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THE NAME OF CHRIST

In Phil 2: 9-10 we read it is above every name. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

We should always hold the name of Jesus close, for we know he is our Saviour and realize all power in heaven and earth is given unto him. He has power to take our live, or to give us life.

In Acts 4: 12, we find that there is salvation in no other name, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

This is why Christ came to earth; to open up a way of salvation. Until Christ's death upon the cross and his resurrection, man did not have even a hope of eternal life. But through his death upon the cross and his many sufferings here on earth, he brought about a new law, whereby man can be saved through his name, by obeying his Father's commandments.

Searching farther, in Col 3: 17, we find we must do all that we do in his name. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Everything we do in word or deed covers a lot of ground. How many of us right now can truly say we give Christ the praise for a lot of things we just took for granted today? Sure, we give thanks for food, clothes, etc., but do we give Christ thanks for a lot of everyday things? In reading the Bible we learn that even a cup of cold water given in his name pleases him.

We are called by his name. In James 2: 7, "Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by which ye are called? The name "Christian" means Christ-like. We know that as Christians we are going to be sought after by the Devil

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and his angels who are all around us, for the Devil walketh about seeking whom he may devour, We, as Christians, should be proud to be called Christians, for we are God's Children. Reading in Acts 11: 26, we find we were first called Christians at Antioch.

We should hold fast to his name. As told to us in Rev 2: 13, "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth."

Yes, God knows our works, whether they be good or bad. Let us examine ourselves. Brethren, are our works good, or bad?

We, as Christians, have a burden to carry here on earth and when the going gets tough we should not push Christ aside for our own worries, but cling more closely to him. He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. If we hold fast to his name and doctrine, no one will ever lead us astray.

So remember, fellow Christians, the "name of Christ" should play a very important part in your life.

Yours, in Christ,
Gene McKinney

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(Due to the press of other letters received this month, we cannot print the following article in its fullness, but will print the balance in May's Courier.)

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD-THE TRUTH-THE GOSPLE

Heb 4: 12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and the joints and the marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.--Jeremiah 23: 29 "Is not my word like a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

In Rev 19: 11-21 Christ is described as making war with his enemies--"out of his mouth goeth a sharp two-edged sword, that with it he should smite the nations" V 22 And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth". In Eph 6: 10-16 Paul instructing us to be prepared to fight the good fight of faith--"take the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

Matt 8: 16 "And when even was come, they brought unto him many that were possesed with devils, and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were

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sick. 2 Peter 3: 5 informs us, "For this they willingly were ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old--V 7--but the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men.

Gen. Chapters 1, 2, and 3 records the creation of the world and all that is in it. John, beginning his Gosple, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of the world. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory; the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Now let us read Col 1: 19, "Giving thanks unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light--who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. For by him were all things created that are in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist, and he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead: that in all things he might have the preeminence, for it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell". Also, read 1 Jno 1: 1-2. These references should be sufficient to convince us of the power and authority of the Word of God--the Truth--the Gosple.

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PLEASE NOTE!

We receive many letters from brethren to be published. Sometimes these letters may contain statements which some would find reason to disagree with. We do not represent the Courier to be infallible. We have stated before that we did not wish to publish abusive or otherwise objectionable letters, or engage in public debates. It follows then, that each writer is to be responsible for his own articles. If anyone should disagree with the writer, write directly to him and express your objections. We are all brethren, and should be able to endure reproof. "Let us follow after the things that make for peace".

The Staff.

LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES

KENTON, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethren:

We are enclosing a check to help with the paper. The Church of Christ at Furnish Canyon, Colorado are all well and getting along about as usual. We enjoy reading the paper very much.

In Christian Love,
Forrest and Millye Francis

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STANTON, TEXAS

Dear Brethren:

Thanks for the paper. We do enjoy it so much. On Feb 2nd, Bro and Sis Earl Howe and four daughters, of Lorenzo, Texas, were with us for services. We had a wonderful song service and Brother Howe gave us a fine lesson. We only wish we could live closer to more of our brethren, but this is not the will of the Lord or we would all be in one place. When we see our young people that will open their mouths and sing, I do rejoice in it.

We are planning to buy a lot in Gardendale Addition north of Odessa, Texas. It is where Bro and Sis Barker live. We have enough money to buy one lot and we would like the two lots that are together. I think with one lot paid we could contract for a house on small payments. It would be a long way for my wife and I to go, but we enjoy the church to its fullest.

Yours, in Christ,
N E and Alice Bergstrom and all
the Brethren here.

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PASADENA, TEXAS

Dear Brethren:

Just a short note to say hello to all our friends. Most of you will remember me as the youngest daughter, Lou, of J W and Pearl Bedingfield. I was recently married on Feb 7, 1969 to Phillip Freeman. He is a young man from Houston. I sincerely hope that at least some of you can meet him in the near future.

We are living at 222½ Wafer, Pasadena, Texas, but are still receiving our mail at Mother and Dad's. The address is 3601 Red Bluff, Apt 60E, Pasadena, Texas, 77503.

I am so happy to hear that there will be two camp meetings this year. I wish both of them great success!

We all send our sincere sympathy to the family of Bro Roy Dabbs. Some of you may know that Bro Dabb's daughter Carolyn, is my sister-in-law.

Phil and I would love to hear from any of you. I am not the best letter writer, as I am going to business school and having to do my housework, but I will

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do my best to answer your letters. It is good to hear from the brethren through the Courier. Keep it up!

In Christian Love,
Lou Freeman.

(OK, you younger ones; we frequently hear from you that there is not enough for you to do in the Church. Here's an opportunity for you to do something worthwhile. This is a young sister in Christ, desiring the fellowship of her brothers and sisters. Get out the pen and paper and get to work. How about it?)

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REDVALE, COLORADO

Dear Brethren:

We receive the Courier and enjoy it very much. It helps us quite a lot here, where there are so few of us, not much Christian Fellowship. We are greatly encouraged having news of other Brethren, and to read scriptures that are sent in. Keep up the good work!

Anyone passing through this part of the country, we would appreciate having them stop by either for worship or just to visit.

We are located at Dry Creek Basin, between Dove Creek and Redvale. Our telephone number is 864-7923 Nucla.

Yours, in Christ
Kenneth and Lavetta Wilcher

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STILLWELL, OKLAHOMA

The Church here is doing as well, I guess, as could be expected, considering the conditions in which we are living, have some sickness among our members but not serious.

We all enjoy the paper very much and we commend you brethren for the job you are doing in putting out the paper.

We truly hope that Bro. F.H. Logan and Bro. J.D. Logans daughter are near good health again.

Bro. Hayse Morse has moved back to Stillwell but due to illness was unable to be at Church last Sunday, March 9th., we had one young Sister who had been out of duty come forward and acknowledge her faults and ask for the prayers of the Church. We rejoiced to receive her back into the fold.

We plan if it be God's will to have a meeting in July. The date is July 13th. through 20th. with Brother J.D. Logan, from Stockton, Calif. doing the preaching.

We truly hope the churches every where are doing well. We invite anyone passing through these parts to stop by, visit, and worship with us.

May God help us to know and do his will is our prayers.

Pleasant View Church of Christ, W.E. Daniels

EUGENE, OREGON

I will drop you a line thanking you for the paper you have been sending us. Though we cannot have the pleasure to know all the faithful ones who still believe in the One who died for us and has gone to prepare that home promised for all the faithful, nevertheless it is a comfort to know a few are left to carry on.

The Church at Springfield is still meeting on the Lord's Day doing what we think is right. It would be nice to have more members-it might help to spread the cause. We are always glad when we have visiting ones from other parts-they are always welcome.

Yours in Hope,
Earl L. Jones and all the
Others here.

Late word from Eugene:

Sister Mary Harris and family are in grief over the passing of their eldest son-in-law of a heart-attack. Our deepest sympathy goes to the grieved.

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WATERFORD, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren:

The Waterford congregation commends you for the work you are doing with the paper. We appreciate receiving it very much.

No news, except to report a meeting we plan beginning June 22nd. to 29th inclusive. Bro. Carrel Gray of Hilmar, Calif. will be the speaker.

My prayers are with you in your good work.

With Christian Love,
L.E. Arnett

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SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren:

The congregation at San Pablo is fine. We have had many visitors this month.

Bro.& Sis. Ron Tibbs of Sacramento worshipped with us. We enjoyed having them. Hope they can come again soon.

Bro.& Sis. Jack Cooper's son, David, has a broken collar bone. He is in a cast and doing O.K. We hope he will be out of it soon.

Bro.& Sis. John McKinney of Brentwood,Calif., have a new addition to their family. Threasa Machell was born March 10,1969. The proud Grandparents were here to see the new grand-daughter. They are Bro.& Sister Merle McKinney of Yakima, Wash. Bro.& Sis. Clarence Sage of Grass Valley, Calif.

We enjoy reading the church paper. Keep up the good work.

Yours in Christ,
Gene McKinney

EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers in Tribulation:

We, in Eureka, recieved the Courier and enjoy it very much.

It was read within 20 minutes of receipt by both my wife and I. After which many thoughts came to my mind. The most outstanding was that, of how many of us, the saints of God, have put on the whole armour of God..... "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace:Above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" Eph. 6:13-17

How many of us have this armour on? Oh! many say, Yes!, but are you sure of this?

Dear Brother James says in James 1:22-24 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was."

How many of us look into ourselves and see the armour of God reflected? Without doubt! With a pure holy mind?

This I ask in truth and in prayer.

In the love of Christ,

Bro. N.C.Quinn

P.S. May I say with love in my heart, that I was made sad to hear of the passing on of my brother Roy Dabbs. Our prayers are with those that are in this sadness.

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Brethren at a little later date we received another letter from Brother Quinn. Perhaps some you may be able to assist him.

Dear Christian Brothers;

I write this letter in the prayer that you could possibly help me.

First may I say I don't need help in the form of money, but need assistance in another way.

Recently Asthma has placed its ugly head in my life. I have various allergies that contend for my time. The foremost being household dust and some trees.

The end result has been no heavy labor or in dusty areas that I can work. The only thing in this area is sawmilling, lumber-handling, thus no work for me. My

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general work back ground is janitorial, aircraft mechanic (4 years USAF) and fork-lift operator. I shortly will be 25 years old, am 6ft.2in. and weight is 200lbs.

However my only hope in work lies in light mechanical work, driving professionly or a trainee program of some sort.

I am not asking that you consult employers for me but that you tell of possible employment in your area, if any.

Please don't feel obligated in any way if my request is not convient at this time.

Although I would want near a church if any of you do hear of any possible employment.

In Sincere Prayer,
N.C. Quinn
4468 Walnut Drive
Eureka, California 95501

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LORENZO, TEXAS

Feb. 16,1969:

Kathy Howe, daughter of Brother and Siste Earl Howe was married to Charles Burt. They are now residing in Mineral Wells, Texas. Bro. Charles Burt was baptized a few months prior to their being married. They now attend worship at New Castle, Texas.

Mar. 8,1969:

Becky Loftis, daughter of Brother and Sister Jimmy Loftis was married to Evart Forsman. Bro. Evart Forsman is stationed at Ft. Hood, but has received his orders to go to Viet Nam.

Congratulations to each of these couples. Sorry to hear of Bro. Evart going to Viet Nam, our prayers for his safe return very soon.

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YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Recently 3 young girls were baptized, Cinde Meek, Judy Penuel, and Terrie Simon. Brother Elzia Loveland recently underwent surgery in Yakima, but at last report he had returned home and was doing well. Bro. & Sis. Loveland are the parents of Sis. Veda McCay and Sis. Eva Roby. All who wish to send letters or cards to Bro. Loveland may do in care of Bill McCay 719 East Viola Yakima, Wash. 98901

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SPRINGFIELD, COLORADO

Dear Christian Courier Editors:

Our congregation has dwindled to my wife and I, and two others.

We have had stormy weather the last 3 weeks and the roads drifted with snow so deep we couldn't get away from the garage until the road men came and pushed the snow off the road and up to the garage where I

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took a grain shovel and finished up. Then we had more snow and roads closed. We are 10 miles from town where the church building is located. Six miles of it graded dirt road, then paved Hwy.287 into Springfield. We missed 3 Sunday's of Services there. My wife and I had services at home. Hope the roads are travelable by next Lord's Day.

I'm enclosing a check to help publish the Courier. We enjoy the lessons and the news it contains.

In Love of the Truth,
J.H.Lackey

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YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Brothers in Christ:

Thanks for the good newspaper.

We have lots of good news this time. Bro.& Sister J.D. Johnson from Lakeside, Calif. met with us.

Bro. Harry Dye is feeling much better after his bout in the hospital.

Bro.& Sis. Gene Edwards came for a visit, brought their family consisting of sisters and brothers Sandy, Don, John, Rick and Jeanette. Also their neice, Louise Lytle, which we baptized on Sunday evening in the new baptistry in Somerton. Two precious Sisters asked for the prayers of the Church.

Brother Orendorff has been to Lakeside,Calif.again recently on his way to visit his Dad in a nursing home.

Sis. Childress is still under a doctor's care. She would surely appreciate your prayers for return of good health.

Bro. V.E. Staggs gave our lesson last Sunday morning. He brought out an excellent comparison to buying a house here on earth, as to our paying for a mansion in heaven by working.

Remember us in your prayers, we always remember all of you.

The Church in Yuma, Arizona

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Anyone knowing of a church in Tucson, Arizona? Sister Lela Cline recently moved there and wishes to be able to meet with a loyal congregation near if it is possible. Anyone wishing to help her find one or anyone who knows of one, please let her know immediately. Her address is: Lela Cline 3993 East Timrod, Tucson, Ariz. Phone: 314-3250140.

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Brother Earl Jones of Eugene,Oregon sent us the following Jingle for the cause.

Someday, we'll cross that lonesome river,
Where many souls have gone before,
Waiting there to hear the trumpet,
Sounding from that Golden Shore.
It can't be long

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So let's be ready,
When the call comes loud and clear,
Twill be sweet to hear that welcome,
Weary pilgrim, have no fear.
If we had more time to tell you,
If we had more time to pray,
Maybe more would get the message,
And not throw their lives away.
But this road is so full of pitfalls,
It's so easy to go wrong,
It's so hard to stop the traffic,
Just to listen to my song.

By Earl L Jones

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BROTHER DANIELS sent this little poem; he thought someone might like it. There is really more truth than poetry.)

THE BAR

The name of each saloon, a bar
The fittest of its name by far,
A bar to heaven, a door to hell
Whoever named it, named it well.
A bar to manliness and wealth
A door to want and broken health,
A bar to honor, pride, and fame
A door to grief, sin, and shame.
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer
A door to darkness and despair,
A bar to honored, useful life
A door to brawling, senseless strife.
A bar to all that's true and brave
A door to every drunkard's grave,
A bar to joys that home imparts
A door to tears and aching hearts.
A bar to heaven, a door to hell
Whoever named it, named it well.

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NEWS OF MEETINGS

Brethren:

Spring is here, and summer is fast approaching. This is traditionally the time of increased activity. We need to be planning for our activities for the entire year. During the past month we received news of several congregations' plans for the coming summer. We are printing these for your benefit.

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA
March 30 through April 6
Brother Tom Broadway, of Grant's Pass, Oregon, Speaker.

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Grant's Pass, Oregon

May 4 through May 11
Brother Curtis McClusky
of Sacramento, Cal. Speaker

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YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

June 6 through June 13
Brother Sammy Boen of
Fort Smith, Ark. Speaker

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BOONVILLE, CALIFORNIA
Far West Camp Meeting

June 15 through June 22
Different speaker every
day

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WATERFORD, CALIFORNIA

June 22 through June 29
Carrel Gray, of Hilmar,
California, Speaker.

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STILLWELL, OKLAHOMA

July 13 through July 20
J D Logan of Stokton,
California, Speaker.

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FURNISH CANYON, COLORADO

July 20 through July 27
Brother W A Nelson of
Somerton, Arizona, Speaker

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DELTA, COLORADO

July 27 through Aug 3
The camp meeting in the
Rocky Mountain States.
Different speakers each
day.

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We are waiting for final developments on the Lorenzo, Texas meeting sometime in July. We will report this in May's Courier.

Also, we of Modesto, California are planning a second meeting late in August. We intend to have Brother W A Nelson, of Somerton, Arizona to do the preaching for us. Brother Nelson is a very able speaker of many years' experience. We hope many congregations will make use of his services as time will permit.

All of you who are planning meetings for this summer, (and all should), let us know quickly, and we will publish the particulars. There are brethren travelling who would like to know and attend.

Keep up the good work!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

The following is the report on the finances of the Courier to date. We have not acknowledged each contributor individually, as some have requested that we do not do so. Also, the list is very long. If, however you would like to have an individual accounting, we will be more than happy to supply upon request.

First, let us acknowledge with our appreciation the help and cooperation of Brother Roy Snodderly, of La Habra, California, who sent the machines and a good supply of paper with which to begin operations. This helped very much, and cut operation costs initially. The future costs will perhaps be slightly greater.

Sept	Contributions	57.00
Oct	"	101.00
Nov & Dec	"	109.00
Jan	"	61.00
Feb	"	58.54
Mar	"	49.00
	Total Contributions	435.54
Postage	Oct - Nov	12.00
"	Dec	6.00
"	Jan - Feb	15.00
"	Mar - April	15.00
Post Office Box Rental Sept -June		5.67
Repair and Service on Equipment		101.53
Supplies		71.08
	Total expenses	225.28
	Balance on hand as of April 1, 1969	210.26