GOSPEL NEWS COURIER

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MORE ABOUT THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Let us remember these dates, June 21 through 30 with the congregation at La Habra, California. This protracted meeting will be for the purpose of reviving the membership. We are like all church congregations, in that we have a few who are faithful in that they attend all services, while many others attend on special occasions such as Easterand Christmas Sundays, or when the notion occurs to them that today is the Lord's day and I should be in the assembly of the saints. We don't conduct any special services on these Sundays because we believe that each First day of the week is of equal importance.

Of course we are also concerned for those lost souls in our midst, and these services will be conducted for their benefit also. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting and to help us in this effort.

Bro. W. H. Francis, evangelist of Mangum, Oklahoma, will do the preaching in this effort. June 21 through 27 the preaching will be by Bro. Francis. On Friday night June 28 we will begin a week-end service to be conducted by those who are visiting with us. We plan to have guest speakers for the Friday night services, three services Saturday 10"30, 2:30 and 7:30, and Lord's day 10:30, 2:30 and 7:30 with dinner served Saturday and Sunday both at noon and in the evening..

There will be many hours of wonderful singing and of visiting with those from far and near. You are invited both for Bro. Francis' meeting and the 5th. Sunday services. We will make every effort to house all who wish to attend. Come and bring your friends. Write us of your plans to attend and let us help you make them.

The camp meeting at Delta, Colorado has been set up two weeks because of the children starting to school. The new date is August 4 through the 18th. This gives

us two weeks of meeting and three week-end services. There will be no certain preacher chosen to hold the meeting, but the services will be conducted by the many capable preachers that we have who plan to attend. We want to invite everyone to come and help make this a great and wonderful effort of unity and Christian fellowship. We also plan to make this an annual affair so that we all can look forward to closer association with all the congregations. It is still early to make your plans to attend these two meetings in every effort to bring us closer together in Christ. If you have any suggestions, please write me, Roy Snoderly, P. O. Box 97. La Habra, California. Also you preachers write us in time to get your name on the published program. There has been a question raised concerning the meeting in Colorado. Some have asked if their expenses would be paid if they attend. The answer is no. The church at Delta are trying to build a new building and have no funds to finance vacations. Every one is invited to come and if you need a place to sleep, we will make every effort to provide one, and also to feed you, but we cannot provide traveling expenses and compensation for loss of income. While we are on the subject of finance; have you thought of helping Delta build their new building? Send your help to Bro. James E. Wilkerson, Rt. I, Cedaredge, Colorado. Let all of us get behind this effort by so few and help their dream come true, a house where they can worship God, where every one will feel welcome to attend. It is hard to hold services in one's home, and almost impossible for a church to grow under these conditions. Even a dollar will help. --Yout faithful servant,

ROY L. SNODERLY.

SALVATION TO BE WORKED OUT

There are many people today who teach that you cannot work out your own salvation. Nevertheless, let's see what God's word teaches.

Phil. 2:12-13 "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Our salvation is eternal. Heb. 5:8-9; "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that OBEY him". So we work out our own eternal salvation by obeying God, that is, by obeying his word as given in the gospel .

THERE IS A WORK TO BE DONE.

I. The work of the Lord, I Cor. 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye"

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DID YOU KNOW THAT,--

The church was named after Christ because he built it? (Matt. I6:I8)

The church was named after Christ because he bought it? (Acts 20:28)

The church was named after Christ because he gave himself for it? (Eph. 5:25)

The name of the New Testament church is given in Romans I6:I6)

The church is the bride of Christ? (Eph. 5:23-29 Rev. 2I:9)

The whole family is named after Christ? (Eph.3:I4-I5)

The Lord added us to his church? (Acts 2:47)

The church is the body of Christ? (Col. I:I8-24)

Christ has only one body? (church)? (Eph. 4:4)

We are allowed entrance into the body, the Church of Christ by having faith in Christ, repenting of our sins, confessing Christ before men, and by being baptized into Christ? (Rom. I0:9-I0, I7 Acts 2:37-38 Mark I6:I5-I6; I Pet. 3:2I)

We gain admittance into his body, the Church, through baptism? (I Cor. I2:I3).

Put on Christ through baptism? (Gal. 3:27 Romans 6:2-5)

There is one baptism? (Eph. 4:5)

Baptism is a planting? (Rom. 6:5)

Baptism is a burial? (Col. 2:I2)

Much water is required for baptism? (John 3:23)

Members of Christ's church are called Christians? (Acts II:26)Acts 26:28; I Pet. 4:I6)

Christians are required to meet upon the first day of the week? (Acts 20"7)

Christians are required to break bread upon the first day of the week? (Acts 20:7)

Christians are required to pray? (Acts 2:42; I Pet. 4:7 Eph. 6:I8)

Christians are required to give as they are prospered? (I Cor. I6:I-2)

Christians are required to teach and admonish one another by the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs? (Eph. 5:I9; Col. 3:I6; James 5:I3)

ELZA LOVELAND

I20I Iler Lane, Yakima, Washington.

We're sorry we could not print all the fine articles and letters received this month for lack of space

Dear Bro. Roy: Since I am not able to do anything else and have just gotten out of the hospital about two weeks ago, will try to write you a few lines since you didn't get my letter in the paper last month. I don't know if you got it or not.

So here I am again. Sure hope everyone of our brethren and sisters in Christ in the West are well and doing good, both in daily life and Spiritual also. As for us here at Hamilton we are just about holding our own through this bad weather we have been having here. Sure hope you and yours are OK.

As for the Morris family, we have had quite a bit of sickness of late. My health hasn't improved very much, if any. My daughter Bonnie, just got out of the hospital last week, and everyone has had the flu. Bro. Roy, the Bro. Jared who had the letter in the Gospel News Courier some time ago from the Philippines is a brother of our Bro. Jared who meets with us. Would love to read more from him. Bro. Jerry is a good talker in the church, and we are very fortunate to have him.

I really enjoyed the letters this last month in the paper. I wish more of our able brethren would write more especially. I liked the one from Bro. J. H. Lackey. I to, had some of my writing in the Peacemaker. I to, thought he was a true brother, but after I found out he was all wet on the women teaching I haven't written him any more. It is a shame our brethren in the churches of Christ can't see, or wont see the true gospel and be united in the one faith so we can fight the doctrines and commandments of men together, as a solid church instead of having to fight each other.

I wish to thank Bro. Paul Ferguson for his wonderful letter on the breaking bread. I have every word of the little paper. It would be wonderful if there was more like it in these days of religious turmoil and heresies. Bro. Roy, do you have anything on how many different denominations there are today. I would like to have some of those little pmphlets if you have some of them at this time. Some time the Lord willing, I will send a discourse on a subject I have on Heaven and Hell.

So I guess I'll close for now. I could write for hours but will bring this to a close. Hope that I will hear from some of the churches.

With all our Christian love in Christ Jesus our Lord,

HAYSE MORRIS

3250 Buell Road, Hamilton, Ohio.

Dear Bro. Snoderly: - We just finished reading the Gospel News Courier which we enjoyed very much. We saw the notice wanting the location of the place of worship. We meet at the Tiner Church of Christ located 3½ miles east of Broken Bow, Highway 70, and ½ mile north. Leaders are, Albert Queen, P. O. Box 699, Broken Bow, Okla. Wayne Queen, Route, Broken Bow,

Oklahoma. Preacher, Loyd Treat, Rt. 2, Box 348, Broken Bow, Oklahoma. We meet at 10:30 A. M. each Lord's day. Everyone welcome.

A brother in Christ,

R. J. ROBERSON.

Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Feb. 24, 1963.

STILLWELL, OKLA, Rt. 2, Feb. 28, 1963-- Dear Brother Snoderly: - We arrived home February 20 from a visit in Arizona; stopping on our way both going and coming with the faithful few at Carlsbad, N. Mexico. Found them earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. Those brethren are few but never giving up. They invite all who may be passing through that way to stop and worship with them, their worship being as "as a thus saith the Lord." While visiting my son in Phoenix, we were down to Somerton a couple of times. Was with the Somerton brethren Friday night through Lord's Day night of the last week of January. It was a great pleasure to me to meet those good brethren and sisters of both Somerton and Yuma; also some of the members of the Tacna, Arizona church. This was my first time to meet those brethren which I had long had a desire to do. They are to be commended for their never tiring efforts to spread the gospel. Those of you who have never met those brethren are really missing something. We were also made happy by the presence of Bro. and Sister Claude Perigen of Bellflower, California which we had met last summer and had Bro. Perigen hold our meeting. If you want to see a Christian spirit really and truly manifested, just drop in at Somerton some Lord's day. You will be like me, want to go back some time.

The Pleasant View Church of Christ here at Stillwell, are doing as well as could be expected. Attendance has fallen off a little this winter oweing to sickness; otherwise everything is going along nicely. We invite all who might be passing through these parts, to stop and worship with us. We assure you that you will find the services conducted as "a thus saith the Lord."

Yours in Christ,

W. E. DANIELS.

MARCH 8, 1963--- Dear Bro. Snoderly: - Just got through reading the Gospel News Courier and will say, I enjoyed reading it very much. I want to thank you for the

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extra copies you are sending me. I pass them out to my friends here in the hospital and I get good reports from them. I am sending you a small donation for the paper. Keep it clean, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the paper will be a success. I will be looking forward to the next copy. I do appreciate all the reports from the brethren from all over the states. I will close wishing you much success in your mission work. Your brother in Christ,

THOMAS STARK.

Box 84361, V. A. Center, Los Angeles, California.

MODESTO, CALIF., 511 S. Sunset Ave., March 7, 1963 -- Dear Bro. Snoderly: - Just a few lines concerning the church here in Modesto. Everything is moving along nicely except we still have some sickness among us. Bro. and Sister Conder are able to attend worship on Lord's Days most of the time, and Sister Smith and Sister Stark are able to attend some of the time. Otherwise we are doing fine.

Bro. Roy Brown, Bro. Loyd Coleman and myself went up to San Pablo, California last Lord's Day and I preached for the brethren there and I baptized three young ladies. Lola Mae Beaver, Bro. and Sister Amos Beavers' daughter, and Rhonda and Marcelle Maddox, Mr Al and Sister Maddoxs' daughters. So we rejoiced in the Lord for their obedience to the gospel.

Your brother in Christ,

F. H. LOGAN.

CARLSBAD, N. MEXICO, 205½ S. Olive, March 10, 1963. --- Dear Bro. Snoderly: -- I hope everyone there is well and happy. We haven't received the Gospel News Courier for the month of March yet, but I am sure it will arrive soon. I am always anxious to receive it. I don't have any news, except my brother W. E. Daniels and wife, Mary, came by some 4 or 5 weeks ago on their way home from Phoenix, Arizona, and worshipped with us and he preached a good sermon which I enjoyed very much. Enclosed is a small contribution for the Gospel News Courier. May God bless you in the good work. Sincerely yours in Christ,

MRS. LAURA E. WILLIS.

CROSBYTON, TEXAS. March 6, 1963. - Dear Bro. Snoderly: I have thinking of writing you for some time but have so much Rheumatism in my hand and arm I can't fo much writing and that not good. I hope all is well out that way. Well, the members here in Crosbyton were all able to be in the assembly for worship last Lord's day, but Bro. Garner is real poorly. He complains all the time. I'll send a little help for the paper, and I want to write a tract to have published when I am feeling better, maybe. We have had some visitors at church this year for which we are always proud of. Some from Lubbock and some from Woodson, Texas and some from Abilene. Several have asked me when and where the 5th. Lord's day meeting will be held this year. I guess though, that it will be announced in the Gospel News Courier as soon as a date is definitely decided upon. Well I guess this will do for this time, so I'll close with brotherly love in the ,

ONE blessed Faith,

R. H. PEEL.

BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA, 8748 E. Artesia Blvd., March 17, 1963. - Bro. Roy: - We have two announcements to make. Bro. John D. Logan of Modesto, Calif., will hold us a meeting, if it's the Lord's will, July 7, through the 14.

Also if the Lord permit, we will be in Furnish Canyon, Colorado, June 2 through 9. Will also be in Springfield, Colorado, but no date decided upon as yet.

Visit with us in these meetings if you can. Bro. and Sister Earl Broadway left for Arkansas last week. Sister Broadway's father is very ill, but is reported to be some better. Bro. Tibb's mother has moved here. Was at church last Lord's day. Was glad to have her with us. She is the daughter of the late Bro. J. S. Bedingfield. Brother and Sister Couchman visited with us in our homes and at church. He preached for us one Lord's day morning. We sure did enjoy having them with us.

CLAUDE PERIGEN.

LA HABRA NEWS--Not much to report this past month, but we had several visitors with us on Lord's days including Sister Sharon Cook and husband of San Diego, and Bro. and Sister Roy Brown of the Modesto congregation. We are always happy to have visitors to look us up when in this area and worship with us. We have exchanged speakers at times with the Bellflower church. Our latest speaker from there being Bro. Jerry Perigen who preached a fine sermon and indicating good talent and ability in his

presentation of the lesson. This is the first time we have had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Jerry, who is the son of Bro. and Sister Claude Perigen. Bro. and Sister Paul Ferguson have sold their home in Buena Park and are contemplating b buying a home in La Habra.

DEAR BRO. SWODERLY:--First, I want to thank you for the kind mention of my mother (Mrs. Ethel Bedingfield) in the Gospel News Courier along with a report of her physical condition. I am writing this letter for her because she is unable to write, but she is still completely and keenly alert mentally,,and her cunsuming interest is still the cause of Christ. She as always counts her 'real family' the faithful ones. I tell you this so you will realize how very much she appreciated the cards and letters the readers of the Courier sent. many of the people who wrote her were people she is personally acquainted with, and has loved for years. But was also made happy by the messages of encouragement and cheer from new friends. Mother is not able to be out of bed for very long at a time. But she remains the sweet patient Christian she has always been in adversity. I am her daughter, and will try to answer letters to her as far as possible. This time I am taking this means of thanking the readers of the Courier. God bless you all,

LURANA MCCLUSKEY

I829 Laurel Lane, West Sacramento, California. March 22-I963.

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know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

2. Labor of love. Heb. 6:I0, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love, which ye have shown toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

3. Personal work. Rom. I2:I-2 We are to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, for that is our reasonable service unto God.

4. Keeping ordinances. I Cor. II:2; Paul here commanded the church to keep the ordinances as he delivered them to the church.

HOW SHALL WE WORK?

I. We must work earnestly. Heb. 6:II, and 2:I-3. Here Paul said for us to give the more earnest heed to thethings which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. See also Jude 3.

2. We should labor patiently. James I:2-3.

3. We must work lawfully, 2 Tim. 2:5. Here Paul said we

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would not be crowned except we strive lawfully.

WHERE MUST WE WORK?

1. In the vineyard. Matt. 20:1-16.

2. We must not become weary. Gal. 6:9. "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

3. But some will become lukewarm. Rev. 3:15-16.

Submitted in the love of Christ.

F. H. LOGAN.

511 S. Sunset Ave., Modesto, California

P A S S E D O N.

Sister Maggie Reese was born in Yellville, Marion County, Arkansas March 11, 1872, and departed this life March 13, 1963 in the Casa Grande Hospital, Casa Grande, Arizona. She suffered a stroke and went into a coma some three weeks before she finally succumbed to the grim reaper, death. Her age was 91 years and 2 days.

Those who survive her passing are, one son, Connie L. Barber, Stanfield, Ariz., 4 step-sons, C. N. Reese, Yuma, Arizona, Joe Reese, Byers, Texas, Geo. W. Reese, Horatio, Ark., Garner Reese, El Centro, Calif,, a step-daughter, Sister Myrtle Staggs, Yuma, Ariz., and another step-daughter, Lillie, whose surname and place of residence is not available to the writer at the present momment. She is also survived by a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

Sister Reese was a life-long member of the Church of Christ. Funeral services was held in Yuma, Arizona at the Johnson Mortuary. Bro. Jack Morris of the 1st. Street and 17th. Avenue Church of Christ in Yuma, preached the funeral sermon. Burial was in Desert Lawn Memorial Park, Yuma.

Her husband was the late Chas. F. Reese, who was widely known as an able gospel preacher and debater was also a native of Arkansas, born at Center Point. They lived at different places in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas before moving from Henrietta, Texas in 1925 to Yuma, Arizona where they resided most of the rest of their life.

Sister Reese frequently went with her husband on his preaching tours and was with him in many of his public debates.

"All that pleases is but for a moment;
All that troubles is but for a moment,
That only is important which is eternal."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."
Rev. 14:13.

DEAR BRO. SNODERLY:--We are sending you a debate between Bro G A Trott and F J. Loyd on the formula of baptism. This was a written discussion between the two several years ago, appearing in the Apostolic Way, and J. D Phillips republished it in "THE TRUTH" in 1949 We copied it from his publication and are sending it to you We ll not attempt to tell you what the propositions were but just let you read them in the debate We believe that Bro Trott affirmed the truth in the discussion. You will also find a short sketch by J. D Phillips at the end of the debate by Trott and Loyd I am not in fellowship with J. D Phillips but will recognize the truth in this one article

Bro Snoderly, do you suppose that if this discussion was in tract form and distributed amongst the brotherhood, that it would edify the brethren in regards to the propositions that were discussed? Let all the brethren that you come in contact with, read this discussion.

I would like to give a short sketch of Doctor G A Trott as I remember him He was a medical doctor by profession and practiced here in Munday for many years. He attended my mother when I was born, and he also gave me my name. He was our family doctor until he passed away in 1930 As a Christian, he was the most meek and humble old soldier I have ever met. He was a Greek scholar and could also speak five different languages fluently. As a preacher, he was a fine orator. But as to listening to others preaching he was hard of hearing, although he wore no hearing aid. I always sat at Doctor Trott's side at church. He was a second daddy to me. He was always giving me spending money. I was told by the older brethren that back in the early 1900 s that any subject that became controverted by the brotherhood and was published in the different religious papers, that when Dr G. A. Trott wrote in regard to the matter that all the other scholars usually laid their pens down and accepted what he had to say as the truth from God's word, and put an end to the controversy. Let me exclaim! Oh that we had more Doctor Trott's living among us today!

The church here in Munday meets at 10:00 A M for worship every Sunday. The location is on 9th Avenue in the north part of town, just two blocks north of where they have the Sunday School, calling themselves the Church of Christ. This being a small town any one could find the church easy by asking. Everyone has a cordial invitation to meet with us. We only have six members, but we believe the Lord is in our midst My address is Box 494, Munday, Texas I live in the West part of town on 19th Avenue, Just ask any one where Jack White lives and you can find me. May we all be kept in the love of God, is my prayer. JACK WHITE.

II

"IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."
(John 14:15)

There are many ways and scriptures to prove that the first four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are truly in the New Testament. I will hardly made a beginning with this article. The cups brethren long ago began to say all our doctrine for church worship, should be taken from Acts forward. Why? The reason they do, is to get the first four Gospels out of the way, otherwise how could any one conscientiously worship God using individual cups? But this opens the door to all sects. Now if I can show where just one Apostle went back further than A. D. 33 for his doctrine, and why, we have settled this question once and for all. The church at Corinth was in a very digressive way concerning the observance of the communion service of our Lord. The Apostle Paul wrote and corrected them, and I quote; "For I received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread.....". (I Cor. II:23). Yes, here we have an actual account where Paul proves out church doctrine before it was established in A. D. 33, even the very night of Christ's betrayal. Why did he do this? Because Christ, like every one else today, wrote his will and testament before his death; the things he preached to his people, became New Testament law after he died. Here's proof, Heb. 9:17. Here's more proof, 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 unto your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." Now isn't that exactly what happened when Paul wrote unto the church at Corinth and corrected them? Jesus says, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant", Matt. 23:11. Notice how much of the gospel was written by the Apostle Paul. There's proof that we have the writings of the greatest of the Apostles on this subject.

I have also read articles of such men as Bishop Pike and others, who even have gone so far as to say that the parables Jesus taught in the four Gospels were a myth. If so, then let him, or any other man on the face of this earth, who understands the law of language, prove how it is possible for a parable that is true to teach a fact that is false, or a parable that is false, to teach a fact that is true. Yes, in all of Jesus' parables, he taught a fact, and that fact is either true or else he lied about it. Brethren, which are we ready to believe?

Yes, the first four gospels belong right where they are,

for Jesus began preaching his will (of God) and testament (of God) in them; for the old law had long since been established, 430 years after the promise was first made unto Abraham, (Gal. 3:17). Failure to rightly divide the word of truth, between Old Law worship and New Testament doctrine, has made shipwreck for many, not knowing how to earnestly contend for the Faith once deliveder unto the saints. That's what keeps the Jews this very hour, worshipping God by the old law. It keeps priests in the Gentile churches, of which God only allowed under the old law, and they had to be born of the tribe of Levi. Jesus after his resurrection was made our High Priest, Heb. 8:1, yet if he were on earth, he would not be a Priest, Heb. 8:4. It keeps many of the Gentiles obedient to the Ten Commandments which was only given to the Jews and then taken away by the Cross, Eph. 2:15. It has bound on many the giving of 10% of their earnings of which you have to go back under the Old Law for any authority for it. (Many preach it for filthy lucre). It has made many to worship God according to the Paschal Lamb, under the Old Law, instead of the crucified and resurrected Christ. "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God." (2 John 9). "Thus saith the Lord God; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the Lord will answer him that, cometh according to the multitude of his idole". (Ezekiel 14:4).

Brethren, let us all beware and seek after the Lord. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

How long has it been since we last prayed to the Lord for wisdom? This article is not meant for the offense unto any one, strictly a defense of what I believe, and on behalf of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Written in love of the TRUTH,

HARRY WEGLEY.

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Brethren, please when you write anything for publication in the Gospel News Courier it would help us much in the editing of your writings if you will DOUBLE SPACE THE LINES, especially articles on Gospel subjects.

If you can observe this simple rule when writing, we will thank you kindly, and will be greatly appreciated.

THE EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.