FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL,
AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD...

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TRUE OR FALSE

"Through thy precepts I get understanding: Therefore I hate every false way." Psalms 119:104 This true statement teaches us that God's people will know the truth through His word and in contrast to this know truth will hate all false ways.

Jesus says in John 8:32 *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* This includes being free from all false ways. Now, let's remember, we as Christians do not hate the man that is formed in God's image (Gen. 1:26) but we do hate his false ways.

We are also aware that there were false prophets among the people from times of old until Christ's time. How about now among the brotherhood? II Pet. 2:1 *"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."* (False ways)

Again Paul says Act 20:29 *"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock."* (False ways)

Paul even admonish Timothy to avoid profane and vain babblings and oppositions of science falsely so called. (I Tim. 6:20) I believe in true science because it is the study of nature but we must watch what we teach and have "the truth" to back it up.

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CHURCH NEWS

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

Dear Brethren,

We have had a death in our family. Little Sharon Ferguson, my granddaughter, four years old, was killed in a car wreck, Phylis, the mother, and Tammy, the sister, were hurt. They had to stay in the hospital a few days. Phyllis needs the prayers of all; she is still not well. Also pray for the father. It is a very sad thing for all of us here.

The Church is doing fine. We are still trying to preach and live the Bible. Brother Watson is bedfast now. His wife is taking care of him. She gets awful tired, so she needs your prayers also.

We hope all of you are fine and enjoying the word of God. We would like to see you all, but we can't travel as much as we would like.

Well, this is all for now. Remember me and my wife in your prayers. We will stay true and keep fighting for more faith.

Lloyd Treat
Broken Bow

Dear Bro. & Sis. in Christ,

You are cordially invited to the Eastern Oklahoma Gospel Camp Meeting being held at Beaver's Bend State Park, Youth Camp No. 2 11 miles north of Broken Bow Okla. Highway 259, June 30 thru July 8. For further information on facilities contact:

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Lord willing there will be guest speakers each night and services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

May God have all the praise in our prayers

Yours in Christ
Broken Bow Cong.

Brethren:

We of the Modesto, California congregation have been working on plans for a camp meeting the summer of 1979.

We are happy to announce the "Far West Camp Meeting" to be held from July 7 to July 16, 1979 at Ft. Bragg, California.

The setting is in the beautifu Mendocino National Forest, approxmately six miles inland from California Hwy 1 at the town of Mendocino.

We feel this to be an ideal location for this type of activity. The weather is very temperate; warm days, cool nights. It is at sea-level and won't be a hindrance to those with physical problems affected by high elevations.

There are many scenic attractions for those who wish to take advantage, nearby.

Very importantly, there is a small group of Brethren meeting at Ft. Bragg, and it is possible some help may be afforded them. They are very enthusiastic and appreciate all brethren who can and will visit them.

We are sending a map of the area to help those who are unfamiliar with the area. If you have a map of California handy, you will locate Ft. Bragg approximately 1/2 the distance between San Francisco and the Oregon border.

We want to send special invitations to all our brethren in all the states to plan your vacations to come be with us. We will have speakers from all the congregations and the camp will be run by brethren from as many congregations as possible.

It is our wish that this attempt will result in a positive up building of all the Churches of Christ in the Brotherhood!!! We will send more details later.

Yours in Christ
J.D. Logan

Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ:

We are happy to report that Mark is out of the hospital after surgery and doing fine.

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. It means so much to us to know we have so many Christian friends across the country who think of us and pray for us from time to time.

We are having a real bad winter here in Oklahoma this year. We have had a lot of ice and some snow. It makes driving and even walking dangerous. Sister Waller fell and broke a knee cap and will be on crutches for about six weeks. I hope she will soon be able to

get around again. The rest of us are fairly well now. Karen was down for over a week with the flu. Thank you again. Pray for us.

With Christian Love
Don Taylor

Dear Brethren,

I am writing this letter to you in regards to The Christian Courier. The paper is a very remarkable piece of workmanship in helping in guidance, Bible studies, up coming camp meetings and brotherly news.

I am from the Gardendale Congregation and at this time I am doing time in the Texas Department of Corrections. Since I have been in prison I have gotten back under the guidance of Christ. He's sure given me a lot to look forward to in my future with Him guiding me and a lot to be thankful for. He won't ever let us down and he'll listen to our prayers as long as we go to him. He will guide us over the roughest ways and he showers us all with so many blessings that are so important to us all.

I am enclosing a few paragraphs of a Biblical lyric of which I wrote. These lyrics and many others has helped me in many ways other than faith wise. They also have brightened my darkest days with sunshine and laughter instead of darkness and frowns. Am asking you to please publish these in your next issue of The Courier, that they might also give the heavy laden, lighter burdens and thoughts of happiness. Thank you for your consideration.

"THE ABIDING PRESENCE"

(Read Genesis 28:10-17)

'Lo, I am with you all the days-perpetually, uniformly and on every special or dreary occasion, to the close and consummation of the age.' (Matthew 28:20) (Amplified)

The promise of God's abiding presence used to seem important to me only at a time of a crisis. Now, however, it's a much more inclusive promise. This verse is not only important to me when I'm bored, or scared to death, but also in days of happiness from feeling. Christs love and presence.

You see, it's comforting to remember that Christ is with us when life becomes routine, for surely those times are just as hazardous to us as the times when life seems threatening.

Perhaps this is part of the realization Jacob had when he said, *"The Lord is here! He is in this place, and I didn't know it."*

Certainly life would be far more tolerable, indeed, far more exciting, if we would just keep in mind that no matter wherever we

Dear Christian Friend,

We at Bellflower are very pleased to announce our summer meeting. The dates will be July 1 through July 8.

This year we will have two speakers, Brother Cliff Brockman and Brother Gerald Brockman, both of the Chico, Calif. congregation. Brothers Cliff and Jerry will share the weeks speaking, both are able and serious teachers of God's word.

If you can, please come and meet with us, support them in their efforts and help yourselves grow in Christ. Our hearts and homes are open to you, you will be well looked after, because we treasure our Christian friends above all that is on this earth.

The Modesto camp meeting will start as ours ends. What a wonderful chance to share in the two. Please plan your vacations now. What could be more important than hearing good lessons taught, being with Christian fellow workers and letting our lights shine from the top of the hill?

We enjoyed being at Yakima in the fall. I would like to thank all for their support, concern and love that was given to our family. What wonderful people!

The flu bug has come and gone again, and most here are on the road to recovering. Brother Jerry Perigen had more than his share, and was very will for several days.

Brother Mark Perigen had an operation on one of his toes, and is back on his feet now.

I think I've written enough for now. Our deep love and concern to all you wonderful Christians, those we've had the pleasure of meeting, and those we hope to meet in the future, God willing.

Bro. Al Way
Bellflower Congregation

Dear Brethren,

After reading Bro. HOward McCay's letter in the Nov.-Dec. issue, I have pulled my head out of the sand, taken a look at myself and didn't like what I saw.

It was an excellent letter but I don't enjoy having a guilty conscience. If you missed it, be sure and read it. If you did read it, read it again. I'm sure we all can benefit by putting to use the lesson therein.

The paper is a valuable asset to the Church; let's not sit down and let it die. We can all contribute toward keeping it going. One doesn't have to be an excellent penman or an excellent writer to help. God does not reward us for excellence, but for effort.

If I had to be as good at speaking as Bro. Howard, I would not

be able to make it. But that doesn't mean I should not try.

I am a retired machinist and have worked in several shops around the country. Some machinists are better than others, but I learned something from all of them.

I am writing this with pencil so I can erase my mistakes. When we see our mistakes and do nothing about them then we are in trouble. Brethren let's get our heads out of the sand and do something about it. We will not get paid for loafing.

L. E. Arnett

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I haven't written to the paper for a long time, and I have no excuse.

I have found in the last few years that we have had to go more and more to the Greek in studying the Bible. Not because we cannot learn everything we need to know for our salvation, from the Bible as it is written, but to counter-act heresies that are being taught by so-called Bible scholars.

The trouble with a lot of us is that we don't understand the English language as well as we should and we are careless about checking in a dictionary to learn the meaning of words.

Not understanding the meaning of one word in a statement can make us believe a false teaching and worse yet, it we are a teacher we will teach a false doctrine, leading souls astray instead of to God.

The Bible teaches that we will be held accountable for each thing we do. Would you wish to be lost because you <u>thought</u> you knew what a word meant, and were too lazy to look it up?

Ellen, Bobby and I expect to leave for an extended trip shortly after the middle of January. We hope to visit quite a few churches in the south and west. Before we return home we hope to go as far east as Stilwell, Oklahoma. We will be taking Ellen's mother with us as far as Lubbuck, Texas.

The church here is about the same as usual. We have had visitors from Texas: Errol Forsman and his family and Sister Howe; then Wes Robbie and Carl Orendorff from California. A son, Gabriel Reid, was born to Wayne and Amy Orendorff. We are all happy for them. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Will close for now, but will try to do better in the future.

With love and prayers for the churches,
Robert E. McCay
Glenwood Church of Christ

we are, no matter what we are going at that moment, Christ, the Lord is there with us. Everyday is his day and we should make each new day that comes to us a day of happiness, love and faith for our Heavenly father. For Christ is ourconstant companion and a sincere friend and He'll never let us down.

On both ordinary and extraordinary days, the Lord is with us each step we take.

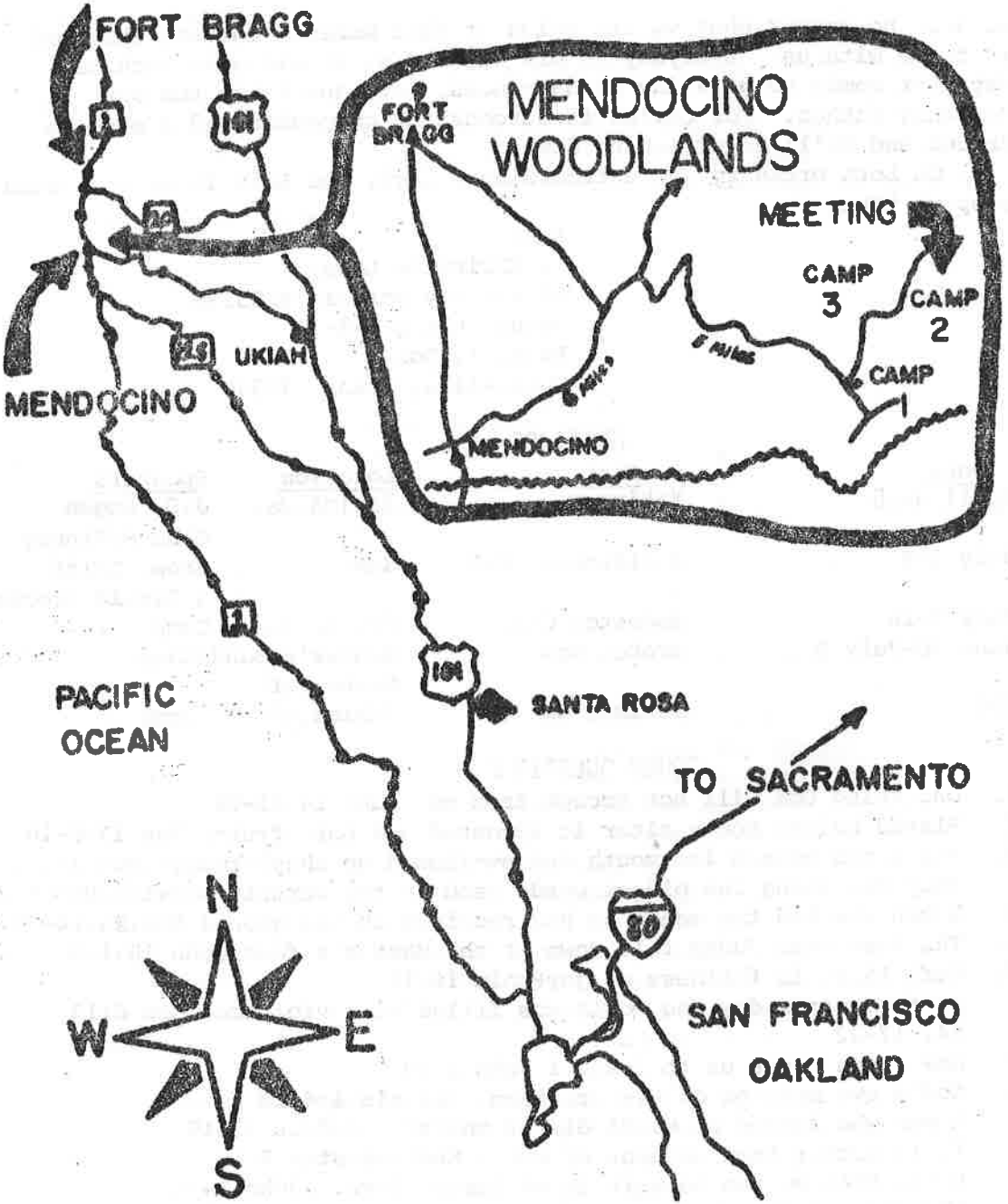
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MEETINGS

Date	Host	Location	Speakers
April 8-15	Yakima,Wa.	Yakima,Wa.	J.D. Logan
July 1-8	Bellflower, Cal	Same	Gene McKinney Bros. Cliff & Gerald Brockman
July 7-16	Modesto, Cal.	Ft. Bragg	Camp
June 30-July 8	Broken Bow	Beaver's Bend/Camp State Park	
1980	Yakima, WA	Yakima,WA	Camp

TOUGH QUESTIONS

1. One thing God will not accept from us. Luke 14:15-24
2. Placed before God's altar it sprouted and bore fruit. Num 17:6-10
3. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed up these rebels.Num 16:23-35
4. They are among the oldest words used in the worship service.Num 6:22
5. A man who hid the money he had received in the ground.Mat.25:14-30
6. The last time Judas fell down at the Master's feet.John 18:1-6
7. Here there is fullness of joyPsalm 16:11
8. In this man's day the world was filled with violence. Gen 6:13 14, 17-22
9. How Jesus wants us to love. I John 3:18
10. God's own opinion of His creation. Genesis 1:4,10
11. A man who feared he might die of thirst. Judges 15:18
12. It is better than weapons of war. Ecclesiastes 9:18
13. Doing this we can be certain of Jesus' love. John 14:15
14. The rule or standard by which we are to measure our lives. Ephesians 4:13


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CAMP 2
CAMP 1
5 MILES
MENDOCINO
1
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20
UKIAH
MENDOCINO
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PACIFIC OCEAN
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