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Evangelism: The Means

"Personal evangelism, in a live church, is not a program; it is a way of life" one of my Bible teachers told us during gospel meeting some years ago. Everyone who is a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ should ask this question, why did my Savior Come to Earth? Although there are numerous reasons that can be given one particular reason is vital "for the son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). To put it another way, Jesus was Heaven's missionary sent to evangelize the human race therefore everything we do in the church e.g. benevolence, visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, building houses for worship, Bible teaching etc., are all means to achieve the end, and the end means is evangelism.

The Jordan River empties into the Dead Sea but it has no outlets. It takes in, but it does not give out. It is referred to as "dead" because no fish or any other organisms can live there.

We do well, by going out there to preach the gospel to the lost as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ. But in most cases we do not make a follow up by continuing with teaching. At the end of the day the person or persons get lost again. The newly converted person knows very little about the difference between the church of Christ with others that are called denominations. Many people after getting converted to the Lord's church go back to denominations. Another mistake we make is when a missionary visit with us, we normally think very much about money and other material benefits and forget the most important mission of Jesus Christ "to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). Money is needed yes, nobody can deny that. But it is just one of the three means to fulfill the Great commission. The three means are:

God, the Ultimate means - how can the tremendous task of the world evangelism be

accomplished? When we face any task, it is important that we survey the means available by which that project can be a accomplished. As "builders of eternity" we must turn to God and His Word to find the resources at our disposal.

Man – the immediate means – as God reaches down to help the lost, the immediate contact used is the believer. On life's last day on earth, Jesus gathered the eleven remaining apostles on the low-lying Mount of Olives and told them. "*Go ye unto the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned*." (Mark 16:15-16).

Money: the intermediate means: - "*for the scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, the laborer is worthy of his reward*" (1 Tim. 5:18)

The intermediate means God provides to assist man in going and teaching, is financial assistance. When Jesus called for His disciple to leave their fishing boats or tax collection tables to fish for men, he did not summon them to starvation. The riches of Jesus' followers laid in their relationship to God and in their investments in service. (Matt. 19:21; 6:19-21; 1 Tim. 6:18). But, Apostle Paul had warned Timothy "*for the love of money is the root of all evils, by which some coveting after have strayed from the faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.*" (1 Tim. 6:10).

It is not money that is evil. What is evil is the materialistic heart obsessed with obtaining it. (Deut. 16:19) Evangelism! Evangelism! Evangelism! Let us all insist on evangelism, for it is the backbone of the church.

John Kombo – Baruti Church of Christ,
Nakuru, Kenya



Cards and Letters

Aztec, NM

Greetings from the Aztec, NM, congregation:

Many of you know that the Flora Vista, NM, congregation elected to close our little church and merge with the Aztec group. God has blessed us and now we have around 45 regular members.

Over the last year we have had many make that good confession and be baptized. I'm sending you this list: R. D. Bixler, David & Brenda Bixler, Jordan & Ryan Wilson, Sheri Floyd, Donna Maness, Brittney Harris, Al Martinez, and just this last week my daughter Tina & Wade Bingham (her new husband) were all baptized. We are all rejoicing over how our group is growing. Please keep all of us in your prayers.

Mama (Tina Mickey) and I are planning, Lord willing, to see many of you in Yuma, AZ, this year.

Much love to all of you,
Sis. Ann Cutler, Aztec, NM

Hillsboro, OR

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hope this finds all well with each of the congregations. We are all doing fairly well with the exception of two of our dear sisters that are getting up in age, 92 and 93 years old. Our Dear and Precious Sisters Eunice Jared with heart problems and Mary Peyton with Alzheimer's could use some prayers from all of you out there.

We have a young man Bro. Nicholas Verela, 16 years old, who we are so very proud of. He has been helping with the Church services and is doing such a wonderful job. He is a great help to Bro. Perry and Bro. Chuck.

This past Sunday we had a wonderful surprise visit from Sis. Lynell Forsman and Bro. Matt & Sis. Kelly Shephard. Lynell was in town to meet and spend time with her 1st great grandson. We always appreciate and enjoy our visitors.

With Christian Love,

The Church of Christ in Hillsboro, Oregon

(Ellis, thank you for the letters; keep them coming)

Lorenzo, TX

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, here at the Lorenzo, TX, church of Christ are writing to you in Christian love. We pray for all the congregations and keep you in our hearts. Our meeting is set for this summer, July 31st through August 7th. Brothers Bill McCay, Jr. and Roger Walkingstick will be our excellent guest speakers.

Health-wise, we have had some flu and colds going around. Sis. Reba White has been out for a while. She had fallen and her hurt herself. Also, she has had another implant done to help with her shaking. The last time she had that done helped her quite a bit. The batteries had eventually worn out, thus the replacement. But the good news is she is hoping to join our service to the Lord in a couple weeks. (Note: she attended services today, Feb. 14th)

Sis. Earlene Jared is still in a fight with cancer. She has come back to West Texas to go through treatment and be with her siblings, children, grandchildren, and great grand baby. If she is unable to go to church, several have taken turns meeting with her. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please keep Bro. Stanley Goodwin of Newcastle, TX, in your prayers. February 11th he tangled with his table saw, severing one finger of his left hand with 3 others barely hanging on. The doctors reattached all of the fingers except his middle finger. They are working to get some feeling back into his fingers. He is in a lot of pain.

In Nov. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wynetta McCay set up a painting camp in their house (formerly Sis. Olene Howe's) across from the church. Once the paperwork was signed in Jan. that made everything official. This last week they moved their big furniture. Now the mayor wants Jerry to run for that office. Jerry isn't so sure about that. Ha.

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman son Kevin, Maria and Ayden are gradually getting settled. It is nice to have them all here.

I want to remind everyone of the Brothers and Sisters around the world who are striving to promote the work of God and our Savior Jesus Christ. The Philippines, Africa, and Mexico are all areas in need of our prayers and help.

In Christian Love,

The Church of Christ in Lorenzo, TX

Yuma, AZ

Here I sit January 26th spending the day with my wife Susie who is celebrating her birthday today. I will say that she is at least 43 years old because that is how long we have been married. We are supposed to go to Olive Garden for her birthday dinner; anyway it is always special as you turn another year older in life as God blesses us with these days here on earth. In my last letter to the Courier I forgot to mention a couple of very important things so I will send them in now. First, my son Jeff Davis had called and told me that he and his family had come to the decision to follow Jesus and that his preference was that I should be the one to baptize them. They live in Albuquerque, NM. Jeff is struggling a bit (well more than a bit) in his life taking care of his three young children alone, no job, nothing but debt in front of him. I suggested to him to pray for help, to find God in his life and that things would be right once again in his life; well, he did just that and God did answer both his and my prayers. Things did change for him for the better. Well, in mid-August he came to Alpine, AZ, and on that Sunday after church services we did baptize him and his whole family. I know not to be too prideful, forgive me Lord, but I was filled with pride that we were able to take care of their wishes. The grand children are young but with the proper guidance from dad and grandpa and grandma and the church they can stay focused on their own salvation. We all know that life will be difficult as they live the long lives that are in front of them. We certainly love those kids and want nothing but the best for them. We don't want the world to teach them because the world won't teach them about God but about the things that Satan wants them to know about.

Second, we will have the opportunity to help bless a new marriage during the meeting this year. Our special girl, Sis. Rose Ann Wingfield and Bro. Austin Bryant are to be married here in Yuma. They have decided on the 16th of March, right in the middle of our week-long meeting. What a better time then with so many brothers and sisters around them to send them on their way in this new life as "one" in the eyes of the Lord. Both Rose Ann and Austin have been baptized into the Church of Christ. Austin lives and attends church in Lorenzo, TX, and Rose Ann attends church services here in Yuma. At this point in their lives, they plan to live here in Yuma. We are so glad that they will be here with us. It would be hard for us to lose her as she is an important part of our congregation and of course Austin will also be a wonderful addition to our group. We love them both.

Next comes the hard part of my letter and that's to let you know of the death of our wonderful Sister, my Aunt Ruth Duncan (see "In Loving Memory of Sis. Ruth Duncan" on page 13).

Now on to the meeting this year in Yuma. As I mentioned it before the meeting starts on March 13th and ends on March 20th. We are looking forward to the days that people will start arriving. We have Reba and Russell Morris, Debbie and Terry Wilkerson that are here now and a few others that will be arriving early. Anyone that can come, please do. We don't have as much in the way of housing, but God willing everything will be taken care of and all will be comfortable while here. We want everyone to come and enjoy this meeting; it is a time of year that I truly look forward to. The singing and lessons are always wonderful. One request, though: We don't want to offend anyone, but it would be preferable that the KJV be used in the lessons and Bible studies. Please let us know if there is anything that can be done to entertain. Just the association with you all makes it worth the effort. Let us know your plans as you travel

so that we don't worry about your safety. Love you all.

Dennis and Susie Davis,
for the Yuma, AZ, congregation

(Editor's Note - A number of people are using Facebook for their church news. This is a reminder that there are many who do not use computers; so we beg you to please remember to send or email your news and meeting notices to *The Courier* (see "Send correspondence to:" on page 1). In the past 2 months we have only heard from 4 congregations in the U.S.)



News From Abroad

Harlingen, TX (12-4-2015)

Dear brethren in Christ,

I greet you cordially in the name of the Lord Jesus hoping that when this letter arrives you may be enjoying good health along with your families and brethren in the church.

I comment that during this year the work of the Lord in Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia has grown in number with the work of the evangelists in the different areas and also because several brothers are collaborating in the work.

The principal difficulties that we in these countries face are the insecurity in some cities and also travel on the highways.

In Guatemala each evangelist needs to have a permit of the government so that authorities allow having meetings in the houses or in some local place and they need to register the addresses of the houses where they meet. This situation produces dread among the brethren to use their houses for the meetings and I, in some cases, prefer they gather secretly. Even with this difficulty the brethren continue doing the work of the Lord and each day we find people interested in the truth.

In Mexico we have freedom to preach but in some areas the danger of the delinquency on the highways makes it difficult to do the work of the Lord, but we all continue with faith and each day others obey the gospel.

We thank you in the name of the Lord for your help and direct participation of this evangelist work and we request also prayers for those working in the field.

We have the safety that the Lord will bless all of you and would that a day others could visit and encourage the churches.

I send photo of the new Christians baptized in November in Mexico. During December I plan to to be working with the churches in Central Mexico.

Your brother in Christ,
Bro. Otto Alvarez



Harlingen, TX (1-2-2016)

Dear brethren in Christ,

Our prayer to the Lord is that you are well near your families and our appreciated brothers in the faith and also that the Lord blesses them in this New Year 2016.

Thank you very much for your important participation in the declaration of the gospel during 2015. In this past year we worked together with all the brothers and evangelists, and thanks to the Lord, we had several people that obeyed the gospel and were converted to being a Christian. Also the Lord permitted us to establish new churches in Mexico and Guatemala.

I comment that during December we had several baptisms in the area of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

We have the confidence in the Lord that during this New Year new doors will be opened for the declaration of the gospel and we are making plans to visit new places.

Thank you for your prayers and your participation!

I send photos of several baptisms during December.

Your brothers in Christ,

Evangelists in Spanish







Harlingen, TX (2-10-16)

Dear brethren in Christ,

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I comment that during January and February the Lord Jesus opened doors to preach the gospel in different places in Mexico. In the area of south-central Mexico we never had the opportunity of people listening to the declaration of the gospel, but a person that obeyed the gospel in Green River City opened the doors to preach in other cities to their families and friends.

We worked in Cardenas City and established a new church there. Several brothers continue visiting this congregation each Sunday to help in the growth of the new Christians.

Also, I comment that information I received from the brothers in Guatemala and Colombia that they continue firm in the faith and sound doctrine.

All the brothers thank you in the name of the Lord Jesus for your participation in the declaration of the gospel for the salvation of other people.

I send photos of baptisms and of the new congregation.



Your brother in Christ,
Bro. Otto Alvarez
Preacher in Spanish



Report From Kenya

January 1st, 2016

Happy New Year 2016. God is Great! He has brought us up to this year in the Lord. As we begin this year, it is our prayers, brethren, to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. "*Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil*" (Ephesians 6:11). The reason for putting on the whole armor of God is to be able to stand against Satan's scheming deceptions. Satan has deceived the whole world by creating and founding their own religious or churches which are called denominations. Through the intimidation of the evil environment in which the Christians live. Christians are often drawn away from truth in order to conform to the teaching and behaviour of unbelieving friends and neighbours (James 1:13-15). Satan schemes in order to deceive the innocent (Romans 16:18).

I thank God and Jesus Christ for whatever support we have received from you and other Christians who contributed their means towards this work. Now we have a computer which we plan to use to facilitate the work before us. We need to do the following:

- Translate some tracts to Swahili language and hand them to people to read about the Church of Christ.
- You are aware that I have been writing some articles which you put in *Christian Courier*. Now that we have the computer



John Kombo & Family

this will help me very much to reach as many persons as it should be.

- We will be able now to save all important documents in the computer for future reference in our work.
- My house is now connected to the electricity; this means I would be able to do much work for the Lord in my house. What we need now is a printer to print tracts, lessons for teaching etc. it is my prayer, Bro. Ellis, that God will one day open the way so that you be able to give us the financial support to purchase the printer. This is all for the Lord's work. I can translate tracts that you may send to us and distribute to other congregations in Kenya. You can now put most important tracts you have written on internet for me to download and translate into Kiswahili. Our desire is to reach as many people, denominations, and congregations of churches of Christ who use many cups and change them or convert them to one cup Church of Christ.

Attached to this letter are pictures taken during the Gospel Meeting at Shikunga in Butere on November 18, 2015. I had earlier given you the outcome or the result of the meeting. (Unfortunately, there were no picture attachments to this letter – Ellis)

God bless you.

John Kombo

February 12, 2016

We are sorry and sad to inform you that Sister in Christ, Juliah Muteti, has passed on from this life to be with the Lord. She died on Sunday February 7, 2016. Burial was on Friday, February 12, 2016. She died from cancer. Bro. Laban traveled to Machakos to attend the burial ceremony.

John Kombo

Report on Orphanage in Kenya

We greet you in the Loving Name of Christ. We wish to acknowledge the request regarding our children's report and a wheelchair for Patrick.

We also wish to state that the children live in scattered areas. Sometimes when we visit them we meet with some incidents that are to be photographed and this becomes difficult because we do not have a camera on the spot. For your information, the photographs we always send to hire are from a hired cameraman who is very much expensive, because he thinks that our organization is rich. We therefore put our request to you for assistance to find out from any well-wisher who can offer $300 to enable us buy a camera. We sometimes call these children for church activities that need photographs.

As we approach the end of this year 2015, we are so grateful to God our Father who has given us opportunities to serve Him in His dear Kingdom – the church. It is time now to look behind us and evaluate what we have achieved. Then look forward and ask God in our daily prayers to provide strength, health and means to do even more, particularly helping the needy in the orphanage.

We wish all of you who contributed toward the orphanage in Kenya a happy prosperous new year 2016. Below are pictures and information concerning children with special needs and children with their new pair of shoes.



JOSEPHINE MASALILA - Age 6 years old and was born with a withered leg (right). It was amputated from the ankle. She is in Nursery School. She needs a wheel-chair.



PURITY ITAMBO - Both legs paralyzed. She is aged 12 years old; she is in class three (3), her need is medical attention and regular massaging.



VIVIAN BUSIEKA - After her birth, she could not crawl for 7 years; she was then taken to hospital and after examination found to have weak joints.



BRUCE SHIKURI - Was able to walk until the age of 4 years; both legs are now paralyzed. He is an orphan. Both parents are dead. He needs medical attention. Can't walk well.



MELVIN ANDAT - Aged six years old. She can't crawl since she was born. Special medical attendance and treatment. Cost yet to be established.



CALVIN MURENYI - Cannot speak. Presently he is at Mwiwhomeo special school. He will be joining class two next year (2016). He uses sign language. Born in 2007.



VALENTINE MAKUCHIA - Her mother died when she was still very young (age one month). Her grandmother has been taking the care till today.



BRYTON MANGUYA - Born in 2004. All his parents are dead His mother JACKLINE MMBOME KOMBO was John Kombo third born daughter. Bryton's problem is autism. He can't talk properly nor walk properly. He needs to be taken to a special school where training is provided and treatment too. The school has been identified at Kaimosi in Western Kenya. The cost is $100 per term, excluding clothing, beddings etc. therefore $ 200 per term would be enough as the cost

Therefore we need three wheelchair at the cost of $ 300 per each = $ 900.

For those who need medical attendance the cost will be known once they are taken to the hospital, except Bryton whose costs are known.

Prepared and written by

Bro. John Kombo and Bro. Laban Ambogo

God bless you as you struggle to find ways and means to help the orphans.

(Note – these are just the ones who have special needs. I don't know the exact count of children, but I believe the figure is 25 – 30 children in the orphanage that have the usual needs. – Ellis Forsman)



Orphanage in Kenya

Report on Bro. Sadat's Trip to New Church in Uganda

I went to Uganda as it was scheduled and as I got instructions from Jesca. I went on Friday and had a meeting with her on Saturday morning. Jesca is a widow; she has two kids, both boys and her husband died in a car accident in the year 2014. We discussed many things. She told me that the first person to communicate with her was Ellis Forsman.



New Church in Uganda

The second day, I went to the church, and indeed, they are many in number. They are above 50, but the problem these people face is that they don't have Bibles in their language and they have only one preacher and that preacher travels, and when he travels they get stranded. This is a community that does not know English but they just know Luganda. They have a building which is on five acres of land and that land is church's property. Nevertheless, this is a community that opposes having a toilet or bathroom. I asked Jesca about how they commune and she said they are using one cup with one bread, but once a month. (Note: They are working to correct this situation. - Ellis)

Here are what they asked, of which some I have tried to handle using part of the money you had sent. They are in need of church latrine with 3 rooms; this is a community that knows nothing about toilets. They need Bibles in Luganda, and like I said above, all those in the church do not know how to read or speak English; they need used clothes that may be available.

As I said above, some of the money I helped some people in Uganda and also to build muddy toilet. Cyril was starving, so I'm going to send him $100 for food. I have told Bro. Mabaya I'm going to send them grape juice, plus Bro. Kachege as well, and Bro. Emmanuel in Mwanza.

I am attaching Uganda pictures through my phone; you will see them.

Bro. Sadat

Report From Uganda

(12-16) Thank you for the labor in the Lord's vineyard last week. I took my daughter for treatment and we stayed in the hospital for one week. She was burned on the hand and they did plastic surgery which was successful. Thank you for the prayers! She is recovering slowly.

Yours, Bro. Julius Wandera

(1-4) In Uganda we are well, plus the congregation in Congo; we communicated to them and they said that they are doing well.

We thank God for the life He has given us; we have had a celebration at our church for new year. We gathered together and we had God's word, and after that we had cake and some food; it was good and everybody invited, enjoyed.

I am to take my child for review at comprehensive rehabilitation service in Uganda CORSU Hospital next week. I was to take her today but I have failed to raise up money which is needed. I ask for your help; I need to take her that they remove the wires in her hand.

Thank you.

Yours, Bro. Julius Wandera

(1-7) We are doing well in Uganda and the brethren in Congo. We communicated with them and they are doing well.

This to inform you that the evangelism team is to start door to door campaign next week. Each church is to do this in their own areas. I shall join the campaign after coming back from the hospital as I informed.

Thank you.

Yours, Bro. Julius Wandera

Report From Liberia (Jan. 12, 2016)

I made an evangelistic trip to the Raymond Field Church of Christ in Monrovia from December 11th to the 16th, 2015. On Sunday, the



13th of December, I worshiped with the brethren and during this time I took care of the Lord's Supper and after the worship services I baptized a 28 year old by the name of Corto Vambu and was added to the Church. Attendance was 33.

My next trip was taken to Tubmanburg on the 16th of December to the 23rd. During my stay with the brethren, I visited and encouraged the weak brethren of the congregation. Sunday, December 20, I worshiped with the brethren and was given the opportunity to teach and preach. My topic taught during the Bible study was "The Need for Unity And Respect for Biblical Authority In Religion". Text of the lesson was taken from John 17:20-23 & 2 Peter 1:3. The Attendance here was 41. I later got back home to my family on the 24th of December.



Here is another personal work I did on December 9th before leaving for the trips to Monrovia and Tubmanburg. On the date mentioned above I did a personal study with a 39 year old lady on the topic: "How to Become a Christian", which was taken from the text of Romans 10:17 & John 8:32. After going through this topic, she was baptized on the same date of December 9, 2015, and is now a member of the Lord's Church in Buchanan.



Attached are some pictures of the Central Buchanan Church of Christ and those who were baptized.

When there are funds, I have a trip to be made to the Yarpah Town and James Town Churches of Christ in Rivercess County early this year.

May God richly bless you brethren.

In Christian Love, Bro. Suahgba

Report From The Philippines

December 15, 2015 – Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus. On behalf of the brothers and sisters in Christ who were hit by a Calamity; we are asking and knocking into your hearts pleading for helping Samar, Leyte, Bicol and Romblom.

Samar & Leyte was recently hit by Typhoon Nina, 30,000 thousand houses vanished away, infrastructure and agriculture damaged, millions homeless. 30 church building were destroyed by Typhoon Nina; we ask money for clothes, clean water, food and utensils. Totally blackout, no lights and water, no communication gadgets. Please help our Christian brethren in Samar, Nicol and Rumbling. Another Typhoon will come in name Typhoon Intel. I am now proceeding to the said areas to check on status.

Dec. 16th - Typhoon battered Northern Samar, Sorsogon, Almaty, Mumford Oriental and Camarines. Put under a state of calamity: Northern Samar battered by Typhoon Nina with International name Mellor, Nina landfall on Batag Island in Laoang Town the entire provinces still in total darkness after some electric posts were toppled by strong typhoon winds, particularly in the island municipalities. They still don't have any communication systems. Hundreds of residents in this coastal town who evacuated to various evacuation centers before the typhon. The declaration would fast track the purchase of goods that would be used in the relief operation for families displaced. Typhon Nina leaves several areas severe.

Dec. 16th - Updated Reports: 574,277 individuals; 569 villages; 24,000 Towns; 125,000 families; approximately 20 000,000 people remain in evacuation centers in Samar, several areas of Samar were still without power and communication system. (We sent $400 on the 19th – Ellis)

Jan 4th - We have gospel meeting tomorrow, Jan 5th, we need fund of P20,000 ($422). How much can you send for the calamity? We are so Grateful to you and to all who extend their help for propagating the Gospel of Christ Jesus. (We sent $800 on January 8th – Ellis)

Jan. 14th - We have gospel meeting at Catarmao & Leyte where was the disaster recently happened on Jan.16-20, 2016. We need P35,000 ($740) to comfort our brothers and sisters in Christ; they ask also for new bibles and songbooks. (Missionary Fund was out of money – Ellis)

Bro. Dickson Fabian

(We sent $650 on February 11th – Ellis)

In Loving Memory of Bro. William Floyd Camp

William Floyd Camp, 82, of Broken Bow, OK, passed from this life on Friday, January 1, 2016. He was born January 12, 1933, in Weathers, OK, to William Cody Camp and Winifred Mary Ortlieb Camp. Floyd married his love and lifelong companion, Jean Watson, on March 17, 1958, in Broken Bow. He was a member of the Tiner Church of Christ in Broken Bow. He enjoyed making a living doing what he loved. He spent most of his life raising cattle and horses, haying, trading livestock and farm and ranch equipment, and growing produce to sell. He found joy in visiting with his produce customers, family, friends, and neighbors for many years. Nothing was better than a good cold watermelon to Floyd. He would also never pass



up a chance to grow and make sorghum syrup. He thought the only thing better than a pretty jar of sorghum syrup was a hot homemade biscuit with the sorghum syrup. Floyd instilled a love of our Lord, a love of family and a love of the outdoors in his children. He taught his children to work hard and enjoy the simple things in life and to always be thankful for what you had. He taught them to take time to play and laugh together as a family at the end of a good days work. Floyd believed children needed a horse to ride and the outdoors to explore and he provided an entire farm for his children, grandchildren, family and neighborhood children to grow up on and enjoy. (He was preceded in death by, his parents; son, John Camp; grandson, Adam Ebert; 3 brothers; and 7 sisters.) His memory will be forever cherished by his wife, Jean Camp of the home; daughters, Kara Moore (Kevin), Melissa Harcrow (Mike) and Melinda Moyer (Tim); 13 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren; 2 sisters; 4 brothers; 1 sister in law; 1 brother in law; and a host of nieces, nephews and many friends. A celebration of life service was held on Sunday, January 3, 2016.

In Loving Memory of Sis. Ruth Duncan

Ruth (Davis) Duncan of Somerton/Yuma, AZ, also known as Mama Ruth, G. Ma & Sis.



Ruth peacefully passed away on January 13th, 2016, with family surrounding her. Ruth was born in Pocahontas, Arkansas June 26th, 1920, to Jesse Grover Davis and Margaret E. (Mack) Davis. Ruth moved to Somerton, AZ, in 1936, where she met and married Troy Duncan, and had 2 beautiful daughters. Barbara (Duncan) Carlin and Wilma (Duncan) Taylor.

Ruth was 95 years old and lived a very good Christian life. I tried to find out exactly when she was baptized but no one really knew (one source believed she was baptized when she was 15). All I can say is that she has been in the church ever since I can remember, a long time. She hadn't been able to attend services for some time due to health problems but until then you could always look back in the audience and there she would be sitting. Our family moved to Somerton, AZ, in 1936 from Arkansas and lived there for most of my childhood. She and her husband, my Uncle Troy Duncan, lived in Somerton for many years but then moved to Yuma where they lived for most of the rest of her life. They were married for 60 years before his passing and brought two daughters into this world Barbara (deceased) and Wilma.

My very first recollection of my Aunt Ruth was in Somerton where she worked in what I remember to be called "The Sweet Shop" where my Mom took me and my sister there for my first taste of a milk shake. Susie and I were able to visit with her about a week prior to her death and as always she was so happy to have visitors. She always made you glad that you came to be with her. I know that it is an old cliché and often used but I will miss my Aunt very much. So much more could be said about her and her life, her

siblings, grand and great grandchildren but to keep from misquoting things I will leave it at this.

Bro. Dennis Davis

Ruth was a homemaker, an active member of her church and a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt to many.

Ruth is survived by her daughter Wilma (Gene) Taylor of Roll, AZ, brother Harry (Alice) Davis of Yuma, Sisters Verda Nelson of Yuma, and Dorothy Calhoun of Cornelius, OR.

Ruth will be fondly remembered by her four grandchildren, Trent Taylor; Treva Taylor; Jason (Jenny) Ricks; Tonya (Ronald) Schauer; eight great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren, as well as many other family & friends.

In Loving Memory of Sis. Betty Jean Barber Jared

Betty Jean Barber Jared, 89, of Valparaiso, IN, passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2015. She was born August 25, 1926, in Morgan Township to Roy and Elizabeth (Koselke) Purdy and graduated from Morgan Township High School in 1944. Betty was currently a member of Chesterton Church of Christ. On August 10, 1946, she married Charles Barber who preceded her in death in 2001. On March 21, 2007, she married Bro. Charles Jared who survives along with her children: Kenneth (Carol) Barber, Donald (Becky) Barber, Nancy (Rick) Capps, Ann Barber; step-children: William (Earlene) Jared, Nancy Deal, Bonnie (Tom) Dougherty, grandchildren: Christopher (Heather) Barber, Carrie Barber, Garilyn (Scott) Barber Calhoun, Anthony (Sarah) Barber, Steve Barber, Faith Capps, Charity (Joshua) Capps Graber; and 13 great grandchildren, as well as other family & friends.

Sis. Earlene Jared said of Betty that she never heard her say anything unkind about anyone. What a legacy!

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Meetings

March 13-20, 2016	Yuma. AZ	Guest Speakers
July 3-10, 2016	Yakima, WA	Terry Warford & Guest Speakers
July 17-24, 2016	Delta, CO	Family Camp Meeting
July 31 - Aug. 7, 2016	Lorenzo, TX	Roger Walkingstick & Bill McCay, Jr.
Sept. 3-5, 2016	Pleasant View, OK	TBA

Baptisms

Corto Vambu	Monrovia, Liberia	December 13, 2015
Tina Bingham	Aztec, NM	January, 2016
Wade Bingham	Aztec, NM	January, 2016
Jeff Davis & family	Yuma, AZ	

Passings

Dec. 8, 2015	Valparaiso, IN	Betty Jean Barber Jared
Jan. 1, 2016	Broken Bow, OK	William Ffloyd Camp
Jan. 13, 2016	Yuma, AZ	Ruth Duncan
Feb. 7, 2016	Juliah Muteti	Machakos, Kenya

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Laban Ambogo's family	Matundu, Kenya	Malaria
Peter Boaz, Jr.	Tanzania	Severe Malaria, blood loss, UTI
Peter Boaz	Tanzania	Back problems
Rachel Boaz	Tanzania	Severe Malaria, blood loss
Mabaya's daughter	Tanzania	Severe Malaria
Mabaya's wife	Tanzania	Cervical cancer
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
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
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, blood clots, & falls
Otto & Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel
Eunice Jared	Hillsboro, OR	Heart problems
Mary Peyton	Hillsboro, OR	Alzheimer's
Earlene Jared	Lorenzo, TX	Lung & cancer issues & treatments
Stanley Goodwin	Newcastle, TX	Severed fingers
Retha Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting Parkinson's disease
Darrell Chastain	Pleasant View, OK	Eye surgery
Alaina Warford	Stilwell, OK	Broken arm
Jason Warford	Stilwell, OK	Allergies & ashma
Gerald Buckner	Stilwell, OK	Cancer in remission
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Severe kidney complications & Lupus
Al Burtis	Waterford, CA	Radiation treatment for cancer
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Lower back pain & advanced age
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's
Iris Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems

And all those who are aging or in nursing homes.

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