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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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YUMA, ARIZONA

The Church in Yuma is doing quite well. We have had a nice winter and a beautiful spring. Our summers are a bit uncomfortable, but our hospitality will make up for that. We have a lovely new dining room, and with a few hours notice, we can have a pot luck dinner. That way everyone gets to enjoy good Christian fellowship and association.

Our dear Sister Arzella Renick is able to be at Church some of the time, following a lengthy illness. Sister Mary Davis is not well and not strong enough to be out all the time. She was 83 years young in January. Siter Vesta Lytle has had knee surgery in Phoenix, Arizona. Her knee has been very painful for a long time. We hope this does her much good. Bro. Earl and Sis. Zelma Broadway are back from a four week trip to Arkansas. It's good having them back home.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Verlie Baldwin have been in our midst for a few weeks while Ken recuperated from a hospital stay in Phoenix. They left for home May 10th. They have been here in Arizona since the middle of January. He has been a very sick man and by the will of God and the expertise of some very good doctors, he is stronger now than he has been in a very long time. They were anxious to get home, and be about their "Father's" business. They are planning on a 20-year reunion for their camp meeting. Let's all help them make it a success. While the Baldwins have been gone, a 17 year old brother in the Church took care of the services, many times by himself. His name is Tommy Clothier, and we older Christians should take note of his faith and courage. He is to

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be commended.

We have had visitors in the past couple months for which we are grateful. As mentioned before, there were the Baldwins, their son-in-law, Ron Herbert, all of Colorado. Vergil Roberts of Aztec, New Mexico; Al and Okja Way of Bellflower, California; and Bro. and Sis. Steve Spurlin of Reydon, Oklahoma.

We would like to announce our camp meeting for the Thanksgiving week. It will start November 20th thru the 27th. We invite everyone to come, we have lots of room for campers and trailers. We also have room in our homes and hearts for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Christian love,
Bill Nelson

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BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We here at Bellflower, California are doing fine. We haven't had many visitors this month. On the first Sunday of this month we had a church dinner. Some of the La Habra congregation came over to share our dinner with us. We appreciate their fellowship and enjoy being with them.

Bro. Al and Sis. Okja Way were at Yuma, Arizona one week-end visiting with the brethren down there.

We invite anyone who can to please come be with us during our meeting from June 12 thru June 19 with Brother Dan Ross as our speaker. We look forward to hearing Bro. Dan and visiting with him and his family.

Please remember us in your prayers as we remember all of you. If anyone is in our area, please stop and worship and visit with us.

In Christian love,
The Bellflower congregation

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for your responses regarding the Church directory. We will wait until August 15, 1983 for other responses to be mailed and then we will start to compile the Church directory. Please be patient with us as this is a lot of work and may take a little while. Directions to the various Church congregations must come from you. We will not put any in on our own.

HUMBLE, TEXAS

Greetings to all from the Church at Humble, Texas

We are enjoying the Courier very much. We always like to hear the news from the other congregations. We had a happy surprise on April 15th, when Bro. and Sis. Earl Broadway from Yuma stopped by and visited with us on their way to Arkansas. We were sorry that they could not stay longer. Bro. Ed and Sis. Francis Tate also came down from Olney, Texas on that same day. So we all had a good visit in our home, although it was too short. Bro. and Sis. Tate stayed over the week-end and we had a fine fellowship meeting at Church,, with one sermon by Bro. Tate on Friday night, then two services on Saturday, with a barbeque lunch on the Church grounds; two services on Sunday, and we had a fine meal prepared by all the sisters. We had the dinner at Jay and Carolyn's home. We were all uplifted by the preaching, singing, and fellowship together. The highlight of the meeting came on Sunday afternoon when our youngest daughter, Anna Lou, and Bro. Phillip Freemon were married at the Church on April 17th. We are grateful for another Christian home.

On April 24th, I was called to Phoenix to be with my sister while her husband, Roy Fulmer, underwent open heart surgery at Phoenix. I flew out there after Church on Sunday evening. I am happy to report that he is recovering very well. While in Phoenix, I called Yuma to see how Bro. Baldwin was getting along, and he was well enough that he and Sis. Verlie came over to Phoenix to visit with me. That was really a happy surprise, that they were well enough to make the trip and spend more time with my sister and I. We had a little difficulty getting together in Phoenix, but it sure was worth the trouble. I was so happy to see both of them feeling much better. I returned home on the 28th.; in time to be here for the week-end meeting of April 29th thru May 1st with Bro. Sammy Boen from Fort Smith doing the preaching. We all certainly appreciated Sammy and Barbara coming down to meet with us. Bro. Sammy brought us five very good lessons with three responses for prayers. We thank God, and give him the glory for this meeting. We also had visitors from the Duncanville congregation who came to help out with the meeting. Bro. and Sis. Jack Scott came, and brought their three grandsons, Jack, Randy, and Jimmy with them. Young Jack and Randy are teen-age members. We were certainly proud to have them with us. They took part in the worship services with songs and prayers. Keep up the good work, boys. We are all happy and encouraged by your willingness and interest in the Lord's work.

Our meeting date for our August fellowship meeting with Bro. Howard Taylor of Loco, Oklahoma and Bro. Earl Howe of Lorenzo, Texas, will be on August 19, 20, and 21. Again, we invite all who can to come and be

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with us at that time. I know that all will enjoy these two good speakers, as well as their fine families. We have plenty of room in our homes for visitors, and everyone is more than welcome. We had planned for another short meeting in July, but have not been able to confirm a date at this time. We find these three-day fellowship meetings very edifying and encouraging.

I hope that the brethren everywhere will take note of the editors offer to prepare and publish a directory for our benefit. We need this very badly, so let us all cooperate with them, and send in the information that they ask for. It will be a blessing to all to know where you are, and when you meet, that we might all be one and be together more.

With Christian love,
J.W. Bedingfield

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DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS

We are always glad to hear from all the Churches and Christians. We have had a quiet month in April. We did have visitors on April 2nd. Kay and Elton Teague from Nocona, Texas were here. Also Martha Platt, her daughter, Margaret, and husband J.T., her son, John David Beckman from Beaumont were here. Stanley and Judy Goodwin and their children, Mary Beth, Amanda Gayle, and Scott from Bryan, Texas were here and Stanley gave us a very good lesson.

Jo and Toodler Goodwin were gone to other congregations two Sundays. We missed them but otherwise we had good lessons and enjoyed our services as usual.

Be sure to come by and worship with us if you ever can. Our driveway is at 819 East Wheatland Road in Duncanville. If you find the intersection of Cockrell Hill Road and East Wheatlan Road, we are the second driveway from the red light after you leave Cockrell Hill Road and turn onto East Wheatlan Road. The Church is upstairs - the stairway North of first building. If you have trouble, call us. Phone: 298-3952 or 298-1804.

With Christian love,
Duncanville congregation

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"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

I Cor. 6:20

LOCO, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We here at the Loco congregation are doing fine, other than a few colds and minor aches and pains. Isn't it wonderful that we as Christians have something better to look forward to with spring here and summer approaching. We begin to think of all the wonderful meetings across the land. We all need the fellowship and strength we get from each meeting.

We have had one baptism since the last time we wrote. Kristal Barnes was baptized February 6th. We thank God for that.

Our meeting is coming up in July with Bro. Al Way. It starts Monday July 25th thru July 31st. Any and all visitors will be appreciated and welcome. We have plenty of room.

All of us here enjoy reading the Courier, and pray you all may continue in your good work in the future. We meet here at 10:30 a.m. each Lord's day. If you can't meet with us, then pray for us, we will be praying for you all.

In Christian love,
Audley Barnes

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GOSHEN, ARKANSAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We in Goshen are all doing pretty good. We have some good news and some bad news from here, so we will tell the bad news first and get it out of the way.

We still have some out most every week with colds, flu and other minor illnesses. We were all really saddened by the death of Sis. Edna Ferguson on April 15th. Funeral services were held at Drakes Creek on Monday, April 18th. Everyone remember Bro. Jim in your prayers, his loss will be greater than ours.

Now, for the good news, We have been blessed with visitors lately. Bro. Earl and Sis. Zelma Broadway from Yuma, Arizona were with us two Sundays; April 17th and 24th. On the 24th, Bro. Earl gave a good lesson on "Christian Living". We enjoyed visiting with them and hearing the good lesson. On April 24th, Gabe and Dot Auslam from California were also with us. We have also had several local visitors.

We would like to announce a gospel meeting at Goshen, beginning Sun., October 2nd and going thru Sun., October 9th. Bro. Jerry Perigen from Huntington Beach, California (Bellflower congregation) will be the speaker. Anyone and everyone that can, are welcome to come and be with us the entire week.

Your Brother in Christ,
Paul Andrews

WATERFORD, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We here at Waterford are doing fairly well, however, we are sad to report that several are, or have been, out with illnesses. Sis. Mary McKinzie, Verna Harmon, Velma Hillier, Dousia Arnett, Lula Way, Ken and daughter Jessica, have all been home sick at one time. They were back in Church before this letter was written. We are glad to have them back with us again. Sis. Ida Kellogg and Lisa Bryant and daughter were not able to be with us last Sunday. Our prayers are with them and we hope they will be with us again soon. Sis. Jewell Caldwell fell at home and broke her hip. Her recovery is painful and slow. Please remember her in your prayers. Bro. Ira Brown has had surgery and was able to go home one week later, but was forced to return to the hospital after an infection occured. He is now back home recovering. Sis. Rosa Brown was in an automobile accident and is suffering from whiplash. Norma Frago and Mayme Prikert are still unable to worship with us. Our prayers are with all those recovering from serious illnesses and we hope they are able to be with us soon.

For some happy news, we have been blessed with several visitors recently. These visitors worshipped with us on different Sundays in the month of March and April. Bro. Al Way and family; Bro. Eric and Sis. Lillian Smith and son, Garrett. We enjoyed a fine uplifting lesson from Bro. Smith. Bro. Homer Bryant and Bonny and Bro. Tony Bryant also worshipped with us. Sis. Myrtle Lee Clouse and Bro. and Sis. Dennis and Kay Bentz and boys were with us. Sis. Maye Marse is back with us after a trip to New Mexico. Her sister-in-law, Dana Madray, who has been worshipping with us recently, was in the hospital with pneumonia, but is now back with us. We are happy to report other visitors on recent Sundays were Bro. Lawrence Arnett's sisters, Emma and Elsie, also Joann Logan, Ron Read, Mike and Karen Kent and their kids. Sheila Baker and her kids, Penny Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Condor, Timmy Butzler. We were happy also to have Becky McKinney and Michael Teeter with us, they have been attending Chruch in San Pablo.

In Christian love,
Bro. Troy Morse

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CHESTERTON, INDIANA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We have very little news from Chesterton, but want to let everyone know we are still here and hungry for some western visitors. We had an exceptionally mild winter here with very little snow in zero weather.

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We are all enjoying good health at this time for which we are thankful. Work has been slow in this area but is showing signs of picking up.

Anyone coming East, be sure to stop by for a visit or worship.

In Christian love,
Charles Jared

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RANDLETT, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethren:

We here at the Randlett, Oklahoma congregation are all well at the present time. Don't think I have written before, but often thought of it. So put forth some effort and did it.

We had the privilege to visit the Church at Stillwell, Oklahoma a short time back. Sure enjoyed seeing all the brethren there. Bro. Andy Barnes from the Church at Loco, Oklahoma brought us a fine lesson on April the 17th. We very muchly enjoy the Courier, but loved it more when the lessons were there. We are very few in number here, so the lessons were very uplifting.

We invite all who might be coming this way to visit with us in our homes and at Church.

Leroy Mullens for the Church
at Randlett, Oklahoma

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NEWCASTLE, TEXAS

Dear Christian friends:

It is so good to hear from the Churches of Christ through the Courier. The Church here is few in number, but strong in faith. We are proud to announce the baptism of Larry Fikes, son of Wade and Edwana Fikes.

We enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Bedingfield and their grandson, Jeff, visit with us in April. Bro. Bedingfield preached a good sermon on Sunday morning. Other visitors in April were Bro. and Sis. Jimmy Loftis from Lorenzo, Texas, and Bro. and Sis. Toodler Goodwin from Duncanville, Texas.

We (Ed and Francis Tate) visited the Church in Humble, Texas April 15th thru 17th. We enjoyed the good sermons and the fellowship there.

Anyone coming this way, please come meet with us and visit in our homes. We would be happy to have you. We meet at 10:30 a.m. on the Lord's day.

In Christian love,
Newcastle congregation

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
Furnish Canyon, Oklahoma	June 26-July 3	Howard Taylor
Lorenzo, Texas	July 17-24	Al Way
Loco, Oklahoma	July 25-31	Al Way
Port Orchard, Washington	July 24-31	Ken Harper
Yakima, Washington	July 31-August 7	Homer Bryant
Waterford, California	August 14-21	Jerry Perigen
Humble, Texas	August 19, 20, & 21	Howard Taylor and Earl Howe
San Pablo, California	September 3, 4, & 5	Camp
Goshen, Arkansas	October 2-9	Jerry Perigen
Yuma, Arizona	November 20-27	Camp

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BAPTISMS

Kristal Barnes of Loco, Oklahoma on February 6th.

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Congratulations to Anna Lou Bedingfield and Phillip Freemon who were united in marriage on April 17, 1983. May you find much love and happiness as you share your Christian lives together.

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Start planning now to attend the gospel meetings this year. They are edifying and uplifting. We can all benefit from these meetings.