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GOSPEL MEETING DATES
Is your meeting listed ?

These are the meeting dates we have receieved thus far. If we are in error, or have omitted any, please correct us. PLEASE NOTE: Delta Camp Meeting date has been changed since we printed the last issue.

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON-June 6- June 13-Bro. Sammy Boen
WATERFORD,CALIFORNIA-June 22-June 29-Bro. Carrel Gray
FAR WEST CAMP MEETING, BOONVILLE, CALIF.-June 15-June22
YUMA, ARIZONA-June 20-June 27-Bro. Sammy Boen
LORENZO, TEXAS-July 5- July 12-Bro. J.D. Logan
BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA-July 13-July 20-Bro. Bill McCay
STILWELL,OKLAHOMA-July 13-July 20-Bro. J.D. Logan
FURNISH CANYON, COLORADO-July 20-July 27-Bro.W.A.Nelson
DELTA COLORADO CAMP MEETING, DELTA,COLO.-Aug.3-Aug.10
GRASS VALLEY,CALIFORNIA-Aug. 17-Aug. 24-Bro.W.A.Nelson
MODESTO, CALIFORNIA -Aug.24- Aug.31-Bro. W.A. Nelson
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON-Nov. 23-Nov.30-Bro. Horace Orendorff

REMEMBER THESE DATES! Plan your trips,with this in mind.

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IT'S ALL UP TO YOU!

You are the fellow who has to decide
Whether you'll do it or toss it aside
You are the fellow who makes up your mind
Whether you lead or will linger behind,
Whether you'll try for the goal that's afar
Or just be contented to stay where you are.
Take it or leave it! Here's something to do!
Just think it over---it's all up to you!

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Write to us! This is important, inasmuch as this is YOUR paper. Write good, brief Scriptural articles. Avoid trafficking in controversy.It is true that almost every subject in the Bible is controversial to someone, but in the small space affored us, we can ill afford to engage in public debate on subjects that should be settled in private. We need articles that ANYONE will profit by...

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his." Romans 8:9

Fellow Christians, do you posess the Spirit of Christ? If you do, then you have the spirit of LOVE. Eph. 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." We are not only told to love each other, but to love our enemies also. Luke 6:35, "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest; for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."

The Spirit of Christ is obedience. Heb. 5:8-9, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." Truly obedience is obeying the New Testament scriptures.

Looking to Matt. 24:45-46, we find the Spirit of Christ is forgiveness. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." Brethren, are we abiding in the word of God all the time or only when it's convienent to us? A warning: Brethren, remember we know not the hour when the Lord cometh!

Reading Luke 23:24, we see the Spirit of Christ is forgiveness. "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots," We are told to forgive one another of our transgressions. If we do not forgive others their transgressions, how do we expect God to forgive us of our transgressions?

In living as a Christian, we know we have to have courage. The Spirit of Christ is courage Psa. 27:14, "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage,and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." God has promised never to forsake us or leave us. His yoke is easy and his burden light and will provide a way of escape if our trials are too heavy to bear. We can tell our troubles to God through prayer, calling on the name of the Father in Christ's name. The Spirit of Christ is prayer. Lu. 6:12, "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." We are told also to pray one for another, and continue steadfastly in prayer. Brethren, if you have the Spirit of Christ, then these things must abound in you!

In Christian Faith,
Gene McKinney

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD, THE TRUTH, THE GOSPEL. This article is continued from the April issue of the Courier. Sent in by Brother J.H. Lackey.

In Romans 1:16, Paul reveals: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the POWER OF GOD unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Verse 17: "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

Heb. 11:1-3, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." "For by it the elders obtained a good report." "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Verse 6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." God's word produces Faith. Rom. 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Jno. 6:44-45, Jesus said, "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." So it is necessary to hear of the facts and promises of God. And John, ending his gospel John 20:30-31, tells us that he wrote for the purpose of inducing us to believe in Christ and be saved, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing ye might have life through his name." Rom. 10:8-10, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart; that is, the word of faith which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." We not only must believe in Christ, but we must confess that we believe, as the eunuch in Acts 8:26-40 when Philip preached Christ to him,"....and as they went on their way, they came to a certain water and the eunuch said, 'See here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?' And Philip said,'If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.' And he answered and said,'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' 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." He not only believed what Philip preached to him (Christ), but confessed that he believed it. Why did he wish to be baptized? Because, just before He ascended, Christ commanded his disciples

to GO into ALL the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Now let us turn to Rom. 1:16, Paul declares,"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek," Jno. 6:63 Jesus says, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." Paul writing to the Ephesians Chapter 2:1-2 says, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:" Verse 13, "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our Peace..." Verse 19, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

The word of God Sanctifies, Cleanses, Purifies and Saves when we believe the gospel and render obedience to it, as Paul reminds the Corinthians in 1 Cor. 15:1-4, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:" He preached to them the Gospel, they received it, stood in it, and were saved by it. If they kept it in memory, we are to do the same."Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of Life that fadeth not away." Rev. 2:10.

Jesus praying for His disciples,"...sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth." Acts 20:32 "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheirtance among all them which are sanctified." Back to Jno. 17:19, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." 1 Thess. 2:13, "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through santification and belief of the truth." Paul compares the relationship of husband and wife to the Church and Christ. Eph. 5:25-26, "Husband, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word," (The Truth.) 1 Peter 1:22-25 "Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned

love ofthhe brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." Rom. 6:17-18, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteouness."

They obeyed the form of doctrine mentioned in the first part of Romans 6:1-5, "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." He was raised to walk in a new life as Head of the Church, sat on the right hand of God, angels principalities made subject to Him, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. When we are baptized for the remission of our sins, we are buried and raised again in water, born of Water (CAME OUT) and the Spirit. Jno. 3:5-8 These are the first things mentioned that we do with Christ, Baptized into Christ, into His Death, then raised to walk a new life. Is there any other way to get into Christ except to be BAPTIZED into HIM? 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Gal. 3:25-27, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Col. 2:12 "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are raised with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." When we do this we have fulfilled the requirements of the Lord. Mk. 16 says, "Go ye therefore and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Matt. 28:19, " Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." In verse 20, he says, "Lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

Due to the lenght of this article we have had to divide it into three parts. Sorry that we couldn't have room last issue for the second part, but hope to print the conclusion of this subject in the next issue. As we have dealt with the power of the word mostly, in saving our souls. Next, Bro.Lackey will study with us the need of remaining saved. Let's see what the Bible says....

GRANT'S PASS, OREGON

We just concluded our meeting with Bro C C McCluskey doing the speaking. We enjoyed the many good points brought out in the sermons. We had good attendance on the weekends, also several visitors from out of town during the past couple of weeks. Among them were Bro and Sis Merle McKinney and their grandchildren Roger, Bobby, Carol, and Jimmy Lamb, also Cheryl Roby, Bro and Sis Howard McCay, daughter Alyce, Terri Sermon, Judy Penuel, Bro and Sis Ellis Forsman and family, and Sis Belle Taylor of Yakima, Washington. Bro and Sis John McKinney and daughters of Brentwood, Calif., Sis. Anna Patterson and children, Bro Jerry Orendorff and family of Eugene, Oregon, Sis. Sage of Grass Valley, Calif., Bro. and Sis. Hunt of Garden Grove, California. We wish to thank all of you for your attendance and help during our meeting.

This past weekend, May 18th we enjoyed the company and fellowship of several visitors also. Bro. and Sis. Al Burtis and their children, Kay, Connie, and Randy, and Sis. Ellen Jean McCay of Modesto, and Bro. and Sis. Roy McCay of Eugene, Oregon. Bro. Roy delivered us a fine sermon and is an able speaker. Bro. and Sis. Bill McCay and children, Mike, Terri, and Kelly, and Lynette Meek of Yakima, Washington. We hope we made you feel at home and please come again, as often as you can.

Bro. Fay Kellems missed the last weekend of the meeting due to illness but is fine now. We sure love to be able to attend all the meetings that are scheduled and hear all the wonderful sermons, but---one little problem----time and money!

The Church at Grant's Pass

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WATERFORD, CALIFORNIA

The church at Waterford is getting along very well. We plan to have all day services the two Sundays during our meeting June 22-29, with Bro. Carrel Gray speaking. He has had a considerable amout of illness lately. We hope he will be able to speak without much difficulty. We cordially invite one and all to our meeting.

Brother John Smith had surgery and may have to go in for another. He and Sister Smith are able to attend services again.

Bro. and Sis. Elmo Brown are the proud grand-parents of identical twin boys, born to their daughter, Sis. June Digby, April 30, in Modesto. June and her

husband, Lee, have two other children. Paul Garrett and Perry Barrett weighed 5-11 and 5# respectively. June is the grand-daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roy Brown and Bro. and Sis. Floyd Morse, of Modesto.

Don't forget our meeting June 22-29. Come, and be with us. Our address is 11844 Yosemite Blvd, Waterford We are located on Hwy 132, 12 miles east of Modesto.

L E Arnett

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

The congregation at Modesto is doing very well, excepting a few illnesses. Bro. Kenneth Perry was injured in an accident at work, spent about a week in the hospital, and is progressing well at this time. Anyone wishing to send him a card, the address is 3325 Polaris, Modesto, California 95350.

We have had some visitors here of late in our congregation and it is always nice to have them. Sis. Lonie Lindley, Bro. and Sis. Gene McKinney and daughters, Bro. and Sis. Weakley's son-in-law, Jim Piona. Bro. Bert Weakley is on a trip to Oklahoma visiting his Mother.

Bro. and Sis. Dean Guyer are proud grandparents of a 6 pound baby girl, Kimberly Lorene, born May 24th to Gary and Pat Guyer. They have a son besfdes Kimberly. Congratulations!

Anyone passing our way is invited to come and worship with us and be with us in our homes. Remember our next meeting is August 24th, starting in the evening and ending August 31 with Bro. W A Nelson of Yuma, Arizona doing the speaking. Attend if at all possible, any or all of the services that week nightly at 7:30, corner of Glenn and Dallas Streets in Modesto.

The Modesto Congregation

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DELTA, COLORADO

Dear Brethren:

In regards to our meeting in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, we had a fine meeting and the attendance was real good. We had no visible results, but feel we gained a great amount of love and fellowship with the members of that congregation. We want to thank those of other congregations for their attendance. It helped my wife and myself very much. We want to thank those of the "Tiner" congre-

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gation who attended. We also enjoyed our visit with Bro. and Sis. Queen and all the rest with which we had the opportunity to visit. Our thanks go to the members of the Church at Broken Bow for the love and the courtesy they showed us while we were in their homes. We hope and pray that we may be able to be with them again, for it gave us much uplifting in the spirit of love and understanding.

Our thanks go also to Bro. and Sis. Earl Atchley of Baron Church, and Bro. and Sis. Sammy Boen and family of Stilwell Church for coming and being with us for part of our meeting.

We left Broken Bow Sunday afternoon and journeyed to Stilwell, Oklahoma, and on to Baron where I spoke that evening. Bro. and Sis. Sammy Boen's eldest son, Mickey, was baptized, which made us very happy. We rejoice to have another new babe born in Christ.

After leaving Baron, we came on to my mother's home and spent a few days, then on home. We were very tired, but happy.

We had a new baby born here yesterday, May 25, in the afternoon, Robert Wade Wilkerson, weighing 8 lbs. 2 ozs. The proud parents are robert Wayne and Vernie Wilkerson. The first grand-son of Bro. and Sis. James Wilkerson. Congratulations!

Don't forget our camp meeting here in August. Plan and be with us. The date is August 3rd to August 10th.

Again, we want to thank everyone for the way they treated us along the way. We pray for everyone's love as we travel the Road of Preparation in this life. May God bless and keep you all is our prayer.

We think the paper is great.

This is written in Christian Love,

Ken and Verlie Baldwin.

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BOONVILLE, CALIFORNIA

The time is rapidly approaching for our first FAR WEST CAMP MEETING, June 15 thru 22. We hope you are planning to be with us. Everything looks good from this end. The facilities should be all in order for the first to arrive.

Pam and I, along with Bro. and Sis. Gene McKinney, of Brentwood, Calif. were at Boonville two weeks ago

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and the facilities were almost in order then. We are going back one more time before opening weekend.

If there are any who wish to go in and be settled on Saturday before opening, this is alright. However, it will be necessary to be ready to leave on Sunday, the last weekend, as that will be opening day for the regular summer camp-school.

Also, there has been some misunderstanding on one point. Despite the rumors to the contrary, there will be no baby-sitting service. We are making arrangements for insurance for the week of the camp.

You will have to bring your own bedding or sleeping bags. It may be necessary to bring some sweaters or jackets for early morning and evening outings. Also, the Pacific Ocean is about 30 miles from camp, and you may wish to go there, and the wind can get chilly at times.

For those who wish to fish, there is the Navarro river with a good population of Trout, and also the ocean, where you can rock and surf fish.

There is a small pool in the river prepared for those who wish to swim or wade, and also a small beach for the little kiddies.

There is ample parking space for those who wish to bring campers or trailers.

Also, some have asked about bringing food. If you wish to bring your own food, you may, but you must eat it in your own cabin. California food laws will not permit home canned or prepared food to be served in public. You may bring fresh vegetables if you wish.

Please remember, this is a camp located in 360 acres of woodland. We will only get out of it what we put in it. We have the priviledge of spending one week in beautiful surroundings with our brethren. What could be better? So come, prepared to make this camp a resounding success, and that is exactly what it will be.

Yours, in Christ,

J D Logan.

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REMEMBER !

The Delta camp-meeting will not be held as originally scheduled. This was not the fault of the Brethren at Delta, but the owners of the camp. The dates are: AUGUST 3 through AUGUST 10. Don't forget !

ON THE "SUNDAY SCHOOL"

We recently came upon a written piece in the paper that should be of interest to all of us in the Church of Christ. Concerning the subject, "Sunday School Confronted with Ecumenical Change or Decline into Oblivion", the following is observed, "EVER SINCE IT WAS LAUNCHED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 19TH CENTURY, THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS TENDED TO COPY THE STRUCTURE AND TECHNIQUE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL".

Now this is an honest statement. It also happens to be true. It is to be regretted that those of the Church of Christ who have adopted this denominational practice cannot be so candid in their observations. The fact of the matter is that in observing the sunday school as it is practiced in the Church of Christ, and also in the denominational bodies, one cannot discern one iota of difference. As an institution, it is the same. I well remember when a very young boy in the sunday school, how the literature used was from a central publishing house; many times not printed by the church. Also, I can recollect my father teaching a class of young people who were very unmanageable. The elder instructed him to use "cross-word puzzles, or anything" to keep them quiet.

While this is an obviously extreme case, it does point up one fact; what can happen when you introduce an unscriptural practice into the worship of the Church. Some make a point of contending these "classes" are not a part of the Church worship, while at the same time, in their attempts to cloak the practice with a mantle of scripturality, they insist these "classes" are under the auspices of the elders, and whenever one passes by their places of worship, the schedules of "classes" can be read on the reader boards in a very public manner. This smells suspiciously as though they really do believe these classes are part of their worship. OF COURSE, THE BIBLE SPEAKS NOWHERE OF THIS INSTITUTION!

Going farther, the article states, (quoting a national magazine), "--all education today is in ferment, WITH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL A SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CHURCH". This is nothing new. We of the Church of Christ have fought this scriptural error ever since it was introduced into the worship of the Church. Many of the Church of Christ have accepted this innovation and are today defending it as a scriptural practice. In doing so, they are perpetuating one scheme of Satan which he has used to divide the Body of Christ. How anyone could fail to see the destructiveness of this device, and the extent to which it has driven divisions into the unity of the Christian Body is more than I can conceive. ITS DESIGN IS OBVIOUS TO ALL !

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SOMERTON, ARIZONA

Sister Carrie Jane Long departed this life April 20,1969. She was 85 yrs. of age. Leaves 3 sons and 1 daughter, 3 preceeded her in death. She had lived in the Yuma Valley since 1919. Was a very faithful Sister in Christ.

Brother W.A. Nelson has a new address as of June 1st.For those who would like it for any reason, we are printing it: W.A. Nelson 325 May Ave., Yuma, Arizona 85364.

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YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Brethren in Christ;

On Easter Sunday our sermon was from 1 John 1:7 by Bro. Harry Dye, then he talked in Somerton the next Wed. night.

Sis. Sue Fugate has visited us while her husband is stationed at the Air Base near here. Sis. Gladys Rutledge brought her nephew, Charley Speawn and Sister Grace Melton brought her grand-daughter, India Edwards.

Sis. Hughes is home after a lengthy stay in the hospital. Bro. & Sis. Prinke are enjoying good health and able to attend regularly.

We plan a gospel meeting with Brother Sammy Boen of Fort Smith, Ark., Friday, June 20 to Friday June 27th. It will start before the Boonville camp meeting ends,but we hope some will be able to attend on their way home. Anyone wishing to call for the time and location of place of worship or a place to stay, call Bro. Orendorff-783-7664 or Bro. Dye-783-8258.

In Christian Love,
The Church of Christ
Yuma, Arizona

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SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren;

The brethren here at San Pablo are fine. Sis.Cooper has been ill with pneumonia, but she is over it now and slowly regaining strength.

We had some visitors from Modesto, Bro. & Sis. Al Burtis and family, Bro. & Sis. Dean Guyer and daughter, Sheila, and Ellen Jean McCay. We enjoyed having them & hope to see them again soon.

In Christian Love,
Gene McKinney

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PEORIA, ARIZONA

Dear Editors;

We still meet at 75th. & Grand Ave. in Peoria, but the mailing address is Rt. 1, Box 660, Glendale, Arizona

Bro. Abram Labato has moved up from Tucson. We have two new members, Bro. Ron Hickman and Sis. Karen Hickman.

We haope anyone passing thru will plan to stop and meet with us. If you need any assistance in finding us, call any member. Here are three; Bro. John Shepherd

THE BIBLE

I contain the lives of Holy men
And wondrous tales I tell,
Of all the things they said and did
And the reasons why some fell.

And those who sit with me awhile and roam
And roam my pages through.
May she the mistakes of mankind
Set put in open view.

I am the remains of happiness
For all of Gods envoys,
I am the gate that leads into
That lasting land of joys.

I am the window for the world
At which is kept displayed,
The best, the worst, that men have done
And the best man ever made.

Oh, whether it be north or south
Or distant east or west,
I show the dwelling beautiful
With its sweet celestial rest.

I am a million souls in one
Unmarred by Satans snare,
I show the glory of the Lord
And the cross He had to bear.

They know me as a Bible
And yet on lonely nights
I bring them scenes of glory
Of heaven and its delights.

For often when the day is done
And duties flags are furled,
I take the family touring
Through the ages of the world.

by Bert Weakley

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From a little church bulletin, we clipped this question and answer, thinking it worthwhile.

Q. "I must confess that as a teenager I am bored. My parents have always given me everything I need, however, to go to church just bores me. I hate to hurt their feelings because they have been so good. What can I do?"

A. You go to church! It will not hurt you to be bored a little. Try to exercise your mental capacities while you are there. Our brains are extremely lazy. There are moments in any sermon that will thrill and challenge you if you exercise your mental accumen to its full capacity. Remember your parents love you with an unselfish love. This is true of no one else in the world. Obey them...