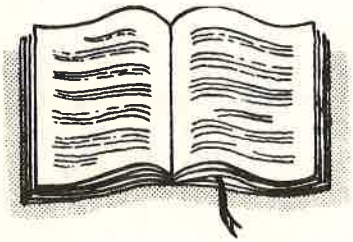
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"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY"

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Bellflower, Ca.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Everyone here at Bellflower is doing pretty will at this time. Sister Burdette Perigen is recovering from her surgery earlier this month. We are thankful for her wonderful progess and pray for her full recovery.

My family and I have safely returned from the Goshen, Arkansas meeting. We met many wonderful Christians and renewed old acquaintances. We wish to extend our gratitude and love to all those who shared their homes with us and to all those who traveled near and far to support the Goshen congregation in their meeting.

There have been many from other congregations that have attended various meetings and various congregations this summer. Bro. and Sis. Jerry and Betty Perigen, Sis. Myrtle Lee Clouse, Bro. Mark Perigen and is. Tammy Way attended the Waterford, Ca. meeting. Bro. Alfred Way III and sister Tammy Way attended the Cedaridge, Col. camp meeting. Bro. Gerald Brockman and Bro. Mark Perigen attended church at the Chesterton, Indiana congregation one Sunday.

We have just finished a wonderful gospel meeting with Bro. Audley Barnes and his wonderful family from Loco, Oklahoma congregation. Each lesson was uplifting and were presented in an excellent manner. I will recommend Bro. Barnes to any congregation that wants to hear God's Word preached in Spirit and Truth. We were happy to see Keith Bentz from Chico, Ca. baptized for the remission of sins and added to the body of Christ. We also had Sis. Weakley come forward for the prayers of the church We thank the Ladies of our congregation for providing wonderful meals both Sundays and snacks each night during the week.

Many congregations were represented at our meeting. Some from La Habra, Ca.; Waterfore, Ca.; Yuma, Arizona; Yakima, Wa.; Lugert, Oklahoma; Loco, Oklahoma; Chico, Ca.; Goshen, Arkansas; San Pablo, Ca.; and also a few locol visitors were present. We want to thank each and every one of you who have made an effort to attend our meeting. We love and appreciate each and every one of you, and anyone who is in our area at any time, please stop and worship with us.

In Christian Love
Al Way

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Yuma, Arizona

Greetings from warm and sunny Yuma. We have been blessed by the baptism of two new Sisters these last few days. Sis. Dorothy Williams and Sis. Beccy Lyons have been meeting with us several days. We are happy for them. Sis. Beccy is Bro. Dan Lyons Wife, they have been in No. New Mexico some time. Several of our regular members have gone to the mountians for the hot weather. We sure do miss them. Sis. Gladys Savage, who has been attending church with us has lost her husband. He was 89 years old. They have lived in the area since 1916. She has gone to live with her daughter in Fresno, Ca. The Longs have been attending church at Yuma and Somerton, (when we met there) since early 1920. They came to Yuma county in a horse-drawn wagon, with some of the family riding horseback. Mary and Donnie Long have raised two girls and a boy. Their daughter, Barbara, brings her grandchildren to Church with her. Debbie and Jamie have attended many years with their children. They are Barbara's daughters. We are very happy to have such a faithful family; at least 5 generations worth. We need more like them. Everybody plan to come to our camp meeting in November. It will be nicer then. We appreciate the visitors we have had this last year.

Hope you all come back.

Repectfully:
The Church that meets in Yuma County.
At 10½ and Ave. B.

Loco, Okalhoma

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We haven't written in a few months, and want to take this time to tell of our travels this summer.

My wife, Teresa and daughter, Traci & Kristal made the camp meeting in Colorado. They took Pam Lewis with them. They brought home some wonderful memories and pictures.

For my family and myself, we had a beautiful week of love and Christian fellowship at the meeting in Bellflower, Ca.. We were made to feel at home by the whole congregation. A special thanks goes to Okja and Al Way and Betty and Jerry Perigen for having us in their homes. As for myself, I greatly enjoyed and appreciated the chance to bring a portion of God's Word. It greatly enriched me. I feel that I recieved far mor from presenting it than anyone could from hearing it. Even so, I'm sure there was much rejoicing in heaven over the one who came forward for the prayers of the brethren, (Sister Weakley) and the baptism fo Keith Bentz of Chico, Ca.. Hopefully everyone will join together to help this new brother in Christ.

We also met old and new acquaintances from several other congregations. We enjoyed them all.

Last weekend found my family with my In-laws, Leola & Howard Taylor, at the meeting in Lorenzo, Tx. held by Bro. Dan Ross. Here again we had Christian love and fellowship. We always enjoy our trips to vivit their congregation. I believe it is time for us to support our own congregation at Loco for a while. Anyone comeing this way is invited to visit with and worship with us.

In Christian Love,

Audley Barnes

Loco, Oklahoma congregation

Duncanville, Texas

We are few in number but we enjoy our services & welcome visitors. Bro. Donald and Sis. Ruth Dabbs and family came by the last of May. They were on their way to settle in Thompson Falls, Montana & they are also establishing a church there. Their address is P.O.Box 1260 Thompson Falls, Montana. 59873. We hope for them every success. We also want to congratulate Bro. Ron Herbert & Bro. Steve Martin and all who are helping establish the new congregation in Austin, Texas. We know they traveled hundreds of miles to church for a long time. We are glad that they have taken this step and are glad to have a chruch in our state capital.

Brother Dan Teaque went to the meeting at Tiner Congregation near Broken Bow, Ok. twice, earlier in the year. They have a real pretty location for their building and the people are hospitable, friendly Christians. They had a good meeting and lots of visitors. In June, Bro. Terry Warford of Baron, Ok. congregation, near Stillwell, Ok. met with us when he was in Dallas on business. He gave us a good lesson. He is a zealous, well informed young man and can well be a useful worker in ghe church. Bro. and Sis. Jack Scott were gone on July 1 to a family reunion near Plainview, Texas. We always miss them when they are gone. Martha Platt and Margaret Beckman and son visit us as often as they can and we are always glad to see them. Also Dean, Lola and Jessica Sicking. Bro. Billy and Sis. Estelle Brown went to Broken Bow, Ok. to see their children on July 29th. They went to the Tiner Congregation. We missed them here.

We are located at 819 East Wheatland Road in Duncanville, Texas. If you come this way and need help finding us, call 298-3952 or 298-1804 for Mary or Dan Teaque or Lola Teaque.

In Christian love
Dan. O. Teague
Duncanville, Texas

Yakima, Wa.

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from Yakima. Well our Godpel meeing with Brother John and Sister Pearl Bedingfield is history. We had a wonderful week, so much encouragement and fellowship. We are so thankful Bro. John accepted our invitation because many of our young have expressed how happy and blessed they were to have met him and hear him preach the Gospel. We knew if the young people could meet John and Pearl they would love them as we do. We were happy also for the fine christian couple, Bro. Toodler and Sister Jo Goodwin and the Bedingfield's grandson Jeff who made the trip with them. It is so nice to be able to meet people whom you have read of in the courier.

Many visitors attended during the week. Roy and Ada Johnston spent the week with us. Robert and Ellen McCay, Christine Foundation, and Julie Orendorf from Port Orchard were here 6 days. We were pleasantly supprised and very happy to have Bro. Buddy Davis with two grandchildren from Yuma, Arizona, with us for 5 days. Thursday Bro. Dean & Kay Guyer and Bro. Al and Charlotte Burtis arrived for the remainder of the week. Vernon Bentz and Bro. and Sister Brockman were on their way to Canada. We were happy to see Bro. and Sister Willy Brockman from Chico. We were thankful also for the support of Bro. and Sis. Eulan Taylor and Sisters Eva Nichols, Geneva Roark, Betty Roberts, Diane Fowler and daughter Dawn and Sister Louise Markem and Son Jimmy from Selah congregation also the visitors from the Nob Hill Church. We appreciate all the personal work Bro. Bedingfield did while he was here. He and Bro. Davis spent one day visiting the shut-ins. Sister Nora Loveland, Bro. Sage and Bro. Kelsey Markem who was hospitalized with a heart attack. Sister Nora did make both Sunday mornings. Sister Barbara Bumgardner had a vacation planned with her parents but while helping out an invalid neighbor, (as is Barbara's nature) she broke her ankle and will be layed up for a while.

We are on our way back to Eugene to attend services with the congregation at Springfield. Then Mike and I are trail riding for few days with Bro. Roy McCay. With all could enjoy the beautiful scenery God has created for those who can appreciate His handiwork. Rember us i prayer. Our love to the brotherhood.

Bill & Veda McCay
for the church in Yakima

STOCKTON, CA.

Dear brethren in Christ:

We have a problem.

It is necessary that we attempt to find a solution. This problem is a pernicious one, haven eaten its way into congregations silently, almost unnoticed by the brotherhood until, when detected, it had firmly attatched.

Permit me to define the problem and suggest a solution.

In 1982 I wrote an article entitled: Without spot or blemish", which was printed in the Courier, then puplished in Bellflower, Ca. Reference was made to "social drinking; gambling; and dancing". The purpose of the article (which was brief) was to point out the dangers of these acts to our young people, which should be obvious to all.

I expected that those in the brotherhood who disagreed on these subjects, would write to me in a brotherly manner expressing disagreement on these issues. To date, only one brother has done this, and I am greatful for his brotherly spirit expressed.

Other brethren have taken the position that these acts fall under the category of Christian "liberties". Needless to say, those of us who oppose such practices reject this argument entirely.

Thus, the stage is set for conformation having the potential for great harm to the brotherhood.

Some see the problem as upholding these practices publicly, but most importantly, teaching approval of these acts throughout the brotherhood.

On the other hand, the opposition sees those who oppose these acts as infringing on the "liberties" of other brethren.

Early in 1983 a letter was circulated among some congregations by Brother Bill McCay, Sr. expressing somewhat approval of these acts and stating his willingness to defend brothers who do them. (Said specifically of drinking.)

Needless to say, many from several congregations oppose Brother McCay on the basis of his letter.

It is my conviction that a means should be provided for Bro. McCay to do what he has expressed a willingness to do. By the same token, I feel that means should be provided, to allow the opposing views to be heard.

Therefore, I suggeust;

Let us choose a site agreeable to everyone and a time agreeable to all. Let us set aside four entire days to address this problem.

Let us sellect a brother, agreeable to all, to moderate the meeting and keep order.

Let all interested brothers have opportunity to speak their views.

Perhaps by these means we can come to agreement concerning what the Scriptures really teach on these subjects.

We have precedent:

In Acts 15th chapter, we find a problem trougling the church concerning circumcision. They had a meeting where there was "much disputing" (verse 7) by different bretheren. They searched for a solution and found it according to the scriptures.

I ask, brethern, why cannot we do the same?

Let us lay aside all personal fellings of animosity and come together for only one purpose: to resolve our differences and achieve true unity among the faithful congregations.

I address these thoughts to the entire brotherhood, especially to all those who have been active in this dispute. To all of those who are concerned (including myself) I say:

If you want to come to a better understanding of these subjects:

If you truly want to have unity and peace within the brotherhood:

If you really want to see all the animosity on these subjects to ceace;

Write to the Courier with your suggestions, directed to me, of when and where such a meeting could take place.

We must begin with the assumption that all brethern are sincere in thier views on these matters. Let us therefore, demonstrate our sincerity by writing to the courier immediately.

Concider these words to constitute a "yes" vote on the part of myself. I am ready to go anywhere. Who will go with me?

Yours for the one true faith,

J. D. Logan
3708 Mission Rd.
Stockton, Ca. 95204

Gospel Meetings

Furnish Canyon, Ok.	August 12 - 19	Claud Perigen
San Pablo, Ca.	Postponed this year	
Yuma, Arizona	November 18 -25	Camp

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BAPTISMS

Bro. Keith Bentz - Chico, Ca.

Sister Dorothy Williams - Yuma, Arizona

Sister Beccy Lyons - Yuma, Arizona

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NEW CONGREGATIONS

Church of Christ
P.O.Box 1260
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Bro. and Sis. Ronald & Ruth Dabbs

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San Pablo, Ca.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Greetings to all the brotherhood. We are all doing and feeling very well, except for Bro. Gene Mckinny. He broke his hand at work quite some time ago, and the doctor has just put it in a cast. We hope and pray that his hand will heal properly and that he will have a speedy recovery.

We were able to attend the last two days of the Bellflower meeting and was blessed by the Word of God that was brought to us by Bro. Audley Barnes of Loco, Ok. We enjoyed the fellowship of all the brethren there. We pray for the new contgregation at Thompson Falls, Montana. May God bless them in their work there. Let us pray for the new babes in Christ also.

In Christian love
San Pablo congregation

P.S: Thank you for all the letters and the encouragement. You have been so very helpful. Just keep sending letters in. Thank you too for your contrubutions to keep the Christian Courier going.

Due to publishing Bro. J.D. Logans article, I will begin accepting articles at any time, to be used in the next publication that I can get them in. So, start sending me your articles. And I'll give it a try. Editor.