

The Christian Courier

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WHICH IS THE BEST WAY?

Churches everywhere are looking for ways to reach out to the communities in which they live and serve. Sometimes we complicate church work and evangelism, and we forget how it should really be.

There are important things as far as reaching out to our people or our world is concerned. For example: Bible Study, debate or special events. All these things are good and helpful. Acts 9 is a good example for us to be reminded how evangelism works.

"*Now in Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha* (which translate in Greek is called Dorcas), *this a woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity, which she continually did. And it came about at that time that she fell sick and died, and when they had washed her body, they laid it in a upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, entreating him, do not delay to come to us, and Peter arose and went with them. And when he had come they brought him into the upper room, and all the windows stood besides him weeping, and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, an turning to the body, he said Tabitha, arise and she opened her eyes and when she saw Peter, she sat up and he gave her his hands and raised her up, and calling the saints and windows, he presented her alive. And it became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord*" (Acts 9:36-42). This event is great miracles which God did by responding to Peter's prayer. However the fact remained that it turned into a great evangelistic moment in reference to the things that followed.

These things were beyond any miracles.

These principles are available to us today.

We cannot do miracles but we can do the ministry that was done here by Tabitha or Dorcas. This is just a means to achieve the end whose result will be evangelism. People will come to Christ and be taught the ways of the Lord (Isaiah 2:3).

Bro. John Kombo, Kenya

"FEW GOOD MEN"

A company in Kenya advertised in one of the newspapers that is looking for "a few good men"; the search for a few good men did not begin or end with this company. The Lord told the prophet Ezekiel, "*And I sought for a man among them … but I found none.*" (Ezekiel 22:30). One of our pressing needs is for a few good men!! I have worked for the Lord's church for more than twenty years now, and I have met and seen a few good men who care and who dare as Brother Ellis Forsman, and Brother Boaz Auma.

When Paul chose Timothy to send him to Phillip, he wrote, "*For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.*" (Philippians 2:20-21). In this verse it means Timothy had the same love and concerned for the Philippians that Paul had. Do "real men" care? Do "real men" have emotion? According to Paul:

> Here are saints to be taught, but few care. Here are wounded hearts to be bound up, but few care. Here are men to be reached for Christ, but few care. Here are children to be taught and trained and guided in the things of the Lord, but few care.

Why are some Christians, (those who are qualified to teach others) unwillingly to travel to other places. As time goes by, the self-centered mind become increasingly narrow:

> Why should I be concerned about my country when there are so many needs in the city or in town where I live?
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> Why should I be concerned about the city or the town where I live when there are so many needs in the congregation I attended?
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> Why should I be concerned about other members of the congregation when I have so many needs of my own?

As far as the above statements are concerned, the Apostle Paul had these word to say, "*For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.*" (Philippians 2:21).

Once I read of a church with a sign out front: "JESUS ONLY". As time went by, a storm blew away the first three letters of the sign so that it then read, "US ONLY".

We appreciate and thank God at this end for the effort being made through our brother Forsman and by other brethren in the U.S.A. so that we can get support to enable us continue with that most important task to teach others the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God our Father in heaven bless you very much!

All of us live either in Philippians 1:21 ("*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*") or Philippians

2:21 ("*For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.*"). Each person should ask himself, "Where do I live?"

God bless you very much, Bro. John Kombo, Kenya

"YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT"

In Kenya, we have preachers who, these days are looking for ways to reach to people using difference methods.

Some preach in public, for example in the open places like markets, in the street within big towns, e.tc. Some prefer preaching to travelers by getting into buses and preach to them. Whichever way, the apostle Paul wrote "*…and many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by bonds, which are bold to speak the word of God without fear some indeed preach Christ of contention, not sincerely… Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind early things*" (Philippians 1:14-16; 3:19).

Recently something quite shameful happened. One of these preachers (who normally preached to travelers in the buses) enter in the bus and began talking to people. As he continued for sometimes, he decided to put his hand in the pocket in order to get a handkerchief, a packets of cigarettes came out and dropped down before all people who were watching and listening to him. The event should remind all of us that whatever you do in darkness, "Y*our sin will find you out*" (Numbers 32:23).

Bro. John Kombo, Kenya



News from Abroad

AFRICAN UPDATE FROM TANZANIA, SEPT, 2012

Sadat, Daniel, Esther, Marietta (Molel's daughter) left Bunda on Friday to Masakta in Manyara Province to preach the Gospel and strengthen believers to stick to the Faith. We safely reached Molel's home. We stayed in Molel's house. We began to preach at Masakta on Sept 1st to Sept 3rd and baptized 4 into Christ. I will attach baptism pictures for to see. From Masakta we went to Masqaroda (a place where the Chinese took a diamond they found under a two-headed serpent) from Sept 4th to Sept 6th. In this place there are many people who believed the Gospel. We enrolled 10 people in the Masqaroda members list they beseech us to include them although they have never been baptized. This means that in the Masqaroda congregation we have 14 people, but only 4 are Christians.

The pictures that am sending is showing Masakta baptisms, Masqaroda church building, Simbai church building, Nakwa unfinished building,

Manyamanyama gathering under tree, Bitaraguru unfinished post building, and Nakwa Baptism.

Please talk to individual Christians to help these buildings to get finished. Manyamanyama will cost $2000, Bitaraguru will cost $1000, Nakwa the wall is complete but the roof is not, which will need including timber and iron sheets which will cost $1200.

In Simbai we had a very good meeting. All the villagers came to hear God's message, 8 people were ready to be immersed but there is no water anywhere, the place is very dry. When the car is ready from the shop we will take them and perform the baptisms. The nearest water is 25 kilometers (15.5 miles) away.

We started preaching the gospel at Nakwa Gospel yesterday. After preaching, we went to baptize 2: Joseph and Esther. We expect to finish preaching at Nakwa on Saturday then leave for Olsiva in Arusha. Those who are in the team is Moses from Olsiva, Ombeni Malaki from Kingori way to Moshi, Daniel and his wife, Sadat, and Leo Herma of Nakwa.

I will stop for now by saying please pray for us.

Boaz Auma

FROM KENYA, SEPTEMBER, 2012

Bro. Laban Ambogo visited with us on 27th September and stayed for only two days and then left. We discussed about the progress, growth, and evangelism among other important issues. We had a good meeting which included Bro. Benjamin Rono, Alfofonce and Geodion at my house.

We visited a village called Kalelwet with Bro. Benjamin Rono. We had appointment with Paul Rotich. He had invited his friends and neighbors to come and hear. “Welcome brother! Welcome! Welcome”.

They all shouted as we approach the homestead.

It was a remarkable and unforgettable experience. Having been there for the whole day, there are several lessons that mighty be interested and beneficial:

THE GOSPEL IS STILL POWERFUL (ROMANS 1:16)

It gives us faith and strength to see the gospel go into the heart of those who have never heard it and, literally, change them from sinners to saints, or a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). It makes an idolatrous to forsake his or her idols (1cor 6:9-11). It took an old man and makes him a born again. A drunk man from his bottle, an adulterer from his/her lover.

SINNERS ARE STILL INTERESTED

During our stay there about three souls were baptized into Christ (Gal.3:27)

This is a proof that sinners still want to be saved. Someone might observed “that other people, away from us are interested too” we can ask ourselves, “have we quit trying?” No, but we should persist. “Persistence breaks down resistance!!!”

WHEN THE BIBLE IS FORSAKEN SOCIETY DETERIORATES.

A society that rejects the authority of the bible is in for governmental corruption, religious heresies, wide spread immorality, dangerous diseased like

HIV/AIDS etc., political unrest, and general unhappiness.

The only hope is to turn to God with the whole heart.

God bless you.

Bro. John Kombo and Bro. Benjamin Rono.

Barut Church of Christ, Nakuru Kenya.

Note from Ellis — My original plans were to return to Africa at the end of September, but events have caused me to delay my departure to around the 6th of November, Lord willing. As soon as I arrive in East Africa we will sit down and try to work out an evangelism plan for this next trip there. There are several places that we were unable to visit last time that had to be canceled because of car problems, limited time, and limited funds. They still want us to come and are anxious to hear the word. The contributions that we have been receiving are down compared to last year and lack of funds will hinder what we want to accomplish. Please support this work by sending your donations to the African Mission Fund at 6718 Santa Fe Dr., Lubbock, TX 79407.

Than You,

Ellis Forsman

Donation information:

Remember, a bank account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for your support (Account number 8891458054). Checks can be made out to "African Mission" (the bank's name designation for this project of working with groups of people in Africa for account purposes) and sent to % Ellis Forsman, 6718 Santa Fe Dr., Lubbock, TX, 79407, or deposited directly at your nearest Wells Fargo Bank.

Harlingen, TX

(August 28th)

Dear brethren in Christ,

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

I comment that during this month of August, we worked in different places of Mexico to support the work of the faithful brothers. In these times when we visit the churches in Mexico and Central America to edify and encourage them in the faith, it is very difficult because of the dangers on the highways and cities of this country. We have confidence that the Lord will help us and also the prayers of the brethren give us encouragement to travel to these places.

We traveled to visit the church in Hidalgo State. The brethren there continue to be very animated in the Christian life. We had meetings during the morning to make studies to prepare the brothers for the predication and in the afternoons we studied different topics for the edification. Also, during these days we had baptism.

For two days we visited the city of San Luis, Mexico, to encourage a Christian family. We also had plans to visit for three days a group of people in Zacatecas, but it was impossible because of problems with my health. I was hospitalized with high blood pressure and heart problems. Because of this I returned to the USA, and thanks to the Lord, already my health is well.

I have plans to visit the brethren in San Francisco, CA, on September 18-31 to study and prepare

more in the scriptures. During those days also I plan to visit the city of Santa Cruz, CA. In this city live brothers from Guatemala and Salvador. They think that some people in this city have interest of the gospel and they invited me to work in this place.

We request that you pray for us that the Lord will keep us from the dangers.

Your brother in Christ

Evangelists for Mexico

For more information, contact us at:

Church of Christ
P.O. Box 532514
Harlingen, TX 78553

Harlingen, TX (Oct.)

Appreciated brothers,

I greet you in the name of the Lord hoping you are enjoying good health along with your family and brothers in the faith.

Also I desire to thank you for the help that you send each month to support transportation and food expenses of evangelist several in Mexico, Guatemala, America Central during the days of each month that travel to preach in different places.

I inform that during September I traveled to work with the brothers in the area of San Francisco, CA. The brothers that live in Santa Cruz CA, Pacifica CA, San Rafael CA, established new places of predication in these cities and we have the confidence in the Lord that this work will help so that work in the Lord grow in these cities. Also during this month, some persons obey in San Rafael CA, and Houston TX.

Also them I comment that two persons that live in Miami, FL were baptized and I had plans of traveling to Miami and to work with some persons that have interest in the gospel.

The Churches in Mexico areas North and Center inform us that the brothers continue faithful and collaborating in the evangelization. In the country of Guatemala an evangelist brother was assaulted and shooting to rob and it was in the hospital but thanks to the Lord Jesus is recovering.

In Guatemala and also in some areas of Mexico exists much danger but we rely on the Lord that care us of these dangers.

Also in the name of the Lord, we express our gratefulness by your participation in the work of predication of the gospel.

I comment that my son is with cancer (in Houston, TX) mi son Otto Jr., have (30 years) and is Christian. Please we request your prayers.

Your Brother in Christ,

Otto

[see pictures page 8]

Donation information: Donations to aid Otto can be sent to: Church of Christ C/O Otto Alvarez P.O. Box 532514 Harlingen, TX 78553



Cards and Letters

Aztec, NM, Sept. 25th

Dear loved ones,

Good news from Aztec. Duane Bixler, Jr.'s son, Robert Duane (RD) Bixler, was baptized last week. We are all happy about that.

We hope Bro. Jerry McCay has found out what is wrong and hope and pray it is fixable!

Sis. Tina Mickey went to see an ear specialist. He thinks that an inner ear problem is what is causing her to be dizzy. Do hope they can fix her!!!

We pray all is going well with all of you.

God bless you all from the Aztec, NM, congregation

Stilwell, OK

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Everyone here seems to be doing ok except for Sister Betty Rhodes. Sister Betty has been diagnosed with cancer. She needs all the prayers, cards, and encouragement that she can get. She is currently in the hospital.

Our Labor Day meeting has come and gone. We had good attendance each night. Brother Larry Pollan spoke on Friday night, Brother Ellis Forsman on Saturday night, and Brother Jerry McCay on Sunday morning. We had visitors from Baron, Pine Mountain, Broken Bow, Lorenzo, and Ringgold. Three came forward for prayers. Thank you to the ladies for the wonderful meals we had.

We would like to invite everyone passing through to stop in and visit and worship with us when they can.

Brother Gerald Buckner

Gleed, WA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The Lord has blessed my wife and I in so many ways we could never count them! Thanks to all your prayers the Drs. were able to put a pain pump in me several years ago giving me back my life. Wilma and I have been able to do a lot of traveling this year as long as we don't try to travel too far in a day. Some days we can't move because of my pain, but that is OK as we thank the Lord for each mile we can travel!

Lord willing, next spring we will be going to the Yuma meeting again and then heading out to see how many of you we can meet and fellowship with. If you know of a place where we can park a 29 ft. motor home near where you are or worship can you send me an e-mail at:

farleyrw@yawhoo.com and let me know. Or you can always call me at (509)945-3897.

Keep the faith and thank the Lord daily!

Robert & Wilma Farley

461 N. Gleed Rd.

Naches, Washington 98937

Springdale, Arkansas

I just wanted to make a change on the bulletin board. Ericka Ferguson, Clinton, NJ is no longer in prison. She was arrested on August 4, 2007 and released on September 27, 2012 and is doing very well. She is currently living in transitional housing in Brooklyn, NY and is on her way back down the pathway of right. Thanks to all of you for well wishes and most importantly, your prayers. Also, personally I rejoined the church after being gone for many years. I would ask for prayers of strength. We are doing fairly well. Aches and pains here and there but overall we are blessed.

In Christian Love

Sister Vickie Ferguson

Springdale, Arkansas Congregation

Broken Bow, OK

The Costilow Street Church of Christ will be having their fall meeting November 9, 10, & 11 with guest speakers. For more information, please contact Dan Treat (405)436-9636 or Casey Dover (580)236-2899. Hope to see you there!!

Yuma, AZ

The church in Yuma sends greetings and our best wishes for all in the brotherhood. We know there are many that are ill and our prayers are with you daily.

Our sister Ruth Duncan fell on September 7th and broke her left hip. After the repair, she spent six days in the hospital and then transferred to the hospital rehab for recovery. She is expected to make a good recovery and hopefully return to her home.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Debra Davis spent Labor Day week in the Payson area and attended worship service with the Shepherd family while there.

Bro. Tony Brister was with us here in Yuma and gave us a good lesson at our Sunday worship.

Weather is always a topic of conversation here and we have had some. The highs have dropped, but the humidity has been high. Sunday evening we had high and rain. It blew down the chain link fence between the church building and the businesses to the east. Then on the west side of the kitchen a large limb broke from the tree and fell on the fifth wheel trailer there. The following day we had a good rain. All around us it has been high winds and rain; a wet desert.

That about covers our news. Hope to be hearing from all of you in our newsletter. We enjoy the lessons published each month and encourage their continuance.

Bye for now. Let us all be prayerful for the sick.

In Christian love,

The Yuma, AZ, congregation







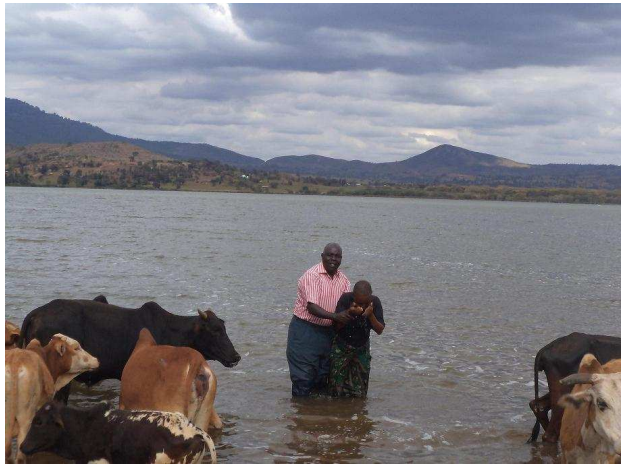


Left and above, Otto's ministries. Below and right African ministries.









Lorenzo, TX

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We here at the Lorenzo Church of Christ salute you in Christian love. Health wise we have had a few illnesses and pains. Sis. Nell McCay had a rough short time back in July, but has made a nice recovery and is able to be back meeting with us again. While helping Sis. Nell move from her apartment to the rehab center (a permanent move) Sis. Wynetta McCay fell backwards, hitting the back of her head on the floor. She had to have 6 staples to close the gash. She got a mild concussion from the fall, but seems fully recovered now. Bro. Jerry McCay spent 2 days in the hospital. It was thought to be heart-related, but it wasn't. The doctor is still looking for answers. Bro. Gene Boling and Sis. Reba White were both a little under the weather and we missed them this last Lord's day.

It has been nice to have everyone home after a busy summer. Members of our congregation have attended several meetings and events the past few months. Although we are about to be short, Bro. Ellis Forsman again is about to go back to East Africa and continue the wonderful work of spreading God's message to those very hungry for the Lord. I know Bro. Boaz and Bro. Peter are looking forward to his return, and even though we will dearly miss his presence, we will be sending him with God's speed and our support. We here at Lorenzo do encourage ***ALL*** the congregation's help with prayers and funds to aid in this Great Work that Ellis is doing. The cost of this mission is high and funds are always lacking. So we ask for you to consider aiding in this endeavor.

We are extremely happy we have Sis. Amy and Sis. Amarissa Orendorff back with us. They had moved to Washington for a short time. But now they are back and we welcome them with open arms, because they are such loving people.

We again would like to extend an open invitation to anyone coming our direction to worship with us. A place to stay can always be arranged.

In Christian Love,

The Church of Christ in Lorenzo, Texas

Notes From Here And There

Sis. Sandy Greenway has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is currently scheduled for surgery on October 31st. Her parents, Bro. Dan & Sis. Karen Greenway are asking for prayers on Sandy's behalf. The church at Creswell, OR, is a 40 foot trailer with tip outs on their property at 33973 E. Row Rd., Creswell, OR, 97426. The trailer has 4 benches & a pulpit. They will add ramps later. Please call Bro. Dan if you plan to visit: 541-895-4170. He can supply you with directions. Church meeting time is 10:45 a.m.

On Sept. 9th Alex Boen (10 ½) was baptized into the Lord's body at Pine Mountain, AR.

Bro. Oren Johnston, Yakima, WA, had a second round of pneumonia as well as a silent heart attack.

Bro. Bill McCay, Sr. is recovering from 2 mini-strokes.

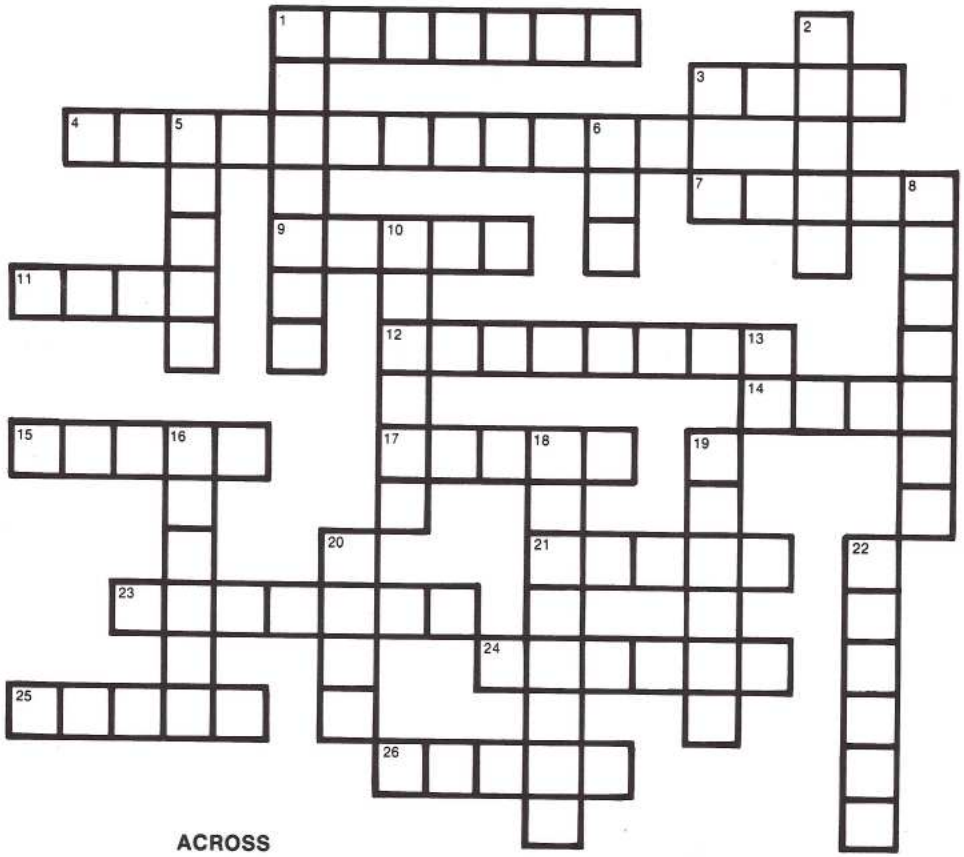
Bro. Bo Forsman, Pine mountain, AR, had a heart attack last weekend. He had to have 3 stents put in the main artery (100% blocked) as well as 1 stent in a 40% blocked artery and 1 stent in another 50% blocked artery. He is at home now recovering and learning new ways of eating, living, etc. Thankfully, his new wife Samantha (They

were married at Pine Mountain, AR, on August 31st) is taking good care of him.

Bro. Peter Boaz is fighting malaria again in Tanzania.

As you can tell, many of our Christian family are dealing with many serious issues. We **ALL** need to pray for each other.

MOSES CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. God sent ten ____ on the Egyptians.
3. Aaron helped build the golden ____.
4. Moses received the ten _____.
7. Second plague. Exod. 8:5.
9. Brother of Moses.
11. Third plague. Exod. 8:16.
12. Ninth plague. Exod. 10:21.
14. A pillar of ____ led them at night.
15. Plague after the murrain. Exod. 9:9.
17. The land of captivity.
21. Mount where Moses received the law.
23. Plague after flies. Exod. 9:3.
24. Where Israelites lived. Exod. 8:22.
25. The last plague brought ____ to the firstborn of Egypt.
26. The fourth plague. Exod. 8:21.

DOWN

1. Ruler of Egypt. Exod. 8:1.
2. Water was changed to ____. Exod. 7:19.
5. Leader of Israelites.
6. Number of commandments.
8. Moses' rod turned to a ____.
10. Body of water which was crossed by the Israelites.
13. Abbreviation of San Francisco.
16. Plague after hail. Exod. 10:4.
18. The Jewish feast of the _____ began in Egypt.
19. The Israelites were ____ in Egypt.
20. Plague after boils. Exod. 9:22.
22. Leader of Israel after Moses.

Precious Memories

***It Is Written*, September, 1952.** * Bro. Jack Cooper, San Pablo, CA, announced they were now meeting at San Pablo, CA; they were previously at Richmond, CA. * Bro. Stanley Niemczyk, La Habra, CA, reported on their 10 day gospel meeting with Bro. Elmer Hunt. * Bro. Coy Garrison, Grand Prairie, TX, commented on the meeting at Coulter, OK; 3 were baptized at this meeting.

***Gospel News Courier*, September, 1962.** * Bro. Roy Dabbs, Aztec, NM, reported on the passing of his daughter, Sis. Betty Thompson after her heart surgery failed. He also mentioned the baptisms of Lahoma Owens and Ernest Greenstreet. * Bro. Howard Studer, Lorenzo, TX, reported on their 5th Sunday meeting with Bro. Paul Ferguson. * Bro. Sammy Boen, Fort Smith, AR, reported on their meeting with Bro. Claud Perigen.

***Gospel News Courier*, October, 1962.** * Bro. W. E. Daniels, Stilwell, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Claud Perigen. * The Elk City, OK, congregation wrote of Bro. Daniel Atchley's passing. * Bro. Claud Perigen, Bellflower, CA, invited others to attend their meeting with Bro. W. A. Nelson. * Bro. Ralph Rhodes, Somerville, OH, reported on their meeting in July. * Bro. Hayse Morris, Hamilton, OH, reported on their meeting with guest speakers; there was one baptism. * Also mentioned from Tucson, AZ: Janice and Ronald Herbert were baptized September 29th.

***The Christian Courier*, October, 1972.** * Bro. Jack Cooper, San Pablo, CA, announced the baptism of Janet Forbis. * The Modesto, CA, congregation mentioned that Bro. F. H. Logan had suffered a light stroke. * Bro. Mike McCay, Yakima, WA, announced a meeting in November with Bro. Claud Perigen and another meeting in June with Bro. Harry Dye. He also announced the birth of Christy Michelle to Bro Bill & Sis. Cindy McCay on August 28th.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1982.** * The Baron, OK, congregation reported on their meeting with Bro. Ken Baldwin. * Bro. L. E. Arnett, Waterford, CA, mentioned Bro. Dean Guyer's hernia operation. * Bro. J. D. Logan, Waterford, CA, reported on their meeting wherein they had one baptism. * The Furnish Canyon, OK, congregation reported on their meeting during which Howard Layton was baptized. * Bro. Don Dabbs, Humble, TX, reported on their meeting by Bro. Harry Dye.

***The Christian Courier*, October, 1982.** * Bro. John Shepherd, Payson, AZ, announced the baptisms of Adam Shepherd and his wife Shelley on June 27th. * Bro. Robert Morris, Yuma, AZ, invited others to attend their meeting in November with guest speakers. He also mentioned the passing of Sis. Laura Rohrbough on September 28th. * The San Pablo, CA, reported on their meeting with guest speakers. * Bro. Gerald Buckner, Pleasantview, OK, announced the baptisms of Matt Padgett, Sue Caddie, and Debbie Hayes; and also the marriage of Kenneth Buckner and Debbie Hayes on June 12th. * Also reported: The passing of Bro. Bud Wilkerson, Cedaredge, CO.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1992.** * The Happy Hollow church of Christ in Cedaredge, CO, reported on the Delta Family Camp Meeting during which Brent Berry was baptized on July 4th. *

Sis. Ruth Duncan, Yuma, AZ, reported on the baptism of Danielle Williams. * Bro. Don Lewis, Duncan, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Bob Eldridge, during which Carrie Iker was baptized.

In Loving Memory of

Bro. Doug Ferguson

Bro. Doug Ferguson was born July 22, 1948 into a large family of eleven children. He went home to his heavenly Father to sing with the angels on Thursday, September 27, 2012, at the age of 64 years.

Doug had to deal with the back pain from which he suffered for many years due to a fall from a truck, but he kept working. More recently he fought against cancer in his body; he is now free from all that pain.

Doug is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Sis. Phyllis Ferguson; 6 children: Bro. George and Sis. Tammy Phipps and Bro. Charlie and Sis. Julie Fogg; Bro. Paul and Sis. Chrystal Warford; all of whom faithfully go to church; and many more family and friends.

He served in the military with pride, but he stedfastly ignored the Lord for a couple of years. After he made his decision to be baptized in 1970, he was just as stubborn about being a Christian as he had been about resisting becoming one.

Doug was a leader at the Costilow Church of Christ in Broken Bow, OK. Many people loved him and he took a special interest in other people, those whom he loved deeply. Doug will be greatly remembered for his leadership in the development of the Cypress Lake Campground in Broken Bow, OK

He was a tall (6' 2") quiet cowboy in every sense of the word. He has traded the trademark cowboy hat for a heavenly crown reserved for those who are faithful (1 Peter 1:4).

He had a quiet wit, a ready smile, a great sense of humor, the ever present cup of coffee, and a beautiful deep bass voice that rang out in the hymns he loved.

He was laid to rest on October 1, 2012, in a pine box lovingly crafted by his children and grandchildren; a fitting tribute to a wonderful man. The cowboy is gone; the legacy lives on!

Doug, we will miss you very much!

In Loving Memory of

Sis. Betty L. Rhodes

Betty L. Rhodes, 74, of Stilwell was born on July 12, 1938, in Mt. Vernon, Ky., to George Morris and Eve (Isaccs) Morris. She died on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, in Stilwell.

A memorial service took place at Pleasant View Church on Tues. Oct. 16th. 2012.

She was self-employed and worked in horticulture.

Survivors are three daughters, Sheryl Gatliff of Whitman, Ariz., and Diana Walker and Edna Swilley, both of Stilwell; one son, Ronnie Rhodes of Stilwell; three sisters, Bernice, Rosie and Vivian; two brothers, George and Russell; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Bonnie and her brother, Jack.

BULLETIN BOARD

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Sue Bixler	Aztec, NM	Stoke(2), Heart Attack & Diabetes
Tina Mickey	Aztec, NM	Extreme Dizziness
Jackie Brown	Baron, OK	Serious lung problems
Jim Brown	Baron, OK	Lung infection
Ericka Ferguson	Brooklyn , NY	Out of prison!!! Doing well
Synda Swain	Bellflower, CA	Stroke, now in rehab
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Doris Ridlon	Canton, GA	Hip replacement & heart problems
Sandy Greenway	Creswell, OR	Breast Cancer
Lynn Iker	Duncan, OK	Heart surgery & financial need
Linda Wilson	Flora Vista NM	Anxiety & extreme weight gain
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe pain
Don Hammett	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes & heart problems
Ola McKenney	Gleed WA	Tumor removal & age.
Troy Solomon	Gleed, WA	Severe back pain
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Severe aching joints - age
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, & blood clots
Fern Logan	Glenwood, WA	Recovering from Stroke
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & financial hardship
Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & spinal problems
Robert Lane	Hillsboro, OR	Recovering from stroke
Eunice Jared	Hillsboro, OR	Heart surgery Recovery
Gary Calhoun	Hillsboro, OR	Brain tumor
Otto Alvarez Jr.	Houston, TX	Cancer
Barbara Carlin	Lake Havisu AZ	Fighting Cancer
Sharon Moore	Lorenzo, TX	Fighting breast cancer
Ellis Forsman	Lorenzo, TX	Dangerous & costly African travels
Joseph Davis	Mesa, AZ	Thyroid surgery & radiation treatments
Bo Forsman	Pine mountain, AR	Heart Attack
Renee Seaton	Stilwell, OK	Blindness—auto accident related
Christine Burkhart	Springdale, AR	Health issues & financial need
Vickie Ferguson	Springdale, AR	Needs prayers of Strength
Gerald Buckner	Stilwell, OK	Stage III Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma

Lawanda Durham	Tiner, OK	Serious health issues
Peter Boaz	Tanzania, Africa	Malaria
Gerald Warner	Waterford, CA	Stroke complications and age
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's & head injury from fall
Oren Johnston	Yakima, WA	Kidney dialysis, pneumonia and heart attack
Bill McCay, Sr.	Yakima, WA	Recovering from Mini Strokes
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Lower back pain
Ruth Duncan	Yuma, AZ	Broken hip

And all those in nursing homes.

Baptisms

Alex Boen (10 ½)	Sept. 9th	Pine Mountain, AR
Robert Duane (RD) Bixler	Sept. 23	Aztec, NM

Deaths

Bro. Doug Ferguson	Sept. 27th	Broken Bow, OK
Sis. Betty Rhodes	Oct. 13th	Stilwell, OK

Meetings

Nov. 9, 10, & 11 2012	Broken Bow, OK	Guest Speakers
July 28th—31th 2013	Gleed, WA	TBA

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