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Last night we recieved a long distance phone call from our dear sister, Mary Long, of Yuma telling us the happy news that our beloved friend, Clifford Scott, has been baptised into the Lord's Body and now has his name written in the Lamb's book of life in Heaven. We wept tears of joy at this news, since we, as everyone who has attended church at Yuma, has grown to love Brother Clifford very dearly for his cheerful good humor, and his kind thoughtfulness that he showed to all who visited there. We are rejoicing for Cliff and Nora, throughout the brotherhood, as well as those at Yuma. May God bless you all. We ask the prayers of all the Church at Humble.

With Christian love to all,
J.W. Bedingfield

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LORENZO, TEXAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are all doing fine here in Lorenzo. We've had some cold weather here, but stayed warm with love.

Sister Olene Howe has gone to Seattle to visit her new grandson. We wish to congratulate Wayne and Amy Orendorff for being blessed by God with a new addition to the family, David William Earle.

We're planning to have another summer meeting this year, but haven't set a date. Watch the Courier so you can plan to attend. Our hearts reach out to you all.

With Christian love,
Lorenzo congregation

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DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS

Dear Brethren:

We haven't done anything outstanding since we wrote last. We have had a few visitors along and enjoyed very much meeting with each other and hearing the good lessons we get every Lord's Day.

Sister Forrest Francis has met with us this winter and we have enjoyed having her and her son to help us out. We are sorry that Brother and Sister Toodler Goodwin moved to Olney, Texas last week. They promised to come back and visit with us when they can. Today, Brother and Sister Andy and Darla Barnes from the Loco, Oklahoma congregation met with us. Brother Andy gave us a good lesson from the scriptures.

We like to read The Courier and get news and locations of other churches. We hope that those who produce it will realize that they do

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a lot of good toward keeping us all in touch with each other. Come by and worship with us when you are down this way at 819 East Wheatland Road, Duncanville. Phones: 298-3952 or 298-1804 for Mary or Dan Teague or Lola Teague.

In Christian love,
Duncanville congregation

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SELAH, WASHINGTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We of the Selah congregation have been blessed with joy and saddened by sorrow since our last letter. We are happy to report two new members were added to the Body of Christ. Christina Farley was baptized on January 29, and Debbie Braun was baptized on February 2. These were indeed joyous occasions.

We were saddened by the death of Robert Taylor, son of Bro. and Sis. Eulon Taylor. We were also saddened by the death of Brother Lee Hamett, who passed from this life February 4. Our love and prayers are with these families during their time of sorrow.

We are seeking many visitors from our area, we are blessed with at least one or two visitors a week. Our young people are especially active and hard working.

We all miss Brother Howard and Sister Nell McCay, but are sure you are enjoying their company while they travel. We do look forward to seeing them home soon, if the Lord wills.

We are now making our summer vacation plans and Lord willing hope to see some of you at Waterford.

In Christian love,
Robert Farley

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YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are blessed to report the healthy recovery of two of our brethren who have recently undergone surgery. Brother Wilbur Reading has recovered nicely from his winter hip accident and Brother Carlos Harper is almost himself again after gall bladder surgery. Brother Arlie Eslick was also hospitalized but is at home now recovering from pheumonia. The rest of the congregation here have been relatively healthy throughout this winter.

I would like to add that Brother Reading and his wife Lola and Brother Harper have really been an inspiration to all of us here at Yakima.

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Since becoming members of Christ's body, they have shown a real desire to work for the Lord.

After the bad winter roads, the preaching brothers here are back on the roads again speaking once a month at Seattle, Springfield and Port Orchard. My wife, Teri, and I and our children visited Seattle the last week in January. The congregation in Seattle is small but have dedicated members which is a must if a congregation is to grow. Several of our members will be meeting in Springfield in February. Brother Bill and Sister Veda McCay plan to be in Port Orchard the last Sunday in February.

Several of us here have been treated to some good basketball games. David McCay and Jeff Johnston play for a local sophomore team. It's really been exciting watching them play. Also, some of us older basketball players get together once a week to play just to prove we are out of shape.

Some of the younger children got a real treat when they got to bottle feed some baby lambs at Rodger Lamb's farm this past Sunday.

We wish to thank all of our brothers and sisters who have shared with us their support and prayers. All things work to the good to them that love the Lord.

If you plan travels in the Yakima valley, please stop and visit us. Church in Yakima meets Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Phone numbers to call for information are Bill and Veda McCay: 966-9697 - Bob and Teri Lamb: 966-6643 and Richard and Monica Johnston: 697-4961. We really enjoy the Courier and the news from other christians.

In Christian love,
Bobby Lamb

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ROLL, ARIZONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Hello to everyone from the Roll congregation. We have had a mild winter so far. We've had the usual colds and flu season but nothing serious so far.

There has been a lot of work done on our building. The roof is on now so Lord willing not much longer until we start meeting there. We want to take this time to thank everyone for helping so much. Not only with the financial part but also brothers have been coming from Yuma every Saturday to help with the building. Again, thank you to everyone who supported us, it is greatly appreciated.

Anyone coming our way, be sure to stop and visit us.

In Christian love,
Church at Roll, Arizona

CEDAREDGE, COLORADO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Thanks to each and every one of you for your quick response to the survey letter we sent out on the Big Spruce Camp Meeting. Your response was great so we will continue the Big Spruce Camp Meeting starting July 1st to the 8th, 1984 at Cedaredge, Colorado. We have the camp rented from June 30th thru July 9th, so plan to come Friday and stay thru Monday.

If you haven't mailed back your survey sheet, please do so. We will know if you plan to come or not. Also, we want to express the camp meeting is FREE! No charge, if you can all come, we need people. We also still need someone to help to organize the camp meeting and run it. Please write if you are interested in helping with organizing it. Thank you to Donna and Karen Taylor who would like to help with the organization of the youth activities. They already have several ideas and are open for more. Please contact Donna and Karen Taylor, Rt. 2, Box 78A, Fort Cobb, Oklahoma 73038. I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you young folks.

Let us hear from you brethren if you are interested in helping to organize the camp meeting. We need your help. We will do our part, we signed the Users Agreement for the camp, we will continue to get the camp set us, groceries bought and everything in order. All you have to do is let us know who wants to organize the meeting, speakers and etc. that has to be done at a camp meeting. We are hoping to hear from some of you brethren soon.

May God bless all of you. Again, thanks for your responses. Lord willing, we will see all of you July 1 thru the 8.

Happy Hollow Church of Christ
Ken Baldwin
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Delta, Colorado 81416
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BARON, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to all. We here at the Baron Church are doing fairly well except the flu some of us have had. We have had a very cold winter too, but thanks be to God we haven't had any serious complications.

We were made very happy on Sunday, February 5th when a young man came forward and made his confession and was baptized into the Church. His name is David Martin. He has been coming to church here for quite some

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time. The Bible says there is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over 99 just persons which need no repentance.

We are looking forward to our meeting June 10-17 with Brother Richard Johnston. We would like to invite each and every one who can to be with us in this meeting. The weather is usually nice in June and there are lots of lakes and streams for fishing and swimming for those who wish.

We here at Baron plan on taking in the meeting at Stilwell with Bro. Bill McCay, Sr. doing the speaking April 22-29.

We ask the prayers of all the faithful in Christ.

With Christian love,
James F. Brown for the
Baron Church of Christ
ph. 918/778-3240

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethren,

Just a few lines to let you know how things are going in Oklahoma City. We all seem to be in relatively good health and in good spirits. We have had an unusually cold December but a mild late January and early February.

Things have been very quiet around here lately with little new news to report. We do feel it is our duty to keep in touch. I have been blessed with the association of these fine Christians for over seven years and love every one of them. I know the church building has been located in its present location for twenty plus years and yet many other churches knew little of us. How many opportunities for us to meet other members were missed because of the lack of our constant communication with the Church in other locations. We are trying not to let these opportunities slip by us again.

It is good to hear from all of your. God bless you all.

In Christian love,
Oklahoma City congregation

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BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We here at Bellflower seem to be doing pretty good. A few of us have had colds, but other than that, nothing serious.

We haven't had too many visitors. Bro. and Sis. Martin and Tayna Brockman were here one Sunday. Marty gave us a real good lesson on

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Sunday morning. Bro. Larry Brockman was here this past Sunday. We really appreciate our visitors and welcome anyone who is in this area to stop by.

Our meeting date is confirmed for July 15-22 with Audley Barnes as our speaker. Audley is from the Loco, Oklahoma congregation. We invite everyone to come and hear the gospel. Our homes are open and we have plenty of room. Let's all try to get out and support one or more of the meetings this year. There is much good that comes from these meetings even though physical results may not always appear.

Sis. Alice Weekly has moved down here from northern California to live with her daughter. She has met with us one Sunday and will continue to do so as long as her health allows.

We are glad to have Sis. Myrtle Lee Clouse back with us. She has been traveling to different places for quite a while now and it is good to see her smiling face among us once again.

This is all our news for now. We send our love and prayers to everyone. Pray for us as we pray for you.

In Christian love,
Al Way

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GOD'S LOVE

Luke 9:35 - "And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, this is my beloved Son: hear him."

1 John 5:3 - "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

Romans 8:32 - "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

Romans 8:38-39 - "neither death, life, angels, pincipalities, powers, things present, things to come, height, depth, not any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 5:8 - "But God commandeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

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