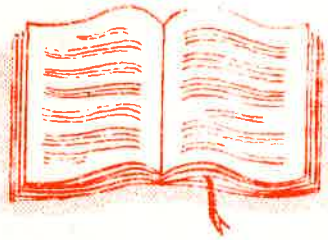
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In Memory of Sis. Janice Herbert
(A Graveside Service - Feb. 3, 1983)
Submitted by request of a loving mother

These few words today cannot describe Jan perfectly but may cause us to reflect fondly if but briefly in a token of our memory.

My wife and I were deeply stunned upon hearing the Lord had taken our loved one in Christ and were remembering her in quiet tones of deep emotion when my wife remarked, "I can picture every detail of her lovely face as if I had just this moment seen it and glanced away, even though it has been approximately six years since I last saw her. I remember combing her very thick, blond hair and the silly little poses she would get when she was laughing and enjoying the conversation and company of friends and loved ones. She and Ron were so perfectly suited for each other. She was so young --- and right when her daughters could need her so much."

Later, to myself, I was reflecting upon that last remark and thought she would always be with them, because of the christian teaching and love she and Ron shared with their daughters, which is the undying bond of family strength, development, and unity. In this sense we can rightly say, "She lives on in them."

The christian precepts, taught to them, to enrich them in this life and to guide them into the portals of Heaven, are a legacy, a priceless legacy, our minds can focus upon for solace and comfort this day. Perhaps to those near and dear to Janice it will give a little meaning and a small but significant answer to the question, "Why? She was so young."

Their strong faith, together as husband and wife, gave them the inward courage and strength to meet the challenges of life as a team.

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I was present when Jan and Ron were baptized into the body of Christ and seeing their faith blossom and grow seemed to add more meaning and purpose to my faith and work in the church.

Janince was full of life, made friends easily as people were naturally attracted to her glowing personality. Her many friends are evidence of this --- many here today --- many, many others who were unable to be here in person are most assuredly here in spirit.

Her enthusiasm was infectious. Everyone responded to her dynamic and magnetic personality; older people, her peers, little children, people from all walks of life.

She was a meticulous person in her home, her manner of dress, and in taking care of her family when the sailing was rough or when times of smoother sailing were enjoyed.

She really felt good about the family's accomplishments and situations the past two years in Beaver Creek, Colorado; her work, her business associates, her employees, and the family's involvement in school and community events.

We are naturally saddened by the passing of a loved one. In this instance, if we look at our tears, we find they are a tribute to the way our lives were enriched by hers.

I John 5:11: "...God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."

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"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY"
Prov. 25:25

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GARDENDALE, TEXAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It's been awhile since we here at Gardendale have written of the news here. We at this time are all well. Have had lots of sickness this past winter and lots of bad weather which has been hard for our elderly to drive to and from church.

We have contacted Bro. Tony Brister of Arizona and he has agreed to hold our meeting this summer for us; June 12th thru June 19th, 1983. Everyone is welcome and we have plenty of space for campers and motor homes for those that can attend our meeting, as well as our homes are open to all.

Our hearts feel sympathy to Sis. Judy Chadwick of Gardendale. She lost her father in January. Also to Bro. Ron Herbert and Bro. Ken and Verlie Baldwin who lost their wife and daughter. Our deepest sympathy

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and love to each of the families in Colorado, and Sis. Chadwick of Gardendale.

My wife and I are planning to attend the Delta, Colorado meeting. We appreciate the news from the Courier.

In Christian love,
L.C. Barker
For the Gardendale congregation

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AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

Dear Brethren:

We at the Aztec Church of Christ have many blessings to be thankful for this winter. For the most of us there have been very little sickness and we have been blessed with Bro. Emmet Noyes being able to return to church March 6th after his stroke several months ago. We hope and pray he will continue in his recovery.

All our prayers go to Bro. Don Kirby who recently came forth, may all of us be a spiritual strength to him as he has been to our congregation.

We heard a good lesson from Bro. Earl Noyes on Sunday, March 6th. After church, Sis. Moore and other family members had a birthday party for Bro. Earl Noyes who will celebrate his 101st birthday on March 8th.

We are proud to announce a week's meeting at Aztec Church of Christ on May 15th thru the 22nd. The meeting will be held by Bro. Harry Dye of Yuma. Brothers and sisters, we would love to have all that could to please come. There will be plenty of room to stay with our families. Come and help us support Bro. Dye for He tells us that in the latter days there will be few that follow.

In Christian love,
Aztec Church of Christ

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HUMBLE, TEXAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

After seeing so much of the storms and flooding, we feel very grateful for the beautiful spring weather that we are enjoying in the Houston area. We hope that none of you suffered loss from the storms.

Brother and Sister Toodler Goodwin from the Duncanville congregation visited the church at Humble on Feb. 20th. We also had the pleasure of visiting with them in our home. It is always uplifting to have Christ-

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ians from out of town to come and meet with us. We all need to visit and encourage each other more. We invite all who are passing this way to visit with us.

My wife and I went to Phoenix on Feb. 21st. We visited Bro. Ken Baldwin in the hospital there. We also got to see his wife Verlie, and Bro. and Sis. Bill Nelson from Yuma, who are staying in Phoenix to be near Ken and Verlie while he is in the hospital. We went from Phoenix to Kingman, Arizona to visit my sisters there. On Saturday, we went to Parker, Arizona where we visited with Bro. and Sis. Dye, then on to Yuma for a good visit with the church there on Feb. 27th. We certainly enjoyed the hospitality and fellowship of all there. My sister and her husband accompanied us on this visit to Parker and Yuma. We came back by Phoenix on March 3rd and Bro. Baldwin seemed to be muchly improved. We pray that Brother Ken will soon be able to leave the hospital and be able to preach the gospel again. Sister Rennick was ill at Yuma, and was unable to come to church when we were there, but we visited her on Sunday afternoon. We pray that she will soon recover. It is not the same without you Arzella. We all miss you and love you very much.

We returned home and found all well here. Brother Stanley Berry, who has been with us for several months, will be leaving Humble to go into the service soon, but is scheduled to give us a sermon next Lord's day. We will miss this young brother very much, but hope that he can visit us often.

It is time for many of us to start making vacation plans. Let us be sure that we plan to visit with our brothers and sisters in Christ in our travels. We need to plan ahead and know where the churches are, so that we may enjoy the fellowship of other Christians, as well as the beauties of nature that God has provided for us to enjoy. We would like to see a directory compiled of all the faithful congregations that we know of in order that we could plan to visit more with one another. The Courier seems to be our best method of keeping in touch, so please everyone write in and let us know when and where you meet for worship. Remember us in your prayers. Love to all from the congregation at Humble, Texas.

In Christian love,
J.W. Bedingfield

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"And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Matt. 18:2-3

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As usual there are plenty of colds and flu going around but at this writing we have no knowledge of any serious ailments among the regulars here.

We had a skating party on February 8th. A few missed it because of colds but the rest of us had a lot of fun and good fellowship. We had a Valentine's party the 11th and it was really nice. The ladies who put it on did a wonderful job. The food was great! We played games and visited afterwards and all enjoyed it very much.

John and Betty McKinney had to make a trip to Indian Springs, California due to the illness of her parents. Brother and Sister Sage came back with them and will be living with them. We are glad to have them here, but we're sure they will be missed in California. Sister Grammy Mack and Sister Nori Loveland have been moved to a new nursing home. Grammy was rather upset at being moved but is settling in now. However, she has not been strong enough to attend services lately and we know this has upset her. Anyone wishing to write to her or Nori can use the following address: Jenny Mack or Nori Loveland, Summitview Manor, 3905 Knobel, Yakima, Washington 98902.

Come visit whenever you can and God be with you.

In Christian love,
Larry and Bonnie Fulkerson

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YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Friends in Christ:

Everyone seems too busy to write. We've missed the past two issues with news, will try and catch up.

We had one baptism, Sister Joyce Crowel. We are happy to have Joyce with us.

Sister Nora Loveland and Sister Pearl Mack have new residents. They now live at Summitview Manor, 3905 Knobel, Yakima, Washington 98903.

We have had many sick the past two months with colds, flu, etc. Maybe with the winter behind and spring approaching, we'll have better health.

Feb. 11th we enjoyed a nice Sweetheart dinner sponsored by Bill and Cinde McCay, Jr. with games, fellowship and a nice evening of fun for all who could attend.

Sister Betty McKinney moved her parents to Yakima from California. Her father, Bro. Sage is in very poor health.

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We were privileged this past weekend with Bro. and Sis. Robert McCay from the Glenwood congregation visiting with us. Bro. Robert spoke for us Sunday. We always are happy for visitors.

Bro. Eulon Taylor is doing much better health wise. He was very ill around the years end. Eulon and Belle Taylor and Sis. Eva Nichols have a long distance to drive for church, but are so faithful about attending and we appreciate your example and love for Christ.

Bro. Merle McKinney had surgery in January and is doing fine. We missed him. Bro. Bob Lamb is again able to attend church. We are happy to see him in church.

We truely enjoyed our trip to Modesto and our visit with christian friends. Had a good mexican dinner and good fellowship. Thanks to all of you.

Our love to all the brotherhood.

In Christian love,
Bill and Veda McCay

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma are getting along OK.

My wife and I have been busy lately; we have adopted another son. His name is Cory Dale and is our other adopted son's brother. He is two months old and lots of work, but well worth it. We are very thankful to God for the additions.

The church here has had several visitors lately and a surprise visit in January from Bro. Don Taylor and his wife from the Lugert congregation. It's nice to have all the visitors and welcome each and every one to come and visit. In the coming months, if the Lord wills, I hope to supply some information about the individual members at this congregation. I hope by doing this to introduce you to members I have come to know, love and respect. They have helped me and I hope in some way to have helped them.

We will close for now, keep up the good work.

Yours in Christ,
Roger Walkingstick

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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

EDITORS NOTE

Dear Brethren:

Over the past several months we have had many requests to compile and publish a church directory.

Being burdened with the cares of this world, and doing our best to work in the church, we have put off until now any effort toward this goal.

Realizing the end is near and this would be a good work, we will now try to compile a directory of faithful churches.

In this effort we will need your help. We would ask that each congregation please send us the following:

1) The address of your meeting place.
2) The day/days, time/times of your services.
3) The names, area codes, and phone numbers of preferably two members of your congregation.
4) Written directions to your meeting place (no maps please).
5) If you are a single family meeting in your home, and are sometimes away visiting other congregations, please state so, so that visitors may call or write ahead of time to be sure you will be home when they visit.

The directory will be as good as your response, so please reply.

Thanks again for supporting <u>your</u> church paper. We love you.

The Editors

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A SAVIOR IS BORN
Thus Saith the Lord

Matt. 1:21 - "And she shall bring forth a son and thou shall call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Luke 2:11 - "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:14 - "And the angel said - Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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."

1983 MEETINGS

Aztec, New Mexico	May 15-22	Harry Dye
Bellflower, California	June 12-19	Dan Ross
Gardendale, Texas	June 12-19	Tony Brister
Delta, Colorado	June 25-July 7	Camp
Lorenzo, Texas	July 17-24	Al Way
Port Orchard, Washington	July 24-31	Ken Harper
Yakima, Washington	July 31-August 7	Homer Bryant
Modesto, California	August 14-21	Jerry Perigen
San Pablo, California	September 3, 4, & 5	Camp

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BAPTISMS

Joyce Crowell of Yakima, Washington

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Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. Walkingstick who have recently adopted a new baby son, Cory Dale. May you find much happiness and joy.

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IN MEMORY OF SIS. JANICE HERBERT

"Death is the Gateway to Eternal Life"

Death is just another step along life's changing way, no more than just a gateway to a new and better day, and parting from our loved ones is much easier to bear when we know they are waiting for us to join them "there." For it is one the wings of death that the living soul takes flight into the "Promised Land of God" when there shall be "no night." So death is just a natural thing, like the closing of a door, as we start upon a journey to a new and distant shore. And none need make this journey undirected or alone, for God promised us safe passage to this vast and great unknown. So let your grief be softened and yield not to despair, you have only placed your loved one in the loving Father's care.

Your friend & Sis. in Christ,
Gerotha Phipps