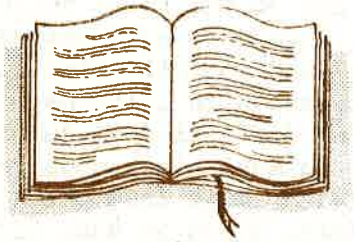
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Dear Brethren:

The Lord in his mercy and longsuffering has allowed us to enter a new year. This is a time for us to stop and examine ourselves. Where do we stand? Are we growing in christ? Are we stronger Christians now than we were a year ago?

Over the last few years the Lord has blessed me greatly. I have been fortunate enough to have traveled to many of the congregations of the Church. We, my family and I, have been privileged tc meet many new Christian loved ones and to build up relationships we have had before. The love we have received from our brethren, helps us to overcome our trials. The only sad part is we wish we could be with all of our loved ones more often.

The strength of the Church should be a chief concern for all of us. If we as individuals are strong; then the church will also be strong. If we grow; it will also grow. On the other hand, if we aren't willing to unite in the power of Christ, the Church will not grow.

There is a subject that concerns me that I feel I must address. I am afraid that we are spending too much time judging each other and not enough time building another up.

The verb "to judge" is used **three** different ways in the New Testament. First of all, "*..to determine excellence or defects in any situation.*" 1 Cor. 2:15. "*But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.*" We, with the Bible as our guide, judge whether things are right or wrong. Secondly, "*..to investigate thoroughly, to separate facts.*" 1 Cor. 6:5 "*I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man amongst you?*" No, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren. And thirdly ..."*to judge with power to condemn and punish.*"

The use of the third definition is the one that concerns me.

These are some things that we are supposed to judge. Read 1 Cor. 6:1-7 and you will find that we should be able to judge when there are differences in opinions between brethren. This is an example of the second definition of judging.

We must also judge false teachers. Rom. 16:17 "*Now I beseech you, brethren, mask them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned and avoid them.*" 1 John 10-11 "*If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is a partaker of his evil deeds.*"

So we must be able to judge whether or not we are being taught the truth. A definition of the word doctrine is: instruction and teaching, specifically from God or Christ. If we have a definate command from God or Christ; this is doctrine. If we have a specific example of behavior or way of doing things; this is doctrine. And we must judge and make sure doctrine is pure. This is an example of the first definition of judging. Opinion, custom, traditions, interpretations, and my ideas; these <u>are not doctrine</u>. If the New Testament doesn't judge, then we have <u>no</u> right to judge.

1 Cor. 5:11-13 teaches us that we also must judge (first definition) the personal lives of our brethren. But this applies to specifics and we cannot allow this judging to creep into other areas of personal life.

a) fornicator - any sexual intercourse other than that between husban and wife.

b) covetous - to lust after something that belongs to others. To desire things that we have no right to. To desire things that will detract from our Christianity.

c) idolotor - one who puts any object before God. Matt. 6:24 "*Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*" The word mammon means money or wealth.

d) railer - abusive, to approach with contempt, always has a negative attitude, and always putting others down.

e) drunkard - one who is habitually drunk.

f) extortioner - a thief - a robber.

1 Cor. 5:11&13 "*But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is <u>called a brother</u> be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without <u>God</u> judgeth.*" So we see that under some circumstances we must judge

our brethren. But we never judge with the idea of punishing or condemning. 1 Cor. 5:5 Paul said to..."*deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*" All judging that we do is to be positive. We are trying to save souls.

II Thess. 3:14-15 "*And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.*" We can't go along with our brethren in their sin, but we can't alienate them or we will lose them.

While we are judging others we must remember that we too can fall. Gal. 6:1 "*Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*" James 2:13 tells us..."*For he shall have judgement without mercy, that hath no mercy and mercy rejoiceth against judgement.*" Matt. 7:1-2 "*Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged...*" We are all going to need a lot of mercy when we stand in judgment. Are you willing to be judged in the same way you judge others. YOU HAD BETTER BE!!!

We don't have time here but please study the 14th chapter of Romans. If we would be willing to put this chapter to use, most of the problems in the church would go away.

Rom. 14:10-13 "*But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more; but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brothers way.*"

Finally, we would like to look at James 4:11-12 "*Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law; but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?*"

The Lord is the only one with power to save and destroy. I would hate for any of us to miss heaven because we judged a brother to harshly. Let us spend our time in building each other up.

Each of us is going to stand before the judge as an individual. No one will be allowed to either defend or prosecute us. Be sure of that

which you believe, follow the scriptures. Beware how you judge the conclusions of others.

I have written this because I love you. I am willing to answer any questions that anyone might have. Please write.

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USE OF THE WORD "ONLY"

Many people seen to find contradictions in the word of God. I say "seem" because a true analysis of the word of God will find no contradictions. One may find truths that by themselves give a different prospective in comparison to each other; but this is not to say they are contradictory to each other any more than breathing would be contradictory to eating in saying each gives life to the body. The body cannot function without the life support of either. When one sees "breathing gives life to the body", he should not see a contradiction when he also sees "eating gives life to the body." The word "only" is not present in either statements. If it were, then one could say there is a contradiction, because then each would be exclusive of the other.

This is not to say the word "only" cannot be implied in all cases, because to follow this course would be to imply that anything can be done in the name of christianity. To go beyond the word of God would be as presumptuous as Nadab and Abihu, whom God destroyed because they thought it was not wrong to go beyond his word and use strange fire on the alter (Lev. 10:1-2). But when two or more statements are leading to the same result, they are supplementary to each other and in no way contradictory.

Notice how this can happen. Two of the most quoted scriptures are John 3:16. "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" And Acts 16:31, "*... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*" There is a tendency in the world to say that all that is necessary for salvation is to have faith. But to make this assumption and place the exclusive word "only" with faith would be to ignore other scriptures God intended in his plan of

salvation.

Most of the same people that erroneously say "faith only" also quote Eph. 2:8-9, *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."* The contention they make here is that salvation is only by the grace of God. Now the problem facing them is they have two exclusive statements: salvation only by faith, and salvation only by grace. To have either one excludes the other because of their use of the word "only"; and to have both to say "only" is contradictory. But we know there are many other things besides that contribute to our salvation. Just as breathing and eating are not all that contribute to sustaining our life. Consider just a few of the following items that are supplementary to our salvation and not contradictory: God (1 Tim. 2:3-4), Jesus (John 12:47), Christ's blood (Acts 20:28), the gospel (Rom. 1:16), obedience (Heb. 5:8-9), baptism (Mark 16:15-16), hope (Rom. 8:24), a faithful obedient life (Matt. 10:22). We cannot apply the word "only" individually to any of these. We cannot take a part of God's word and say "only" unless the Bible says "only" or is otherwise silent. But we can say "only" from God's word. This is a collective use of the word "only", and excludes the use of man's ideas to "improve" upon God's plan of salvation. Using anything other than God's plan would be an attempt to go in some other way where we will be treated as a thief and a robber, disqualifying us of the promise of salvation (John 10:1-2).

There are those who contend that the verse mentioned above, Eph. 2:9, *"not of works"* says Christians do not obtain salvation by works; that works and obedience are a part from God's plan of salvation. There is a failure to understand what the writer is saying here. The very next verse indicates Christians <u>are</u> to do works, *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before obtained that we should walk in them."* The grace of God is clearly a gift given and can never really be earned by man. But it is given only to those that do walk in good works unto him. Martin Luther had trouble with the Book of James and thought it should not be in the Bible because he misunderstood works. He was sure he found a contradiction. James tells us our faith is dead if we don't have works. And we prove our faith by our works (James 2:17-18). James also completely destroys the exclusive word "only" in James 2:24, *"Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."*

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SCIENCE THE BIBLE KNEW BEFORE MAN DISCOVERED IT

In our youth we sometimes think we know more than our parents, but as we become weathered adults we recognize the wisdom of our parents. So it is with science. Science is now rediscovering scientific Bible truths.

With much care it might seem possible to count all of the stars if all we knew about stars is what we saw. Science with its telescopic inventions has discovered that this is impossible. Our creator knew this when he told Abraham in Genesis 15:5 that his descendants would be as innumerable as all the stars. The Lord also mentioned the fact in Jeremiah 33:22 *"as the host of heaven cannot be counted...".* He knew before scientific discovery.

Science has also realized that there is nothing but empty space above the North Pole. Our creator established this fact when he tells in Job 26:7 *"He stretched out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."* Another well known fact that was not always so well accepted is that the earth is round. This was known by God and revealed in Isaiah 40 when it refers to the "circle of the earth."

Most recently science has looked to the sea in their quest for adventure and discovery. We have discovered the major ocean currents as the Gulf Stream which we use in sea travel. We can also read of paths in the sea in Psalms 8:8. Another fact recently confirmed deals with the discovery of ocean springs. These springs are referred to as God questioned Job of his knowledge of creation *"Have you entered into the springs of the sea?"* Job 38:16. Other biblical passages as Genesis 7:11 refer to the ocean springs as it tells of Noah's flood. *"the fountains of the great deep were broken up."* Another biblical referrence is Proverbs 8:22-28.

The discovery of shallow water hot springs along the coast of Baja, Ca. in the 1960's has led to other explorations as the deep sea springs along the mid-Atlantic ridge in 1973 by Project Teamores. The submarine Alvin in 1977 was used to discover spectacular hot springs in the Pacific Ocean. These discoveries rank as major scientific accomplishment and is well published in the National Geographics. Let's remember that their existence was known and revealed a long time ago.

Another interesting fact are the dimensions God told Noah to use to build the ark - 300 cubits long, 50 wide and 30 high. (Gen. 6:15). This ratio is noted today by shipbuilders as being the most sea worthy

ratio to use - 30 x 5 x 3.

All of these bits of knowledge plus many more which have been discovered by science merely restate what has been known by our Creator and revealed to us through the Bible. Science continues proving the Bible and its devine inspiration whether it be intentionally or not. This same book tells us in unmistakeable terms that one was to come and save the world. Hundreds of old testament prophecies were fulfilled in the life of this one man - Jesus Christ. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Taken with permission from the lesson of Eric Smith.

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THE NATURE OF MAN
(taken from the Nichols Bible Encyclopedia)

Body, Soul and Spirit: 1 Thes. 5:23 *"I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Offspring of God: Acts 17:29 *"Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God."*

Father of Flesh and Spirit Contrasted: Heb. 12:9 *"Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we notmuch rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits and live."*

Spirit in Man: Dan. 7:15 *"I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body."*

The Spirit Knows: 1 Cor. 2:11 *"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit which is in him?"*

The Spirit Lives: Isa. 38:16 *"In all these things is the life of my spirit."*

The Body Dies: Jas. 2:26 *"For the body without the spirit is dead."*

Spirit returns to God: Eccl. 12:7 *"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."*

Receive my Spirit: Lk. 23:46 *"And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said Father unto thy hands I commend my spirit."*

We Fly Away: Ps. 90:10 *"The days of our years are threescore years and ten and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."*

Depart and be With Christ: Phil. 1:21-24 "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh this is the fruit of my labor; yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better; nevertheless, to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."

Absent from Body--Present With the Lord: 2 Cor. 5:6-8 "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord (for we walk by faith, not by sight); we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Put Off the Tabernacle-Body: 2 Peter 1:13-14 "yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me."

Man Can Kill Body Only: Lk. 12:4-5 "And I say unto you, my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I forewarn you whom ye shall fear; Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell."

Live Forever: Ps. 22:36 "The meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise the Lord that seek him; your heart shall live forever."

No Death: Prov. 12:28 "In the way of righeousness is life; and in the pathway there is no death."

Never Die: John 11:26 "Whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die. Believest thou this?" The body of saint and sinner does die, but one who believes in Christ is not to die--then it is not the body that is contemplated.

Never See Death: John 8:51-52 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my sayings, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead; and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my sayings, he shall never taste of death?" Certainly Jesus knew that Abraham was dead, if the body is all there is contemplated. But Abraham lived. Those who say a man dies body, soul, and spirit, accuse Christ of having a devil, as did the people above.

The God of Abraham-Not the God of the Dead: Luke 20:39 "Now that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he called the Lord God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living for all live unto him." When Moses made the above statement, Abraham's body had been buried. 1) God

is not God of the dead. 2) God is God of Abraham. 3) Therefore Abraham lived unto God--his body was dead, but his spirit was not. IF THE SPIRIT IN MAN IS NOTHING BUT HIS BREATH, WHAT ABOUT THE FOLLOWING? Lev. 20:27 *"A man also or a woman that hath a familiar spirit."* Does this mean a familiar "breath"? John 13:31 *"When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit."* Does this mean that he had "asthma, or a difficulty in breathing?" 2 Cor. 7:1 *"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleansed ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit."* Filthiness of the spirit--does that mean we must use a breath freshener? Does it mean that we must use a breath mint so our breath will not be foul? 1 Peter 3:4 *"But let it be the hidden man of the heart in that which is not corruptable, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit?"* Meek and quiet spirit. That is that one must not SNORE?? If death means "ceasing to be", READ THE FOLLOWING: Matt. 8:22 *"But Jesus said unto him. Follow me; and let the dead bury the dead."* ---that is, let those who "cease to be" bury those who "cease to be" (Is that possible?) 1 Tim. 5:6 *"But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth?"* That is, she is living but does not exist??

If it was not for the many foolish theories advocated, and the "cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive," it would not be necessary to notice the question of the "nature of man". There are men who teach (and I presume that they believe) that man is "wholly mortal." Webster defines mortal: Subject to death. There is nothing subject to death and decay, but MATTER (flesh). If man is wholly subject to death then man is all matter. Those who hold to that position that man is "wholly mortal" certainly do not consider the consequences of such a position. I boldly affirm; if man is wholly mortal--all matter--he cannot be an intellectual being. Matter alone cannot be intelligent or mortal. You cannot predicate intellectuality or morality of matter. What? Muscle, blood and bone think? Why cannot a dead man think? He has all the muscle, blood and bone he possessed before death. He is just as much matter now as before his death. Do you say that he is dead, and for that reason he cannot think? What has that to do with it? If the air he breathed is life of the body, you know the air has no intelligence; besides, you can pump the dead body full of air, and it will neither think or live. Do you say the spirit has left the body, and he is dead? Just so. Is the spirit any part of the man? Materalists say "no". Why? Because Jesus says: *"A spirit hath not flesh and bones."* Lk. 24:39. They insist that man is "wholly mortal" ---their man is flesh bone and blood. But 'spirit" is not "flesh and bones", and cannot be any part of the man

the Materialists talk about, you cannot fail to see that though the spirit leaves the body, the whole man of the Materialists is left, for all flesh, bone--all the mortal part is still there. But that "man" knows nothing, feels nothing, sees nothing. In short, the man as defined by the Materialists is subject to two laws only: GRAVITATION AND DECOMPOSITION. Neither intellectuality, morality not spirituality are attributes of matter. If you say I am mistaken about this matter, then the Materialists are forced to the position that intellectuality, morality, and spirituality are attributes of matter, and it follows, the more matter the more intellectuality. If that is true, I should be very intellegent. (I am 240 #) Or a elephant should be very intellegent...and so on.

"What man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him." 1 Cor. 2:11. Thus if a man has no spirit, or if that the spirit is no part of the man, how can he know about himself?

The man the Materialists talk about can neither be rewarded nor punished. Why? Because he is "inert matter". There cannot be punishment in the absence of conscieousness, and what they call man is not conscious, and never was, and for that reason CANNOT ever be punished or rewarded.

What is "soul"? Those who teach that man is "wholly mortal" say: Soul is a being--a person, the mortal body. That is, with them, body is man, man is soul, and soul is body. God says: *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."* Sin stands as the cause, death the effect. If the soul never sinned, it would never die. If it did, you would have an effect without a cause. As the soul (body) must sin, before it can die (according to the Materialists), I am a bit anxious to know why the infant dies. Do you say then that they are sinners? Then why did Christ die? Was he a sinner???

As sin stands as the cause, and death the effect, it follows that should you remove the cause--sin--man could not die. Why? Simply because you have removed the cause and there is nothing to produce the effect. Should a man prove to be as good as the Holiness claim to be--live above sin, he would never die, per materialists position on the nature of man. If God pardons a man, he cannot die, till he sins, according to the doctrine of the Materialists. But all die, but it is the soul that sinneth, that dies; it follows then that all die sinners; and if anyone is in heaven they are there as sinners, or they are pardoned after they die. I have shown that man is composed of body, soul, and spirit. Reader, turn from the theories of men; hear, learn and obey

the truth--the truth of the Word of God--be faithful and enter into that has been promised to those who follow after God in sincerity and truth, and you will recieve the crown of life.

NOTE: This article was taken in part, from the Nichol's Pocket Bible Encyclopedia, which was completed by C.R. Nichol of Abilene, Texas.

It is not my intent to stir up any questionable topic, but I thought the article may answer any question that you may have on the subject. I will be happy to study with you by way of correspondence of any kind, if it pertains to the article that I have submitted, or any other subject.

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YUMA, ARIZONA

The Ave. B Church at Yuma wishes to send greetings to all the faithful brotherhood. We've been having beautiful winter weather, and the city of Yuma is full to overflowing with winter visitors from all over the United States and Canada.

The Church here extends their deepest sympathy to Bro. Bub Wilkerson of Colorado at the passing of his sister. They had visited in the Yuma area, and had left her home the day before her death. We pray that God will be with Bud and Movelle in their sorrow.

Sister Betty Edwards was married to Al Jones in January, don't know the exact date. He was baptized February 11, 1982. Brother Al Way and his family were visitors here the weekend of February 14th. With a little friendly persuasion he brought us two inspirational lessons. One sister asked for the prayers from the Church. The group met at Bro. Robert Morris' house after Church for a pot luck dinner and singing afterwards. We invite all of you to come meet with us. Our services are Sun. 10:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. and Wed. 8:00 P.M.

In Christian love,

Bill Nelson

CHESTERTON, INDIANA

We don't have much news to report from Indiana but want to send our love to the brotherhood. We have had some rough winter weather here but are enjoying good health. We welcome visitors traveling this way. Our Sunday services are at 10 and 6.

We enjoy reading the Courier and thank those responsible for putting it together.

Charles Jared
For the congregation at Chesterton

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YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Brethren,

A note from Yakima, we have been blessed with plenty of snow and cold this winter, but our spirits are not dampened, we're still carrying on the Lords work.

Some illness, Sis. Nora Loveland was in the hospital for a week, she is home now and doing better. Bro. Jerry McCay crushed his ankle and went to Seattle for treatment, is in a cast, unable to work, but is able to attend church.

The pass conditions were such that Bill McCay Sr. and Veda were able to go to Springfield, Oregon the third Sunday of Jan. to speak and fellowship with the congregation there. Bill McCay Jr. attended and preached for the Glenwood congregation the fourth Sunday of Jan.

Yakima has tried to send a speaker the second, third and fourth Sundays to Seattle, Springfield and Glenwood respectively, but the road conditions at times have made it impossible to always go. We will hope for better success in the future.

We're looking forward to Spring and Summer to be able to attend some of the meetings coming up and wish to extend an invitation to any and all, to attend our meeting June 6 - 13 with Bro. Sammy Boen of Fort Smith, Ark.

Several of our people here have expressed an interest in attending a 20 year reunion of the Delta camp meeting in 1983. We're hoping this can be accomplished and facilities can be found to accomodate such a large gathering.

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We are attempting to have more social Christian activities amongest the members and friends in the congregation here, for greater love and fellowship. In December we had a progressive dinner that was well attended, a great night for all.

Richard and Monica Johnston, Mike and Paula McCay were hosting a Sweetheart dinner Feb. 13th for the adults of the congregation and they were surprised by how many of us old people signed up for it.

We'll close now with love and God bless to all.

Bill and Veda McCay
for the Yakima congregation

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DELTA, COLORADO

Dear Brethren:

Again thanks for the Christian Courier. It keeps us in touch with so many churches. We here at Happy Hallow church are all doing better. Our weather has turned off cold and we have lots of snow in the mountains.

Bro. and Sis. Bud Wilkerson have been on vacation. Met at Yuma, Arizona and with Bro. and Sis. Dick Taylor in Escondido, CA. On their way home, they received word that Bro. Wilkerson's sister had passed away and they made a return trip back to Yuma, Arizona. Let's all remember them in our prayers in their time of sorrow.

Bro. and Sis. Ron Herbert have moved to Glenwood Springs, Co.- 2820 Hager Lane Unit 1A. Phone # (303) 945-1002. They are meeting in their home. Bro. and Sis. Roy Berry meet in their home at 1483 Ranney St. Craig, Co. Phone # (303) 824-8963. Bro. and Sis. Wade Brackett meet in their home at 765 N. 2200 - W. Provo, Utah. Phone # (801) 374-1063. Bro. and Sis. Jim Bryant meet in their home at 285 So. Jay #12. Lakewood, Co. Phone # (303) 233-4045. Bro. and Sis. Fred Mull meet in their home at 2683 Alvarado Sidney, Nebr. Phone # (308) 254-7138. All of these Brothers and Sisters welcome visitors any time to meet with them. For further information write to any of them, or call.

It would sure help if we knew where there are churches thru out the Country, that meet as the Bible says meet. So when a person plans a trip they know where they can meet each Lord's day. Editors could this be done? Where the church is, address of the church and phone no. of one of the members, so a person could call someone that goes to that church for time they

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meet, directions to the church, etc.

Hope that all of you are planning on coming to the Big Spruce Church camp meeting. June 27th - July 5, 1982. Cabins, hook-ups, etc for everyone. All free. Please come. God bless you all.

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HUMBLE, TEXAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Please excuse my laziness, it has been sometime since I have written. We here in Humble, Texas enjoy the church paper and look forward to it coming. Keep up the good work.

We here in Humble are all well at this time, however we have had a few happenings. Brother and Sister Steve Eldridge's little boy, Sam, fell and broke his arm. It was in a cast for a while but it is off now and all is well with him. Brother and Sister Dennis Bedingfield had their first child, a girl on the 22 or November. She weighed 7 lb. and 13 oz. They named her Heather Dawn. Both Mother and Daughter are doing just fine. We are proud and happy for them. Brother John Bedingfield had an eye operation in January, it was a big success. The Dr. has fitted him with glasses and everthing seems to be O.K. Brother and Sister Goodwin's little boy, Scott was struck by a truck, he was frightened but was not hurt bad. He was kept in the hospital over night for observation and was released the next day. Donald Dabbs Jr. had to go to the doctor, he was sick with the strep throat and was out of school for two weeks. He lost a little weight but is now back to normal. For all these we have prayed and we thank God for answering our prayers.

We have had visitors from Lorenzo, Texas. Brother and Sister Tooler Goowin. Also Brother and Sister Ed Tate and daughter, Edwana Fikes from Newcastle, Texas.

Sister Lou Freeman was restored back to the church and we can all be happy and rejoice with her.

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Brother John Bedingfield's granddaughter, Beth Hale and children have moved here from Albuquerque, New Mexico and have been attending church with us quite regularly.

We have done more work on the church house, Sister Ruth Dabbs has made cushions for the benches and the bathroom has been put in. There is a lot more work to be done before our meeting in April.

Brother Harry Dye from Parker, Arizona will be here April 4 through the 11th to hold our meeting. We all pray that Bro. Harry and Sis. Lou will have a safe and enjoyable journey and that he will lift us up with the word of God.

If anyone has any friends or relatives in this area that would like us to visit please let us know.

Again we want to extend our invitation to all that can to come and visit us in our homes and church.

Our prayers are with you, please pray for us.

Yours in Christian love,

Donald Dabbs, Humble congregation
(713) 446-0565

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ROLL, ARIZONA

Dear Brethren:

There is very little news from way out here in Roll, Arizona. Everyone is doing fairly well, there are a few colds and a case or two of the flu.

We are still few in number but Lord willing and each one of us doing our work for the Lord, he will increase our number.

We enjoy reading and learning about the other brothers and their good works. It helps to know that the Lord's work is going on, all over the other states. We would like to thank the Courier staff for a fine job they are doing in keeping everyone informed.

One bit of good new, the brothers and sisters of Lorenzo, Texas have asked me to hold a week's meeting for them. (July 25 - August 1). So my family and I will be going to Lorenzo this summer and we would likt to invite everyone who can, come and worship with us and the brethren in Lorenzo.

-15- In Christian Love, Tony Brister

1982 MEETINGS

Humble, Texas	April 4-11	Harry Dye
Baron, Oklahoma	May 30-June 6	Ken Baldwin
Yakima, Washington	June 6-13	Sammy Boen
Waterford, California	June 20-27	Camp
Delta, Colorado	June 27-July 4	Camp
Bellflower, California	July 4-11	Howard McCay
Grass Valley, California	July 11-25	J. D. Logan
Lorenzo, Texas	July 25-August 1	Tony Brister
Port Orchard, Washington	August 1-8	Dan Ross
San Pablo, California	September 4,5 and 6	Camp

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Welcome home Sister Lou Freeman!!!

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BIRTHS

Brother and Sister Dennis Bedingfield of the Humble, Texas congregation are the proud parents of their new daughter, Heather Dawn, born November 22, 1981. Congratulations!!!

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The Bible is the best commentator on the Bible.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you again so much for your support in news, articles, and financial aid. It is not our intention to print a financial report, however, our books are open to any Bro. or Sis.

We love you,

 The Editors