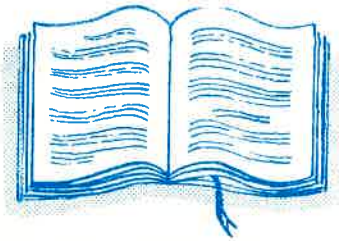
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-IN REMEMBRANCE-

Dear God, today you have taken from our fold into your presence, a spirit we truly could not afford to spare.

When all else were caught up in bitter frames of mind that would distort the truth through our hurts, he alone seemed to see with crystal vision, and, through his talent of serenity and wisdom, he could clarify the distortion to all concerned and even allow the person who is least correct to maintain dignity and to attain humility without angry embarrassment. He was a friend to everyone but especially the young. Too often the bridge between young and old is fear. To the old, fear of lack of knowledge to answer their babies correctly, but this feeling of fear was never associated with him. He seemed always to be at his ease and he seemed to "feel" our problems. But even more, his answers were filled with wisdom.

And never did a man laugh so wholly. That beautiful smile never left his face, he always made everything bearable.

So you see, Dear Lord, we truly need him, but we also take much solace int he knowing that our beloved brother, Vernon Roarke, will sit with you in eternal peace, so if you would, please help us in our time of loss.

This we pray in the name of thy son Jesus Christ..... Amen.

-Anonymous

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"For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

2 Cor. 5:1

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

Prov. 25:25

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BARON, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Chirst:

Sorry I have been so long about writing. We at Baron Church of Christ are doing fine. We are a little late about reporting our meeting, but had a very good one with Brother Ken Baldwin doing the preaching and also had some fine singing. We had full cooperation from Pleasant View Church which was appreciated very much. We also had visitors from various other churches. No visible results were made but we were all uplifted spiritually.

We would like to give a special invitation to anyone passing our way. Our services begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

With Christian Love,

Baron Church of Christ

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WATERFORD, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren:

The Church at Waterford is doing very well. Bro. Dean Guyer has had a hernia operation, but was able to attend church Sunday. Sister Verna Harmon is ill, hopefully she will be well again soon.

With Sincere Love,

L.E. Arnett

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"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

Ph. 2:3

WATERFORD CONGREGATION THANK YOU

This is a little late, but it has been a very busy, fulfilling summer. As the host and hostess of the Camp meeting at Waterford, June 19th thru June 27th, 1982, we wish to express our thanks and appreciation for all the guests. Approximately 100 or more - all helping in many ways, speaking, singing, helping cook, clean, etc., making it a very good meeting, bringing forth one for prayers of the church and one baptism. We are sure we speak for our whole congregation in saying: we were all richly blessed and please attend our meetings in the future, bringing someone with you.

I also wish to thank the congregation at Penn Valley, California for the great hospitality and attendance to the week of singing instruction and the week of preaching. It was a very uplifting experience for me. Thanks to all of the visitors which most all spent an entire week - about 50 in all; but most of all for the great interest of the young people. It is so encouraging to see so many young people in one meeting.

In Christian Love,

Brother and Sister J.D. Logan
3708 Mission Rd.
Stockton, CA 95204

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FURNISH CANYON, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethren:

Our meeting here in Furnish Canyon ended on July 25th and the concensus was that it was very successful and we had very good attendance, including a good number of visitors from the surrounding area. Brother Howard Layton made the noble confession of faith in Christ and was baptized.

We hope the rest of you who had meetings this summer enjoyed them and that much good was accomplished for the Lord.

For the Church of Christ
at Furnish Canyon

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"Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins."

Pr. 10:12

HUMBLE, TEXAS

We here in Humble, Texas are all fine except for a few colds. Our meeting held by Brother Dye of Parker, AZ was a big success. Besides the local visitors and regular congregation, we had visitors come from Aztec, New Mexico, Sister Myra Dabbs, Brother and Sister J.D. Johnson and Brother and Sister Frank Ridlon. Brother and Sister Toddler Goodwin from Fortworth, Texas and Brother and Sister Jimmy Loftis from Lorenzo, Texas.

Brother Dye uplifted all of us not only by the lessons he brought to us but also the very presence of him and his wife among us. There was a big dinner on both Sundays with a lot of singing and fellowship. We want to thank all those that came out to be with us and we want to thank God for the fellowship we shared, and pray for those that came afar for their safe journeys back to their homes.

Sister Ruth, myself and our three children went to Newcastle and enjoyed a weekend with the brothers and sisters there. Brother and Sister Stanley Goodwin and family also enjoyed visiting the brothers and sisters in Duncanville.

Lord willing we hope to get out to some of the meetings this year.

Yours in Christian Love,

Don Dabbs
Humble, Texas

(We are very sorry this newsletter is late being printed and apologize for the delay) - Editors

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HUMBLE, TEXAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This last August Jim Chadwick, Steve Bedingfield, Mary Beth Goodwin and myself went to Dallas for a three day meeting being held in Duncanville, Texas. We stayed with Sister Goddwin's grandparents, Brother and Sister Toddler Goodwin. While we were there we went to Six Flags. It was a real nice meeting and we enjoyed ourselves very much.

In Christian Love,
Armesa Dabbs

HUMBLE, TEXAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Church here in Humble, Texas is doing just fine. We have just finished paying for our church building.

We have had a little sickness among us. Brother Steve Eldridge was sick two weeks ago and was unable to attend the services, but is OK now. We thank God for this. Also Brother John Bedingfield is very sick and was unable to be with us last Sunday. We pray that God will return him to us soon.

Last Sunday Brother Stanley Goodwin brought us a real good lesson on the name and establishment of the church and how other denominations tried to be saved by other names and when they were established.

Brother Phill Freeman (just recently baptized) is coming along real good in his church work and we thank God for him.

We are very proud of Sister Lou Freeman, she has just graduated from nursing college and is now working at a hospital in Pasadena.

Sister Ruth, myself and our youngest son, Donald, have traveled a lot this summer. While traveling north to Yellowstone Park, we stopped off in Aztec, New Mexico for church and picked up my third daughter, Celesta Johnson and grandsons Marshall Johnson and Chris and Ben Lyons. We then traveled on to Craig, Colorado and visited there with Brother Roy (Skip) Berry. My first daughter Debra Taylor and her husband, Bill, along with our two other grandchildren Robin and Chad, met us in Yellowstone Park. There we saw many of God's wonderful works and enjoyed our grandchildren very much. On our way home we spent Sunday with our Brothers and Sisters in Duncanville, Texas. We enjoyed our visit with them very much. If there is anyone coming our way please drop by and visit with us.

Yours in Christian Love,

Donald Dabbs
Humble, Texas

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"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man thruth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another."

Ep. 4:25

BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

Dear ones in Christ:

Since last report, it was a privilege for some of the members to attend another good meeting at San Pablo, California.

We are studying with some of the young men, at our evening service the "Old Testament" they are doing a fine job. We need men of wisdom and knowledge to present the truth.

We are sorry to have Mary Brown move away from our midst, may she be happy in her new home. Please remember her in your prayers.

Glad to have Martin and Tayna Brockman with us for a short visit. We enjoy having visitors. We need the prayers of all the faithful.

Claud Perigen
for the Bellflower congregation

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SPECIAL NOTICE

We have recieved a phone call from Yuma, Arizona and are happy to report that they are planning a week's camp meeting November 21 thru the 28th. They ask that anyone planning on attending to please call and let them know.

There is lots of room for RV's and they will welcome you in their homes with open hearts.

Won't you please plan on being there. The weather is mild and beautiful.

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Bill and Verda Nelson - (602) 783-8975

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Dear Brethren of the Church of Christ:

It is very hard for me to write this personal letter as I know it will not please everyone.

We have been publishing the Courier for the past sixteen months, some issues have been two month issues due to lack of material to print. Without a doubt we have made many mistakes, but this is all a part of growing. The paper has not always gone out on time, this we regret.

May I state before I continue any futher that this letter is not entended to hurt any one person, or any one congregation. My intent is not to hurt or offend, but to touch your hearts in love.

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I have always felt that the Courier should be a means of communication between the different congregations, that it should tell of happiness, sadness, sickness, health, birth and death. That it should tell of christians starting a new life together in marriage.

That it should tell of sinners who have left the ways of the world, and turned to a new birth and life in Jesus Christ. That it should tell of planned gospel and camp meetings, and inform us of how those meetings turned out, what the results were, and who attended.

It should tell us if someone needs help, what kind, and where.

Every article that is received takes hours to go over. All scriptures must be checked, content must be checked, and then the intent of the writer must be determined. This is not an easy task, and in my view is impossible for any man to do.

At all times I must be neutral with my feelings.

Then of course there is always the articles that come back to me with a different viewpoint. Both writers are, I'm sure, sincere in their beliefs, yet can we all be right? Guess who is caught in the middle?

Starting with this issue there will be no more articles printed in the Courier. It will be a news letter for all the churches.

Articles that are now on hand will be returned to the writers. If you are happy or unhappy with this decision write and let me know.

This is your paper. If most people believe articles should be continued, then I will look for someone else to publish the Courier so that this may be done.

Now, let me state some facts to you:

The Courier is mailed to over senenty congregations in the United States, yet each issue has only three or four newsletters in it. Are we too busy, too involved with our jobs, too involved with the world, or just plain lazy? Something is sure wrong! I can look back in time and remember when it was someone else doing the work and me doing the writing, how lazy, and unconcerned I was. I hope that in my own way I am now making up for my lack of effort in the past.

The past is past, the present is here now, and the future lies ahead. We can let the Courier die or we can bring it to life.

At the present time, I have heard of births, deaths, people sick in the hospital, and yet have not received a letter from these congregations. Do you just hope that someone in some other congregation spreads the news? When you pick up your daily newspaper, would you like to read of news that happened two months ago?

When a Christian dies, is it showing respect to his or her memory to just place a name and place on the back of the Courier. Many of

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these Christians have worked in the church their whole lives. Can't we at least write a small note to give honor to them?

Appoint someone to write the news for your congregation each month, see that it gets done.

If you are a one family congregation, you still can write each month. Please do!

If each congregation sends a small amount of money each month for the monthly expenses of the paper it won't be a burden on anyone.

We would like to update some of our equipment and are asking a special effort from some of you at this time. There is never too much money. If the Courier account builds up, I'm sure it will be needed at some future date. No one here receives one cent for their effort on the Courier, it is a labor of love.

With this issue we would like to start having the Courier printed for us. The cost of printing for a three page issue is approximately one hundred dollars, this is fifty dollars more than our cost if we type stencils, and use a memeograph.

Having the paper printed will save us much work, and the paper will look so much better. The cost of printing and mailing a three page issue is approximately two hundred dollars each month. Can we count on your support.

Plan your meetings early, get your newsletters to us each month and on time. (Please remember our cut off date is the 15th of each month). Please support us financially. Help us, pray for us. God richly rewards you through Jesus Christ his Son.

In Christian Love,

Bro. Al Way
Co-Editor

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1982 MEETINGS

Goshen, Arkansas	October 3-10	Claud Perigen
Yuma, Arizona	November 21-28	Camp

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1983 MEETINGS

Bellflower, California	June 12-19	Dan Ross
Delta, Colorado	June 25-July 7	Camp