FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL,

THE CHRISTIAN COURIER

AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD...

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As readers of the Christian Courier during the past three issues, you have probably noticed some changes. The size of the paper is larger, which allows a longerline of print, making it easier to read. It also allows more information to be printed ach issue at little additional cost. You will notice that this April edition is a different color. Notice how much easier it is to read as compared to the black ink on white paper. We hope that this color will be much easier on your eyes and make reading the Courier more enjoyable. (the additional cost for this is about 30 cents per month for the entire circulation.) We have also attempted to print material such as the Bible Quiz in the first issue to get the readers involved. We hope you have been happy with these changes.

The Courier is published as a service to the brotherhood in Christ to benefit all who are in Christ. We are interested in all suggestions that you may have to make this paper a more beneficial paper. You may also send to us articles, a bit of news, or some information in which the brethren may be interested. The due-date for material to be printed in the next issue is the tenth of each month. We hope to be hearing from you soon.

The Courier Staff

No God, No Peace--Know God, Know Peace

Man without God is lost in sin and is drifting in uncharted regions of darkness, knowing not the peaceful security of being in the family of God.

By his gospel God calls man out of darkness into His marvelous light. This invitation is according to His purpose and not man's way. It is a noble, high, and holy calling.

It calls us away from uncleaness to a life of holiness; to a relationship of fellowship with His Son which is a great honor and a privelege. We are told to follow the examples Jesus set. We should think soberly of His humility, obedience, and total subjection to the Father.

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By answering the gospel invitation we can become a citizen of His everlasting kingdom, and be listed with the other kings and saints of the Lord with all the advantages and priveleges promised in His holy word. No God, No peace---Know God, Know Peace.

In love of the truth,
Tom Broadway

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Acts 12:5 "Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." And on through the 16th verse of the chapter we see that prayer did avail with God, when it was made of the whole church. But then as it is now, the people did not believe that their prayers would be answered. For they doubted when told that their prayers were heard. Again in Acts 4:23-31 we see how God heard the prayers of the Apostles and the company of followers. Verse 31: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Again in Acts 16:25 Paul and Silas prayed and the prison was shaken, the doors opened and the jailer was afraid and wanted to know what to do to be saved. In James 5:17 Elias prayed. In I Kings 17:1, 18:1 we find that it was three years before he prayed and got rain. He also was a man of God and God heard him. James said Elias was a man subject to like passion like we are. And this was long before the Gospel of Christ. So if God will hear the prayers of His people why do we doubt or why do we pray? Is it just a fornality? Do we really ask in faith believing it will happen? I think most of us doubt like the church did in Acts 12:16,17. But what do the scriptures say about our prayer?

James 1:5,6 says "let us ask in faith, nothing wavering." So when our prayer is not heard, what is the cause? Doubt! We cannot seem to believe it will come to pass. Jesus said in Matt. 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." But in Matt. 23:14 we are warned that if we become like these people who make prayer for a pretense, they shall not be heard. But for what should we pray? Acts 1:14 says we should continue in supplication and prayer; and in 6:4 we are to give ourselves continually to prayer. Rom. 10:1 says our prayer is for all man to be saved. 2 Cor. 1:11 we are to help one another in prayer. Eph. 6:18 we are to pray always and watching for all things. In verse 19 that an utterance may be given unto us to open our mouth boldly. Phil. 4:6 we are to let our requests be known to God by prayer and thanksgiving. Col. 4:2 we are to watch in prayer with thanksgiving. I Tim. 4:5 we are to sanctify our food with prayer. James 5:15 we are to pray for the sick. Mark 11:25 when we pray we are to forgive in order to be forgiven. I John 5:16 we are to pray for our brother's sins. And above all in James 5:17

we are to pray earnestly. Matt. :44 we are to pray for them that despitefully use us. 2 Cor. 5:20 Pray for reconcilliation. 2 Cor. 13:7 Pray that we do no evil. I Thes. 5:17 Pray without ceasing. I Thes. 5:23 Pray to be preserved blameless. James 5:16 Pray one for another. Please don't forget to pray.

In love for my brethren,
Lloyd Treat

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"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."
Prov. 25:25

Brethren,

The church here is doing fair, and looking forward to our meeting the 6th of June. Come be with us; and pray for us. I am to hold a meeting with the Church close to Odessa, Texas starting June 13th. Come help us out. Also, if others are interested in my services, let me know.

Sincerely yours,
Lloyd Treat, for the Church at
Broken Bow, Oklahoma

Dear Brethren,

I'm slow to write but we really enjoy the paper.

We are doing fine here. My family and I are still meeting at Lugert most of the time, but try to go to Loco at least once a month to meet and visit with them. They are doing fine there also.

We had the best vacation this past summer that we have had in a long time. We were permitted to meet with several other congregations and meet more of the brethren. We visited Broken Bow, Okla., Stillwell, Okla., and Lorenzo, Texas.

While in the meeting at Stillwell my son Mark was baptized by Howard McCay, then in Novenber my daughter, Donna, was baptized by my brother Howard Taylor at Comanche, Okla. We are so happy and sure believe that our visiting the different congregations had a definate influence on our children. Pray for us. Our prayers are always with the brotherhood.

With Christian Love,
Don Taylor

Dear Brethren,

The congregation in Bellflower meets on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for morning services and at 6:00 p.m. The address is 9914 Arkansas Ave. in Bellflower, California.

We have enjoyed several visitors from different congregations over

the past few months. On Sunday, Feb. 29, Bill and Debbie Taylor and daughter Robin were up from Dan Diego way and Brother Bill gave us an excellent lesson on patiece, using several verses from different chapters in Job for much of the lesson.

We have experienced some sickness but everyone appears to be fine at present.

In love of the truth,
Tom Broadway
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OBITUARY

Sister Katey Hartman passed away Feb. 20, 1976. She was layed to rest in the Comanche Cemetery Feb. 22, 1976. Services were officiated by Howard Taylor with Earl Howe assisting him. The Loco and Lorenzo, Tex. congregations conducted the singing. She was a long time member of the Loco, Okla. congregation.

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-MEETINGS-

Yakima, Washington - April 4-11 with Brother Sammy Boen

Modesto, California - April 11-18 with Brother Jerry Perigen
Services to be held at 7:30 each weekday evening, at 10:30 and 6:30 each Sunday. There will be basket dinners both Sundays following morning services.

Broken Bow, Oklahoma - June 6-13 with Brother Earl Atchley

Odessa, Texas - June 13-20 with Brother Lloyd Treat

Bellflower, California - June 27-July 4 with Bro. Richard Johnston

Port Orchard, Washington - July 4-11 with Brother Harry Dye

Cedaredge, Colorado Camp Meeting - July 11-18 with various guest speakers

Plan to attend any of these meetings that you can and get any additional meeting dates in the Courier as soon as possible.