The Christian Courier



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

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Yakima, Wa.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It gives me great pleasure to write to you at this time. I had the pleasure of preaching at Springfield, Oregon last Sunday. We had a wonderful day there with the Brothers and Sisters. We went there with Brother and Sister McCay as they knew where to go. We got there saturday and went out to dinner together.

We sat up and talked until 11:00 oclock and then turned in. We got up Sunday morning and had a wonderful breakfast and got ready for church. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch after church too. Afterwards we left for home.

In the month of June we plan to go to Port Orchard, where I will bring another lesson, Lord willing. In 1985 I hope to hold Gospel Meetings if the Lord wills. As you know it is up to the leaders of the congregations, whether they will let me or not. However I would very much like to hold one if it is not too far from Yakima.

We want to thank everyone at Springfield for their kind hospitality. And now I must close with this thought in mind.

Remember this; "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17

Your brother and sister in Christ, Wilbur and Lola Reading, praying that we not have divisions among us. Christ is not divided.

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San Pablo, Ca.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Greetings to all from the congregation here in San Pablo. Every one here is doing fine. We are excited about doing our part in publish ing the Christian Courier. Please pray for us in that we are not to effecient in printing or laying out the material, but that will come with practice. We are excited because it offers us the opportunity to do the work of the Lord. Remember us in your prayers that our effort may be to the glory and honor to God.

Bonnie and I have just returned from our trip to Oklahoma City. We met for the first time with the church there. We missed meeting Brother Walkingstick. He was in Los Angeles, Ca. We were blessed with meeting all the members and hearing Brother Lloyd Allgood from Stillwell Oklahoma congregation. He had quite a time driving. He ran into a storm and that delwyed him. He prepared himself, as all Christians should do, by leaving early enough to reach the church in time for the worship. We then went on to Holdenville, Ok. for Bonnie's family reunion. We met family that we had never met before, and enjoyed being there with them.

Sunday, June 17th; Back home in San Pablo. There were just a few in attendance this mornign. I's sure they were at the Waterford, Ca. meeting which started today. We pray that the meeting will be a success and that many will be there to hear Brother Sammy Boen, and support him in his efforts.

In regards to the letters that you send to the Christian Courier, Mail to the folling address:

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Ps. We will be using paper that has the Bellflower address on it until we can get other paper printed.

In Christian Love

San Pablo congregation

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AUSTIN, TEXAS (a new congregation)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We here at Austin, Texas, wanted to let everyone knw that there is a Church here and we welcome any of you to meet with us Sunday mornings at 10:30 A.M. at 10915 Thicket Trail, Austin, Texas. Phone (512) 250-8833, or (512) 258-2130.

I baptized Steve Martin and my daughter, Jill Herbert, on April 29th, which made me very happy, and I'm sure everone rejoices with us.

On May 19, 1984, Sister Jill Herbert and Brother Steve Martin were united in marriage at Glenwood Spring, Colo. It was a beautiful garden wedding at Brother Steve's parents home.

Brother Kenneth Baldwin, Grandfather of Jill, had the honor of marrying his grandchildren, who are now Bro. and Sister Steve Martin. Their address is 8700 - B Pineridge Drive, Austin, Texas. 78729 - Phone (512) 258-2130.

For any of you wanting to congratulate Steve and Jill, this is their address.

We invite all of you to worship with us.

In Christian love. Brother Ron Herbert

10915 Thicket Trail, Austin, Texas 78750

(512) 250-8833

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We apologize for not having anything in the last paper.

We are still doing well. We had the privilege ove baptizing David McKee on Memorial Day. He could use all our prayers as he has returned to Boston, Mass. to finish his schooling. It is his intention to seek out faithful congregaitions in that area. If any one knows of faithful congregation in that area, please let me know.

Howard and Nell McCay are on the road again. We will miss them while they are away. It must be nice to be retired and be able to visit brothers and sisters in Christ so often.

As always the prayers of the faithful are appreciated. Keep the faith, brethren, for your labors will be rewarded.

In Christian Love

Robert Farley for
the congrgation at Selah, Wa.

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DELTA, COLO.

Its been a while since we here at Happy Hallow Church of Christ have written to the Courier.

We are trying to get ready for the Camp Meeting and looking forward to seeing all of you that can come. We have had quite a bit of sickness here. Bro. Sam Carroll is in the V.A. Hospital for treatment he is 84 years old. We only have two Brothers in the Church here now, regular members. Bro. Sam isn't able to help with services and Bro. Ken Baldwin has been in the Hospital again a month, he is not in good health at all, and can hardly do all the services by himself most Lord's Days. We need help here very badly to help keep the Church going. There are several members but mostly women and Children. If some of you that are retired, and would like a change, we really need you to help us. Bro. Ken Baldwin just isn't able, but manages to get through the worship

each Sunday A.M.

We want to thank Bro. Rex Mickey and his wife and Bro. Dallas and his family for coming from Flora Vista, New Mexico, and helping us when they can and Bro. J.D. Johnson and his wife, and Bro. Skip Berry and family. In the winter its hard for them to come over the pass with the snow on it. So we thank them very much.

If someone could move here and help us we would surely appreciate hearing from you. Due to ill health, Bro. Ken has beed advised by his doctor that he can not go through another winter here, because of the altitude and cold weather, he does however hope and pray he can spend the summer months here helping in the church, and help keep the church alive. SO PLEASE HELP US FIND SOMEONE.

Pray for us as we pray for you.

In Christian Love
The Happy Hallow Congregation
Cedaredge. Colo. & Delta, Colo.

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BE JOYFUL WHEN TEMPTED?

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; seeing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wantin nothing. James 1;2-3

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

"DO NOT ERR, MY BELOVED BRETHREN" James 1; 13-16

From the Editor

The Lord sure works in wonderous ways:

I am sitting here at the typewriter, trying, in my awkward way to get the Courier typed and then the phone rings. GOOD NEWS. Sister Nancy Meadows, and her husband, David, from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, has been meeting with us at San Pablo. Well, the phone call was from the meeting at Waterford. David Meadows was baptized. I'm sure that Bro. and Sister Boen is very happy. We ask the prayers from everyone for the good news of the baptisms and the new congregation in Texas, and for these new "babes in Christ". May God be praised for the work that is continuing in His name everywhere.

I would like to take this space to offer my position regarding the letters and contents that will be appearing in the Courier. I look at it this wey. I am only a "typewriter", so to speak. The letters are your letters, and I will print any letter, and later on any article that is scriptural. All others will be returned to the author. And any letter of coment as to the content of any of these letters or articles, I will refer them also to the author of the letter.

I don't mean to be non-commital in this, but this is the only way the Christian Courier can remain what it is. A message and learning tool for the brotherhood. It is YOUR paper, not mine. It belongs to the Chruch, and the Church should be informed and made aware of what is happening across the country. It should be used to inform the church of happings and news. It will <u>not</u> become a sounding board for all the personal coments of those who are not interested in furthering the Gospel of Christ. This, and this only, is the goal of the Courier.

May God bless each and every one in this work.

In Christian Love
The Staff of the Christian Courier

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Today is the day I claim my God....Today I am willing to let God guide me...Today I know that I am a child of God.

I used to say
"Tomorrow I will be
The perfect child of God:
Tomorrow I will see
His good made manifest.
I'll know the way
My feet must walk"
And then I heard God say,
"Today my child, today!
Do you not see?"
And then I knew
The truth of God in me.

Today is the day I am whole. Today is the day I am prosperous. Today is the day I am free. Today is the day I forgive. Today is the day I am forgiven. Today is the day I know my oneness with God. Today is the day I know the truth of my being. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24

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I thought I might dedicate this page to those new children of God. To those who have started off on the new venture of living a Christian life before God. Yes today is the day we all should claim "our God". Today is the day we all must go back to the basic understanding that God gave us in the beginning, just like these few that has decided to be obiedent to God.

The "Thought for today", came from an old issue of the Christian Courier dated June-July 1982. I thought it was a timely thought so I dedicate it to all babe's in Christ.

The Editor.

1984 MEETINGS

Waterford, California	June 17 - 24	Sammy Boen
Goshen, Arkansas	June 24 - July 1	Al Way
Cedaredge, Colorado	July 1 - 8	Camp
Bellflower, California	July 15 - 22	Audley Barnes
Yakima, Washington	July 22 - 29	J.W. Bedingfield
Lorenzo, Texas	July 22 - 29	Dan Ross
Furnish Canyon, Oklahoma	August 12 - 19	Claud Perigen
San Pablo, California	----------POSPONED THIS YEAR	
Yuma, Arizona	November 18 - 25	Camp

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BAPTISMS

Brother David McKee - Selah, Wa.
Brother Steve Martin - Austin, Texas

Sister Jill Herbert - Austin, Texas

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MARRIGES

Bro. Steve Martin & Sister Jill Herbert
May 19, 1984 at Glenwood Springs, Colorado

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NEW CONGREGATIONS

Church of Christ
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Austin, Tezas 78729
Bro. Ron Herbert - (512) 258-2130

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May our Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father recieve the praise, honor and glory for this new congregation in Austin, Texas. All the brethren everywhere are filled with thankfullness for the efforts of Bro. Ron Herbert, and pray that all his efforts will be rewarded, and that the Word of God be spread in that area and that many will be turned to Christ. All our prayers are with Bro. Ron and the bretheren there.