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I Am What I Am Because

First of all, I thank God for the blessings bestowed upon my three brothers and myself. My mother and father were strong in the faith of God through his Son Jesus Christ and blessed us with the knowledge of Good and Evil. This came about by taking us (whether we wanted to or not) to every church service. After supper our father would read a chapter from the bible, and have prayer. If someone would come to the house before reading and prayer, they were invited to sit in. If they refused, they would leave and come back. This was the rule without exception. Another rule without exception was obedience to the truth and to our mother and father. Oh, Oh, how I used to hate the switch and the razor strap. At the time I thought I was being treated terribly, but through all this time, I was being corrected. They called it love and I called it cruelty. One of the thoughts they had in mind was:

Prov. 22:6 - *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*



Regardless of the teachings and the corrections, I wanted to find what life was all about. That didn't take long, because of what Christ had done. When I obeyed the word of the Lord and became his child, he gave me something he gives to everyone of his children. He sent unto me the Comforter, the Holy Spirit:

John 14:16 - *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;"*

John 14:17 - *"Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."*

Christ is the cause of us having the Comforter; first by his death on the cross, and then by his word.

John 14:26 - *"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."*

1 Cor. 3:16 - *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"*

1 Cor. 3:17 - *"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."*

Just as Christ told the apostles the Spirit would bring back to remembrance the things he had taught them. This same Spirit brings back to remembrance the things we have been taught.

James 5:16 - *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."*

Not only had I received the teachings of the Lord, but also received the prayers of the righteous. Why does it take so long to realize how much we have going for us, spiritually and physically as well as materially. What is the thing that will defile the temple of God other than sin: **NOTHING.** Then, if we sin, we defile the temple of God. Then why doesn't God destroy us at the time we sin?

Rom. 6:11 - *"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Rom. 6:12 - *"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."*

If we say we are going to do it anyway, regardless of the consequences, we are playing with destruction, because we are lusting after something. Therefore, this lust is deep within us and unless we expel this lust, it will take over our soul and God is not slack concerning his promises.

2 Pet. 3:9 - *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*

Eph. 4:22 - *"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;"*

Eph. 4:23 - *"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;"*

Eph. 4:30 - *"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."*

Isaiah 7:13 - *"And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?"*

We can not undo the things we have done, but can overcome them through the blood of Christ by repentance.

Eph. 5:17 - *"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."*

Just as it is the will of the Lord that we come to repentance, this was also the will of our parents. As Christ delivered this knowledge to the apostles, our forefathers, our fathers, so also should we pass this knowledge to our children and our children's children. Does God defile our temple? **NO**. Does the devil defile our temple? **NO.** Then who does defile our temple? **WE DO**. No one can defile our temple but ourselves. Therefore when we stop grieving the Holy Spirit by cleansing ourselves by the blood of Christ, we can do as Paul did.

Phil. 3:13 - *"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,"*

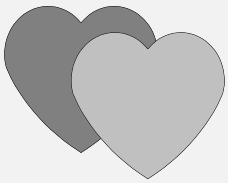
Phil. 3:14 - *"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

Paul said: Pray, Pray, Pray without ceasing for ourselves, our brethren, and for sinners.

NOBODY'S FRIEND (from the Wall Street Journal):

"My name is Gossip. I have no respect for Justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. My enemies cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless night, heart aches and indigestion. I make innocent people cry in their pillows. I make headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it harmless? Is it necessary? If it isn't, don't repeat it."

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THE HEART OF A CHILD

Whatever you write on the heart of a child

No water can wash away.

The sand may be shifted when billows are wild

and the efforts of time may decay.

Some stories may perish, some songs be forgot.

But this graven record-time changed it not.

Whatever you write on the heart of a child,

A story of gladness or care.

The heaven has blessed or earth has defiled.

Will linger unchangeable there.

- Anonymous

Promises of God: What Are

They?

2 Peter 1:2-4, *"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."*

Here Peter is telling us that God has given us some exceeding great and precious promises, so we can be partakers of the divine nature.

Question: What is this divine nature that we are partakers of? God has given us a lot of promises so we can partake of this nature; so, some of these promises we want to keep in mind.

2 Tim. 3:12, *"...all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."* Read 2 Thessalonians, chapter 2, and see how we are to live and look out for that man of sin. These false teachers shall make merchandise of you (2 Peter 2:3).

2 Peter 2:18-20, *"For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure* (or draw) *through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning."*

2 Peter 3:9, *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness..."* Then verse 10, *"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise..."* God has promised us this will happen, and he has not failed one of his promises. Verse 13, *"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."* Seeing we are to look for these things (verse 14), *"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)"* (Heb. 10:23). So we see he has promised to us eternal life; and this is in his Son (1 John 5:13).

Now what he has not promised: He has not promised us he will accept excuses (Luke 14:16-20), for it makes him very angry. And he said in verse 24 that those that were bidden *"shall eat of my supper."*

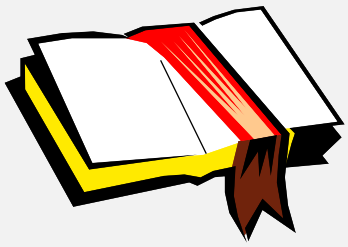
He has not promised another day, for our life is as *"a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away"* (James 4:13-14), as Job also said (Job 14:1-3). He has not promised to hear a sinner's prayer (John 9:31), for our sins hide his face from us (Isaiah 59:1-2). He has not promised to give us a life free from hardships (2 Tim. 3:12). We shall suffer persecution (unconditional promises).

He promised that the world would not be desecrated by water anymore (Gen. 9:12-17). He has promised the destruction of the world (2 Peter 3:10). He has promised he would descend from heaven in flaming fire, and the wicked will be punished with everlasting destruction (2 Thess. 1:7-10). All the promises are unconditional.

Now let us look at some conditional promises. He has promised to forgive our sins on the condition that we believe and are baptized (Mark 16:16). We are to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins and we will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38).

He has promised if we will come to Him we would find rest to our souls (Matt. 11:28-30. He has promised he would forgive the erring Christian (James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10; 1 John 2:1-2).

He has said, *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were*



"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, . . .

- 2 Pet 3:9

not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." (John 14:1-4).

Also, verse 12, *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."*
These promises of God are conditional. John 14:21, *"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."* The promises of God are *"exceeding great and precious...that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature"* (2 Peter 1:4). He has promised He would descend from heaven *"in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (2 Thess. 1:7-9).

So brethren, let us judge ourselves, and not someone else. Question: Can we see the beam in our own eye? (Matt. 7:2-5).

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Baptism

Baptism and its Preceding Steps (Column No. 3)

In our first monthly column on baptism, we explored God's plan of salvation from the beginning. It started with us in our sins, and showed His steps and the steps he expects us to complete for saving us from those sins. As we showed last month, both His steps and our steps are part of His grace.

This month we wish to explore further the relationship between the steps He expects us to complete. Specifically, we will look at the relationship between baptism and each of the other steps.



First of all, the relationship between faith and baptism is a very solidly established principle in the Bible. Let's look first to Gal. 3:26-27. *"For ye are all the children of God by <u>faith</u> in Christ Jesus. For* (a connecting word) *as many of you as have been <u>baptized</u> into Christ have put on Christ."* Col. 2:12 explains it further. *"Buried with him in <u>baptism</u>, wherein also ye are risen with him through the <u>faith</u> of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."* Many scriptures show different aspects of one or the other, but these show they must work together.

The relationship between repentance and baptism was established by Peter in Acts 2:38, after those who crucified Jesus asked him what to do. *"Then Peter said unto them, <u>Repent</u>, and be <u>baptized</u> **<u>every one of you</u>** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."*

We will remain in Acts, and move forward to the record of Philip and the Eunuch to show the relationship between confession and baptism. Let's read Acts 8:36-38, *"And as they went on their way, they came unto 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 (the confession required of us all, I Jn. 4:15). 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."*

A curious thing about this passage of scripture is that it is challenged by some in the religious world. In fact the 37th verse (the eunuch's confession) is not in some modern translations such as the NIV.

The reason it is challenged, and not in some translations, is because this verse is not in the manuscripts of Acts currently known about throughout the world.

The thing we must understand is that these current manuscripts are not the original one that Luke wrote; and in fact are not nearly that old. Further, most of, if not all of these manuscripts are owned by the Catholic church, who are famous for changing God's word. And when you think about it, Catholics baptize babies, who of course cannot make a verbal confession.

Now the fact is; while this verse isn't on any current manuscripts, it was referred to by second century historians. This gives me full confidence in its authenticity.

The relationship between confession and baptism is further established in Rom. 10:10-13, *"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* Here we see a link made in this passage between confession and calling on the name of the Lord. And in Acts 22:16, Ananias tells Saul that we call on the name of the Lord by baptism. *"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."*

What I have tried to remind you of through all this, is that none of these steps work alone in our salvation. They are all important, they are all necessary, and they all work together for our salvation.

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Did You Know?

There has always been an assault against God and his word by critics in this world; and perhaps no one knew this better than Jesus, who suffered much because of their hatred. This hatred arose because the things they heard went contrary to their existing beliefs and life-style. They tried to appease their consciences by denouncing the speaker as a false prophet, so they could continue their sin unabated.

Solomon, who was granted by God great wisdom like none other (1 Kings 3:12), has been assailed for centuries for his statements concerning the ants: *"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest"* (Prov. 6:6-8). Also, *"The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer"* (Prov. 30:25).



These critics, some of whom were noted as authorities on the life and habits of ants, were quick to point out that ants do not store up their food (Klotz, J. W., *Genes, Genesis, and Evolution*, 1972, pp. 2-3). Statements such as this, especially when given by such men of renown and authority, have shaken the faith of many. It may be true that all known species of ants in this country and Europe do not store up their food; however, these critics were too anxious to show their prejudice against the word of God based upon incomplete studies.

William Wheeler, who was also a noted authority on ants, answered these critics by stating that there are two species of ants (*Messor barbarus* and *Messor structor*) that live in the Palestine and other Mediterranean regions, and another specie of ants (*Messor arenarius*) that lives in North Africa, that do store up their food (Wheeler, William M., *Ants: Their Structure, Development and Behaviour*, 1913, p. 269). The habitat of these ants were clearly within Solomon's observation.

These men (critics) thought they were wise, but a true wise man (Solomon) indicated that an incomplete testimony is shameful: *"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him"* (Prov. 18:13).

It doesn't matter that they thought they were right. Their hasty judgments cost them their reputation. *"Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour"* (Eccl. 10:1).

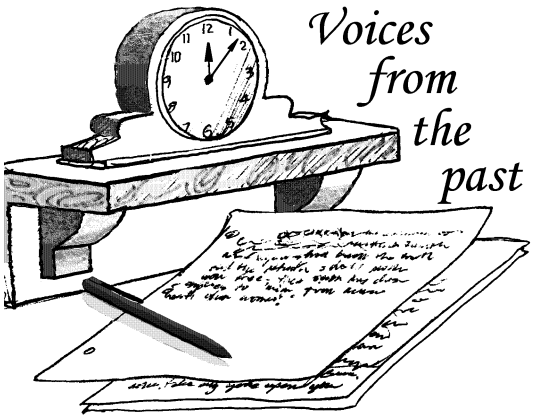
The accuracy of God's word still stands true, and His wisdom unequaled.

In love of the truth,
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Child Training

"...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."-Rev 14:13



Training our children properly is a responsibility no parent can dodge. We may evade doing it as God has commanded us, but we will have to meet it in the judgment. It seems to be the idea today that it is the church's responsibility to raise every one's children while the parents take care of their secular and social matters. Nothing is further from the truth.

We also have many "wise persons" who tell us that it is inhuman to inflict physical punishment on our children. If we do we will break Junior's will power and damage him in many ways. And so many refuse to properly correct their children and also refuse to let them be corrected at school. But what hath the Lord said? what hath the Lord spoken?

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son:" (Prov. 13:24).

"But he that loveth his son chasteneth him betimes" (Prov. 13:24).

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Prov. 22:15).

"Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod and shalt deliver his soul from hell" (Prov. 23:13-14).

"The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul" (Prov. 29:15,17).

Yes, these things were written to the Jews; but they were written for our admonition and learning (1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4).

So brother, sister, we had better take heed to the Lord.

Paul shows that for fathers to correct their children is comparable to God correcting his. See Hebrews 12:9-11. To follow man's ways will get us into trouble. The way that seemeth right to man leads to death. (Prov. 14:12). It is not in man that walks to direct his steps. (Jer. 10:23). God's thoughts are not ours, nor our ways are not his. (Isa. 55:8). His thoughts and ways are as far above ours as the heavens are above the earth. (Isa. 55:9).

God will destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. (1 Cor. 1:19). God has made foolish the wisdom of the world. (1 Cor. 1:20). The world by its wisdom cannot know God. (1 Cor. 1:21). Our faith does not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. (1 Cor. 2:5). The wisdom of this world and the princes of this world is coming to naught. (1 Cor. 2:6). If we think we are wise in this world we must become as fools that we may be wise. (1 Cor. 3:18). The wisdom of the world is foolishness with God. (1 Cor. 3:19). The thoughts of the wise are vain. (1 Cor. 3:20). So, we had better skip the advise of these "wise persons" and obey God, and properly correct our children.

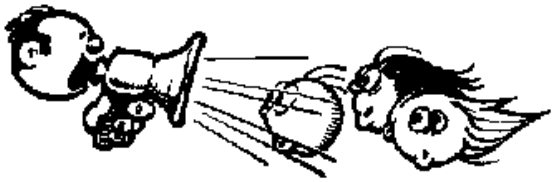
"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4). This is a positive command of the Lord direct to us. So many times we see boys and girls who are old enough to go to school wander about the church house during service. This is bad enough when teaching or singing, but while prayer is in progress it looks like they needed a lot of teaching. Not only are they failing to show the people the proper respect but also our Heavenly Father. Not only are we to control our children (Titus 1:6; 1 Tim. 3:4-5; Eph. 6:4), but the parents are under obligation to teach their children the word of God. The Jews were commanded to teach the WORD to their sons

and their son's sons. (Deut. 4:9; Isa. 38:19; Psalms 78:5-6; Deut. 32:46; Prov. 22:6). All of these scriptures show explicitly that the parents were to teach their children the word of the Lord. Placing the obligation squarely on them. And it did not say some watered down stuff put out by man either. It was to be God's law, His Word. And don't forget these things were written for our admonition and learning. 1 Cor. 10:11, Rom. 15:14, besides Eph. 6:4 directly commands it. You will notice God made no excuse for us if we did not know His Word; it's our business to learn it so we cannot only teach our own children, but other people.

This is not a job to be done occasionally when we can find nothing else to do, *"and ye shall teach them, your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and as thou riseth up."* (Deut. 11:19). Notice brother, sister, parents, this is your job. YOUR CHILDREN. (Eph. 6:4).



Sometimes brethren are afraid to urge their children relative to these things and to going to church, for fear they might cause them to get discouraged. However, you will notice God never put in any such provisos; we are the author of these excuses. Oh, brethren, when will we wake up! Notice how continuous this teaching was to be done in Deut. 11:19. There is also something very interesting about the congregational teaching. Deut. 31:11-13: *"When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which He shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: And that their children which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God,*



as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it." You will notice they were to be GATHERED TOGETHER, both Jew and the stranger, with both their children. Hence, we see the Lord's plan was to teach all together and not to divide the children and their elders in numerous groups. Neither do we see a room for the little tots to play in during the service; but all were GATHERED TOGETHER. And notice further, they were taught ALL THE WORDS OF THE LAW, and not a watered down fragment of it. Furthermore, don't forget these things were written for our admonition and learning. (1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4).

The New Testament teaches us the same lesson in 1 Cor. 14:26-40. There is wisdom in God's arrangements if we would only set ourselves to the task to learn it.

Now a word to the youngsters themselves: Paul says in Eph. 6:1, *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."*

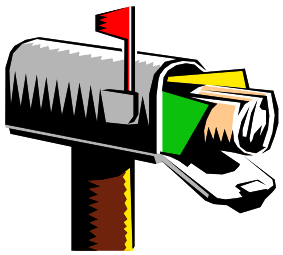
Note one reason for obeying parents is "it is right;" another is they are your parents; and third, because God has commanded it.

Could you have a higher motive? Your parents' correction is for your good just as the Scriptures I have brought forth shows. And when you are old you will look back on it with joy.

The idea that young folks must sow their wild oats is a falsehood invented by the servants of the devil. Remember the words of the poet: "The bird with a broken pinion ne'er can soar so high again." Also remember the words of the wise man, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Learn God's word, obey it and thus prepare for a home where all is joy and peace. (See Eccl. 12:1).

May God bless us all to "do all things without preferring one before the other" is my prayer.

Yours in Christ,
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Letters

Aloha, Oregon

To all the Brotherhood,

Greetings from all of us here at the Aloha Oregon congregation. We hope this finds everyone's health good and spirits high, several of us here have had the flu and are doing better everyday. We do have some exciting news this month to report, Robert and Cindy Delacruz have a new addition to their wonderful family, they named him Robert Edward. We are all very proud, especially his Ma and Pa and his two older sister's. The down side to all of this is that Pa can't seem to keep buttons on his shirt. We wish them well. That is about all we have to report this month. We will keep you all in our prayers, that we may all remain faithful to the Lord's pure Gospel. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

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I WOULD GATHER CHILDREN

Some would gather money
Along the path of life,
Some would gather roses,
And the rest from worldly strife;
But I would gather children
From among the thorns of sin,
I would seek a golden curl,
And a freckled, toothless grin,
For money cannot enter
In that land of endless day,
And roses that are gathered
Soon will wilt along the way.
But oh, the laughing children,
As I cross the sunset sea,
And the gates swing wide to heaven
I can take them in with me!

-Author Unknown

Cedaredge, Colorado

Dear Christians Friends,

Thank you very much for the Christian Courier, the new look and size, we enjoy getting it. Thank you all at Seattle for your hard work and effort that you have put into the Courier we appreciate you.

We have good news from our congregation here in Cedaredge. We have three baptisms to report. Les and Susan Severson (husband and wife) and Lynn Gabehart- all of Cedaredge- Lynn's husband is a member also.

We have three new families that moved here. Lyle and Dixie Fouch and four children, Dusty- Dana- Cody- and Kresta. Gerald and Lynn Gabehart and baby daughter Shelby. George and Barb Cowger. Lyle and Dixie have bought a home here. Gerald and Lynn, I believe are looking and waiting for their house to sell in New Mexico. George and Barb are also looking for property. They are living in Montrose Co. now.

Debbie Newman and three children- Jared, Kami, and Jacob are driving from Montrose also.

We appreciate having all of the families meeting with us.

Our dear Bro Carl and Sister Betty Carlson moved to Claypool, Ariz. We miss them very much. We welcome you back any time Betty and Carl.

Bro and Sis Paul Kinne are not able to come to church and need our prayers.

Our annual Camp Meeting is coming up July 1 to 10 be sure and mark your calendars now. We invite and welcome you all. We need and appreciate donations to help with camp, rent, food and etc.

Again thanks for the Courier, we need a few more please (15 or 20 all together).

Our love and prayers
God Bless you all
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New Braunfel's, Texas

Hello:

From New Braunfel's Texas congregation. We are about 30 miles from San Antonio. We are a small congregation meeting here striving to do the work of the Lord. We are from the Happy Hollow congregation in Cedaredge, we have been here 9 years from Colorado.

We have had 3 baptisms here lately. Jeff and Sherri Elbel and Mike Wilkerson (Terry & Debbie Wilkerson's son). We are so happy to have Mike and Jeff helping in the services.

We do invite anyone that is in our area to come and meet with us. We worship like they do at Cedaredge, Colo. Our phone no. is 210-620-0604 and address is 1275 Lonestar Dr., New Braunfel's, Texas 78130.

God Bless you all,
Steve & Jill Martin
New Braunfel's
Church of Christ

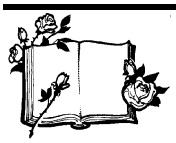
P.S. Thanks for the Courier we need a few more please.

Editor's Note

Please bear with us. We are still trying to get on a schedule. Letters received after the 15th will go into the next months issue.

The Editors





Precious Memories

"The memory of the just is blessed:..."
- Prov. 10:7

As we were glancing through the older copies of the newsletters published by the brethren, we discovered how uplifting it was to read old 'news' about our friends and loved ones. Join with us as we read what was happening in The Church ten, twenty, thirty, and forty years ago. (This month we are also including excerpts from January's and February's issues to catch up from the first of the year.)

It is Written, Mar '54 - The passing of G. Earl McCay is recorded by Bro. R. C. Clements, *"...he will receive his reward, I am sure, in that sweet home of the Soul, for which he has labored so faithfully."*

Gospel News Courier, Jan '64 - Two new buildings are announced! One in Baron, OK, and another in Seymour, TX, from letters by Bro. Earl Atchley and Bro. S. J. Wallace. Sis. Lurana McCluskey and Sis. Reva Lister write about the passing of Sis. Ethel Miranda Bedingfield, *"...One of the last things she did was to help save the marriage of one of her young nurses by teaching her Christian duty and giving her a list of scriptures to study with her husband..."*

Gospel News Courier, Feb '64 - The baptism of Joe McCarty, age 62, of Pomona, CA is announced. Bro. J. C. Spurlin writes a letter encouraging all of the congregations to have meetings.

Gospel News Courier, Mar '64 - Bro. J. C. Spurlin writes, *"...I think each of us must share the responsibility of making the paper a success."* Just as true today as when he wrote it.

Christian Courier, Jan '74 - Bro. Mike McCay writes of the 25th anniversary of Bro. Bill and Sis. Veda McCay.

Christian Courier, Feb '74 - The birth of Michelle Street, daughter of Jerry and Lynette Street is announced. Congratulations are given to Bro. Lloyd Usrey and his new wife Debbie. Bro. Harry Dye writes about the new church building in Yuma -- to break it in, a two week gospel meeting is announced with Bro. Sammy Boen speaking during the second week. Bro. George Vanderpool writes about the passing of Bro. J. C. Falkner of Bohannon Mountain, *"He had not been able to see how to read for about eight years, but he could quote the Scripture, verse after verse, to the very last."*

Little Love Letter, Mar '74 - Bro. Elmer Hunt writes about the passing of Bro. Poul Olson, of Redwood City, *"He fought a heroic fight against lung cancer, but had to go."* In a letter from Bro. C. M. Brockman we find, *"Having sold my home at Cottonwood, I have moved back to Chico to be near my children and the Church. A sixty mile drive each way each Sunday was quite a drive, when one is only one step this side of the fourscore mark and now alone."* Bro. Hunt also writes, *"fifty-four years ago today [Feb 14, '74], I asked Louise to be mine."*

Christian Courier, Jan '84 - John McKinney writes about three new babes in Christ -- Tina, Tim, and Jim Best. J. W. Bedingfield mentions the passing of Bro. Brockman and Bro. Bishop.

Christian Courier, Feb '84 - Nine meetings are announced for 1984! Four baptisms are listed: David Martin of Baron, Debbie Braun of Selah, Clifford Scott of Yuma, and Christina Farley of Selah. Congratulations are extended to Bro. Wayne and Sis. Amy Orendorff for their new baby boy David William Earle, born in Seattle. Also mentioned is the passing of Bro. Lee Hamett of Selah.

Regrettably, we don't have the March '74 or March '84 issues of *The Christian Courier.* We are collecting old copies of the newsletters published by the brethren: *It is Written, Gospel News Courier, Christian Courier,* and *Little Love Letter.* If you have any old issues (or photocopies) that you would like to donate to a good cause, please send them to *The Christian Courier.* In a future issue we will present a list of the copies that we are missing.

Bulletin Board

Gospel Meetings

June 5-12	Baron, OK	John McKinney
June 19-26	Pleasant View, OK (Stilwell)	Robert & Brandon Lamb
July 1-10	Cedaredge, CO	Camp Meeting
July 3-10	Waterford, CA	Roger Walkingstick
August 7-14	Yakima, WA	Skip Berry & Guest Speakers



Buried with Him in Baptism (Col 2:12)

Jeff Elbel	New Braunfel's, TX
Sherri Elbel	New Braunfel's, TX
Mike Wikerson	New Braunfel's, TX
Les Severson	Cedaredge, CO
Susan Severson	Cedaredge, CO
Lynn Gabehart	Cedaredge, CO



New Arrivals

Robert Edward Jan 23,'94 to Robert & Cindy Delacruz of Aloha, OR



Prayer of faith shall save the sick (James 5:15)

Paul Auslum	Goshen, AK	recovering from open heart surgery
Maggie Forsman	Glenwood, WA	88 years old - declining health
Nell McCay	Seattle, WA	cast off & walking with canes
Al Jones	Yuma, AZ	in & out of hospital
Joyce Morris' mother	Yuma, AZ	nursing home
Belle Taylor	Yakima, WA	nursing home
John Usrey	Sacramento, CA	ill, still running tests
Bro & Sis Paul Kinne	Cedaredge, CO	ill
Elmer Forsman	Tucson, AZ	car accident, bruises
Lewis & Susan Boling's Grandson	Phoenix, AZ	in hospital



Anniversaries

Charlie & Kathy Burt Ralls, Texas 25 years February 16, 1994



Editors Note

Thanks to all of those that responded to our information update from January's issue. Any more information would be greatly appreciated, as we do not know if groups are receiving the correct number of copies.



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