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MY BEST FRIEND---JESUS
Jno. 15:15

His love doesn't change from day to day as our love does for those we love and hold dear. He will love us to the end what-ere befalls us, or even when we forsake Him for another--SATAN. His love for us is as God's love for Christ, and we must learn to love each other in this manner. For by so doing, we continue in His love. The great love of God was the giving His son for a lost world (Jno. 3:16), and Christ's love was the doing of his Father's will. (Matt. 26:39)

The great love of Christ was the giving of His life for those whom he called his friends. (Jno. 15:12-15). We are of that number for he gave his life for me and you. Greater love hath no man. Do we have that love in our hearts? I think we should say no, for we would not even give our life for our fleshly brother if we were given the time to consider the cost.

Nothing will ever cause Christ to forsake his own, but there are many things that will separate us from His promise to us. But if we are steadfast, he will constrain us with His love. (2 Cor. 5:14). Our friend, Christ, sacrificed his life for us on Calvary because of His love. (Gal. 2:20). This is the manifestation of his great love. (I Jno. 3:16). Do we have this great a love for the cause of Christ, as for our brethren? If you will be his friend, you will keep his commandments. (Jno. 14:15). The proof of your discipleship is found in this verse, John 13:35. Love all men for their soul's salvation as well as your own.

No sin is small for it is against an infinite God.

Lack of interest shown in the work of the Lord and the church among the younger brethren could be because of the abundance of criticism showered upon them by the older brethren every time they attempt to do some good work or make an effort to help some one in need.

These same ones who criticise will never lift anything except their voices against every work attempted, especially if it was not their idea in the first place.

The Bible teaches this in I Cor. 3:6, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." Therefore, let us all work together in love for God both the young and old. Helping each other in each effort and thereby furthering the cause of Christ.

If there is some subject you wish information about, or if you young and old preachers or teachers would like outlines or charts on any subject, we have at our disposal all material written by several of the faithful brethren. All this is yours for the asking, so feel free to write us on any matter and we will fill your request as quickly as possible. Write to Roy L. Snoderly, P. O. Box 97, La Habra, California.

Bro. L. N. Musgraves, P. O. Box 126, New Castle, Tex. asks that we print that he is in full agreement on our position concerning carnal warfare as set forth in the June issue of the GOSPEL NEWS COURIER and wishes to go on record in support of these principles.

THE EDITOR.

These principles are set forth by the Church of C. Christ, and are recorded in Washington D. C. in the Hall of Records, and have been for many years.

We are printing the financial report for those who might be interested in the progress of the paper.

Donations received to July 25th.....	$134.00
Expenses of the paper to July 25th.....	94.80
Balance.....	39.20

LATE NEWS

We are sorry to report news of the car wreck in which Bro. Howard Studer was involved on hi-way 82 east of Lubbock, Texas in June. We have been informed that no one was hurt although the car was damaged extensively.

With Bro. and Sister Studer was Sister Willis of Carlsbad, N. M. Bro. Studers are of Lorenzo, Texas. Sister Willis visited with the Lorenzo church during their meeting held by Bro. Paul Ferguson of Buena Park, Calif.

We ran out of space last month to print the list of names of those who attended the meeting with the church at Ringgold, Tex. Bro. Ferguson also held this meeting and was accompanied on this trip by his wife Maysel. Following is the rest of Bro. Teague's letter, first part was printed last month:

"Those who came from other churches to visit, were Bro. and Sister Studer of Lorenzo, Texas., Bro. Johnny Campbell of Abilene, Texas., Bro. and Sister Ed Tate and Daughter Raynell, New Castle, Tex., Sister Toodler Goodwin and son Stanley of Olney, Tex., Bro. and Sister Joe Taylor of Loco, Okla., Bro. and Sister Howard Taylor and their three children of Duncan, Okla., Bro. and Sister John Bedingfield and daughters Pauline and Lou of Olney, Texas, Bro. and Sister Dan Teague and their three children of Dallas, Texas, and Sister Elene Teague of Dallas. There were many others whom I don't recall at this time. Many outside visitors from Terral, Oklahoma attended the services through the tireless efforts of Bro. Ernest Pollan and his family. Bro. J. W. Bedingfield was a tireless worker in this effort of the Church of Christ here at Ringgold. He and his family attended every service, although he had to work all day, then drive seventy-five miles from Olney to be with us each night in the services. To these, the church at Ringgold sincerely appreciate their attendance, although they had to drive long distances to help make our meeting a success, and one we will long remember, CURTIS TEAGUE. RT. 2, BOX 16, NOCONA, TEXAS.

We received a card from Sister J. O. Taylor requesting that the paper be sent to Bro. and Sister J. C. Williams, Socorro, N. M. We are always glad to do so and if there are others whom you would like to receive the paper, please send us their correct name and mailing address. THE EDITOR.

NEWS

Bro. Snoderly: I just finished reading the July issue of the Gospel News Courier. Enjoyed it very much. Inclosed find a small donation, and please place the inclosed address on your mailing list.

A sister in the One Faith, MAUD SCOTT.
Box 28, Lorenzo, Texas.

Thought I would write you a few lines which you may put in the paper if you see fit. My health has improved some since I last wrote you and I hope I will be back on duty soon. I have planned on going west in the late summer, making a stop-over for a few days with the faithful little band of soldiers at Loco, Oklahoma. Because of my illness, I have had to postpone my regular fourth sunday at the Bohannan Mountain Church of Christ west of Huntsville, Arkansas. I regret not being with the faithful few there. This little congregation are few in number. They have had a hard struggle to keep the house of the Lord in order. Many congregations as small as this one, and who have had to fight as they have to keep the church alive, would have given up, but not these brethren. You will find them at their place of worship each Lord's Day, and anyone passing through that part of the country will find a hearty welcome, and the services conducted as one reads in God's Holy Word. I do not believe that anyone passing through that part of the country who wants to worship as "Thus saith the Lord," no more nor no less will regret meeting with these people. Since my health has improved, I am very much encouraged that I will be able to be with these brethren this coming fourth Lord's Day.

The Pleasant View Church of Christ, where I meet, south of Stillwell, is doing as well as could be expected. We rejoice here with the congregations of Ringgold, and Lorenzo, Texas, over the success of their recent meetings, and we pray God will bless them and Bro. Paul Ferguson for their efforts to convert people to the truth.

May God help us to know and do His will, is my prayer.

Yours in Christ,

W. E. DANIELS.

Rt. 2, Stillwell, Oklahoma. July 3, 1961

On July the 9th. Sister Sharon Louise Hunt was united in marriage to Robert John Cook, in San Diego, Calif., by her Grandfather, Bro. Elmer H. Hunt, of Buena Park, California. Those attending the Patio wedding, from the La Habra, California, church were, Bro. and Sister Elmer H. Hunt, and Bro. and Sister Burleigh Hunt and family. While in San Diego, Bro. Hunt preached Friday night and Lord's Day morning with those who meet with the Bro. J. D. Johnson and family of Lakeside, Calif.

Bro. Chas. Davis also met with them for these two services.

We are sorry to report the death, July 13, of Sister Isabelle Ferguson, of Fayetteville, Arkansas. Many will remember her as the wife of Bro. Will Ferguson, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathies in this time of sorrow.

Visitors here with us this month at Bellflower and La Habra, California congregations; Bro. F. H. Logan of Modesto, Calif., Bro. and Sister Chas. Davis, of Somerton, Arizona; Bro. and Sister Eulon Taylor of Sunnyside, Washington, who were here here to visit her mother who has been ill for some time; Bro. and Sister H. L. Brown, and children, of Santa Maria, California.

Bro. Bobby and Sister Imogene Loftis and children, Ray, David, Johnny, Beverly, and Bobby, of Ralls, Texas.

Bro. Jimmie and Sister Jeanetta Loftis and children, Diana, Becky, Karen, Cheryl, and Howard Ray of Lorenzo, Texas.

(Hope we got this all arranged right, for these two, Jimmie and Bobby, are twin brothers in the flesh, and in Christ and you can hardly tell them apart). We sure enjoyed their visit very much, and invite them back again. By the medium of a telephone call, a post card, and word of mouth, what you might call second hand news, we received news that the Loftis wagon train and trailer, has returned to Texas safely. May God always be with all you as you journey over the country.

SICK LIST

Bro. and Sister Geo. Meadows, of the Bellflower, Calif., congregation, are on the sick list.

May you get well quickly, as we miss you in our services.

THE EDITOR.

We were made glad in our hearts over the response to the paper in the mid-westestates, but would like to hear from you brethren in the west coast regions. If you have not written or sent in a news report, you know that we mead you. News that mey seem of no value to you, to others when read, causes great joy in the hearts of those over the country, as you can see by this letter received from Sister Willis, of Carlsbad, N. M. as follows;

Dear Brother Snoderly:

I like your paper and I think we should have a paper to keep all of us in touch, so we may know what is going on among the churches; that we may not become as one of the old Prophets, who thought he was left alone and they sought his life. I am enclosing $2.00 to help with the paper. You need not send me the paper at home as I can get one of those you send Paul Bruce.

Sincerely, a Sister in Christ, MRS. LAURA WILLIS.

We, the publishers of the GOSPEL NEWS COURIER, would appreciate it if the leaders of each church who receive the bulk mailing of the paper, would send us a list of those families who could pick up a copy of the paper at church, so we can remove their names from the mailing list.

This would cut down on the work involved, and cut the expense of mailing in half. Our greatest expense is postage and envelopes. We can send fifteen copies in a package for what it costs to send two letters to individuals.

We also received the folowing letter indirectly from the church at Modesto, Calif., and we are printing a portion of it with the permission of Bro. F. H. Logan, of the above congregation. Following is the letter:

"We had a meeting tonight at church concerning the paper from Southern California, and this was the concensus of opinion: We all agreed that the paper should be run on a subscription basis in order to be financially sound. We feel that this is the only way it can be done successfully. However, we recognize that this cannot be done at once, so we are willing to assist by donation from the church to help get the paper on a firm financial footing. The brethren asked me to write for them and ask if you would look up Bro. Snoderly and Bro. England and give them our viewpoints on these matters We would like to know what their opinions are concern-

ing subscriptions. Also ask them what their financial position is now as we would like to help if it is needed.

Be sure to impress upon them this point, we are not trying to run their business, but merely suggesting to them a means of putting the paper on a sound footing. Everyone here is very much in favor of having the paper published and all stated they would subscribe to the paper. Also, all were at agreement that we should send donations to help until it was on a firm footing. So if you will put this to the brethren there and then relay the message back to us as soon as possible, we can take whatever steps necessary to help the brethren. Bro. Conder just called and asked me to send this message; "Ask them how much they would have to have to publish the paper over a period of one year, and how much would be a proper subscription price?"

Write me as soon as you get information on this subject so we will know what we should do. I await your reply. As ever, your son, J. D. LOGAN.

In answer to this inquiry, we had thought that it would be advisable to go ahead and print the paper for the remainder of this year, using what donations we receive, and making up the remainder ourselves.

This way we could evaluate the situation as to cost of material and mailing. If enough interest is shown to continue the effort, we by then should have enough support to buy a mailing permit, yearly, thus cutting the cost of postage and material plus time of handling by almost one-third or more. On this basis we could publish the paper on a subscription of $1.00 per year. This would not cover the bundles we send each month to the churches. But this cost would be taken care of by the brethren of the individual churches as they might see fit. This is open for suggestions from each of the churches, so let us hear from you soon.

We have been receiving about $30.00 each month from donations which just covers the printing and mailing of about 500 copies by much effort on the part of the printer looking constantly for bargains in material. There are many things to consider in an effort of this kind. We are willing to give our time and means; are you will to support a paper in material and subscriptions?

THE EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

FOR OUR EXAMPLE
I Cor. 10:1-14.

The prophets of old told the people of God's promise to send his son into the world to overcome the tempter and to build himself a church. He was to be the head of this church. Those who believe on him become followers or members of this body. Now the children of Israel that were led by Moses out of Egypt were God's chosen people, chosen for a purpose, but they were disobedient and with many of them God was displeased.

These, though a chosen people, were overthrown in the wilderness because of their sins against God. These same sins which they committed are used as examples to us so that we will not fall short of the promise as so many of them did, not being allowed to enter into the land of promise. Are we today, as of olden times, to be destroyed because we lack enough faith to overvome the Tempter? The children of Israel lusted after evil things, becoming idolaters and sinners before God who had delivered them from bondage and had given them a hope in the promise of better things in the land of Caanan.

They sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. They commited fornication and adultery in the sight of God. Because of these sins, there fell in one day three and twenty thousand. They had tempted God and were destroyed by the serpents which God sent upon them to plague them. They murmured against God and Moses and God destroyed many of them because they would not follow where he led them. They could not see nor understand God's reason for this punishment of his chosen paople.

These things happened unto them as examples to them who were spared and also unto those who were to come after in later years, that God will not tolerate his people to be disobedient unto him. These were recorded in the books of the Old Testament for our example and for our admonition. "Therefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Every kind of temptation we have today they had then, and those who did not overcome temptation were destroyed just as we will be in that last day if we are not faithful unto his commands. We must follow in the footsteps of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our Faith.

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