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C H U R C H N E W S

BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA.--Bro. and Sister Bill McCay of YAKIMA, WASH. stopped over for services 1st. Sunday of April. They spent a few days here before leaving for Missouri and Arkansas on their vacation. With them was Bro. McCay's nephew, Bro. Cliff Roberts. Bro. McCay spoke for us Sunday morning and after lunch at the church, we enjoyed the songs of the McCay family. Bill and Veda and their children and Cliff make a fine singing group. We also heard the Bellflower-La Habra mens quartette. Everyone enjoyed a fine afternoon of singing.

This month we had many other visitors in our services. Among them, Bro. and Sister Kenneth Baldwin of Hemet, Calif., formerly of Delta, Colo., and Bro. and Sister Ted Drysdale of Brawley, Calif., and Bro. and Sister Robert Morris of Yuma, Arizona. We are glad Bro. George Meadows is improving in health.

LA HABRA, CALIF.--Most of us attended the singing at at Bellflower April 1st. Of course we had a wonderful time singing with and listening to the McCay family. We were glad to have them as our guests that night with Bro. McCay as our speaker. Afterwards we visited and sung some more. April 22 we were host to the Bellflower church, and Bro. and Sister I. N. Ferguson of Pomona church, and Bro. and Sister A. L. Parker, and Bro. and Sister J. R. Kellens of San Gabriel, Calif. church for a fine evening of song and visiting. We welcome everyone to be visitors in our services. Sister Wyoma Cavin was in the hospital several days, and Sister Clouse is at Modesto to be with her aged and ailing father Bro. J. G. Condor.

THE POWER OF INFLUENCE
(I Cor. 5:6-7)

This is a subject to which I wish to call attention, because it has to do with the working of the church, as is shown in the text, and because of the influence we have on others. We do not go to heaven, or hell by ourselves. In Matt. 13:33 we can see that the church is a kingdom of influence, for a little leaven will leaven the whole lump. This stands either for sin or righteousness as refered to in the text. And also in Hosea 4:9, there shall be like people, like priest, and I will punish them for their ways and reward them for their doings.

We can see that through influence we can either make the tree good or bad. It is not enough to say, that no one will follow me, for that is the thing that we should want people to do, as we find in I Cor. 11:1-2. Then if we use Biblical expressions and examples, (I Thes. 1:2), we expect to see or hear the same in our followers. Many have gone astray through evil influence. In I Cor. 15:33 we learn that evil communications corrupt good manners. Regardless of how much we try to live the life of a Christian, if our conversation does not correspond with our religion, we lead others astray.

Evil influenced Adam (Gen. 3:6; I Tim. 2:14), and because of this we are required to repent or perish, Luke 13:3. Herod was influenced by the people and the thing that he had said, and because of this, he condemned John to death. (Matt. 14:9). Jesus warned of the influence of the Pharisees and the Sadducees, (Matt. 16:6-12). So today we must always be on guard against the influence of the religious people around us, lest we take up some of their ways; for remember that a little leaven will leaven the whole lump, and we become unfit for the kingdom of heaven. What we see, and hear and read, influences us; as we can see in Prov. 23:7, "....for as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

What is the gospel according to you? How do youthink, live and act? You are writing a gospel every day by the deeds you do and things you say. Men read what you write whether faithless or true Christian. What is the gospel according to you? The influence of father and mother is passed on to their children as found in 2 Tim. 1:5. The

wife also influences the husband, I PET. 3:1-2. But what kind of influence is it that you pass on to your children? and that they pass on to their children? The kind that should be, is the kind that Paul had, Acts 27 chapter; Acts 16:25-34; and 28:30-31; Phil. 4:32. God commanded us to be a good influence, Matt. 5:13. We are to be a light to others, Matt. 5:14-16, for influence lives after we are dead, Rev. 14:13, and will be a factor involved at the judgment, Rom. 5:10; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; 2 Cor. 5:10. Will you be ready to meet the question with the right answer at the last day, Matt. 25:31-40?

Written in hope of eternal life,

---LOYD TREAT

Rt. 2, Box 135, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

F. H. LOGAN, 511 S. Sunset Ave., Modesto, California-April 10, 1962---Dear Bro. in Christ:--I will write you a report concerning the church here at Glenn and Dallas, Modesto. On March 27, 1962, Sister Francis Cordelia Treat passed away and was laid to rest March 30 in Forest Lawn Cemetery. I tried to speak words of comfort and courage to her many relatives and friends. Her presence will be greatly missed by all the church, as she was a devoted worker in the church for many years. Most of our members are about well again, with Sister Rosie Brown and Sister Elinor Guyer out of the hospital and well enough to attend church. Sister Condor is still not well enough to attend church, but we all hope that she can soon be able to again be with us for church services. Bro. Rollins is able to attend services again.

We are in a meeting now, started last Friday night, and will last through Lord's day April 15. Bro. Loyd Treat is preaching for us and he is doing some good preaching. We have had good crowds each night and we hope much good will be accomplished through this meeting. I preached for the San Pablo brethren on the 22 of this month. The congregation there is small and they are having a hard struggle paying for their building, and I am taking this upon myself to make this announcement. If any of our congregations could contribute to the fund to help them out that they might have a place to worship

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It is badly needed, and I am sure that the brethren there would appreciate it very much. They are straightforward Christians struggling to carry on the the church work in a city that needs it very bad. So let us not only think of the brethren at home, but also abroad as it is our duty. We here at Modesto, have our regular morning services each Lord's day at 10.30 A. M., and our evening services at 7.30 P. M. If any of you are passing this way, come and worship with us. Your Brother in Christ.

W. E. DANIELS, Rt. 2, Stillwell, Oklahoma, April 4,62. ---Dear Bro. Snoderly:--A few lines to say we enjoy the paper very much and wish it a great success; and to Congrarulate you folks for the work you are doing with the paper. The Pleasant View Church of Christ here is doing well; slowly growing in number and seeking to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We invite anyone passing this way to stop and worship with us and we assure you the worship will be a thus saith the Lord. Our prayers are for the Chruches of Christ everywhere that they prosper both spiritually and in temporal things.

Bro. Snoderly, you can announce that I will be available for meetings from Sept. 1st. through Oct. 30th. this year. --Yours in Christ.

On another page you will find a list of those preachers who are available, and their addresses, so you who are interested, can write them and make arrangements for your meetings. --EDITOR.

LAURA WILLIS, 205½ S. Olive, Carlsbad, N. Mex., April 10, 1962---Dear Bro. Snoderly:--We are all well and hope all there are enjoying the best of health. The 1st. Lord's day of April Brother and Sister Berkstresser and their two small grand-children of Midland, Texas, were with us for worship. We are always glad to have visitors.

A letter from Sister Studer of Lorenzo, Tex. tells us that Bro. Studer has retired and is studying T. V. repair. He has worked for the public schools for a good many years. He is leading the song service for Bro. Spurlin in his meeting at Crosbyton, Texas. The church here meets in the home of Bro. Paul Bruce. I am enclosing a small contribution for the paper. God be with you and the little paper. --A Sister in Christ.

JAMES S. L. MORSE, Rt. 2, Hammond, Oklahoma--Brother Snoderly:-- We are enclosing a dollar for a years subscription of the Gospel News Courier. Today I received a letter from Bro. Willie Doan of the Broken Bow, congregation, saying that he has been sick for about a month but is better now. The congregation here meets regularly, although our number is reduced to only three members.

Since outside interest is nil, we do not always meet in our meeting house, but we do meet with some other congregations even though it means driving a good many miles. Bro. L. C. England writes us he is feeling better. We had the pleasure of meeting Bro. England in Ringgold, Tex. We are sorry, but we have very little news to report.

It seems that a lot of our brethren are far too busy to write us. Yours in the faith.

SISTER EDDIE WISE, 2031 N. 12th., Abilene, Texas. April 26, 1962---Dear Bro. Snoderly: The little congregation here at Abilene, has made little progress. We do have a young man just recently baptized; Bro. Wayne Lightfoot, who from all indications is going to prove to be a very able leader. This is all the news available at this time, but will keep you posted on the news here from time to time. Enclosed is a prayer that might be of interest to your readers. --Yours in Christ.

MY MOMENT WITH GOD

Oh God, I thank you for the breath of life, for friends,

for children, but most of all for your presence when I need someone to lean on, or a hand to touch. I am grateful to know there is one who can and will hold me up when I stumble and nearly fall from thy way. Forgive me, Lord, for feeling my burdens are too heavy, for letting my faith waver. Help me to remember that the help and comfort I need are only just a whisoered prayer away. Give me courage to face each day with a prayer in my heart and a helping hand for others. Amen.

(You may ask where is the place of prayer, and I must answer, anywhere, for God is everywhere and is listening if only you have the time to pray. Do you take time to utter a prayer of thanksgiving in your haste of everyday living? Breathe a prayer of thanks and utter a word of forgiveness for he is listening. We thank you Sister Wise for this prayer and for your letter. --EDITOR)

I. N. FERGUSON, Church of Christ, 1022 W. 2nd. Str., Pomona, Calif.-- The church here is about the same. Sister Robinson is much improved from her recent illness and is now attending the assembly regularly. Mr. Morris of 4th. Street, Pomona was a visitor here last Lord's day. We here enjoy the paper very much, and especially the articles on "Unity of the Spirit." We recently had visitors from one of the local churches. They have set out to unite the church. These brethren believe different than we, yet they say they can practice the things they teach, and we the things we practice and yet have fellowship one with another. Unity is a command, but it cannot be kept if people teach and practice everything imaginable. I John I:7 says; "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another....." Here we must do all things by the authority of Christ. The gospel of Christ is, in a way, like soap; they both must first be applied before either can be of any value. Preach the word of Christ, 2 Timothy 4:I4.

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CONTINUE YE FAITHFUL

The Chruch of Christ teaches that if one becomes a child of God and continues faithful in his service, he will enter the eternal home with the blessed. Christians are taught to add to their faith, virture, cleanness, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly love, kindness and charity, or love, 2 Pet. I:5-II. They are not taught to fall from grace, but to continue patiently in well doing, Rom. 2:4-7. They are taught to always abound in the work of the Lord, I Cor. I5:5-8.

They are taught to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live soberly, righteously and godly, Tit. 2:II. They are taught that all who do so will enter heaven. Let each of us that wear the name Christian, work for Christ that we may have a right to enter in through the gate into the city, Rev. 22:I4. He that overcometh and keep the commandments of Christ shall inherit all good things Christ has promised, "...and I, God, will be his God, and he will be my son. But the fearful and unbelieving and the abominable and murderers and whore-mongers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, Rev. 2I:7-9." Rev. 2I:27, "And there shall in no wise enter into it, that is the gate, anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh a lie, but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." Rev. 22:I4, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may enter in through the gates into the city."

If we as children of God live faithful and keep the words of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; we will enter the gates into the city and enjoy all things Christ has prepared for us. But if we don't keep his commandments, we will be cast into hell that burns with fire and brimstone. Let us think on these things.

Written in love for the truth.

---WILLIE DOAN

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PREACHERS AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS THIS YEAR:--W. E. DANIELS, RT. 2, STILLWELL, OKLA., SEPT. AND OCT., LOYD TREAT, RT. 2, BOX 348, BROKEN BOW, OKLA., PAUL FERGUSON, 6392 STANTON AVE., BUENA PARK, CALIF., ELMER H. HUNT, 11311 ACACIA, GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.,AVAILABLE EARLY SUMMER. BUT WILL DEPEND UPON CIRCUMSTANCES AS SISTER HUNT IS IN FRAIL HEALTH.

SEVEN ESSENTIALS OF SALVATION.

I. AN UNDERSTANDING SAVIOUR
Heb. 4:15; I Tim. I:15; Matt. I:21.

II. A PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL
Mk. 16:15; I Cor. I:21;
Rom. I:16.

III. HUMAN ACTIVITY
Acts 2:37; Acts 16:30;
Acts 2:40.

IV. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST
Heb. 9:22; I Pet. I:18-19;
Rom. 6:3-4.

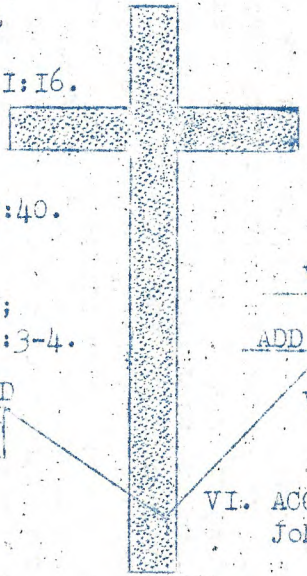
Gal. 3:27;---- BE BAPTIZED

Acts 8:37--- CONFESS

Acts 17:30----REPENT

Heb. 11:6--BELIEVE

SINNER HEAR
John 6:44-45.



CHARITY

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

GODLINESS

PATIENCE

TEMPERANCE

KNOWLEDGE

VIRTURE

2 Pet. I:5-11

ADD TO YOUR FAITH

V. SCRIPTURAL WORK
Mk. 14:6-9; Mk. 16:15-16;
Matt. 25:34-40; Gal. 6:10.

VI. ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP
John 4:23-24; Col. 3:16; I Cor. 14:40.

VII. GODLY LIVING
Titus 2:11-12; 2 Pet. I:5-11;
2 Pet. 3:10-11.

As preached by Bro. Paul Ferguson