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Burned Biscuits

"*If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us*"

(1 John 4:12 … KJV)

When I was a little boy, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work.

On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Baby, I love burned biscuits.

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night — and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned ... He wrapped me in his arms and said,

"Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides — a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, —- life is full of imperfect things....and imperfect people. We're not all the best housekeepers or cooks.

What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults – and choosing to celebrate each other's differences – is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and *everlasting* relationship.

My prayer for you today is … that you will learn to take "the good", "the bad", and "the ugly" parts of your life and … lay them at the feet of God.

Because in the end … **He's the only One** who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit … "*isn't a deal-breaker"*! … *I have loved, do love, and will love, you with an everlasting love.*

PS: I rewrote this from something I read and added my thoughts to it. Those of you that knew my mom and dad, know that this, probably, would not have been his response! Mom was such a great cook, dad would have had to, make some kind of remark, that's just who he was, (and many of the rest of us). Depending on his health at the time, and/or his mood, no telling what that remark might have been. It might have been negative, but most of the time it would have been continuously kidding (on and on). *(But, we loved him "for who he was", **with everlasting love!**)*.

Summited in Christion Love, for your consideration!

Stanley Goodwin

Graham, Texas
Newcastle Church of Christ



Cards and Letters

Glenwood, WA

2017 began with joy, sadness, more sadness, more joy, and at this writing, more joy.

In January, we had 2 birthdays: Sis. Barbara Carter and Sis. Runell Mason.

We then received word of the passing of Bro. Gene McKinney after a lengthy illness. His passing affected our small congregation very deeply as his daughter, Sis. Barbara Carter and family, are part of our congregation. We've known Bro. Gene and Sis. Pat McKinney so many years and all are so dear to us.

But now we are blessed to have Sis. Pat meeting with us. We all miss Bro. Gene and his lessons, especially encouraging us "not to sit on our stool of do-nothing." We have been happy to have the McKinney family part of our lives here on earth.

February brought more sadness, as Bro. Ben Mason underwent another heart surgery and we were saddened to hear he never woke up, as God called him from us.

We were blessed to have known him and his lovely family. We will surely miss Bro. Ben's "Amens!"

Now we're into March and great joy and rejoicing in the Lord's body with the addition of two new young lady members: Madison Rose Mason (13), and Tashawna Mason (12). Both were baptized March 12th. They are both grand-daughters of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lila Mason.

So, our grief was mixed with great joy; "Oh Happy Day!!"

Remember our annual meeting July 9-14. Please make plans to attend.

The congregation at Glenwood, WA,
by Bro. J. D. Logan

Goshen, AR (January 19th)

Please add Sis. Lawanda Park to the prayer list. She has been in the hospital and rehabilitation for nearly a month now and is very sick.

Enclosed is money for the paper.
Your sister in Christ,
Rachel Daniels Traxler
For the Goshen Church of Christ

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings from Lorenzo, TX:

In February, Bro. Ellis & Bro. Evart Forsman traveled to the Port Orchard, WA, area during the final illness of burst appendix, pneumonia, CDIF, and passing away as well as the memorial service for their brother Elvin.

Sis. Amy Orendorff & Sis. Leesa Boling were sorely missed as they recently traveled out of town.

Some of our members went to the Yuma Gospel Meeting and are now home. What a great meeting this was with awesome speaking, singing, fellowship, and food. Bro. Gene & Sis. Angela Boling started for Yuma but turned back when Gene contracted pneumonia. Also at the Yuma meeting was a memorial gathering for our departed sister, Nell McCay.

For now everyone has returned for which we are thankful.

Sis. Reba White is still having trouble with pneumonia and other health issues. She has gotten to the point of not being able to attend church services at least until the weather clears up, Sis. Carolyn Hatter is recovering from surgery to remove an intestinal blockage. Please keep these in your prayers. For the most part everyone else at Lorenzo is doing fine

Recent visitors to Lorenzo include Bro. Dan & Sis. Karen Greenway from Creswell, OR, Bro. Russell & Sis. Reba Morris from Stilwell, OK, Bro. Garry & Sis. Faye Burkhart from Battle Mountain, NV, and Sis. Barbara Bumgardner from Yakima, WA.

In Christian Love,
The Lorenzo, TX, congregation

Newcastle, TX

Thank you editors of *The Christian Courier*. Please continue the wonderful works! We appreciate all you do!

Newcastle Church of Christ congregation

Waterford, CA

Dear editor,

Please announce our plans for a meeting at the Waterford, CA, congregation. The dates are August 3rd through August 6th.

Thanks, we'll try to send more information (a letter) soon.

Thank you, Kurt Harper for the Waterford, CA, congregation

Ringgold, TX

All of us here at Ringgold, TX, would like to welcome anyone traveling through our area to meet with us and stay with us in our homes. Like most, we are only a few and we have our trials, but still gather on the Lord's Day to worship our Lord in spirit and truth. We keep everyone in our prayers and ask all to keep us in theirs. It is difficult for us to get away as it is for everyone, but we all need to stay as close in our hearts as possible and strive for the unity our Lord prayed that we would have. We are sending a check to help in the editing costs of The Courier.

In Christ to all,

Ringgold, TX

Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren,

We have just returned from the Yuma Camp Meeting. What a wonderful time we had! It was so great to meet with old friends and to make new ones. There was some good preaching, great food and the fellowship was wonderful. If you have never attended one of these meetings, you are missing a large part of the Christian experience. From a couple of chance meetings that we attended back in the '60's we have developed a large network of beloved Christian Brethren from Washington to Georgia. Many of these have already passed on but we are truly grateful to have known them.

I was blessed when Mike and Kay invited me to go with them to the Yuma meeting. We ended up flying part way and driving the rest. We were happy that Sis. Barbara Bumgardner was able to go with us. Bro. Richard and Sis. Monica Johnston also attended.

The brethren in Yuma seem to schedule special events during their meeting. Last year they had a wedding & this year there was a memorial for my sister-in-law, Nell McCay. We also welcomed a new sister in Christ as Sharon Baker made the Good Confession and was baptized. Sharon is the daughter-in-law of Sister Ann Cutler and the Granddaughter-in-law of Brother and Sister Rex and Tina Mickey.

There was good attendance every night (around 80) and I am sure that the rest of the brethren would say, as well as me, that it was good for us to be there. A huge 'THANK YOU' to the Yuma brethren who put forth so much effort to see that we all had a joyous time.

Most of us here in Yakima are doing well although Cinde is still fighting to live with her Parkinson's.

Please remember our meeting, June 26th – July 2nd. We are planning to have guest speakers so please come and be with us. All are welcome!

Yours in Christ,

Bill McCay Sr.

P.S. We received a donation to The Christian Courier Fund in memory of Sis. Nell McCay. We thank you very, very much. - Editors

Yuma, AZ

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well summer is just about upon us here in Yuma and the heat is going to be turned up soon. We have been waiting for our meeting to come around this March and somehow it did come; it was hard to know the beginning from the end.

But everyone has left now and most are at home safely. Some have traveled from Yuma to other places, God bless their travels. We had a wonderful time during the meeting visiting with our family of God. The memorial for our Sister, Nell McCay, was a success. The kitchen walls were posted with pictures of Nell and family and friends, some dating back in to the very early 30's. It was a great tribute to a very special lady that was loved by many.

Our brothers, as always, came prepared with precious words that taught and reminded us of our lives and how we are to live them in order to attain a more perfect, painless and sorrow free life. Bro. Larry Pollan of Ringgold, TX, was the first to bring to us his lesson titled "*The Wedding Feast*"*;* all are invited to the feast but many for whatever reason choose not to go to that feast. Bro. Jimmy Lamb from Selah, WA, was up for Sunday night and he spoke of "*A New Life We Must Begin*"*;* a must for the Christian is that change in our life style. Next came our part-time resident, Bro. Terry Wilkerson of Cedaredge, CO, with his lesson built around "*The Glorious Church*". What an honor to belong to the Church that Jesus bought with His very own blood. Bro. Ellis Forsman from Lorenzo, TX, and his lesson asks us a very important question, "*What Can You Do If You Miss Heaven*". What a shame that would be to have Heaven in our grasp and to let it slip through our fingers*!* Bro. John McKinney also of Selah, WA, spoke to us of "*Grace*"; that unmerited, undeserved gift of God. Bro. Michael McCay from Yakima, WA, showed us some of the past by bringing an old lesson from his grandfather that was printed on a cloth sheet, as was the method that some used since often the chalk boards were not always available. It showed us "*The Road to Heaven*". "*What Was Nailed To The Cross*?" was asked of us by Bro. Richard Johnston of Yakima, WA. Physically, well Jesus our Saviour was nailed to the cross, but by the gift of His life's blood our sins were pinned to that cross with Him.

A new Sister was added to Christ's Church. Our new Sister Sharon Baker made that most important decision in her life and was baptized by our brother Richard. A glorious evening to watch the baptism! Our Bro. Paul Warford of Stilwell, OK, asks still another question, "*What Is The Gift Of The Holy Spirit*?"; whether spiritual, individually, indwelling, or to salvation. "*Spiritual Family Rules*"; what are the rules to live that Spiritual life was brought to us by Bro. Jerry McCay of Lorenzo, TX, Along the same lines was the lesson brought to us by Bro. Austin Bryant of the Yuma congregation. Austin, our youngest, brought us "*Training For The Christian Life";* he is doing a great job with his teaching, A wonderful addition to our rotation. Thank you one and all for your efforts in bringing great messages for us to listen to and to reason out. Again I believe everyone had a great time singing and learning even though the temperature got up over a hundred degrees, sorry about that.

We are all just about back to normal now with the quick decrease in numbers attending services here but remembering all that was said and done. We did have between 52 and 85 in attendance each night. Our prayers are with you all and pray for another great year next year. March is great for us and we will plan for about the same time frame; hope you do, too. Please keep in your prayers our Bro. Tony Brister, as he is going through Chemo at this time. We still have Sis. Debbie Wilkerson that needs our prayers as do many others. Forgive if I fail to mention the names of those in need of prayers; many are listed on the back pages of the Courier. We love you all.

In Christian love,

Bro. Denny and Sis. Susie Davis, for the Yuma Congregation

News From Abroad

Harlingen, TX (3-1-2017)

For all faithful brothers in Christ:

I send affectionate greeting in the name of the Lord Jesus and that the peace of God be in your hearts together with your families and all the faithful brethren.

Thank you for your communion with us in the work of the Lord in Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia to save souls.

I comment that during February I visited different congregations in Mexico with the purpose of encouraging the brethren and collaborate with the evangelists in those areas.

In some congregations it was necessary to exhort and correct some things in the attitudes of the brothers and in the responsibilities of preaching the gospel to other people. In other congregations we encouraged them to follow firm in the Christian life.

Also, I had the opportunity to study with some local preachers and prepare them in the responsibility of preaching in their congregations.

I comment that if the Lord permits me, I have plans to visit the churches in Southern Mexico. I hope God will continue to bless you in everything.

Your brother in Christ, Otto Alvarez and Spanish evangelists

Report From Liberia

In the month of January, 2017, I did some evangelistic works of teaching and preaching in the churches of Christ in Rivercess County, Liberia.

On January 13, 2017, I went to the James Town Church of Christ in James Town, Rivercess County. Here, I visited most of the weak members and encouraged them not to forsake the assembly. On Sunday, January 15, I was given the opportunity to teach and preach to the congregation. Therefore, during the Bible study, I taught on the topic, "*Causes that produce Backsliders*." The text of the lesson was Exodus 32:1.

I also preached on the topic, "*Going Everywhere*" taken from the text of Matthew 28:18-20.

The attendance during the worship service in James Town Church of Christ was 66.

I left from James Town on the 17th of January and went to the brethren of the Yarpah Town Church of Christ in Yarpah Town of the same county, Rivercess. From the 18th of January, 2017 the preacher, Bro. Nathaniel G. Miller and I carried on an evangelism from house to house with the teaching from the topic, "*How to become A Christian*," from text of John 6:44-45. Within 3 days, we were able to study with 18

persons and two persons were baptized. The first baptism was done on the 18th when we baptized Bro. Luke Gbayo at the age of 45. The second baptism was done on the 20th when we baptized Sis. Tetee Jacobs at the age of 26. This brother and sister are now members of the Lord's Church in Yarpah Town.

On Sunday, January 22, 2017, I was given the opportunity by the brethren to teach and preach. During the Bible study, I taught on the topic, "*Unity of the Body*", taken from John 17:20-23. I also preached on the topic, "*The Church of the Bible*," taken from Matthew 16:16-19. The attendance was 23.

Pictures of the new converts are sent along this email, together with James Town congregation and Yarpah Town. [There were no pictures included – Ellis]

The brethren of the Gbalasuah Church of Christ in Tubmanburg were bereaved by the death of the Late Bro. Victor Jay who died on February 24, 2017. I went there and was with the brethren on Saturday during the Funeral Service. I gave the Funeral discourse from the topic, "*Our Last Journey*", from the text of Job 16:22. I also worshiped with the brethren on Sunday, the 12th of March and was able to preach on the topic, "*The Command To Go*," from the text of Mark 16:15-16. We were 26 in attendance.

I also worshipped with the brethren on Sunday, March 12, and presented a Gospel Message from the topic, "*The Command To Go*," from the text of Mark 16:15-16. The total attendance of the congregation was 26.

I came back to Buchanan on the 14th of March. Yet, I am due to go to Monrovia today and worship with the ELWA Road Church of Christ on Sunday, the 19th of this month (March).

Topic of Bible study: "*The Importance of Prayer*." Text of the Lesson: 1 Peter 4:7 taught by Bro. Edward Garlawolo.

Also, I made a trip of edification on Saturday, March 18, 2017, to the ELWA Road Church of Christ in Monrovia. On Sunday, March 19, I worshiped with the brethren and preached on the topic, "*The Command to Go*" from Mark 16:15-16.

Topic of Bible study during the service: "*The Mission of The Church*" taught by Bro. Paul D. Gueh, Minister of the Congregation. The text of the lesson: Mark 16:15-16. The attendance of the congregation was 26.

On Sunday, March 26, 2017, I worshipped with the Central Buchanan Church of Christ. The Bible Study topic of Prayer was taught by Bro. Ernest Zeoh from 1 Timothy 2:8. The sermon message was preached by Bro. Emmett Logan from the topic of "*What Is Your Thought?*" from Colossians 4:3-6.The total attendance of the congregation was 79.

On the same date of Sunday, March 26 after the worship assembly, I visited 5 weak members and one sick brother of the congregation.

Please note: My evangelistic trips to the interior congregations will hopefully be carried out in April.

Thank you very much and may God bless you and the brethren.

In Christian Love,

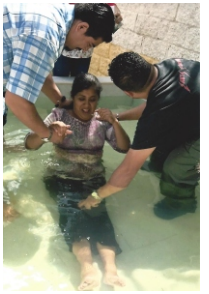
Bro. James A. Suahgba

Reports From Kenya, Tanzania, & Uganda

There are no reports from Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda for this issue of *The Christian Courier* as John Kombo (Kenya) and Sadat (Tanzania) traveled to Uganda for a Unification Meeting with the brethren in that country.

—Editor.

Left & right & left below: Pictures submitted in Nov, 2016, by Otto Alvarez:





Left & right & left below: Bible Studies in Mexico, Mar, 2017, by Otto Alvarez





Right: John Kombo's family: Lilian (daughter), Cecilia (son Charles's wife), John (grandson) graduating to secondary school, & Charles (John's son)





Left: John Kombo's daughter, Fridah Nekesa wedded Steve M. Owade on Dec. 16, 2016
Right: After baptism Beatrice Wangeci, John Kombo, Mercy Chepngetic and Benjamin Rono



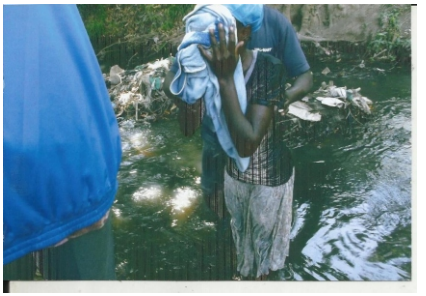


Left: Bro. Michael Momo, Nakuru, Kenya
Right: Coming out of water is Bro. Benjamin Rono, William, with John's wife, Florence, holding the Bible.





Left: Beatrice Wangeci after baptism.
Right: John Kombo after baptisms.





Left & right: Baptisms & congregation at Katoro, Tanzania





Left & right: Unification meeting in Uganda with John Kombo officiating.





Left: Church Meeting at Gbalasuah Church, Tubmanburg, Liberia
Right: Church Meeting at Nyonben Town, Liberia





Left: Bro. James A. Suahgba, Liberia
Right: Bro. J. Q. Harris, Liberia





In Loving Memory

Of Bro. Walter Benjamin Mason

Bro. Ben Mason was born October 8, 1955 in Rome, GA, and passed away on February 20, 2017.

Ben was the son of Walter Spurgeon Mason and Runell Mason. He was baptized into Christ's body at age 12. He attended worship at Glenwood Church of Christ, Port Orchard, WA, where he was an active member.

He is survived by his mother, Runell Mason; wife, Lila Mason; son, Jamin; daughter, Beana Brunson; son, Jodon; daughter, Sha'lon Pyke; son, Benjamin; sister, Tammy Avery; and grandchildren: Madison, Tashwana, Mya-Eleanor, Ava'Shaye, Oliver, and Hollister.

"Ben" was a retired naval operating room technician and corpsman. After honorable discharge from the Navy, he worked nearly 20 years as a nursing supervisor at Western State Hospital until medically retiring in 2004. Ben & Lila were married 38+ years.

We of the Glenwood congregation will sorely miss our brother and his loving presence among us.

Rest in peace, Ben.

From the Glenwood, WA, congregation,
by J. D. Logan

In Loving Memory

Of Bro. Gene Edward McKinney



Bro. Gene McKinney was born the 5th of 6 children December 7, 1941, to Jessie Merle and Vestal Lee McKinney, in Arkansas. The family moved by train to Washington in 1945-46. They remained there until his schooling was completed. Gene graduated from high school in 1961 and went into and served 3 years in the US Coast Guard. Gene married Patricia Everts in 1963. They were married 53 years. Their first daughter, Becky Lynn, was born in 1964. They moved to Brentwood, CA, the same year and Gene got a job detailing cars. Their second daughter Barbara Jean was born in 1967. Gene started his career job at Union Carbide and retired from Linde Air. They moved back to West Valley in Yakima in 1993 where he grew up. He loved this area and had many friends and family living close by who loved him and will miss him dearly. Gene was the type of person who made friends everywhere he went.

Gene obeyed the gospel while a young teenager and was grounded in his love for the Lord and worked in the church as a minister ordained in the Church of Christ and preached the Word of God for years in His service. Gene loved riding horses, living in the country and thought of himself as a cowboy. He is even known by some as Uncle Cowboy. Camping, hunting, fishing and barbequing were some of his favorite things to do.

Gene is survived by his wife Patricia, two daughters: Becky L. McKinney and Barbara J. Carter (Rick Carter), grandson Christopher Carter, three granddaughters: Jennifer Lance, Jessica Carter, Kayla Smith (Levi Smith) and one great granddaughter: Scarlett Lily Ann Smith, two brothers: Merle J. McKinney (Louise McKinney), Johnny R. McKinney (Betty McKinney); one sister: Shirley I. Jones (Donald Jones) ; many nieces nephews, Sisters and Brothers in Christ and many friends.

Gene is also survived by four siblings: his brother Merle J. McKinney, sister Shirley I. Jones, and one younger brother Johnny R. McKinney.

Gene died peacefully in his sleep 1-25-2017.

"Gene was a good man and was thought of highly by those who knew him. I am proud to say he was my big brother, whom I look forward to spending eternity in heaven with" ~ Johnny Ray McKinney



We are looking forward to seeing - ALL of you – at the Delta Church Camp, July 16-23, 2017. We want to make YOUR camp the best it can be and we need your help. There have been comments about things we might do to improve the camp. We would like for EVERYONE to PLEASE give us your suggestions and thoughts on things we could implement to improve YOUR camp. We would appreciate EVERYONE'S comments. To help with the cost we are planning a BIG Auction at the camp (probably Friday evening after services). This is a fun way to raise funds, to make this a big success, everyone PLEASE bring or send crafts to be sold at the auction (if possible hand made by you or one of our brothers or sisters in Christ). Note: PLEASE label each item as who made or sent it.

We all want to take home a craft made by one of our brother's or sister's in Christ.

PLEASE make plans to be with your brothers and sisters in Christ at — CHURCH CAMP 2017!!

Bulletin Board

Meetings

June 18-22, 2017	Gleed, WA	Kurt Harper & Eric Harper
June 25-July 2, 2017	Yakima, WA	Guest speakers
July 9-14, 2017	Glenwood, WA	TBA
July 16-23, 2017	Delta, CO	Family Camp Meeting
July 30-Aug. 5, 2017	Lorenzo, TX	Terry Warford, Kevin Lamb
Aug. 3-6, 2017	Waterford, CA	TBA
Sept. 1-3, 2017	Pleasant View, OK	TBA

Baptisms

Beatrice Wangeci	Nakuru, Kenya	December 16, 2016
Mercy Chepngetric	Nakuru, Kenya	December 16, 2016
Luke Gbayo	Yarpah Town, Liberia	January 18, 2017
Tetee Jacobs	Yarpah Town, Liberia	January 20, 2017
Leah	Tanzania	January 23, 2017
Eunice	Tanzania	January 23, 2017
Esther	Tanzania	January 23, 2017
Madison Rose Mason (13)	Glenwood, WA	March 12, 2017
Tashawna Mason (12)	Glenwood, WA	March 12, 2017
Sharon Baker	Yuma, AZ	March 17, 2017

Passings

Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	January 25, 2017
Ben Mason	Glenwood, WA	February 20, 2017
Victor Jay	Tubmanburg, Liberia	February 24, 2017

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Laban Ambogo's family	Matundu, Kenya	Malaria
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes & high blood pressure
Newton Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Many injuries; hit by motorcycle
Benjamin Rono	Nakuru, Kenya	Automobile accident injuries
Caleb Timothy's mother	Arusha, Tanzania	Hemorrhoid treatment
Agrippina Sadat	Geita, Tanzania	Problems during recovery of stomach surgery

Several church members	Uganda	Truck accident injuries
Julius Wandera's son	Uganda	In hospital; on oxygen
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
Brent Berry	Canton, GA	Heart problems
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer & back surgery
Lawanda Park	Goshen, AR	Rehabilitation
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Needs liver transplant
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe pain, recovering from surgery
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Troy Solomon	Gleed, WA	Recovering from fall injuries
Ilene Thrush	Gleed, WA	Several strokes & heart issues
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
Carolyn Hatter	Lorenzo, TX	Surgery to remove intestinal blockage
Reba White	Lorenzo, TX	Falls, Pneumonia, & other health issues
Jessica Chastain	Pleasant View, OK	Health issues
Reba Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Severe kidney complications & Lupus
Retha Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting Parkinson’s disease, health issues
Barbara Ross	Pleasant View, OK	Hip replacement
Jim Pollan	Ringgold, TX	Recovering from kidney surgery
Al Burtis	Waterford, CA	Radiation treatment for cancer
Bill McCay, Sr	Yakima, WA	Macular Degeneration & age
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's
Tony Brister	Yuma, AZ	Chemo
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Lower back pain & advanced age
Harry Davis	Yuma, AZ	Prostate cancer
Iris Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems

And all those who are aging or in nursing homes.

Who We Are

We are a collection of congregations of the church of Christ who pattern our worship after the New Testament example of the church in the first century. We believe in the authoritative word of God in determining our doctrine and practice.

We do not tie ourselves to any other name but the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:10-12). Jesus Christ said, "*Upon this rock* (that is, the fact that He is the Son of God*) I will build my church*" (Matt. 16:18). Since the church belongs to Him, shouldn't it bear His name, as well? The churches certainly did so in the first century. "*The churches of Christ salute you*." (Rom. 16:16).

How We Worship

You will find each of the following activities in our worship each first day of the week:

Singing. No man-made instruments of music are used. As Christians, we are commanded to sing and make melody in our heart (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We feel it would be an addition to His will if we used instrumental instruments of music in the worship.

Teaching. The teaching is designed to instruct and encourage all of us in the way of righteousness (Acts 5:42; 2 Tim. 2:2).

The Lord's Supper. The communion is observed as it was when our Lord introduced it. The person attending the Lord's Table will give thanks for the bread, break it as the Lord did, and pass it on to the assembly to be eaten. This is done in remembrance of our Lord's broken body (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-24). The person attending the Lord's Table will also give thanks for the cup (singular) of the fruit of the vine and pass it on to the assembly to drink. This is done in remembrance of our Lord's shed blood.

Contribution. The collection is taken only on Sunday worship service. Each member gives as he purposes in his heart (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

Prayer. The prayers are designed to praise God and communicate our thoughts to Him.

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