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The Origin of the Unleavened Bread in the Lord's Supper

As most are aware, Jesus instituted what is commonly known as The Lord's Supper during the Passover meal that He observed with His disciples (Matt. 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-20).

The bread in the Passover was made with unfermented dough. It was not allowed to stand, but was baked immediately to prevent rising.

There is disagreement today among members of the church as to what ingredients should be used in making the unleavened bread. Some quote some passage of the Old Testament while others quote another passage that has different instructions concerning the making of the unleavened bread. It is important for us to understand that the preparation of the unleavened bread by the Jews depended upon which religious observance in which it was to be used.

- In the consecration of the priests (Exo. 29 & Lev. 7), the unleavened bread was made with oil.
- In the meat offerings (Lev. 2 & Lev. 6), the unleavened bread was made with oil and frankincense and seasoned with salt.
- In the guilt offerings (Lev. 5), unleavened bread was to be made without oil or frankincense.
- In the Passover (Exo. 12 & Lev. 23), only unleavened bread was mentioned; oil and frankincense were not mentioned. On an Orthodox Jewish website intended for a Jewish audience, there was an emphatic statement that oil and frankincense were not to be used in the unleavened bread during the Passover. This agrees with ancient Jewish writings concerning the making of the unleavened bread for the Passover that only flour and water were to be used (Arthur U. Michelson, The Jewish Passover And The Lord's Supper, p. 12).

Since the Lord's Supper was instituted during the Passover and not during the other occasions,

we have our example as to how the unleavened bread should be made for our memorial of His broken body.

There were three cakes of unleavened bread stacked together on the table during the Passover. If you ask a Jew today what the three represent, some will say, "The top one is the priesthood, the middle one the Levites, and the bottom one All Israel." (Arthur U. Michelson, The Jewish Passover And The Lord's Supper, p. 13). At one time they represented God, The Messiah, and The Holy Ghost. Because of the Jewish distaste for Christ being referred to as the Messiah, these Jews changed the meaning of the cakes.

The Passover ritual had the family leader place the middle cake (the one that represented the Messiah) under a pillow as if hiding it (Arthur U. Michelson, The Jewish Passover And The Lord's Supper, p. 13). The meaning was that it was to be hidden or buried, signifying the death, burial, and resurrection of the Messiah as prophesied (Isa. 53). The Apostle Paul pointed this out in Acts 26:22-23, "*Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.*" This bread that was hidden was called Aphikomen, meaning "hidden manna". Later, near the end of the Passover after the meal was eaten and after some prayers, it was taken from beneath the pillow, broken into two pieces, and then one half was passed to the members of the family to eat; the other half was placed on an empty plate which was reserved for Elijah or the Messiah (some Jewish groups believed Elijah would appear during this event; others believed the Messiah would appear during this event). This was practiced for centuries before the coming of Christ. Today, many Jews make a game of this by sending the children out of the room while the manna is hidden somewhere in the room. The children are then called back into the room to search for the hidden manna.

Reference to the practice of hiding the manna was given in Rev. 2:17, "*...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna ...".*

The other two cakes were eaten during the Passover.

When we eat the broken bread in the Lord's Supper we shew the Lord's death till He comes. 1 Cor. 11:26, "*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*" Jesus' broken body fulfilled the middle cake for us.

Written in Christian love,
Ellis Forsman

Give Flowers To The Living

On the occasion of the funeral of a loved one or friend we customarily place flowers around the coffin and over the grave site with them after they are buried. This is all well and good and is appreciated by the family members, but the deceased knows nothing about it. How much better it would have been if we had given them the flowers while they lived.

I lost my mother; Mrs. Jeskah Inyangala Nandwa, aged almost 90 years. I stood by a coffin which contained her lifeless body and looked at closed eyes that could not see. Her cold

hands could not hold anything (see picture on page 8). Breath that is stilled could not gather the sweet breezes blown from the flowers that members of the family held into their hands. I was thinking how much I had given to my mother when she was still alive.

Each day that we live, we have the opportunity of bestowing flowers upon someone in need. The apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 6:10, "*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*" These words from Paul would cover a broad range of service we might render. There is always a brother or a neighbor who need encouragement. And giving encouragement to one who is disheartened is just as much our Christian duty as reproving disorderly (1 Thess. 5:14- 15).

Why should we wait until someone is dead to express how we felt about them; "let us give them our roses while they live," would apply to all those who have meant something to our lives — Mother and Dad, if we are fortunate enough to have them still living; elders in the church; former teachers and preachers; and friends who have helped us to take courage and make the right choices in life. Let us stop and think; each of us is indebted to so very many, please don't wait until they die; express appreciation while they are still living! The Bible says, "*Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right, Honour your father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*" (Ephesians 6:1-3). If there is anything that will make "ones blood boil," is to hear children speak in a disrespectful manner to their parents, especially their mothers, who almost suffered to the point of death to bring them into this world.

One day, you, the young people, will stand by the coffin and remember when it is too late to say, "I am sorry" when parents are too old and unable to do for themselves and the children, whom they have sacrificed so much to raise, stand by doing little or nothing, will one day have occasion to regret it, perhaps eternally. Over the years, whenever I had an opportunity to attend to burial of the aged parents, I have noticed that, as a rule, the ones who take it the hardest are the ones who have paid the least attention in life.

Husbands and wives, the time will come when one of you will stand by the lifeless form of the other one and speak kind and loving words that their ears will not hear. Now is the time you have opportunity to speak those good words! Why wait till they are dead? They are hungering now to hear you say, "I love you!" "*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*" (Ephesians 5:25).

Again, "*Husband, love your wives, and be not bitter against them*" (Colossians 3:19). Wives, your kindness will go a long way in getting your husbands to give you the attention you want and deserve.

There are more and more, but these are just a few of the multitude of opportunities that come our way daily to give flowers to the living. It is my prayer that they may serve and remind us of the importance of making the most of the opportunities which come our way every day that we might truly "redeem the time" and use each day as fully as possible to God's Glory.

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News From Abroad

Brethren,

I received the following from Peter in Tanzania (gathered from several messages):

I am now on medication. went to the hospital and got an x-ray and then the doctors gave me some medicines to take for a period of 10 days before they can prescribe if I can go further on the treatment.

My health is not good at all and I am scheduled to see specialists. My back still aches a lot. I had to borrow some funds to get me going with the bills here and there. The on-going treatment estimate might be $1500 or more.

I ask for your fervent prayers as my health is now not that good.

I am missing words. Right now my Junior is very sick. Please ask God if it is His will that he gets better as I have nothing to do right now as I am also down with my back ache. Rachel took him to the hospital only to come up with a test showing he had 12 malaria infections; been vomiting the whole night. I pray that God have mercy on him and me.

(Editor - We managed to collect some money to send to him. Please pray for them both.)

Your brother in Christ, Ellis Forsman

Kenya Report

The year 2014 is approaching its end. God has blessed our efforts in some of the congregations of churches of Christ in East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda). We faced challenges here and there. We, at the same time had some achievements as our reports could indicate.

May God repay all of you, brethren, for sacrifices and contributions you made, financially, materially and encouragement throughout the year. You have been doing this to see to it that His Word reach more people and save their lives.

The prophet Isaiah wrote these words which could still today encourage every servant of God. To do more and more for the Lord, "*for as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my words be that goes forth from month, it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it."* (Isaiah 55:10-11).

As we approach the end of 2014, let us all plan and prepare ourselves as leaders and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, "*His word be that goes forth from our month return to him not empty, but let it accomplish that which he purpose, and prosper.*"

In as much as we are preparing for the work of our Lord next year we must look at our hearts as leaders, and ask, how much are we doing in developing the qualities that set leaders apart from others?

"*So he shepherded them according to integrity of his heart, and guided them by skillfulness of his hands*" (Psalms 78:72).

In every age there comes a time when a leader must come forward to meet the needs of the hour. Therefore, there is no potential leader who does not have an opportunity to make a positive difference in society. Tragically, there is time when a leader does not rise to that hour.

Why is it that when circumstance call for it a leader does not rise to that hour? Many times, it is because people have not prepared their hearts to serve, so, what kind of heart do we need?

To answer the above question, I leave you with these words from Paul's own experience, "*But what things was gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yes doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the Excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but doing, that I may win Christ.*" (Phil. 3:7-8).

As we approach the end of this year, 2014, let us (each of us) evaluate the work by looking at:

- What did we achieve?
- Did we fail?
- What challenges did we encounter?
- What did we do that caused problems or hindrances towards evangelism?
- What did we not do in order to achieve much in terms of reaching out to the lost souls?

In conclusion, let us forgive and repent then move forwards. I urge you, my beloved brethren to create peace where there was no peace; to bring love and unity where the devil had sowed the seed of discord and hatred.

Through love, peace and unity we shall be more than conquerors (Rom 8:37). The apostle Paul wrote, "and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:38).

May God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour give you more strength, health, wisdom and knowledge to continue serving in his Kingdom.

God bless you all.

Yours Because Of Calvary,

John Kombo Nandwa, Nakuru, Kenya

Report From Uganda

Warm greetings from your brothers in Christ,

Happy new 2015!

We thank the Lord for keeping us healthy up to date through His grace. The Gospel is preached and souls get salvation.

We have organized a preachers meeting 5th – 6th of January, 2015, purposely to discuss about church activities understanding faithful preachers, and church growth with each congregation submitting annual reports for closing 2014, and these reports of each church will be attached with photos of that very congregation. This will be so because we need our friends to understand the status of each congregation either if the congregation is in a permanent house or temporary, or gathering in a tree shade.

We have received mission fund for both Uganda and Congo.

Thank you for your labor and the effort to make the Lord's work go forth. It is very difficult and very tiresome to gather funds, but we believe that the Lord of heaven will increase since it is His work.

Yours in Christ's service,

Julius Wandera, Lumino Church of Christ, Uganda

The Philippines

Greetings in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.,

Happy New Year to you.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to you and to all Christian families who help and support Philippines for evangelism.

Last year we baptized 87 people all over Philippine Islands and I thank you so much for the support.

(See pictures on page 8)

Dickson Lu Fabian
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Midanao, Philippines

Harlingen, TX

(Nov., 2014)

Dear Brethren in Christ,

I greet you cordially in the name of the Christ. I hope that on receiving this letter you are enjoying the blessings of God. Many thanks for your fellowship with us in this work of the Lord.

I comment that during October and November I visited the area in central Mexico. In Rio Verde City we had a series of predications and studiers for four days. In this congregation some brothers had been withdrawn from the assemblies, but thanks to the Lord, arrangements were made of the problems and these brothers returned to the church and remain well. James 5:20, "*Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death…*"

After I traveled to the city of Queretaro and for five days we had studies and baptisms. This congregation remains established in the church and the brethren are very animated in preaching the gospel to their families and others.

Also, I visited for five days in the city of San Luis to study with a family that had interest in the gospel. This family is very interested and the brethren of Queretaro and Rio Verde go to study with them (San Luis is 2 hours from Queretaro or Rio Verde).

The brethren in Guatemala and Colombia inform me that the work there continues forward and the brothers are animated in making the predication work.

I send photos of the following: Church at Rio Verde; new church and baptisms at Queretaro; meeting in the city of San Luis with brothers that went with me to visit them.

Brethren: again I thank you for your help. I hope that God will continue to bless you in everything.

Your brothers in Christ,

Otto Alvarez and evangelists in Spanish

(Dec., 2014)

Dear brethren in Christ,

Please receive our most sincere greeting. Thank you for your fellowship with us in this work of the Lord. My God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, gives to all Christians peace and love with faith.

During November we continued the predication of the gospel in different areas of Mexico. We visited Zacatecas and worked with the church. We had several home Bible studies in Matamoros and we begin at new places of study and several people are meeting on Saturdays to study the scriptures. In Escarcega, Mexico, we

established a new congregation and the brothers sent a photo.

In Kingwood, TX, we are studying with two families and perhaps will very soon obey the gospel and have an established congregation.

The brethren in Most Beach and Daly City, CA, and Roswell, NM, inform us that they continue forward preaching the gospel in these areas.

The brethren in Guatemala and Colombia inform us that the churches with the help of the evangelist there continue preaching the gospel in different areas. In Colombia and Mexico there exists much danger to travel because of the insecurity conditions that are in these countries, but with the help of the Lord the brothers continue preaching the gospel.

We thank you in the name of the Lord for your help and participation of this work of evangelizing and edification to the faithful brethren.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you (Also, please pray for us!).

Your brother in Christ,

Otto Alvarez and evangelists in areas Spanish

(Jan., 2015)

Dear brethren,

I greet you cordially in the name of the Lord, and I hope that you are well, along with your families and our esteemed brethren in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we wish that our Lord blesses you in this new year of 2015.

We continue to preach the gospel and convert persons for eternal life, and they are direct participants in this work of the church.

I comment that during the year of 2014 the brothers in the churches in Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia continued firm in the faith and in the sound doctrine. We had some that were baptized and some small congregations were established. Also, some Christians abandoned the faith and were separated from the church, but some of these returned to the church with the Lord.

During this year I had many problems with my health, but thanks to the Lord, I am recovered and worked in the predication of the gospel and the edification of the brothers. Also, I continue writing and printing books CD's for study with the brothers.

During this month of December in a place (Tixmucuy, Mexico) we established a new church with 6 brethren. Some persons invited us to preach in other places south of this area and we hope that some people will obey the gospel.

Thank you for your fellowship with us in this work of the Lord.

(See pictures on page 9)

Your brothers in Christ,

Otto Alvarez and evangelists in Spanish







Above - Dickson Fabian, Philippines

Right - Pictures from the Philippines

Below - John Kombo at his mother's (Jeskah Nandwa) funeral.















Top left - Church at Rio Verde, Mexico.

Top right - Baptisms at Queretaro, Mexico.

Middle left - Meeting in the city of San Luis , Mexico.

Middle right - Meeting in Escarcega, Mexico.

Bottom left - Meeting at Tixmucuy, Mexico.



Cards and Letters

Lorenzo, TX

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We here at the Lorenzo church of Christ are writing to you in Christian Love. We pray for all the congregations and keep you in our hearts. Our numbers here remain about the same. We are fortunate to have several speakers here. We are very fortunate to have a couple of young men coming up that have had a hand at preaching the word. Young Bro. Austin Stockman has spoken a couple of time the last 2 months. He has done a good job both times and we are looking forward to more in the future. Young Bro. Shiloh Boling has evolved to a rather good speaker in the last year. And his last lesson was extremely well presented. Again, anticipation is in play for our congregation with this young man.

All is quiet now after the holidays. We had several visitors during that time. Paul Forsman from Washington, Earlene Jared from Indiana, Willie, Mary and their grandson Jaden Howe from the Dallas area. Sable Boling from New Mexico was here for a few days. Then, her sister Sheena and young Daphne blessed us with their smiling faces; David and Sarah Orendorff with their 2 really cute kids, Luke & Emily came from California, and Russell & Reba Morris from Oklahoma.

Health wise we are as a general rule doing well; although it is the flu season, and it has made a presence with some of our group. Angela Boling did have a fall and bruised her ribs, but she seems to be doing well and mostly recovered.

Again, we would like to remind everyone of our brothers and sisters in Africa, Mexico. Central & South America and the Philippines. All have been going great works of spreading the word of Christ. But, they also have it much harder then we do here in the USA. We want to encourage any who can, to send some financial help. If unable, PRAYER is the ultimate weapon. Please pray for all our brothers and sisters whereever they may be.

In Christian Love,
The Church of Christ
in Lorenzo, TX

Lost Sheep Church of Christ, Stilwell, OK

To our brothers & sisters in Christ,

We here at the Lost Sheep Church of Christ in Stilwell, OK, are all doing well. Russell, Sr & Reba Morris, Paul & Crystal Warford & children went to Broken Bow, OK, to their meeting, then went back home.

Our brothers Jack Warford, Paul Warford, Russell, Jr. and Russell Morris all doing great teaching the word of God.

We have been blessed to have had two come forward to make their confession and be buried in baptism on Nov. 30th. The two that were baptized were Brittney Walker and Tina Smith. We welcome them to God's family.

Paul & Crystal Warford and children have moved into their new home and Jack Warford moved into a smaller home on their new farm. We are all looking forward to building our church building on their land.

God has really blessed us this past year in our small congregation.

Enclosed you will find a check to help with the *Christian Courier*. Also, thank you for sending the *Courier* to us.

In Christian love,

Russell Morris, Lost Sheep Church of Christ, Stilwell, OK

Yakima, WA

Nov. 29th

Dear Brethren:

I haven't written for some time, as we have been somewhat busy changing our lifestyle. On October 1st, Veda fell and came away with a bump on her head that looked like a golf ball was imbedded in her forehead. A CT Scan at the hospital showed no brain damage or fractured skull, but her physical condition has deteriorated so much that she needed 24/7 care, so she was taken from the hospital to Selah Convalescent where she is now. With all our children plus many grandchildren and Richard and Monica living here in the upper valley, I have transportation so that I have been able to visit her every day.

I think we have our meeting for 2015 locked in now. It will be June 28th through July 5th with Roger Walkingstick from Oklahoma City, OK, and Jerry McCay of Lorenzo, TX, doing the speaking. We invite all who can come, to come and be with us at that time or any time.

After putting up with an infected toe for many months, Cinde McCay finally had surgery on it. We have hopes that it will heal now.

After many years as a nurse in California, and several years at Yakima Memorial Hospital, Kay has retired. She is happy to be able to stay at home with Michael and play with the Grandkids.

We had hoped that our extreme cold was past, but the forecast is for the nights to be in the teens for the next week.

We again invite all of you who can, to come and be with us whenever you can.

Please pray for us and all the brethren as we pray for you.

Yours in Christ,

Bill McCay, Sr.

Dec. 18th

Dear Brethren:

We have some good news to report. On Saturday, December 6th, Jessica Nelson was baptized into the body of Christ, and then on the 13th, she was married to Michael McCay, Jr; so now the family of Christ has a new member, as well as the McCay family.

Everything else here is about the same as we work at getting through the winter, and look forward to the summer meetings.

Once again, we invite you all to come and be with us for our meeting or any time. All are welcome.

Yours in Christ,

Bill McCay, Sr.

Yuma, AZ

Brothers and Sisters,

I have once again become slack in sending in letters, again no excuse. Just received news of our Sis. Veda McCay in Yakima, WA. that is in the hospital in grave condition; a wonderful lady that has nothing but kindness in her heart for everyone. Always there when we pull up in our trailer for the meeting in Yakima and always so happy to have us back. Veda is the ultimate in hostessing, filled with love for us, her Christian light shining brightly and always checking in, inviting us over for lunch or dinner and concerned for our well being while there. Prayers for one of the most stalwart Christian ladies. I hadn't mentioned the loss of our Sis. Ola McKinney who recently passed away, another of the stalwarts in the Church, sister, we will miss you.

This will be a short note to let everyone know how we are doing here in Yuma. There has been some kind of flu going around and I and my wife Susie have been one of the "lucky one's" to get it. I have heard that it is spread all over the country so if you managed to miss it, count yourself truly blessed, not as bad as some in the past but still pure misery. There are others that are having health problems here; my Aunt Ruth Duncan has been in the hospital for some time now and she doesn't seem to be doing well. Our Bro. Melvin Stewart and family have had some recent losses in their family and our hearts go out to them during their time of loss. My Aunt Alice is also having some difficulty with the pains in her body, shoulder and back mostly. Uncle Harry says he is doing well but he always says that; keep him in your prayers. Aunt Verda Nelson is doing well. Please continue to pray for Aunt Dorothy and her son Gary as he is still having problems with a tumor. Our brother Carl seems to be doing quite well. We have some of our people back down off of the mountain and it is so good to have them here again. We miss them when they leave and fly back north. That would be Terry and Debby Wilkerson of Cedaredge, CO. They got here just after Christmas and we hope that they stay until well after our meeting this year. We are going to have a couple more families visiting with us; Russell and Reba Morris will be heading down from Stilwell, OK, soon and we hear that Bob and Wilma Farley will be here this week sometime, Great days in Yuma with all of the extra brothers and sisters even though it will be temporary.

Ok, now on to our meeting. We have had to adjust the time once again to accommodate some travelers from here. Robert and Debra Davis are going to Israel in the first of the month of March and Susie and I are going to our son's wedding on the 1st of March so the meeting has been set for the 22nd through the 29th day of March. So if you can come we would love to have you. It has never been a problem before but we are so few in number that we might put some of you to work, at any rate please set aside some days for us if possible. If you have any questions about anything just let us know. We are still strapped for housing as always but it has always worked out in the past. Feel free to call me at 928-503-3709 if you have questions.

Denny and Susie Davis,
for the Yuma Church of Christ

In Loving Memory of Christine Davila



Christine Davila, 56, of Mansfield, OK, formerly of Burkburnett, OK, passed away on November 22, 2014. She was laid to rest on November 28, 2014, in Burkburnett, OK. Christine was born on August 10, 1958, in Ryan, OK, to Bro. Roy & Sammie Smith. She had been battling breast cancer.

Christine was a hard worker, and enjoyed cross stitching, cooking, reading, playing softball, and watching the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys. She loved her family dearly and will be missed by all that knew her.

In Loving Memory of Sis. Veda Mae McCay



Veda Mae McCay, 82, was born Jan. 28, 1932, to Bro. Elza & Sis. Nora Loveland in Missouri. She passed from this life Jan. 4, 2015, after having a bad fall on October 1, 2014. The family moved to Yakima, WA, in 1947 when she was 15. She met Bill McCay, Sr. at church. They married Dec. 11, 1948. They had 66 wonderful years together. She was a faithful member of the Church of Christ for over 70 years with 60 of those years at Ahtanum Church of Christ in Yakima, WA. Whenever the church had something going on, she was there. Many of us learned to sing alto sitting close to her as her beautiful voice rang out. That love of singing praises to the Lord lives on in her family as well as the church family.

Bill & Veda thoroughly involved with family, were always busy in the kid's schedules as well as all church activities. She often worked outside the home in orchards when the kids were young, then in canneries before finally working 25 years as a meat wrapper for Safeway.

After retiring, she delighted in going on family camping trips as well as going to church meetings. At church camp at Delta, CO, in 1964, Bill & Veda met Al & Charlotte Burtis and instantly formed a close life-long bond. This partnership took the four of them (& often

others) to all 50 states and many other congregations where they met other Christians. Veda became Charlotte's heart "sister", often cooking together as they made their legendary biscuits & gravy, smothered steak, and more as they fed anyone who came to meetings, etc.

Veda left behind her husband Bill, children Bill (Cinde), Michael (Kay), Teri (Rick), & Kelly (Kate); 2 sisters, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and others who claimed her.

Hers is a beautiful legacy filled with warm memories. She was lovingly laid to rest Jan. 10, 2015.

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

March 22-29, 2015	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
June 28 - July 5, 2015	Yakima, WA	Roger Walkingstick & Jerry McCay
July 12-19, 2015	Delta, CO, Camp Meeting	Guest Speakers

Baptisms

Brittney Walker	Stilwell, OK	November 30, 2014
Tina Smith	Stilwell, OK	November 30, 2014
Jessica Nelson	Yakima, WA	December 6, 2014

Weddings

Michael McCay, Jr. & Jessica Nelson	Yakima, WA	December 13, 2014

Passings

Christine Davila	Burkburnett, OK	November 22, 2014
Jeskah Inyangala Nandwa	Nakuru, Kenya	November 23, 2014
Veda Mae McCay	Yakima, WA	January 4, 2015

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Peter Boaz, Jr.	Tanzania	Severe Malaria
Peter Boaz	Tanzania	Back problems
Agrippina Alex	Tanzania	Back problems
Felomina Mendoza's son	Kidapawan, Philippines	2nd degree burns on face & body.
Tina Mickey	Aztec, NM	Extreme dizziness & advance age

Linda Wilson	Aztec, NM	Extreme anxiety
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
Pat Reed	Broken Bow, OK	Fighting cancer
Pam Berry	Canton, GA	Severe headaches
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe back pain
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes & heart problems
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Severe aching joints - age
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, blood clots, & falls
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel
Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & spinal problems
Gary Calhoun	Hillsboro, OR	Brain tumor
Robert Lane	Hillsboro, OR	Recovering from stroke
Jerry McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eye treatments for Macular Degeneration
Retha Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting Parkinson's disease
Anna Bell Barnes	Randlettt, OK	Alzheimer's Disease
Nora Jo Elliot	Randlett, OK	Light heart attack
Ken Harper	Sacramento, CA	Recovering from stroke and paralysis
Gerald Buckner	Stilwell, OK	Stage III Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Severe kidney complications
Lawanda Durham	Tiner, OK	Serious health issues
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's & surgery for infected toe
Dorothy & Gary Calhoun	Yuma, AZ	Gary has a tumor
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Lower back pain & advanced age
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's, fell & injured elbow
Verda Nelson	Yuma, AZ	Heart valve replacement
Iris Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems
Betty Wallen	Yuma, AZ	Knee replacement
Bill Wallen	Yuma, AZ	Stint put in his heart

And all those in nursing homes.

Editor's note - We need updates for those who have recovered. We can still pray, but we also need space. The list grows and we seldom get updates. We are occasionally forced to delete, but we really don't want to be arbitrary.

Also - We know that many of you pass information to others via Facebook. We often miss any news information from this source unless it is messaged directly to the personal accounts of Ellis or Lynell Forsman. The preferred method of sending information is via the Courier email (located on page 1 of *The Christian Courier*).

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