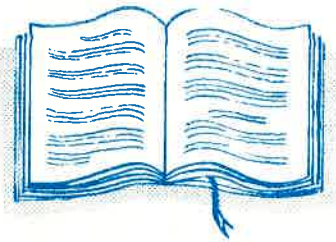
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IN MEMORY OF BRO. BUD WILKERSON

He whom we hold most dear never truly left us. He lives on in the kindness he showed, his laughter, his smiling face, the comfort he shared and the love he brought into our lives. The good deeds he did for all of us. Bro. Bud had no enemies; he was loved and cherished by everyone. His labor in the Lords vineyard for many, many years will not be forgotten. He put on the whole armor of God. Bro. Bud enjoyed our camp meetings, and everyone he met over the 20 years, he brought sunshine and laughter into our camp meetings, showing his love toward all of his Brothers and Sisters in Christ, his friends and loved ones, to all of the little children up to our aged ones. There is no stopping point or enough words to express all of the good deeds he has done for each and every one. Bro. Bud was one of the most humble, jolly and loved person by everyone. Although the curtain falls, there comes a time for all of us when we must say good bye. But memories of those we love live on and never die. That's the way we all feel about Bro. Bud. So trust in God's eternal care, and when the Master calls, we'll know a fairer world beyond, although the curtain falls.

Written in memory of our beloved Bro. Bud from all of his Brothers and Sisters in Christ, families and loved ones.

-Happy Hollow Church of Christ

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

Prov. 25:25

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PAYSON, ARIZONA

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from Payson, Arizona Congregation. Everyone is doing well. We have had 2 new baptisms, Adam Shepherd and his wife Shelley Shepherd on June 27th. Anyone passing thru, remember to stop and have services and fellowship with us.

In Christian love,

John Shepherd

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DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS

Dear Brethren:

We here in Duncanville enjoy reading the news of all the other churches more than anything else in the Courier. So if we like to hear from you, maybe you like to hear from us. We are few in number most of the time, but we have had lots of visitors the last few months who have been a great help to us. Sister Forest Francis met with us some through the winter and then again in the early spring while she was here with her son. Brother and Sister Toodler Goodwin began meeting with us some months ago. We sure needed them. Their son, Stanley and his family have visited several times. Sister Reba White was here one Sunday on her way home from a trip. Sister Leesa Howe and her sister, Vanda and her husband and son spent one Sunday with us. Later Brother and Sister Earl Howe stopped by. We were glad to see them. Brother Larry and Sister Debbie Rollins and their two children were close enough to meet with us for a while but they moved to Louisiana and we miss them. In July, Brother Dan Teague baptized Jack and Randy Scott, two sons of Brother and Sister Warren Scott of Mesquite, Texas who are regular members here. The last week-end in July Brother Donald Dabbs held us a week-end meeting and that strengthened us all. The next Sunday Brother Stanley Goodwin preached for us and Sister Charlotte Reeves asked for the prayers of the Church. On August 10 Brother Curtis Teague, one of the leaders in the Church passed away.

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Brother Donald Dabbs of Houston most ably preached the funeral. The church will miss Bro. Teague's presence and his teachings. One Sunday after that Brother Donald Dabbs, and Sister Ruth and son Donald came by on their way home from a trip and worshipped with us. It was a big help because we needed someone. We are located at the corner of Cockrell Hill Road and Wheatland Road in Duncanville. The meeting place is upstairs with a stairway at the back of the shop building. If you will be in the area any time call at 214/298-3952 or 298-1804, both Bro. Dan Teague's numbers. Someone will direct you how to get here or come and meet you. It will encourage us for you to come meet with us.

The Congregation at Duncanville

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YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings from Yuma. We are all looking forward to the camp meeting scheduled here for November 21st through the 28th. Everyone come who can. We are busy working on our new building which will have a kitchen and a dining area. It will also have 2 bathrooms with showers. We hope to have it ready by then. We have received word from several who are planning to come. We hope we have a big crowd. Some news items are: Sister Jean Orendorff's mother, Mary Laura Rohrbough passed away Sept. 28. She was born in West Virginia June 7, 1897. Graveside services were held October 4. Brother Tony Brister officiated. Brother James Morris had heart surgery October 7 at the University Hospital in Tucson. He is doing well and is expected to be released from the hospital soon. Remember him and Lois in your prayers. Sister Charlene Broadway has attended services the last 2 Sundays. She comes from Tucson where she is with her mother who is very ill. Remember them in your prayers. Brother and Sister Bill and Verda Nelson are still at their cabin in Heber, Arizona. We sure miss them. They have been gone about 6 weeks. We expect them home in a week or so. The church at Roll are planning to build a Church at Tacna. They have a good number of members now, so they really need it. We at Yuma plan to help them. I'm sure they would appreciate any help of any kind. Brother and Sister William and Karen Martin has a new addition to their family. He is Jeffrey, 2 weeks old. He has a sister Amber and a brother William. I believe that about covers everything. So just remember the date, November 21st. We hope to see you here!

In Christian love,

Bro. Robert Morris

AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are all saddened by the loss of Bro. Bud Wilkerson, and our prayers are for his family. Bro. Lloyed Allgood of Stillwell, Oklahoma held a meeting here the 1st week of July. Everyone enjoyed the fine lessons, and one went forward for the prayers of the congregation. Sister Myra Dabbs was honored at a surprise 75th birthday party on August 30th. Some 30 friends and relatives attended. Bro. and Sis. Donald Dabbs of Houston, Texas visited for several days recently at Aztec with lots of news being caught up on. Also Bro. and Sis. Henry Oliver of Almogordo, New Mexico spent a night. Sister Flora Bixler was in the hospital for several days. She is home now and doing well. All the Aztec congregation is as well as possible. We are all looking forward to the coming fall weather.

Frank and Doris Ridlon
Aztec, New Mexico

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PARKER, ARIZONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Just a note to remind you of the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to recieve." We know Brother Rhodes needs help, let's give it to him. Also, the Roll Congregation plans to build a church house. The Yuma congregation had agreed to buy the lot. But, with today's prices, I can assure you all they could use your help too. Shall we follow Yuma's good example? And don't forget, we still meet here at 1413 3rd. Street, Parker, Arizona 85344 (Phone 602/669-8712).

In Christian love,

Harry Dye

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"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We wish to thank each and every one who made our meeting at San Pablo a success. We wish to thank all the Brothers who brought us the wonderful sermons. I know that God was well pleased and that all the effort put forth was for his praise, honor and glory. We were certainly blessed by all those who attended, and with encouragement like that, I know that the word of God will continue to be sown not only here but throughout the country. It is our duty to attend all the meetings we can, wherever they may be. Please excuse the delay of this letter. I had it written and thought I had mailed it to the Courier, and I was sure shocked when I found that I had not. We wish to thank all the Sisters and all the dear friends who saw to our physical needs. The food was excellent and especially the ice cream. We had many freezers of ice cream again this year. And those who missed the meeting, not only missed all the wonderful Spiritual food, but you missed out on some real good cooking too. Thank you all for your prayer for the little congregation here in San Pablo. We all need the fervent prayers of all the Brethren. Pray also for all the ministers who go forth teaching the Gospel, for it is a labor of love, and they are accomplishing very much in teaching the Gospel to those who need to hear it. Pray that we all may continue to minister to the needs of each and every one that is on the face of the earth. And remember that Jesus our Saviour gave himself for them, so we should be able to continue on his behalf. Please come again in 1983 to our little meeting and we will do the best we can to accomodate you in every way, especially in teaching you the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May God receive all the praise, honor and glory in all we do.

In Christian love,

San Pablo, California Congregation

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CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

Dear Brethren:

We are enclosing a check to help with the Courier. The Lord willing we will send the same amount each month. We have worship in our home at 10:30 Sunday morning. Anyone passing this way is welcome to stop

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and worship with us or just visit. You might call or write first to be sure we are home.

In Christian love,

Paul and Eunice Bruce
305 S. Olive
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220
505/887-5752

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Our dear family in Christ:

We here in the Seattle area are doing fine these days. Our lives have not been without trials or distresses, but altogether God has made them bearable, so he is the reason for us doing fine.

We have had quite a few visitors to come see us this past summer and fall from as far away as Texas, and we certainly have been continually blessed with their company. One Sunday a month, a speaker travels from the Yakima congregation, and this activity has brought us scores of treasured memories. We make it a practice to be together all Sunday anyway; and when someone comes from out of town, our fellowship is all the more complete.

This summer Wayne and Amy Orendorff travelled back east and came across a congregation unknown, appearantly, to many in Clinton, Indiana (near Terre Haute). There are 40 or so people that regularly meet there, and although they observe a particular order of worship in the assembly, it is one accustomed to what you all are familiar with and committed to. It would do well for many of you to write or visit these people in case they were feeling "isolated". Here is the address: Fairview Park Church of Christ, Rural Route 1, Clinton, Indiana 47842. God bless you for writing! Keep the love for the brotherhood and remember what God has taken us thru. We love you all the more each passing day.

Written in fervent spirit from the
bro.'s and sis.'s at the Church of
Christ in Seattle, Washington

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"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

Heb. 10:24

PORT ORCHARD, WASHINGTON

Brethren:

It has been quite a while since I wrote a newsletter to the rest of our brethren. For this I apologize. We here at the Glenwood Church of Christ are all doing well concerning our health. The Lord has really blessed us as a whole, and individually recently when Bro. Dan Ross brought us ten very uplifting messages from God's word. I believe all of us were strengthened during this meeting. We have a new brother meeting with us here. Bro. Bill Gruber was baptized on August 25. Please pray for Bill and for the rest of us that we may be strong and grow daily into the image of our Lord Jesus.

In the love of Jesus,

Jon Powless

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STILWELL, OKLAHOMA

Dear Bro. and Sis. in Christ:

It has been one year since I wrote to the Courier. Quite a few things have taken place since then. During the year we have had three baptisms, Matt Padgett, Sue Caddie, and Debbie Hayes. We are very proud to have them as Christians. My son Kenneth Buckner and Debbie Hays were united in marriage on June 12, 1982. That was the first marriage ceremony I performed, and was very nervous. The church gave them a shower after the marriage and they received many nice gifts. During the past few months we have lost 3 members thru death: Bro. Mack Buckner, Bro. Artie Burras, and Sis. Bonnie Rhodes. Sis. Bonnie has had cancer for 2 years. She is the daughter of Bro. Hays Morris and wife of Bro. Ralph Rhodes. Bro. and Sis. Jack Padgett and family have moved to Cederidge, Colorado. Bro. Jack and son Matt went to help in the church. They will be missed very much here. Cederedge's gain is our loss. Everyone here at Pleasantview are doing fine now. Summer is over and we have much cooler weather now. The trees are beginning to turn. Anyone passing thru, we would like to have them stop by for an hour or few days to visit and worship with us. Our address has changed to Rt. 5, Box 145, Stilwell. We live at the same place, just a new address.

Bro. Gerald Buckner
Pleasantview Church of Christ
Stilwell, Oklahoma

LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren:

Everyone here is in good health. Our attendance is poor at times, but I guess that is to be expected. Bro. Nunnelly comes to Church whenever he is feeling good enough. Daniel Ferguson and his family moved to Arkansas and will make their home there. We miss Vickie, Walt and Ericka and Isaac and Letha. Sister Hunt got back from her visit to Oregon after about 1½ months. She is doing well and looks good. Bernice and Florence seem to be doing OK after the loss of their husbands. Mary, Chris, Pamela and I are doing fine. Our God has blessed us very much. Gary Ferguson and his family are all OK. Their new baby Amanda is healthy and growing real good. Young Gary is really coming along with his good talent as a preacher. He is doing well now and will do much better as he grows in the Lord. The latest additions to the Church were Julie, Joan's daughter and Pam's girlfriend and co-worker Jeanie. We beg you to pray for us all here at the Church in La Habra.

With all of our love the members
of the Church of Christ,

M. Serrano

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CEDEREDGE, COLORADO

Dear ones in Christ:

First we would like to thank Bro. Al Way for his letter in the Courier. It was plain and to the point and how true it is. We are all lazy when it comes to writing to the Courier and how hard it is for the editors to put out the Courier without our news letters. Thanks Bro. Al for your reminder.

We here at Happy Hallow Church of Christ in Colorado have good news and sad news at this writing. God has blessed us with a new Brother and Sister and three children from Stilwell, Oklahoma. Brother Jack Padgett, his wife Vivian, their son Matt, and two daughters Sarah and JackieJanae Bro. Jack gave up his job and home. He left behind their loved ones, families and friends to come do the work of the Lord. They felt they were needed here to work in the Lord's vineyard; after the Lord called dear Bro. Wilkerson home. Bro. Jack's prayers are to be a preacher someday, and with his desires and determination, we know he will make a good one. We are so thankful it was God's will that he come. We needed them very badly. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for putting God's work first

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above all things. Bro. Ken Baldwin has been in the hospital for 2 weeks with pneumonia, one day he is better, the next day worse again. Please remember him in your prayers. Sister Wilkerson and family would like to thank Bro. and Sis. Horace Orendorff for helping in their time of need. Bro. Orendorff preached a beautiful sermon for Bro. Bud, and said many beautiful words about our dear Bud, since Bro. Orendorff has known the family all of our lives. We appreciate and thank them very much. We also want to thank Bro. and Sis. Jim Loftis and Bro. and Sis. Howe for coming so far to sing the beautiful songs for Bro. Bud. we also want to thank Bro. J.D. Johnson, Bro. Ridlon and Bro. Stan for assisting in the singing. It was beautiful. Also thanks for the prayers, many cards, letters, flowers and money; in the memory of Bro. Bud. Thanks to all of our Bro. and Sis. in Christ, families and friends that came from far and near. We all appreciate the love that was shown. Our young Bro. Tom had a heart warming lesson last Lord's day. One that was well given, it was Tom's second lesson and he did a wonderful job. We are so proud and pleased of him. He will make a good preacher to carry on the Lord's work. One more thing, please keep the camp meeting for 1983 on your calendars, as this is the 20 year homecoming. We would appreciate everyone planning to come, let us know as soon as possible so we can start to plan for room and food. We have plenty of room for campers, motor homes, tents, etc. So if you plan on bringing campers, tents or housing let us know. We do have dorms and rooms also. Remember us in your prayers and may God bless you all.

Happy Hallow Church of Christ

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HUMBLE, TEXAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am concerned and we all should be about the church paper. It is as dead as it can get without being buried. I called and talked for about an hour with Brother Al Way, one of the editors of the Christian Courier. They print the paper on their own time, and are not looking for a dollar, glory or even a pat on the back; just your news. The editors do not make the paper - your news does. Bro. Al told me he only hears from a few congregations a month. We can't have a paper like that! We need the paper and the paper needs your news. Without the paper we don't know where the churches are and how they are doing. Sometimes our brothers and sisters are transferred and have to move somewhere in order to work or to go to school or are making a trip of necessity or pleasure and don't know where they can go to church. Sometimes while traveling we drive right by a true church and don't know it is there. The brothers and sisters would

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love to see each other but if they don't know where you are, they can not stop and worship with you.

We believe we have the truth so don't hide it. Let everyone know where it can be heard. Some of our brothers are strong and some are weak, those that are strong need to do everything they can to help those that are weak to become strong and not let anymore of God's children go by the wayside. Christ took time out of his busy schedule to die for us so we could be the children of God. Maybe we could help him by writing and let someone know where we are at. This is a good work for both the Brothers and Sisters, young and old.

In talking with Brother Al, he said it takes about $150.00 to $180.00 per month to print and mail the paper. The paper could always use a little money, however, they need a lot more than money. For those that have no money to help support the paper please, please support it with news. News about baptisms, births, marriages, gardens, trips, vacations, weather, and etc. Anything that has happened is news and enjoyed by others.

With this plea I hope there is so much news that the editors have to print two papers a month. Again, please don't let the Christian Courier die, send in your news. If we as Christians cannot take time out to communicate with each other in this life, will we have time for each other in heaven? Will we be in heaven?

Yours in Christian love,

Donald Dabbs, Humble, TX

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CEDEREDGE, COLORADO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I wish to thank all the Brothers and Sisters and Churches for their cards, flowers, support and prayers during the loss of my loved one and dear husband, Bud Wilkerson. A special thanks goes out to Brother Hoarse Orendorff who came from Yuma congregation to hold Bud's service. A special thanks to Brother and Sister Loftis, Brother and Sister Howe from Lorenzo, TX Church of Christ. Brother J.D. Johnson and Brother Stanley Berry from Aztec, New Mexico, who did the beautiful singing. In a time of sorrow it means so much to have so many Christian friends and loved ones. Bud is being missed by his family and loved ones here at the Church. We are such a few in number here. Bro. and Sis. Jack Padgett and family from Stilwell, Oklahoma has moved here to help out. We are so happy to have them with us. So please keep them in your prayers that he will find work here and can stay with us and help in the Church. Brother Ken Balwin is in the hospital with

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pneumonia, but if it's the Lord's will, he will be coming home Thursday, Oct. 7th.

Keep us in your prayers.

In Christian love,

Sis. Movelle Wilkerson & Family
Happy Hallow Church of Christ

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BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from the Church of Christ at Bellflower. For the most part we are all well at this writing. We thank God for his wonderful love through Jesus Christ. We have so much to be thankful for. We wish to express our appreciation to all that have worshipped with us from other congregations. Also our love and prayers go forth to those that have lost loved ones.

We are very glad to have Claud and Burdette back home. They said they had a wonderful time staying with the brethren at Goshen, Ark. Claud is a very fine preacher and I know they enjoyed hearing him teach from God's word. We all enjoyed good Christian fellowship and a very fine meal at the La Habra Church this last Sunday the 17th. Hopefully we can spend more time together in the future. Time is short for us all. We would love to have you meet with us anytime you can. The Church comes together Sunday morning at 10:30 and Sunday evening at 6:00. Several from here are planning to attend the Yuma meeting. Hope to see you there if not sooner. Please pray for us.

Yours in Christ for the
Church at Bellflower,

Bro. Al Way

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"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding: for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold."

Pr. 3:13-14

1982 MEETINGS

Yuma, Arizona	Nov. 21-28	Camp

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1983 MEETINGS

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

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Kenneth Buckner and Debbie Hays were united in marriage on June 12, 1982. Congratulations! May you have much love and happiness.

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BAPTISMS

Adam Shepherd	Payson, Arizona
Shelley Shepherd	Payson, Arizona
Jack Scott	Duncanville, Texas
Randy Scott	Duncanville, Texas
Bill Gruber	Port Orchard, Washington
Matt Padgett	Stilwell, Oklahoma
Sue Caddie	Stilwell, Oklahoma
Debbie Hays	Stilwell, Oklahoma
Darrell Murrell	Waterford, California

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DEATHS

Bro. Darrell Murrell	Sept. 25, 1982	Waterford, California
Bro. Mack Buckner		Stilwell, Oklahoma
Bro. Artie Burras		Stilwell, Oklahoma
Sis. Bonnie Rhodes	Sept. 24, 1982	Stilwell, Oklahoma

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"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Heb. 4:12