** Bro. Paul Andrews, Goshen, AR, reported on their meeting with Bro. Audley Barnes. Bro. Brian Ross, Baron, OK, announced a weekend meeting in October with guest speakers. Sis. Verda Nelson, Yuma, AZ, invited all to attend their meeting at the end of December. Also from Yuma: Bro. & Sis. Broadway had been ill; Sis. Ruth Duncan had been in the hospital; Sis. Mary Long had not been able to attend services; and Sis. Valerie Davis wasn't doing well after an extended stay in the hospital. Bro. Marion Serrano, La Habra, CA, reported on the passing of Bro. Hugh Nunnally (July 10th) and Bro. Charles Auslam (August 2nd). Bro. Audley Barnes, Loco, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Mark Perigen during which there were

two baptisms: Ben Scott and Phillip Iker. Sis. Mary & Sis. Shelley Derrick, Douglasville, GA, wrote of their enjoyment of the Delta Family Cam Meeting in Colorado and reported on the following news: Bro. George Simpson had been suffering from Rheumatoid Arthritis; Bro. Hill Bearden suffered a mild heart attack; and the birth of a boy to Tim & Deborah Bearden on July 14th. Bro. Errol Forsman, Lorenzo, TX, reported on their meeting with Bro. Mark Perigen. The San Pablo, CA, congregation reported on the passing of Bro. Amos Bever. They also mentioned that Bro. Jack Cooper injured the ligaments in his ankle. Bro. Martin Brockman, Bellflower, CA, reported on the passing of Sis. Burdette Perigen.

In Loving Memory of Bro. Eddie Franklin Tate

From The Newcastle Church of Christ

We think the congregation here is the oldest congregation in Texas meeting as The Bible teaches. The original church was established about five miles west of Newcastle in Bro. and Sis. Morgan's home. To the best of our knowledge it was established around 1905. Some of the families that attended in the early 1900's were Morgan, Pounds, Bishop, Norton, Tate, and probably others that we are not aware of. We think in the 1930's the members all contributed to a building fund and purchased the materials. The members joined with visitors from others churches and they built a building known as "The California Creek Church of Christ". In 1964 that building was moved into Newcastle where services were held until we built a new building at our present location in 1987.



In Loving Memory "The Newcastle Church of Christ" would now like to pay tribute to a man who with his convictions, his steadfastness and his principles helped this church become one if not the oldest in Texas. In doing so he may not have only been our longest member, but perhaps the longest to date in Texas. He was known to those who knew and loved him as Brother Ed, Uncle Ed, Dad or Granddad.

Eddie Franklin Tate was born January 10, 1915 and passed from this life on October 7, 2010. We believe that Brother Ed was baptized around 1935. He was a member of this congregation for 75 years and taught for approximately 70 years. The following tribute written by his granddaughter summarizes who he was to many of us:

In Honor of Granddad

Granddad's love for us was proven –
not with material gifts or toys -
But by teaching us about Jesus
When we were little-girls and boys.

The worn and tattered pages
of the Book he daily read
are evidence that the life he lived
was definitely God-led.

With only a 5th grade education,
he could put most of us to shame.
Quoting scripture from the Bible - book,
chapter, verse - he could readily name.

The faith of Abraham,
The perseverance of Paul,
The love of God
Granddad shared with all.

We'll hear his bass voice
in every old hymn we sing.
We'll miss his do, re, mi's
and hallelujahs to our King.

He loved his Lord and Savior,
his church, family, and friends,
the Senior Cub Center - his 2nd home
Where he played dominoes to win.

Although his memory failed him
in his final days,
there was one thing he NEVER forgot
And that was how to pray.

Ever thankful for his blessings,
and there were many we were told –
especially thankful for his daughter
and son-in-law,
lovingly caring for him as he grew old.

And as his big hands lie folded
now in peaceful rest,
we remember doctors, nurses,
EVERYONE at Seven Oaks
We know you did your best.

We thank you, God, for Granddad
By example he showed us the way
to find our home in Heaven where we'll
all be together again one day.

For when the roll is called up yonder,
and the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
as the Book of Life is opened,
may the name Eddie Franklin Tate
be found!

Your Loving Granddaughter,
Sherry Altmiller

Would like for you and yours to join them at the

Cypress Lake Camp

For a weekend of
Christian fellowship - Spiritual singing - and - Gospel preaching.

On November the 12th, 13th and 14th, 2010
We will hear some good gospel sermons from Guest Speakers.

Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday morning services!!!
PLEASE let us know when you can be with us.

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In Christian love,
The members of --- "The Broken Bow, Ok. - Church of Christ"

PLEASE NOTE, Other actives that may be enjoyed.

Beavers Bend Folk Festival & Craft Show

November 12-14, 2010
Festival Hours
Fri. & Sat 9 am - 5 pm
Sun 10 am - 4 pm

Cypress Lake Campground



Broken Bow, Oklahoma

We are planning on you being with us, and you having a wonderful time, at Church Camp 2011. There will be wonderful fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ from across the country. There will be activities for all. Come one come all; see who can bring the most people with them. Please note we want everyone to be able to attend the camp meeting at Cypress Lake Campground. We are trying to make the dates so as many people as possible can attend. (PLEASE note a change of dates that came out in the September Christian Courier)

We will be blessed with many good sermons from guest speakers.

---See you at camp---

June 19-26, 2011

MISSING CONSONANTS — NEW TESTAMENT

Below are the New Testament books with the consonants missing.
See if you can figure them out by supplying the missing letters.

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Cards and Letters

Bellflower, CA

Dear Loved Ones,

There's not much news here at Bellflower other than our health problems. Bro. Jerry Perigen has recovered from a serious dog bite on his right arm, and is doing well.

Our Sis. Synda Swain continues to have severe arthritic problems and needs your prayers.

I'll try to give you a quick update on my recent health problems.

I have had a chronic cough for the last year that was treated on and off without much success. On 8/27 I had a CT scan of my lung and heart which showed I had a partly collapsed lung.

The night of 8/30 I coughed up gray looking matter and one large solid chunk of something. After that I started feeling fine and had normal breathing. On the morning of 9/20 I had a bronchostomy (wrong spelling I'm sure) of my lungs which showed the lungs normal. That night at 10:30 I had a heart attack. The doctors now think my being off Plavix (a Platelet-ADP-Receptor Blocker) for the lung exam was the reason for the blockage in my heart. Heart tests that were preformed on 9/7&9 showed my heart normal at that time. I'm doing fine now and don't feel like I even had a heart attack. That of course is due to the prayers of you loved ones. Thank you so much for your cards, phone calls, and love. This was my third heart attack so it took a toll on my dear wife.

As we read the Courier and hear of others problems and loss, ours seem small. All here at Bellflower express our love to you all. Although we don't see each other often, you are always in our prayers, please keep us in yours. We continue to meet at 10:30 AM each Sunday, all are welcome.

Our problems in this life will continue, but the Lord is with us if we remain faithful to the end. God bless and keep you strong in His word.

In Christen Love,

Bro. Al Way

Broken Bow, OK

We are planning on you being with us, and you having a wonderful time, at Church Camp 2011. There will be wonderful fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ from across the country. There will be activities for all. Come one come all; see who can bring the most people with them. Please note we want everyone to be able to attend the camp meeting at Cypress Lake Campground. We are trying to make the dates so as many people as possible can attend. (PLEASE note a change of dates that came out in the September Christian Courier)

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June 19-26, 2011

Glenwood, WA

Dear ones in Christ,

We enjoyed our meeting this summer so very much. Bro. Levi Smith and Bro. Jason Christianson both provided excellent lessons to strengthen us in our everyday Christian lives. We commend them highly to the brotherhood. We enjoyed all the fellowship, fun and food, and appreciate everyone who was able to come be with us. Likewise, we also enjoyed the other meetings we were able to attend, in Yuma, Gleed and Yakima, and are looking forward to the weekend meeting at the Pine Mountain, Arkansas congregation in November.

We will miss our Sis. Bonnie Stacy, who passed from this life August 8, 2010. She was a dear Christian lady, a loving wife and mother, full of kindness and good cheer.

Our prayers are also with our Warford family here, and their family in Oklahoma, in the passing of Bro. Jack as reported in the last issue of the Courier.

We also wish to thank everyone for their prayers, calls and cards during this time. Words cannot express what the love and support of our brothers and sisters in Christ means. The happy times we share are wonderful, but being there for each other during the times of struggle brings real comfort. As the scripture records, "*A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*" Prov. 17:17.

We have missed Bro. J D and Sis. Fern Logan, as they have been gone several weeks on their trip to California. We are sure the brethren down south have enjoyed their presence.

In these days of uncertain economy and poor morals in the world, it is vital that we as Christians remember that we are not promised tomorrow here on earth. Our life is a vapor, so we need to spend it in praise and service to God, focused on the promise of forever with Jesus. Cling to Him, and to God's Word each day we are granted here.

In Christian love,

The Glenwood, WA congregation

Harlingen, TX (Sept 18th)

Loved brothers in Christ,

I send you greetings hoping at the moment you may be enjoying good health in the Lord. Thank you for your friendship in Christ and for your fellowship with us in this work of the Lord.

I inform you that during the month of August several evangelists in different areas of Mexico and Central America with the members of the churches evangelized in new places and we have hope this will open more doors to continue teaching the gospel of Christ to them.

In the frontier area between Mexico and Guatemala (there are several brethren in this area), we are making visits to help the brethren with problems of rains and flooding. At this moment two families lost their house. We are carrying food and clothing to help our brothers at this difficult time.

Also, I comment that according to the plans that had been made, we traveled to the new congregation in San Francisco, CA, to visit and work with the brethren. During the four days we were there we studied different doctrinal points and what is the Christian life and conduct. We spent three days studying with the brethren in San Rafael (area north of San Francisco). All the brethren there are very animated and working to grow the church.

Then we traveled to Roswell and Carlsbad, NM, where we worked with the brethren for four days studying the scriptures every day and

visiting new members. My wife and I again visited a family in Roswell that came from



Guatemala and they decided to gather with the church. We also studied the scriptures with a family that had separated from Christianity several years ago. We have hope that they will obey the truth of the scriptures and visit the church in Roswell.



Finishing September I have plans to visit some congregations in the state of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to support the work of the Lord.

I am sorry that my English is not good, but thank you for your patience.

I send photos of the brethren in San Francisco and Roswell.

Your brother in Christ,

Otto Alvarez

Lorenzo, TX

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.

We here at Lorenzo, TX, are doing mostly okay at this time; just the usual Fall season sniffles.

We have enjoyed recent visits this past month from Sis. Oletta Spurlin from Palmer, AK, and Bro. Richard & Sis. Monica Johnston from Yakima, WA.

Some from the Lorenzo congregation attended the memorial service for Bro. Ed Tate who passed away from this life on October 7th. His life was honored on October 9th. Bro. Ed was a long-time contender for the faith in the Newcastle, TX, area. He will be sorely missed.

Be sure to mark next summer's meeting dates on your calendar:

Cypress Lake Camp Meeting – June 19-26, 2011

Lorenzo, TX Meeting – July 3-10, 2011

That's about all the news for now.

May the good Lord be with you all.

The Lorenzo, TX, congregation

Newcastle, TX

WOW!!! What a GREAT way to spend a weekend, "**with brothers and sisters in Christ".** The members of the Newcastle Church of Christ would like to thank ALL those who were able to attend and help make our September weekend meeting, the best ever. We were blessed with very good sermons; each of our speakers stirred our minds with edification from God's word. Bro. Richard Johnston of Yakima, WA, taught us how, with wisdom, we are to weed our gardens. Bro. Larry Pollan of Ringold, OK, taught us how we are to be sanctified in Christ. Bro. Gene Boling of Ralls, TX, taught us, that as Christians, how we should grow. Bro. Ellis Forsman of Lubbock, TX, taught us about the customs of the Jewish Passover and about how Christ instituted the Lord's Supper (communion) and how we are to follow His example.

Everyone joined in the wonderful singing, making a glorious celebration to our Lord. We were blessed with visitors from several congregations, Lorenzo, Broken Bow, Yakima, Ringold, Texas, Natural Dam Arkansas, Stilwell, Randlett Oklahoma, and Payson Arizona. We want to thank each and everyone in attendance for making this a memorable meeting for everyone.

A special thanks to the ladies of our congregation for providing us ALL with wonderful physical nourishment, "THANK YOU". A special thanks to some of our overflow crowd that stayed at the Gateway Inn, you made a great impression. The manager of the Gateway is a friend and when I went in on Monday she wanted to tell me how nice it was to have a group of Christians staying with them. Her words: *"There was one gentleman that she and her staff just fell in love with". "He was so humble and kind to them all".* We want to thank him for not only representing himself and his family, but his and our congregations. Your action and manner delivered a message as a representative of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you, Bro. Gene Boling for your influence.

A **GREAT thanks** to our Father for letting us come together and praise Him with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope that it is His will that we see many of you and others at different gospel meetings and camps in the future.

Your Brother in Christ;
Stanley Goodwin
Newcastle Church of Christ

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."
(Prov. 25:25)

Stilwell, OK

Dear brethren,

The recent loss of our beloved grandson Jack has been a most devastating feeling of heartache and sorrow that even now a month later it is most difficult to write about. We do not cry ourselves to sleep every night anymore, but still do quite often. We are writing to thank every one of you for the wonderful outpouring of love extended to us in this most difficult time. I know we could not have endured without your affection and kindness that carried us on wings of prayer.

However, we still request your prayers in the months ahead, perhaps years, that we may be able to bear this great burden.

Also, please extend your prayers for Bro. Jake & Sis. Barbra Hollan in the recent loss of their grandson. He was only 4 years old. He was the apple of their eye and loved so much.

Also, Bro. Jake has lip cancer and needs your prayers as well that he may recover.

In Christian love,

Bro. Jack & Sis. Darlene Warford

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Meetings

Nov. 12-14, 2010	Broken Bow, OK	Fall Meeting - guest speakers
Nov. 26-28, 2010	Pine Mountain, AR	Terry Warford
March 13-19, 2011	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
June 19-26, 2011	Broken Bow, OK	Cypress Lake Camp - guest speakers
July 3-10, 2010	Lorenzo, TX	TBA

Passings

Bonnie Stacy	Glenwood, WA	Aug. 8, 2010
Eddie Franklin Tate	Newcastle, TX	Oct. 7, 2010

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Jackie Brown	Baron, OK	Serious lung problems
Jim Brown	Baron, OK	Lung infection
Jake Hollan	Baron, OK	Lip cancer
Talan Hollan's relatives	Baron, OK (etc.)	Grieving
Darlene Warford	Baron, OK	Low sodium
Doyle Wilson	Baron, OK	Severe headaches
Synda Swain	Bellflower, CA	Arthritic problems
Al Way	Bellflower, CA	Heart attack
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
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Ericka Ferguson	Clinton, NJ	In prison
Noah McCay (age 11)	Farmington, NM	Fighting cancer
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Heart, & diabetes problems
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Severe aching joints - age
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections & extreme pain
Bob Stacy	Glenwood, WA	Fighting cancer
Bonnie Stacy's relatives	Glenwood, WA (etc.)	Grieving
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & financial hardship
Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & spinal problems
Joan Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Heart problems & blood clots
Brenda Casarez	Lorenzo, TX	High blood pressure, eye problems
Evart Forsman	Lorenzo, TX	Stomach problems
Borden Mullens	Lorenzo, TX	Fighting cancer
Ed Tate's relatives	Newcastle, TX (etc.)	Grieving
Robert Fuson, Jr.	Pleasant View, OK	Spinal Bifida
Reba Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Serious Lupus & gall stone surgery
Jackie McCay	Spokane, WA	Intestine surgery
Christine Burkhart	Springdale, AR	Health issues & financial need
Jack Warford's relatives	Stilwell, OK (etc.)	Grieving
Lawanda Durham	Tiner, OK	Serious health issues
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Ill for some time
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer
Jean Orendorff	Yuma, AZ	In nursing home