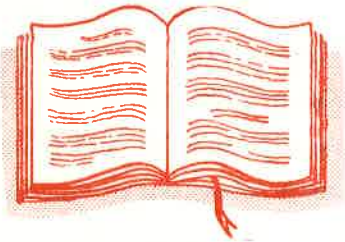
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"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY"

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Stilwell, Oaklahoma

Dear Brother & Sisters in Christ:

I guess it is about time I wrote again from Pleasantview, I'm the world's worst to put off writting letters. Everyone here is just fine at the present time. The last time I wrote we were requesting the prayers of the faithful in behalf of our grandson, Little Kennie Buckner, the little guy had his surgery as scheduled, he is doing just fine now. He is spoiled and growing like a weed, trying to learn to crawl. We appreciate all the prayers and thoughtfulness during this time. We know that God answers prayers.

Bro. Lloyd treat and Joyce Crowell visited one Sunday during April Brother Doug Fergerson and family visited during May. They are all from Broken Bow Church of Christ. Brother Roger Walkingstick visited also during May. He is from Oklahoma City Church of Christ. During May Sister Goldie Buckner and J.R Buckner also visited. While they were here, J.R 's Wife Susie was baptized into the Lord.

Our meeting has come and gone with Brother Bill McCay. Those visi ting during the meeting were Sister Cathy Treat & family from Broken Bow, and Sister Leroy Mullens of Rondellet, Ok.. Brother and Sister Andy of Commanchie, Ok.. Brother and Sister Wa;yne Queen, of Tiner Church of Christ at Broken Bow Church of Chirst. Brother and Sister J.W. Beddingfield of Humble, Texas. Brother and Sister Rick Jones of Loco, Ok. Brother and Sister Melvin Daniels, Brother and Sister Earnie Buccannan of Goshen, Arkensas. Also Brothers and Sisters ;of Baron Church of Christ. Baron always supports Pleasantview in their meetings and other activities, which we appreciate very much. We thank each and every visitor we have had during the past few months and invite them back at every opportunity they have to be with us.

Bro. Gerald Buckner, Stilwell Ok. Pleasantview Church of Christ.

Goshen, Ark.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We here in Goshen are still having our problems with sickness. There have been three surgeries since the last time I wrote. Brother Isaac Fergusen and Brother Buren Andrews both had surgery on their neck. Little Daniels Edwards also had emergency appendicitis surgery on Sunday morning. All are doing better now.

We have just closed a weeks meeting with Brother Al Way as the speaker. We all enjoyed seeing Bro. Way and his family again very much, and most of all, the ten wondrful lessons from God's Word. There was no visible results but I'm sure we were all strengthened by the lessons and the fellowship of Christian people. We had good attendance every service. There were so many visitors from many different congregations, I'm afraid to mention names or places. I might leave our someone. We thank each one that put out the effort to come and support us and Bro. Al Way. We enjoyed meeting the ones we hadn't met, and seeing the ones we had met before, again. Fellowship with Christians make us much stronger. We invite all to come and worship with us and stay in our homes.

In Christian Love

Paul Andrews

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Broken Bow, Oklahoma

Dear Brethren:

I will write a few lines again. I am glad to recieve the paper and to hear that there will be some articles in it. News here is not much so we have no very much to report. We had some visitors from other churches since last report, for which we are thankful. We welcome all who will come and be with us here. We are remodeling our church building and it sure looks nice. We also could use some financial aid in our effort. Anyone wishing to help, please send all donations to me, Lloyd Treat, 13 N. Bock, Broken Bow, Oklahoma. 74728. It will be appreciated. Glad to hear of another church and hope there will be more. I have put in many years traveling and trying to build up the church, but now I am so crippled up to do much anymore, but would like to. So pray for us here. Sincerley in love of the truth:

Lloyd Treat

Yakima, Wa.

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from Yakima. We enjoyed a beautiful Lord's Day Sunday with a home coming for many who have been traveling. We had a Bar-b-que dinner and good fellowship after services. We were all especially happy to have Richard, Monica, Jeff, Susie and Jessica back with us from their meeting in Oklahoma. They were able to attend one night of Bro., Al Way's meeing in Goshen, Ark. and enjoyed meeting with everyone there.

Several from Yakima just returned from the meeting in Waterford, Ca., with Brother Sammy Boen. We heard some very good sermons and saw two convinced to follow Christ. One was baptized, Brother David Meadows, and one sister returned to the fold, for this everyone rejoiced. Thank you for the good fellowship from the brethren there and those visiting. We are only sorry that some who planned to attend couldn't make it.

Our weather has been on the cool side but is warming up. Some of the cherry crop was damaged by rain. Hopefully July will warm up some. We are having our usual Mexican Dinner, and home-made ice cream, along with singing, then fire works display after dark at Bro.& Sis. Roger Lamb's.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Bellflower for their years of labor on the paper and wish you there in San Pablo, much success in your endeavor. We all enjoy recieving it and reading the news. We are almost ready for our meeting with Bro. Beddingfield. Have some adds to get out yet. We have had several visitors lately. We are always happy for that. If any are in this area we'd like to welcome you. Love to the Brotherhood.

Bill McCay Sr. Yakima, Wa.

Port Orchard, Wa.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Sorry that we haven't managed to get a letter written lately. Will try to do better in the future.

We are thankful for the help of the Yakima congregation. We appreciate their sending someone every month. Last month Brother Bobby Lamb was here the third Sunday and Brother and Sister Reading and their son, Carlo, were here the fourth Sunday. Bro. Reading brought us the lessons Sunday.

Because of the Yakima meeting this month, Bill McCay, Jr. will be coming this Sunday. We are hopingsa to make it for part of the Yakima meeting, and are looking forward to seeing Bro. and Sister Beddingfield again. We enjoyed visiting with them at the Yuma meeting the last two years. Ellen, Bobby and Ellen's Mother, Maggie, made a trip to California last month. We vivited with the congregation at Fort Bragg. From Fort Bragg we went to Waterford for a couple of days of their meeting, and enjoyed visiting with several Bro. and Sisters that we had not seen in quite a while, and hope to see some fo them at Yuma this fall, if we can see our way clear to make the trip.

We enjoyed Sammy's lessons and have asked him to hold our meeting for us next year. We hope everything works out so that he will be able to come. In Christian Love

Robert E. McCay

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"He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy."

Psalms 147: 9-11

"He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:...."

Yakima, Wa.

A special letter to the Happy Hallow Congregation:

Dear Brethren:

We are writing this letter directly to you in letting you know that we are going to do everything, in every way e can to help you to try to find someone and to pray that you will soon have someone there before too long. Any time that you would like to hold a gospel meeting I would not mind to hold one for you, anytime in the spring or summer. But I'm only one of the congregation her in Yakima. And as the brethren here know of the need of someone through the Courier for your congregation we all will do the best we can to keep it going. Tell Brother Ken Baldwin we will remember him in all our prayers.

Give everyone our love and we will also remember them in our prayers too. Give Brother Sam our love and devotion. Tell him we pray for a speedy recovery. Please answer when you can.

From all of us here in Yakima, God bless all of you. Christ our Lord said: "Where there are two or more geathered together in my name, there will I be also." Let us all pray for help for this congregation and for all congregations in time of need.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ. In Christian Love.
And from all the brethren here.

Wilbur C.Reading

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"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15; 12-13

"Praying always with all prayer and suplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and suplication for all Saint

Eph 6;18

Stilwell, Ok.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:
My wife and I have been blessed with being able to attend several mee meetings this year.

Our first trip was to Tiner Church at Broken Bow, Oklahoma, to attend their meeting with Bro. Bill McCay, Sr. For the one's of you who have never been there to church, I's like to say it's a great place to worship. They make a visitor feel like they have come home. The following week Bro. Bill moved on to our home congregation at Stilwell. Ok., where we all enjoyed more of his good lessons and lots of fellowship with he and his wife, Veda.

In June we attended Bro. Richard's Johnston's meeting at Baron, Ok., where Richard did a wonderful job sharing the Gospel. We had to miss part of his meeting to fly to California for my meeting at Waterford. There we enjoyed the fellowship of many Christians, both far and near. We rejoiced with the congregation there when one returned the church, and Bro. David Meadows was baptized. Our only sad moment was when we had to say goodbye to so many loved ones.

The week we returned home we went to Goshen, Arkansas, to hear Bro. Al Way. This was the first time we had heard Bro. Way, but we certainly enjoyed his lesson.

Please stop by and worship with us if you are traveling this way.

Yours in Christ
Sammy Boen

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"praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Prsise ye him , sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created. He hath olso stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: Fire, and hail: snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word: Mountians, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars: Beasts and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: Both young men and maidens; old men, and children. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name is alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven." Psalms 148:1-13

Baron, Oklahoma

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We have a lot of good news to report at Baron this summer. Today, July 15, Bro. Brian Ross was baptized after services. It's always great to have a new brother in Christ. We also were thrilled with our meeting. Bro. Richard Johnston did an outstanding job, bringing us ten excellent lessons. We had good attandance every night, and lots of visitors. We had visitors from the Stilwell, Ok.; Goshen, Ark.; Bohanan Mountian, Ark.; and Austin, Tex. congregations. We also had visitors from the nearby towns of Westville, Stilwell, and Sallisaw. We had picnics at the church both Sundays, and a skating party after services Wednesday night. We'd like to thank Bro. Richard and his family for holding the meeting, and tell them that we all love them very much.

We haven't decided on a time for next years meeting yet, but we do have a speaker. Bro. J.W. Bedingfield has agreed to hold it for us.

Several of us from Baron got to attend Goshen's meeting part of the time. Bro. Al Way gave excellent lessons and we got to meet Christians we had never met before. Several people also go to go to the E Delta camp meeting. They had a great time and enjoyed the fellowship there. They came back telling of all the pretty girls that were there, a very persuasive argu;ment for going next year. My grandparents, Bro. Merle and Sis. Ola McKinney, are visiting us now. Sis. Felice McKinney is with them. Also, my cousin David Treat is visiting from Broken Bow. We're glad to see all of them.

I got to go to Dallas and worship with the brethren at Duncanville June 24th. They are super people down there. Mom and Sis. Penny Spence got to go to the Broken Bow congregation last Sunday. This Sunday, Mom and Dad, Bro. Jack & Sis. Darlene Warfored, are in Oklahoma City with Bro. Sammy and Sister Barbara Boen of the Stilwell congregation.

We've done lots of work on our building this summer and have gotten new pews. We're thankfull for that. Bro. Jim Ross was visiting with a friend and business associate of his, Cowboy Bill Watts. They were talking about the work on the building and new pews, and Cowboy Bill gave us a $500.00 donation. We're very thankful and we hope he starts comeing to church.

So we've had a very exciting and fun summer and hope that all of you have too.

In Christian Love
Bro. Terry Warford
For the congregation at Baron,

Gospel Meetings

Bellflower, Ca.	July 15 - 2	J.W. Bedingfield
Yakima, Wa.	July 22 - 29	J.W. Bedingfield
Lorenzo, Tx	July 22 -29	Dan Ross
Furnish Canyon, Ok.	August 12 - 19	Claud Perigen
San Pablo, Ca.	Postponed this year.....	
Yuma, Arizona	November 18 - 25	Camp

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Brother David Meadows of San Pablo congregation
at Waterfor, Ca. meeting

Sister Susie Buckner

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Humble, Texas

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Hello to all from Humble, Tx.. We are all doing fine. This is an open thank you note to all who helped take care of our son Jeff Freeman. Jeff had an emergency appendectomy while at the Delta meeting, and Phill and I couldn't be there. It was a helpless feeling to be so far away, but I knew he would be well taken care of. I can't begin to express our gratitude. Jeff is doing great now. He continued the trip with Mother and Daddy, J.W. and Pearl Bedingfield, and they will start the meeting at Yakima this weekend. We at the Humble church are few but continue in the faith. Bro. Phil Freeman and Bro. Stanley Goodwin are rotating the preaching while everyone is gone for the summer. Thanks again to all. Truely, love and prayers were the best comfort at times like those.

In Christian Love
Lou and Phil Freeman