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"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word proceedeth out of the mouth of God."—MATTHEW

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"IN THE FIELDS"

In recent months there seems to be an increasing interest in evangelistic work among the Brotherhood, so I would like to devote this column to a report of my recent effrots along this line, in hopes that it will serve to encourage a closer fellowship, and still more interest in this field of labor.

On Jan. 20th I met with the faithful few at Ogden, Texas, near Seymore. I preached there on Sunday morning. Brother and Sister Earl Howe and children, from Ralls were there to meet with them that day. Brother and Sister F. W. Franklin from Goree, meet there at Ogden, and both they, and the Howes are to be commended for their efforts to strengthen and encourage this congregation. The Franklins drive 35 miles, each Lord's Day, to meet with the little group there, and Brother Howe drives over 100 miles to preach for them. While visiting in the home of Brother and Sister Franklin, we talked of the possibility of establishing another congregation nearer to their home. No definite plans have been made as yet, but we see a definite need of such effort, and we are assured of the cooperation of these two faithful and steadfast members. We have the greatest confidence in Brother Franklin, both in his ability and his willingness to uphold the truth at all times, and hope in the near future to have the privilege of working with him.

I drove to Abilene, Texas for that night service, and was highly pleased to find a live and growing congregation meeting there in Brother and Sister Goodwin's home. This congregation has wonderful possibilities, and is doing well, under the leadership of Brother S. J. Wallace and Brother Goodwin. Another promising young leader here is Brother Warren Scott, who, very ably conducts much of their song service. These Brethren need a build building to meet in badly, which we believe would increase their attendance. If the Lord wills, I will return there for a meeting in the near future.

During the week following, I drove to Grand Prairie, Texas where I had the happy privilege of meeting Brother Coy Garrison and family, and Brother Dan Teague and family. I did not get to meet with this congregation,

as my schedule kept me moving on, but I enjoyed the fine hospitality of both these families, by visiting in their homes. These Brethren have bought a fine lot, for a building site, and are saving up to start construction of a church house there. This congregation has many young members and the future is bright for them. In addition to the work in his local congregation, Brother Garrison also preaches one Sunday each month at Hillsboro and one at Nocona. Brother Dan Teague of Grand prairie is also doing some very fine work in the preaching of the word.

My next stop took me to New Castle, Texas, where I was received with true Christian hospitality in the homes of Brother and Sister Ray Bishop and Brother and Sister Ed Tate, all of the California Creek congregation. I stayed with these brethren from Thursday until Monday, and we enjoyed the association to the fullest. We planned to have services each night, but the weather hindered, until we were only able to assemble on Friday night, and on Sunday morning. Despite the weather, I preached to a good crowd at both services, where I enjoyed some of the best singing that I ever remember. Brother Harvey Bishop and family and Brother Jack Bishop and family drove from Olney, in spite of the rain and ice, to attend these services. I met many other fine Brothers and Sisters there, and although time only permitted me to stay a short time, I left New Castle, feeling as if I had known them always, although it was my first time to get acquainted with the brethren there. I found everything in order at this place, and I heartily endorse this congregation, and commend them highly for their steadfastness and for their zeal and good works, and look forward, with great pleasure, to a meeting there this summer, when we will have the opportunity to work with these brethren for the cause of Christ, and when I secretly hope to locate Brother Ray's favorite catfish hole.

I arrived at Nocona, Texas on Monday, Jan. 28th and began a short meeting on Tuesday night, which continued on through Feb. 3rd. The weather was still against us in this meeting, but the attendance and interest was all that could be hoped for at this place. We found the same fine spirit of fellowship and hospitality here, as at New Castle. This was one of the most enjoyable meetings that I have ever held. I dropped in on them, unexpectedly and no advance plans had been made for a meeting, but we all heartily enjoyed the association, and never have I preached the word where it was received with any mor readiness of mind than at Nocona. I met so many wonderful people there, that I can not mention all here, but wish to express appreciation for the kindness and hospitality of the Teagues, the Dennings, the Garrisons, and the Sewells of this congregation, for making my stay long them so enjoyable. If the Lord wills, I will return to Nocona the latter part of May, for a meeting with them. This is indeed a fine congregation, and it is a pleasure to work and worship there. They have a very nice building, which shows loving care, and constant attention,

which somehow seems to me to be a tribute to their tireless efforts in the past, as well as to their determination to press on to greater heights in the future.

While at Nocona, Brother Curtis Teague and I went to Terral, Okla., and visited with Brother E. N. Pollan and his family, who meet at Terral. They attended the latter part of the meeting at Nocona, along with Brother S. B. Kennedy, also of the Terral congregation. We also contacted Brother J. 0. Taylor of Loco., Okla., and were very happy to have Brother and Sister Taylor and also their son and his wife and children from Duncan to attend two nights of the meeting. It was certainly a pleasure to meet all these fine brothers and sisters from those congregations in Oklahoma, and I would liked to have extended my trip further among them, but circumstances prevented me doing so at this time. I hope in the near future, to be able to contact more of the faithful in that section of the country.

I returned home last week, and preached here at my home congregation Sunday. One was baptized at this service. We had visitors from Midland, Tex. Brother and Sister Berkstresser and their daughter, who meet at Stanton, Tex., with Brother and Sister N. E. Bergstrom, part of the time, and when they do not meet at the Bergstroms, they all meet at the Berkstresser's home in Midland.

During the week, I visited in Eunice, N. M., which is 68 miles east of Carlsbad, and with the help of Brother Marshall Spence of Eunice, plans were laid for a mission meeting to begin there on Feb. 24th.

I plan to go to Eunice for a week of personal work, before beginning the meeting. We believe that the possibilities are good at this time, for a long-needed effort in this part of the state. It is going to require considerable sacrifice, to all concerned, to carry out this project, but we feel that it is a duty as well as an opportunity to carry it out. If any of you would like to fellowship us in this effort, your help will be sincerely appreciated.

I still have time open for two more meetings during the school vacation months, and have time available the latter part of March, April, and the first half of May. If I can serve you ,let me know.

J. W. Bedingfield

Aztec, N. M., a fine congregation of many young people, reports two recent marriages there. Joe Trotter and Sheilda Shields were married there last month. Both are fine young people, with many friends, both in the church and out, who wish them much happiness. I met these two while in a meeting at Aztec last fall, and learned to think very highly of them. We wish you the best of everything. The other couple was Roger Bixler and Flora Ruth Dabbs, two fine kids whom we have known for quite a while. Flora Ruth is the daughter of Brother and Sister Roy Dabbs of Aztec. Brother Dabbs recently baptized Roger into the one body. "It Is Written" extends sincere congratulations and best wishes. —J.W.B.

OUR HOMES, OUR CHILDREN, OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Just as surely as God created man and woman, in the beginning, He placed certain responsibilities upon them. In Gen. 1:27-28, we notice that God blessed them, and at the same time gave them a command to be fruitful and multiply. Now it is evident from all Bible teaching, that along with this blessing, also goes the responsibility of teaching and guiding these offsprings. When God blessed the man and woman, as male and female, and gave His permission for them to multiply, a home was established, and it was blessed, but certain duties and responsibilities were placed upon that union.

Now Noah was a man who found favor in the sight of God, and from the scriptures, it is evident that Noah was a man who taught his sons the ways of God, because they also, along with their wives, were acceptable in the sight of God, and were not condemned with the wicked people that were destroyed with the flood. We believe that Noah bringing up his offsprings right, and teaching them to keep God's commandments, was one of the conditions by which Noah found favor in the sight of God.

Another example of paternal responsibility in teaching their children to obey God is found in the 22nd chapter of Gen. as Abraham talks with Isaac, as they go to Moriah to offer a sacrifice as God has commanded. Hear the words of Moses as he exhorts parents to teach their children the word of God. Deut. 11:19, Deut. 31:12-13. Remember the words of Solomon as he commands the parents to teach them, and commands the children to harken to the teaching of the parents. Proverbs 4:1-2, 5:1, 7:1-3. Hear the Apostle Paul in Eph. 6:4 when he commands fathers to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and Eph. 6:1-2 when he commands the children to take heed to this paternal teaching.

From these few scriptures and examples, one fact stands out clearly and plainly, which is this: God demands and requires that parents teach their children His ways in the home. This responsibility is placed squarely on the parents and the home, and can not be shifted elsewhere.

Another Divine institution, which God authorized and commanded to teach His word is the Blood bought Church. Acts 20: 28, Eph. 3:10.

Approximately 1800 years after the establishement of the Church, and several thousand years after the establishment of the home, men conceived the idea of a man-made, unauthorized, imperfect substitute organization to shift this responsibility on to. Now when the Missionary Society was first organized among the Disciples of Christ, a great cry was raised against it (and rightly so), by members of the church who cried out that it was unscriptural, uninspired, without Divine authority, and that at best it was only a feeble man-made substitute, and a treacherous leech to rob the Church of its honor and glory. This resulted in the first division among Brethren in America. The Church of Christ made its noble defense of its position, by pointing out that

God had placed the responsibility of teaching His word on the home and the Church, and that since God had declared that it was to be so, that it would be sin to avoid that responsibility, and that it would be presumptious to set up an unauthorized, unscriptural subsidiary in competition with God's institutions, (Home and Church) to pass the buck onto.

Yet,j ust a few years later. Behold! another more sophisticated, but equally unscriptural, unauthorized parasite, invented by man, and without Divine authority or sanction, was ushered into the Church of Christ: The Sunday School. Once again, faithful God fearing members cried out that the Sunday School was unscriptural, uninspired, and without Divine authority. This cry for the Truth was answered by such ridiculously feeble and nonsensical replies as: "The Bible says to teach, but doesn't say where." The Bible says to teach, but doesn't say how." "We must teach the children." "Don't you believe in teaching the Bible to children?" and other such evasions, while then, even as now, never offering one single solitary scripture to justify its existence or its practice. So today, despite the fact that not one passage of scripture from Gen. to Rev. sanctions or authorizes its existence or its practice, this man-made parasite continues to flourish, robbing God of His glory in the Church, and hindering and discouraging parents from the God-given charge of teaching their children in the home.

This ungodly product of the imagination of man, continues to thrive on the false premise that it is better equipped to teach God's word than the home or the Church. That they have a "better system" than God had, thus undermining the force of home teaching, and the confidence in the Church.

So today, all over America, this ungodly offspring of the sectarian world, the Sunday School, continues to teach a weak, uneffective, watered down substitute for God's word, through unqualified, unauthorized, and unscriptural teachers. Instead of sincere, forceful teaching at home, from the family Bible, by faithful and obedient fathers and mothers, America now sends their children to Sunday School, where some disobedient, and rebellious woman, whom the word of God has forbidden to teach, I Tim. 2:11, and who has herself been commanded to "learn in silence" I Tim. 2:11, who has been commanded to "keep silent in the Churches" I Cor. 14:34, because it is "A shame for her to speak." I Cor. 14:35, teaches them a prepared, watered down version of God's word, with no higher authority than that of the so-called "elders," who have already deserted their post o f duty, and have shifted their responsibility on to the shoulders of a "hireling minister" who dictates the policy, practice, and creed of the local congregation.

Under such unscriptural circumstances, and with a method and system of teaching, so far removed from God's plan, the child learns to regard God as another fictional character, hardly as interesting or important as Santa Claus, Superman, or Mighty Mouse, and learns to regard Jesus

Christ as a rather dull and unglamorous competitor of Davie Crockett, Buffalo Bill, and the Lone Ranger. Under such a set up ,the child is not taught to "Fear God and keep His commandments." Eccl. 12:13, but is taught to cooperate with, and follow the dictates of the "planned program" of the Sunday School, despite the fact that neither the program, nor the Sunday School itself are mentioned in God's Word, thus instead of producing a young citizen who loves God and keeps His commandments, it produces a misguided, deceived Sunday School member, who clings stubbornly to the "traditions of the elders," and submits himself to the "doctrine and commandments of men," and is thereby "Spoiled through philosophy of vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Col. 2:8.

You parents, who love your children, wake up and think! How long will you be deceived by the principle and the doctrine that the Sunday school operates on: that the Sunday School teacher and the juvenile probation officer will relieve you of your responsibility of bringing up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? If parents and the Church would rise up to their duty, as God directs, then this delusive, counterfeit institution, of sectarian origin, would have no excuse for existing, and once again the Christian home would become an honored and blessed institution, teaching the word of God in purity and truth. The supporters of the Sunday School know this, and therefore they would like to lull you into a false sense of security, by persuading you that you have nothing to worry about, that they will take care of your responsibility of teaching the children, and that God's commandment to you are of no effect. In this way they hope to increase their attendance, and find more favor in the sight of men, and gain more social prestige, and win more financial support for their "Hireling" program director. Read John 10:11-14.

As a direct result of following this false reasoning, many parents, today, have lost control, and even the respect, of their children, and only trust in the Sunday School teacher and the Juvenile Detention Officer to keep their children out of trouble, until they reach the age, when they no longer feel any responsibility toward them. Such children grow up with little respect for parents or for God's word, and with no love for the Church or the Bible, because they have been inoculated against the real thing by a mild, weakened substitute, artificially administered in the form of cards and quarterly literature, by persons forbidden to practice by the God of Heaven, and the inspired writers of the New Testament.

May God help us all, to return to His Divine plan, of Home teaching by loving and faithful parents, and regular and faithful Church attendance where the Word of God is taught as He commands it to be, by teachers whom He has authorized to teach.

Yours for the Truth,

J. W. Bedingfield

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS OF DIVINE ORIGIN

The Church of Christ is of Divine origin, Luke 4:1-15; Acts 20:28; **I** Pet. 1:18-25; Eph. 2;11-22; Eph. 5:22-23; John 1:9-13. It is necessary and of spiritual importance, in the beginning; that elders, teachers, and evangelists believe firmly in the divine origin, spiritual nature, and the high standing, and office of the Church of Christ. Eph. 4:11-32; I Pet. 4:11-19; Eph. 3:11-21. It does matter what a man believes about the Church of the New Testament, which is the true Church of Christ. Now, how can we discover the Church founded by Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, founded the Church of Christ by means of His word, revealed by the Holy Spirit, and preached unto the world by His Apostles. Luke 2: 10; **I** Pet. 1:12.

The fundamental error of the Roman catholic church is that the Church, having been in existence before the New Testament was written and compiled, is therefore superior to the Word of God. (Or to the New Testament) in point of authority. This mistake is apparent when we consider the statement of the Apostle John, that Jesus Himself was the Word of God, John 1:1-18, I John 1:1-10. Also Luke 1:1-4. Christ declared: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12:48. Again: "The flesh profiteth nothing; The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." John 6:63. Mk. 8:38, Luke 10:16. Before His death, Jesus said to His disciples: "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, what so ever **I** have said unto you." John 14:26; II Cor. 3:1-12; I Tim. 6:1-5. The gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, and Luke agree that Jesus gave the terms of salvation, or Christ's law of pardon to His chosen twelve before Pentecost, the day when the Church of Christ was established. Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Luke 24:45-48. Acts 1:1-8. The book of Acts was evidently not written before about 65 A. D., but at least thirty years or more, before the fifth chapter was written, the angel commanded the apostles to, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people, all the words of this life" Acts 5:20; 3:15. This proves that the Apostles received the word from Jesus Himself, and that the Holy Spirit brought the complete remembrance of it to them at least thirty years before the New Testament was reduced to manuscript form.

Throughout the book of Acts, it is recorded of the Apostles that they preached Christ or that they preached the Word. For example, read the account of the conversion of the Phillipian jailor, Acts 16:30-34. In the verse 31, we read Paul's command which was: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Verse 32 reads: "And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house." We rightly conclude that Jesus gave the word to His apostles orally, and they in turn, gave it to the jailor

orally. Paul writes as follows to the Church at Corinth: "For I have received of the Lord that which I have delivered unto you." I Cor. 11:23. and again: "If any man think himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." I Cor. 14:37. Again to the Galatians, he writes: "Paul, an Apostle, not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead." Gal. 1:1. It is quite evident, from the Holy Scriptures that Jesus Christ is the spiritual source of authority in Christianity, but that he has embodied His will in the New Testament scriptures through "Vessels" infallibly chosen and inspired; I Cor. 4:6; II Cor. 4:7. The New Testament is therefore, our only authoritative book of discipline, and the Church of Christ is limited in both worship and work, to the Divine plan outlined in the New Testament. Jer. 31:31-37.; Heb. 8:5-13.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Last month, we were so short of space that I omitted the report, so this month will report all finances received up to Feb. 1, 1957.

December 1956

Yuma Church	$ 10.00
Somerton Church	10.00
H. N. Johnson	2.00
Bellflower Church	10.00
Modesto Church (Glenn and Dallas Sts.)	5.00
Furnish Canyon Church	5.00
L. C. England	5.00
Yakima Church	5.00
Anon.	1.00
F. W. Franklin	10.00
Reydon Church	10.00
Total received for Dec.	$ 73.00
Total expenses for Dec.	$ 84.30

January 1957

Bellflower Church	$ 10.00
Somerton Church	10.00
Modesto Church	5.00
Yuma Church	10.00
Anon.	2.00
Alva Daniels	5.00
Honey Hill Church	10.00
R. C. Clements	1.00
Nocona Church	25.00
San Pablo Church	5.00
Ralph and Jewell Jones	20.00
Peck Church	10.00
Lugert Church	5.00
Dan Teague	5.00
Ed Tate	5.00
Loco Church	5.00
Christian Friends	10.00
Total rec. for Jan. 1957	$143.00
Total exp. for Jan. 1957	$ 84.30
Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1957	$ 47.40

Since the need for more mission and evangelistic work has long been recognized by many of the brethren, on Dec. 13, an effort was begun by sending a letter to several of the Churches to see if they would be willing to help support such a program. This leter has now been sent to several congregations, who have expressed their desire to participate. Brother J. W. Bedingfield of Carlsbad, N. M., is the man who has been selected for the work. Congregations who have endorsed this plan so far are: Carlsbad, N. M., Aztec, N. M., Yuma, Arizona, and Somerton, Arizona. It is taking quite a bit

of time, for this letter to get around, but it will eventually be sent to all congregations, in the brotherhood, so that they will have an opportunity to participate if they so desire. Following is a report of funds received to date (Feb. 15th, 1957.)

January 1957

Yuma, Arizona,
Church of Christ - - - -$ 25.00

February 1957

Yuma, Arizona,
Church of Christ _____ 25.00
Carlsbad, N. M.
Church of Christ _____ 15.00
Total _____ 65.00

Paul Bruce, 305 South, Olive, Carlsbad, N. M., temporary treasurer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We have long seen the need of an accurate and up-to-date directory of the congregations, where the worship is carried out as the New Testament directs. We have tried to compile such a list, for your information. It may not be complete, since some have been slow in providing the information that is necessary to be included in this list, but I herewith publish what I have compiled to date, along with the name and address of one of the leaders in each congregation, so that you may verify the time and place of worship.

1. Abilene, Texas, Toodler Goodwin, 2110 Henson St., Abilene.

2. Aztec, N. M., Roy Dabbs, Rt. 1, Box 19, Aztec, N. M.

3. Arnettville, Texas, Frank Payne, 425 S. Waco St., Hillsboro, Tex.

4. West Sacramento, Calif., J. S. Bedingfield, Box 767, Bryte, Calif.

5. North Highlands, Calif., **H.** L. Brown, 6103, 34th St., North Highlands.

6. Bellflower, Calif., Claude Perigen, 8748 E. Artesia, Bellflower.

7. Broken Bow, Okla., R. C. Clements, Box 731, Broken Bow.

8. Broken Bow, Okla. (Tiner Community) W. E. Daniels, Broken Bow.

9. Bloomington, Calif., Isaac Ferguson, 422 W. Maple, Ontario, Calif.

10. Crosbyton, Tex., R. **H.** Peel, Rt. 2, Floydada, Tex.

11. California Creek, Tex., Ray Bishop, New Castle, Tex.

12. Cave Junction, Ore., Rex Mickey, Rt. 1, Box 100, Cave Junction.

13. Carlsbad, N. M., Paul Bruce, 305 S. Olive, Carlsbad.

14. Elk City, Okla., A. H. Howell, 1521 W. Broadway, Elk City.

15. Furnish Canyon, Colo., J. C. Whitley, Kenton, Okla.

16. Gilleland, Tex., **O.** R. Miller, Gilleland.

(At Grand Prairie, the Lord's Table is set for both morning and evening services.)

17. Grand Prairie, Tex., Coy Garrison, 509 Chickasaw, Grand Prairie.

18. Huntsville, Ark., Earl Atchley, Springdale, Ark.

19. La Habra, Calif., Paul Ferguson, 6392 Stanton Ave., Buena Park, Calif.

20. Lugert, Okla., W. **H.** Francis, 423 W. Tyler, Mangum, Okla.

21. Lorenzo, Tex., Howard Studer, Box 83, Lorenzo, Tex.

22. Loco, Okla., J. **O.** Taylor, Star Rt., Commanche, Okla.

23. Lakeside, Calif., J. D. John-

son, Rt. 1, Box 969-A, Lakeside.

24. Nocona, Tex., Curtis Teague, Rt. 2, Nocona, Tex.

25. Modesto, Calif., J. G. Conder, 300 Glenn Ave., Modesto.

26. Oklahoma City, Okla., Earl Williams, 3309 NW 26th St., Oklahoma City.

27. Ogden, Tex., F. W. Franklin, Goree, Tex.

28. Peck, Kans., James Vanderpool, Rt. 1, Peck.

29. Port Orchard, Wash., Robert McCay, Rt. 2, Box 482-A, Port Orchard.

30. Reydon, Okla., J. C. Spurlin, Reydon.

31. San Pablo, Calif., Jack Cooper, 1540 Emeric Ave., San Pablo.

32. Somerton, Ariz., W. A. Nelson, Rt. 1, Box 14 B-M, Somerton.

33. Stilwell, Okla. (Honey Hill) Frank Brown, Rt. 2, Stilwell.

34. Yakima, Wash., H. E. McCay, 1615 5 27th Ave., Yakima.

35. Stanton, Tex., N. E. Bergstrom, Rt. 1, Box 31-A, Stanton.

36. Shelton, Wash., Don Smith, Rt. 3, Box 306, Shelton.

37. Terral, Okla., E. N. Pollan, Terral, Okla.

38. Yuma, Ariz., Horace Orendorff, 1850, 14th St.. Yuma.

39. Eugene, Ore., Leonard Starnes, 233 S. C St., Springfield, Ore.

Brethren, the information submitted here is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, but if any of you have additional information that would be of interest, please let me know, and I will publish it as a supplement, in the next issue. Please send all corrections and additions to the editor, Box 324, Carlsbad, N. M.

WALKING BY FAITH

By W. E. Daniels

Paul wrote the Corinthians, II Cor. 5:7 "For we walk by faith and not by sight." I wish to bring out a few thoughts in regard to the above scriptures. Rom. 10:17 tells us that faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Then to walk by faith, we must walk by the Word of God. Heb. 11:6 reads: "Without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to Him must believe that He (God) is, and that He (God) is a rewarder of them that diligently (carefully, sincerely) seek Him." With the above scriptures, it stands thus: Unless we walk by faith, we can not please God. Now suppose we try this in a parallel way, to learn just when we are walking by faith. We start on a trip, which we have never made before. The first thing a wise traveler does is to get a good road map. He puts his faith in the author of that map, to rightly direct his way. He consults the map frequently and follows its instructions, putting his faith in the author of the map, that he has directed him correctly, but the instant that he turns from the map, he no longer is traveling by the map, or in faith of the author of the map. God's Word is His map to the Christian. God is the author of His Word and to fail to walk by it would be failing to walk by faith, and would not please God, neither could we justly say that we had faith in God, the author of His Word.

I Cor. 2:2-4-5 "And my speech was not in enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstra-

tion of the spirit and of power, that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Now since God's word is power Heb. 4:12, The Gospel is His Power Rom. 1:16, it stands that our faith must stand in His word; that is in the Gospel. To walk by faith, we must walk by His Word, by the Gospel. Pslams 119:133 "Order my steps in thy word, and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." The Christian's way, or his steps, are ordered, marked out in God's Word, Power. Just as the traveler's way is marked out by his map, and to walk by faith, we must walk by the order in God's Word. Psalms 119:104 "Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way." Now we can follow the order of our steps by looking into God's precents, and see what the order of our steps are, and if it is not in God's precepts, then it is a false way, to be hated.

Walking by faith covers a multitude of things to be done. The things that we do, are how we walk by faith, and must be done as ordered in His Word. To walk by faith, we must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Heb. 10:25. When we sing Psalms hymns, and spiritual songs, we walk by faith. Col. 3:16, Eph. 5:19. When we use one cup, we walk by faith. In conclusion, let us follow Paul's admonition to the Corinthians in I Cor. 15:58 "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain, in the Lord."

JESUS OUR PERSONAL SAVIOR

(Continued from Last Issue)

We are baptized into that body, I Corinthians 12:13, "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body. " There is only one body, Eph. 4:4. Now for the conclusion of the whole matter. Eph. 5:23 "He is the Savior of the Body." Now we see how we made Christ our personal Savior. He is going to PERSONALLY save the BODY, and the BODY is the CHURCH, and we were BAPTIZED into the BODY, the CHURCH, Col. 1:18. Let us read Acts 2:41, where some people made Jesus their personal Savior. "And they that gladly received His word, were baptized, and the same day there were added to them, (The Church) about three thousand souls." They who were baptized were added to those whom Christ said He would save, therefore He became their personal Savior, when they did what He commanded them to do. Acts 2:47 says, "—And the Lord added daily to the Church such as should be saved." That is those who had obeyed what Christ told them to do, thus they accepted Christ as their personal Savior, and He has promised to save them, if they continue faithful until death. Rev. 2:10.

Is Christ YOUR personal Savior? Have you obeyed Him, or are you still obeying "Sin unto death"? Have you let Him take away your sins, by being buried with Him in Baptism, to wash away your sins? Are you in the one body that Christ promises to save? If not, He is not your personal Savior, but if you will be-

lieve, repent, confess, and be baptized for the remission of sins, the Lord will add you to His Church, and Jesus will be your personal Savior.

J. W. Bedingfield

REBUKE

Def. Rebuke: express disapproval of, scolding.

Luke 17:3: "Take heed to yourselves. If any brother tresspass against thee, rebuke him, and if he repent, forgive him." When we do this, we are being obedient, and showing our love toward our brother. Prov. 27:5. "Open rebuke is better than secret love." If we feel that our love is too great to rebuke our brother, then we do not understand love. Rev. 3: 19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." Our brother may not know that he is doing contrary to God's will, that he is tresspassing against us, and we can see how wrong that this would be, to let him continue doing so.

We are cautioned however in I Tim. 5:1 "Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father." If he tresspassees against us, we should approach him as a son would his father, and as we know, it is usually the son that is in the transgression. Nevertheless, we know that the situation can be settled in this way, and then both have a clear conscience toward God.

If we do have to rebuke a brother or sister, we must do it in a Christ like manner, and not use reproachful language. How much better is our brother than Satan? Jude 9 "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil, he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."

To all of our beloved brethren and sisters in Christ: let us be obedient to Christ's will. Heb. 12:5 "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou are rebuked of Him. For whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." Harry B. Dye. Yuma, Ariz.

All is well at Carlsbad. Yesterday (Feb. 10th) a young man who has been attending church here with us for about a year, made the confession, and I baptized him. We are all very happy over this, as so many of our young people need to heed the words of the great preacher who said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth!" We hope for many years of faithful service to our Lord, from this young brother, and we have great confidence in his ability and willingness to uphold the truth in the years to come.—J.W.B.

A letter from Bro. R. C. Clements tells us that he is improving, but is still pretty weak. Brother Clements has been very ill, and was in the hospital at Paris, Texas, and at Oklahoma City, for about a month. We are glad to know that he has improved enough to return home, and pray that he continues to regain his health. Brother Clements also reports two recent baptisms and one restored, where he meets at Broken Bow. We rejaice, with all the faithful, at this good news.