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ASSEMBLING OURSELVES TOGETHER

(Heb. 10:25)

CLYDE L. COUCHMAN

We as Christians need to burn this commandment upon our hearts and minds. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves togethre, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as we see the day approaching," (Heb. 10:25). The church meets at different times and for different purposes. We show our loves and good works when we go to every assembly of the church. We are to assemble on the first day of the week. "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." (Acts 20:7). We may meet at any convenient hour as long as it is on the first day of the week and when it is for Prayer, Preaching, Giving, Breaking Bread and Singing. When we miss the assembly we miss spiritual blessings.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ," (Eph. 1:3). When we go to church we help to uphold the truth. "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth," (I Tim. 2:15). We do not have any scripture for two communions or night communion, and when we do, we encourage the assembly forsaker in his deeds. Some call it a mild sin to forsake the assembly. I don't read of big and little sins in the Bible. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is

transgression of the law," (I Jno. 3:4). When we forsake the assembly, we transgress the law of Christ. We are to assemble together in one congregation. "There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them" (Joshua 8:35). We see under the law of Moses, men, women, and strangers all met in one congregation. We also need to come together to break bread under the law of Christ. The writer of the Hebrew letter tells how sinful it is to miss the assembly. "For if we sin WILFULLY after that we have received the knowledge of the truth,, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace." For we know him that hath said , Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people," (Heb. 10:26-30). Forsake not the assembly, forsake not God and His commandments.

JAMES F. BROWN, Rt. 2, Box 68, Westville, Okla. Apr. 6, 64. Would like for you to publish this in the next Gospel News Courier. We here at the Baron Church of Christ, which is located about half way between Stilwell and Westville just south of the Baron Bridge on 59 highway, want to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for all the nice donations which have been sent us on our new building which is nearing completion. But we are still in need of financial help. If any one whould like to help in this effort, it will be very much appreciated. We hope and pray that much good can be done here for the Kingdom of Christ. We also want to announce that we are planning a celebration at the openning of our new buildingfirst Sunday in June which is the 7th. And we would like to invite each and everyone that can come and be with us. The weather here is usually nice and warm at that time of year. If any one would like to come and visit for a few days we have some nice lakes and streams for fishing, if any one likes to fish. We will also have services on Saturday night June 6th. and basket lunch Lord's Day after services; and also afternoon and evening services. We are located 9 miles north of Pleasant View Church of Christ where we go at present. Attendance is pretty good with average 65 on Lord's day. We are happy to report one was restored back to the faith April 5th.

CALANDER OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATES.

Of course we want to remember our Camp-Meeting at Delta, Colorado, Aug. 8, through the I6th. Make your plans to attend. Also remember the meeting at Bellflower, California the latter part of JUNE or the first part of JULY, the date now is indefinite. Bro. J. D. Logan of Modesto, California is the evangelist for this meeting.

The Church of Christ of I6th. Avenue and 1st. Street, in Yuma, Arizona has called Bro. Elmer H. Hunt, of Corona, Cal. the Evangelist who will do the preaching in this meeting, which will run from May 24, through May 3Ist. Bro. Hunt is a member of the La Habra congregation. Everyone is invited to attend and hear Bro. Hunt proclaim the word of God.

The Church of Christ at Carlsbad, N. Mexico which meets 205½ S. Olive Str. will begin their meeting May I0th. and last through the I7th. with Bro. J. C. Spurlin of Reydon, Oklahoma as their Evangelist. We hope that much good can be accomplished in Carlsbad. I know Bro. Spurlin and Bro. Couchman personally, and I know that every effort will be done on their part to bring the truth to the lost, as well as teaching and edifying the church. If you live close enough, go help them in this effort.

The Church of Christ, Furnish Canyon, Colorado has called Bro. Paul Ferguson as the Evangelist for this years' meeting, which begind JUNE 7, and running through the I4th. Everybody who know Bro. Ferguson knows what kind of preaching is in store for those who attend. Maybe I brag too much on Bro. Paul but I love him and love to hear him proclaim God's word as only he can; shunning not to declare the whole council of God, being instant both in season and out of season.

The new congregation at Baron, Oklahoma on Highway 59, between Stilwell, and Westville, will hold special services the week-end of JUNE 7th. Services will be Saturday night, Lord's day morning, afternoon, and night. Everybody is invited. God bless you all. ----- EDITOR.

LETTERS, NEWS-NOTES, ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CLYDE L. COUCHMAN, 60I W. Pierce, Carlsbad, N. Mexico 88220. April I5, 1964. - Hope this finds all well ther. We are all fairly well. Bro. Berkstresser still has the pin in his leg that was broken. He is able to get around on crutches. Bro. J. C. Spurlin is to hold us a gospel meeting starting May I0th. and running through the I7th. All are cordially invited to attend services each night and two services each Lord's day. Please pray for us in this meeting. Am sending some help on publishing the Courier.

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HARRY DYE, 828 Oak Dr., Yuma, Arizona, March 22, I964.-- Please forgive me for not writing sooner. Even though we don't write every month, we enjoy the paper and hearing from others. Bros. Earl, Tom, and Vern Broadway and their families met with us today. Bro. Tom gave us a real good lesson on church organization and duty of members. Sister Gladys Stewart's mother, Sister Splawn has been very sick but is some-what better. Sister Stewart is one of our faithful members, but the last two years has been very trying for her with all the sickness and death.

I6th. and Ist. Street, Yuma Church of Christ is having a meeting MAY 24th. through 3Ist, with Bro. Elmer H. Hunt doing the preaching. All are welcome. If you can't come, please help us with your prayers. Bro. Boling and wife have a new baby girl. Also their son Eris, had an eye operation. He seems to be doing very fine now.

J. C. SPURLIN, Reydon, Oklahoma, April 8, I964. - We received the COURIER yesterday, and enjoyed it very much, even to the extent of rereading it. We rejoyced to hear the sick folks throughout the brotherhood were improved. We were made glad to; to see the announcements of the meetings. Wish we could attend all of them. We are sending two more names to be added to our list of subscribers, along with our little mite in support of the paper. We wish to thank all who are trying so earnestly, and faithfully to offer us a church paper worth reading. We hope to send other names later, but just two at this time.

J. H. SMITH, 3624 So. Central Ve., Ceres, Calif. 95307. April 7, I964. - The church here at Modesto, are sending $25.00 to help out on the paper, the Gospel News Courier. There is still a lot of sickness in the congregation here, but we are hoping if it is the Lord's will, all will be better soon. Hope all are well with you.

WILLIE DOAN, Rt. 2, Box I29, Broken Bow, Pkla. - Am sending a little sermon,if you can print, I'll thank you. I have been sick all winter, but am feeling better. The Church in Broken Bow, 2I0 Park dr., is doing as well as can be expected. I will close with Christian love.

MRS. D. L. GRANT, 428 - 6th. ave., North, Texas City, Texas. April 7, 1964. Tel. WI - 5-4702. - I am sending $1.00 on my subscription to the paper. Just hope I've not neglected sending it on time. Seems I have so many things to remember and attend to, I don't do it like I should. I really enjoy the Gospel News Courier very much. I wish I were young so I could attend some of your meetings and get to know the members. Our congregation here at 3rd. and 10th. is small but faithful. I have been in touch with Bro. Wegley of Grants Pass, Oregon, and he has been trying to help us get a preacher to hold us a meeting. Our leader, Bro. C. B. King passed away last September with a heart attack. Now we only have two men left in our congregation. They read the chapter, lead singing, and hold communion. I am hoping there will be a good Christian man move to our city who can take charge of the congregation as our Elder, or help Bro. Fuller and Bro. Watson out.

Any one from your part of the country passing this way, are always welcome to the church at 10th. and 3rd. in Texas City. When you turn towards Texas City off the Super Highway on 9th. or Palmer, it leads you direct to the city, and turn left at 3rd. and 9th. The church is one-half block of 9th. on the alley facing west.

R. H. PEEL, Crosbyton, Texas, April 5, 1964. - I have been intending to write and send a little donation to help the COURIER, and I want to write a little for publication, but my hand hurts so bad it is almost impossible for me to do anything of any account any more. We are just holding our own at church, can't grow any. We are not losing any. About all we can do is to correct the sectarians when they make a blunder. They can't hardly talk without doing this. Of course we meet for worship each Lord's day and sometimes help the sick. I am sending a little donation for the COURIER. I sent the name and address of Bro. W. W. Musgrave a while back, but I haven't seen nor hear of him, so I don't know if he has gotten it or not. My arm and hand is given out, so I'll close. As ever, Your brother in the one blessed faith.

MR. & MRS. GENE E. McKINNEY, USCC Light Station, Clallam Bay, Washington. March 2, 1964. - We have received the COURIER monthly and have enjoyed it very much. We look forward to it as it has mant interesting articles. ALSO WE ENJOY THE BIBLE QUESTION AND ANSWERS COLUMN.

Notd our new address. I hope this reaches you in time before sending out this month's issue. -In Christian love.

MRS. LAURA E. WILLIS, 205½ So. Clive, Carlsbad, New

Mexico 88220. March 25, 1964. - I received the GOSPEL NEWS COURIER last Saturday, and enjoyed its contents as usual. Bro. and Sister Couchman made a business trip last week and returned Saturday evening. Bro. Berkstresser fell and broke a leg some 4 weeks ago, but is out of the hospital now, and is doing nicely. Enclosed is my contribution to the Courier. A Sister in Christ.

LOYD TREAT, Gen. Del., Broken Bow, Oklahoma. - I Thought I would write and say Hello again. I hope all is well there. We have had a lot of sickness among the members, and some are still sick. Sister Harry Queen is in the hospital and underwent major surgery, but is some better now. Thought I would send you some outlines of sermons I have preached. Use them as you see fit. More later if you want them.

PAUL AUSLAM, Rt. I, Fayetteville, Ark.,- I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to everyone in the La Habra, and Bellflower, California congregations who were so good to me and my family while we were at La Habra in our meeting. We thank you for inviting us into your homes; and to those of you we were unable to visit with, we thank you also. Maybe next time we can visit in all your homes. I want to thank the church at La Habra for calling me to help them in their meeting, and I pray they have been uplifted as much as I have in this effort for Christ. I want to invite all of you to visit us in our congregation on Bohannon Mountain, and in our home if you are ever in Arkansas. ---May God bless you all.

PAUL AUSLAM AND FAMILY,
JUNE, PAUL MORRIS, PHILLIP AND, TIMOTHY.

F. H. LOGAN, 5II S. Sunset Blvd., Modesto, California. April 23, I964. - Just a short report concerning the church work here at Modesto. The church here is progressing nicely. Two were added to our congregation by baptism the last Lord's day in March, They are Mrs. Aszelee Jaco, and Joyce McLain of South Modesto. We still have a lot of sickness in our congregation. Bro. and Sister Conder are not able to attend church. Sister Stark is in a rest home and not able to attend church, and Bro. Loyd Coleman is back in the hospital. I had my appendix removed February I4 but have fully recovered. Our meeting place is still at Glenn and Dallas Str., S. Modesto. Morning services are I0:30 A. M. and evening services at 7 P. M. each Lord's day. Any one coming by this way, is cordially invited to come and attend our services and worship with us.

LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA 90631.--Our meeting here, which closed April 19, was a great success, although there were no additions. Great interest was shown both by the members and visitors. All who attended were greatly edified by the preaching of Bro. Paul Auslam of Fayetteville, Arkansas. Many were the comments as to his zeal and sincerity in proclaiming the truth of God's word. I have not heard such preaching in many years. Today it seems that preachers are afraid to preach Christ crucified, or to condemn sin for fear of driving people away. Our meeting proved this to be wrong, for the more he condemned sin the more people come to listen. Great interest was shown both by our membership and by outsiders. Much good was accomplished and I would say that a congregation that does not hold a meeting each year, is missing the goal of Christianity, and as a congregation is dying or already dead. If you would like to have a meeting this year, write or call a preacher and make plans. There are several available and waiting to be called.

The La Habra and Bellflower congregations are working together in an effort to send an evangelists into the field in areas where there is a need, and where congregations are unable to pay the expenses incurred in a meeting. Next month we hope to be able to report more on this matter. If any of you want to join us in this effort to spread the gospel, please feel free to do so. Send your contributions to me Roy L. Snoderly, P. O. Box 97, La Habra, California, and designate them for gospel meetings. I personally will give an account for every penny received and spent. We do not plan to choose the evangelist for these meetings, but only help pay or pay all the expenses as the need may be in each case.. There are several evangelists available and the choice will be left up to them asking for assistance in these meetings. Many congregation are able to pay their own way, so please don't take advantage of this offer unless there is no other way for you to hold a meeting. This offer is for those congregations who are not large enough to support a meeting. Last year we discussed such a plan with the brethren who attended our fifth Sunday meeting here in La Habra. IT IS NOW TIME TO ACT. Let me hear from you in this matter now, not next year. If there is some place that needs help, or if you have any questions, please feel free to write.

I almost forgot our visitors during our meeting. We had many each night and our crowds were large. We want to thank the Bellflower congregation for their support , attendance and assistance at each service. And we want to thank each and everyone who attended. Out of town from

visitors from other congregations were: Bro. and Sister Buddy and Willie Davis, and Robert and Joyce Morris of Somerton, Arizona; Bro. Donald Dabbs of Phoenix, Arizona; Bro. and Sister Roy Brown and their two grandsons LeRoy Brown of Empire, California, and Bro. Kenneth Brown of Spokane, Washington. (Bro. Kenneth Brown is stationed at Spokane with the Air Corps), all of these are from Modesto, California. Also Sister Darlene Venture of Santa Maria, California, daughter of Sister Avis Ardantz of La Habra. There were many others who' s names I do not now recall, but we thank you for attending and helping make our meeting a success. May God bless you in your work for the Lord. Your Brother in Christ,
ROY L. SNODERLY.

OGDEN CHURCH of CHRIST, Seymour, Texas, April 20, 1964. Just a few lines to report the progress of the church here at Seymour. We have had another member to make his acknowledgements, and is very faithful to attend every service.

We were very fortunate to have Bro. J. C. Spurlin and wife from Reydon, Oklahoma for a short visit last week-end of April 12th. They spent the night with us Saturday night and Lord's day he gave us a most wonderful lesson on, "Alerting The Membership" It would certainly be profitable for every congregation to be taught this lesson. We all enjoyed the lesson very much and were so glad to have them in our home. They were back through here Tuesday on their return home and had lunch with us. We hope they will come back real soon. I believe we have 15 regular members now and we have visiting members almost every service. We are planning a meeting for the near future, but the date has not been decided. We would like to invite everyone to come and be with us.

MEETINGS OF THE PAST.- Bro. Roy Dabbs of Aztec, N. Mex. held a weeks meeting at Lakeside, California in March. No report has been received of the outcome and the announcement of this meeting was received too late to be printed in the March issue of the paper. All announcements should reach me by the 10th. of each month to be print4d and mailed by the 1st. of the following month.

---EDITOR.

LATE NEWS:- Bro. J. C. Spurlin told me over the phone his plans for the Carlsbad, N. M. meeting, and also told me that Sister Howard Studer was very ill and confined to her home. Bro. Paul Ferguson told me his meeting at New Castle Texas runs from June 17 through 28. Bro. Jack Whites meeting at Springfield, Colo. begins June 18. Let us remember the sick in our prayers and also those who go forth to preach the gospel. ---- EDITOR