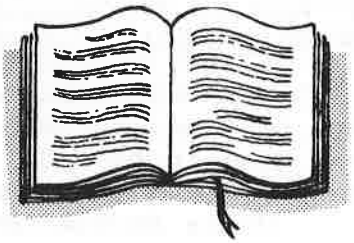
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YOUR WORK OF FAITH

1 Thes 1:1-4, "Paul and Silvanus, and Timotheus unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God, the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father. Knowing, brethren beloved, your elec tion of God.

We notice here that Paul gives thanks to God for the church of the Thessalonians. He also remembers their work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope . Paul is pleased with the church of the Thessalonians. We can use the same word that they had and if we will do what the word says, the church will still be pleasing.

Paul says in 1 Cor 11:1, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. The things that are pleasing to Christ are pleasing to Paul. Therefore when Paul is pleased with the Church of Thessalonians, we can be sure, if we do the same things, Christ will also be pleased with us. In Matt. 3: 16-17, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lightning upon him; And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

It was after that righteousness was fulfilled that God said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". Reading verse 15, Jesus says, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."

Remember brethren: Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11: 6

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NOTICE: I would like to bring your attention to an error, in typing I made last issue: It was in the letter from Bro. and Sis. Bill Mcay.

To save space, please take out the Sept. issue and look at page 5. read to the sentence, "Sister Nora did make both Sunday mornings". Stop there and begin reading with the following: (which I left out)

"Sister Nora did make both Sunday mornings and one evening service. She is very weak and had to be carried by her grandsons but was so overjoyed to hear Bro. John again and be able to worship, hear the singing Sunday afternoon and see all the children and loved ones.

Thanks to all our local ones who were so helpful and supportive. We always appreciate them even when we don't express it often enough. Some of our number have long distances to drive but are always there. Bro. and Sis. Reading are the elder ones of our congregation and they attend every service. Thanks for your good example.

It was good to have Richard and Monica and family back home after being gone three weeks. They enjoyed their meeting. Its always nice to see old friends and meet new ones at meetings and visiting congregations. We were sorry to hear the San Pablo meeting was cancelled, several of our members was planning to attend but we are looking forward to the Yuma meeting in Nov.

We were made happy when Sister Polly Roark came forward asking for prayers for strengthening and encouragement. Its been a lonly fight for her and her children, since her family is of another faith."....

Again, to save space I would like to refer you to page 5 of Sept. issue and continue to the end of the letter.

I have already sent the Yakima congregation regarding the ones mentioned in the part I accidently left out. I again apologize to all, and will do my utmost to see that it does not happen again. I am trying to give myself more time to do the master copy.

Respectfully submitted in love
Homer Bryant: Editor

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San Pablo, Ca.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We are happy to announce the baptism of Sister Lora Lindley, of Oakland, Ca. She was baptized August 26, 1984. We are thankful to the Heavenly Father for her courage to begin a life a-new in the Lord's service. Please remember her in your prayers, and pray for us that we will continue to help her in every way we can.

We have now worshiping with us Bro. & Sister J.D. Logan and Bro. and Sis. Gene Mckinney, and families. We had a large crowd on the 26th, and I will not mention them all, for I know I would leave someone out.

A few weeks ago, we almost had another person come in, car and all. We arrived at the church building and someone had hit the side of it with a car. The wall was damaged and pushed in about 6 inches. No one was hurt, that we know of. It will take some extensive repair.

We really miss having the meeting here, but with the obligation in printing the Courier, I could not devote enought time to the meeting, as it would have needed, and there was just to much work and not enough time to do it in. We still have our deposit there for next year.

We thank all who have been here to worship with us, please come again. If any of the Brethren are planning to come our way, you will be welcome to come and worship with us.

In love of the truth
San Pablo congregation.

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Yuma, Arizona

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We here in Yuma are all doing well except for Brother Al Jones. He is having heart problems. He went home monday from the hospital. Remember him in your prayers. We hope and pray that this finds everyone well.

We want to remind all of our meeting November 18th through the 25th. Please try to come and be with us. Its so good to have Christian fellowship. From our past meetings, we all have profited so much spiritually. It will be the same as before. The kitchen will be open all the time. Before services, we all get together for the evening meal. It has always worked out well. Also there is a lot of room for R.V.'s. We also have room in our homes for those who can come and don't have R.V.'s. We are all looking forward to seeing old and new faces. Everyone is welcome. So remember the date and plan to come.

If anyone needs directions: call these numbers.
(602) 726-4575...782-6444...783-0438...783-5214.

In christian love.
Robert Morris
For Yuma congregation

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"For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know evern as also I am known. "

1 Cor. 13: 9-12

(also see Phil. 3:12 and 1 John 3:2

Delta, Co.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Thanks goes out to each and every one of you that attended the Big Spruce Camp Meeting in Colo, 1984.

It was a most successful Gospel Meeting, and beautiful singing from our hearts to God. Many heart-warming sermons, very uplifting and a lot of Spiritual food and fellowship for each and every one, young and old. All went home with a great deal of Spiritual food for thought and a lot of memories. The young boys in Christ, had three or four morning services of their own, some gave their very first lessons, and led their very first songs and prayer. It was a great treat for us older ones to take a back seat and hear these wonderful lessons and see our young brothers from different congregations working together and beginning their work in the Lord's vineyard.

If you were not here you can't imagine what you missed and how uplifting it really is to have so many christians together in one place working together for the Lord.

Remember, the Big Spruce Camp Meeting is a central location for all congregations, not just for Happy Hollow congregation, so please feel free to voice your opinions and ideas on how to make it better. Also feel free to take turn planning and taking care of the services, kitchen, etc...for one year. If congregations would rotate each year, it would be great. We here at Happy Hollow will continue to help as usual, getting the Camp Meeting ready each year and will help the congregation that has charge each year.

It seems that the congregation at Lorenzo, Txa. has volunteered for 1985. If this is incorrect, please let us know. Many thanks goes out to Bro. Don and Mark Taylor who was in charge of the services this year. Sister Zelpha, Donna, and Karen Taylor was in charge of the kitchen, youth activities and etc..They are from the Lugart, Ok. congregation. Thanks to everyone for a job well done, and thank each and every one who made it an enjoyable meeting. It was great. We also thank the congregations and individuals who helped sponsor the Meeting financially. It is the cooperation of people like this that makes the Camp Meeting successful each year. Thank you Bro. and Sis. Bill Nelson from the Yuma, Az. congregation for comeing a week early to help get everything ready, and for staying and helping with the cleanup. Also Bro. and Sis. Howard McCay and David. Thanks to all of you from our own congregation too.

1985 Camp Meeting dates are July 7 to 14th; Of course the Camp will be ready to move into on Sat. July 6, and to out Monday July 15th. So start your plans [redacted] to come.

At this writting, Bro. Ken Baldwin has been in the Hospital again since July 29th. He was in for three weeks, and out just a day and a half when he aquried a blood clot in his leg. The doctor had to do

emergency surgury to save his leg. He is still in the hospital and is doing as well as can be expected. Pray for us as we pray for you.

Again, we plead for help in our congregation.

Love and prayers
Happy Hollow Congregation
Delta, Colo.

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Goshen, Ark.

Dear Brethren:

Sister Kathy Campbell has been in the hospital again for a few days, but is home now. Everyone else is doing about as well as usual. We are thankful for this. We have had so much sickness in this congregation.

We have had some visitors from California. Sister Joan Shea, Darla and Dannielle were here visiting. We all enjoyed seeing them and having them in the services with us. Sister Julie Shea had spent most of the summer here visiting, but has gone back home now to start school. We really miss her. We appreciate any and all visitors. Everyone is welcome to come & worship with us & to visit in our homes.

Bro. Walter Ferguson and family have just returned from a vacation in California. They were able to attend part of the Bellflower Meeting. They reported a good time and said they enjoyed Bro Audley Barnes good lessons. We are glad to have them back home, we missed them.

We have good news to report. Bro. Paul Auslam Jr. is takeing a regular turn now giving lessons at our Sunday night chapter studies. He is doing a real good job and we are all really pleased with him.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bro. As Way and family, and Bro. Don Taylor & family for the cards thanking us for the hospitality while they were here during the meeting. We appreciate the effort everyone made to come. Without all the cooperation from all the different congregations, we couldn't have had as good meeting. I think there were about 8 or 9 different congregations from several different states represented during the week. We thank each person that came, and hope you will come back again.

In christian love
Paul Andrews

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"These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth: but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee,....." 1 Tim. 4:11-14.

Furnish Canyon - Kenton, Ok.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We havent written for some time, so thought I'd try today.

Our meeting is over. We had a number of fine lessons brought by Brother Claud Perigen, with the able assistance of his grandson, Bro. Mark Perigen, putting lessons on the board part time, and helping out with the singing.

We had a number of local visitors. Also from Yakima, Wa. was Bro. Larry and Sister Bonnie Fulkerson and family, and two other boys. Sis. Tammy, C. J. and Rebecca Fulkerson and friends: Dan and Terry Rich. They came on monday night and stayed until after wednesday night meeting. Perhaps we can see them in here again in the futrure.

Sister Millye Francis was able to attend each night and each worship service on Sunday. We will miss her when she returns to Dallas, Texas to stay at her son's. We were sorry we wasn't able to meet Bro. Claud's wife, Sister Berdette. We hope and pray she is enjoying good health now.

In Christian Love
Billy L. Richardson
For the church at Furnish Canyon - Kenton, Ok. 73946

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Rogue River, Oregon

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The church here in the Rogue Valley is about the same in size and things are going along pretty well. We enjoy getting the news by way of the Courier and really appreciate your willingness to assume the editorship of the paper and also appreciate the enormous amount of work and responsibility that job entails. If it seems advisable in the future, to also publish short or not so short, uplifting and inspiring articles, we would enjoy and appreciate them very much.

We are now using our new song books and appreciate your phone calls and informational assistance that helped us get them, Bro. Bob Farley of the Selah, Wa. congregation. Thanks again, Bob. We have obtained the use of a building in the town of Rogue River, in which to meet. The location; go out Pine St. past the two grade schools, slightly over one and a half miles. The High School is on the right and we meet in a green building on the left directly across East Evans Creek Road, from the High School. We meet at 10:30 Sunday morning.

For additional information you may call: Harry Wegley - 862-2421 or Tom Broadway - 582-3141. My wife and I enjoyed meeting with the congregation in San Pablo, Ca. in July. We really felt good about the hospitality extended to us before and after services. Thanks to all.

In Christian Love, Tom Broadway

Waterford, Ca.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We here at Waterford seem to be doing just fine. Sister Mary Mckinzie is back to church after having a second hip operation, which was done the week before the meeting. We pray for a fast recovery, Sister Mary.

The meeting this year, at Waterford, was a real success. Brother Sammy Boen of Arkansas, gave some real good lessons, resulting in the Baptism of Bro. David Meadows, and the restoring of one Sister back to the Church. Good fellowship among the brotherhood, plenty of good food and very good attendance.

There were three congregations represented at the meeting, fro the state of Oregon, one congregation represented from the state of Arizona, and four from the state of California.

Bro. and Sis. Guyer enjoyed being at the Belflowr meeting. Speaker Audley Barnes gave good upbuilding lessons. Thank you for your good christian hospitality.

Bro. and Sis. Guyer and Bro. and Sis. Al and Charlotte Burtis enjoyed being with Yakima Wa. congregation meeting. Bro. J. W. Bedingfield is a very able speaker. He gave us lots of spiritual food for thought in his uplifting lessons. Thank you for your christian hospitality. We invite everyone to come worship with us at Waterford, Ca. Each first Sunday of every month, we have lunch in the basement.

Come be with us. Wishing the San Pablo congregation lots of success with the church paper.

Waterford Church of Christ

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Dear Park, Texas
Hu;mble Church of Christ

To our beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We returned from our trip to the northwest on August 6th, and found all well here at home. We had the most enjoyable trip of our lives, but were glad to get home. We had left home on June 24th, with our grandson, Jeff F eeman, and attended a family reunion in North Texax. On June 24th, we met with the faithful at Lorenzo, Tx., where I had the priveledge of speaking to a fine crowd, and enjoyed the fine fellowhship with all there. While at Lorenzo, we were joined by Brother and Sister Toodler Goodwin of Newcastle congregaition. My wife and

I, along with Jeff and the Goodwins, headed for the camp meeting at Delta, Co. I'm sure that others have already reported on that grand meeting, so I will not go into details of that, except to say that we enjoyed the fine fellowship and visiting with brothers and sisters from seventeen different congregations, and heard some very good preaching and singing. Brother Jeff had to go to the hospital at Delta to have his appendix removed, during the meeting, but thanks to all the prayers, and good care, he made a splended recovery, and only missed two services of the meeting. We left Ceaderedge on July 10th, and took a leisurly sight seeing trip across Utah and Nevada, and stopped and visited with the faithful at Grants Pass, Oregon, where we were happy to enjoy the fine christian hospitality of our dear friends, Tom and Charlene Broadway. From there, we went on to Springfield, Ore., Where I preached on July 15th. It sure was food to renew old aquaintances there, and to meet some new members. They also had other visitors on that day. We all had a great time visiting in the home of Bro. Roy and Sister Mattie McCay while there. Throughout the trip we enjoyed the beautiful scenery and the fine weather that God provided for us. After a short visit with relatives at Corvallis, Ore., we went on to Yakima by way of Portland and the scenic Columbia Gorge.

At Yakima we were greeted with so much love and hospitality, that words cannot descirbe. Everyone had been working, preparing for the meeting. The building and grounds were immaculate, and everyone was filled with enthusium and joy, as we began the meeting. We Preached from July 22, through the 29th to near record crowds. The building was almost full at every service. It was the most rewarding meeting that I have ever held, even though vilible results were not as great as we always hope for, but with the fine reception of the Gospel, the good Lord will surely bless all those who came out, and supported the meeting so faithfully. Besides the wonderful membership there, we also had faithful attendance from Port Orchard and Selah, Wa.. Also from Waterford and Chico, Ca., Salem, Ore., Yuma, Arizona. Members also attended from Newcastle, and Humble, Texas. For all the loyal support, and all the love and hospitality shown us, we can only say: "God bless You", each and every one of you. It was so grand to meet those loved ones that we have known through so many years again, and to meet so many fine young members, who we had not known before, but whom we learned to love so very much, during our short visit.

On our return trip, we enjoyed still more of God's great handiwork, as we traveled through Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, (especialy Yellow Stone Park), then on to Cody, Wo., Cheyenne, back to Denver, then on to Lorenzo for services on August 5th. They had just concluded their meeting with Brother Dan Ross, and all reported a very good meeting and a profitable one.

Now we are back home resting up from our trip, but the happy memories or our visit among you will remain with us all the days of our lives. There are so many that I want to thank on behalf of my wife and I, as well as Jeff, and Jo Toodler, but space would not permit, so I will bring this to a close with sincere prayer for all of you. Pray for us. We need your prayers at Humble.

With christian love
J. W. and Pearl Bedingfield

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Baron, Ok.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I'd like to anounce a new brother in Christ. Michael Barrett was baptized into Christ last Sunday, August 5th, 1984. We are so glad to have another new brother.

As soon as I finish this letter, I'm going to write Bro. J. W. Bedingfield to set up a date for our meeting next year, Lord willing. I'll announce a date next time I write the Courier. We are really looking forward to hearing Bro. Bedingfield speak. He and Sister Pearl are also great just to sit down and visit with. Everyone here who met them really love them.

Let us continue to support the Courier and each other in our christian lives.

In christian love
Terry Warford
for congregation at Baron

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Parker, Arizona

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We are sorry that we missed the Waterford meeting as we had planned to go. But this has been the busiest year on my job I have had and may be my last if all works out. The Lord willing, we plan to take early retirement.

Week before last we visited the Bro. & Sis. at Tacna, Arizona. Their building is very nice. It is located in Citrus City; (a subdivision of west Tacna). They are wonderful christians and sincere in the faith. You will be enjoyed it you pay them a visit.

In christian love
Harry Dye

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"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Prov.18:21
"A soft answer turneth away wrath:..." Prov. 15:1

Selah, Washington

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

There have been a number of visitors from the local area, for which we are happy. In June Bro. and Sis. Henry Oliver visited with us and brought a wonderful lesson. They are from Almagordo, New Mexico. In August Bro. Vernon Bentz of Chico congregation was with us and helped out with the singing. Later in the month, Bro. and Sis. Gene and Pat Mckinney were here and Bro. Gene brought a good lesson for our edification.

We at Selah are always thankful for our visiting brethren. Come and be with us whenever you can.

Our prayers are with all the faithful. Pray for us.

Selah congregation

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Waterford, California

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The church here at Waterford has, for several years, had a basket lunch afters services, and this last one was a happy occasion, more than usual. Terry and Vickie Lucas came back into the chruch today.

We had two guest speakers this month also. Brother Dennis Bentz and his family, and Brother Al Way and his family. Both Dennis and Al gave us two very good lessons.

Bro. Ira Brown is ill, and not able to attene the services every sunday. We also have had our building painted last month.

We love to have visitors anytime.

With love for the brethren everywhere.

L.E. Arnett

Indian Springs, Ca,

The Indian springs Church of Christ is still quite small, but is still enjoying two services each sunday and have enjoyed the fellowship of many visiting christians this summer. I will not attempt to list all of them. I might leave someone off the list.

I am pleased and happy to announvce that each third sunday of the month, Brother and Sister J.D. Logan have consented and agreed to help us out here at the Indian Springs Church of Christ.

Everyone that likes to hear the Gospel preached, eating, singing and christian fellowship, and evening worship, is cordually invited to come and worship with us.

As I had briefly mentioned before, we have truly been blessed this summer with visiting speakers. Brother Howard McCay visited us this summer and gave us a very good lesson as he always does. Brother Eric Smith and family meet with us quite often also. Brother Eric brings us some very fine lessons of truth.

Labor day weekend, we were blessed in having all of our sons, living away from home, back with us. Brother Kevin, Eric and Bret were here for sunday services with the additional bonus of Brother Gene McKinney, his wife, Pat, and two daughters, Barbara and Beccy. Also Brother Tony Bryant. We enjoyed the company of all these people for the entire three day weekend. But most of all, sunday services and the excellent lesson Brother Gene gave us.

In July, my wife and I and my Mother-in-law, Sister McCluskey and my daughter, Peggy had the oppurtunity to take part of the Waterford meeting. Had the opportunity to see christian friends we had not seen in years, and meet new ones.

But left the meeting sadened and heart broken over the division taking place there.

In christian love of the truth
and unity,
Bro. Ken Harper and family.

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"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.".(worship)
"And they shall see his face....."
"And there shall be not night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 22: 1-5

Gospel Meetings

Yuma Arizona Nov. 18 - 25 Camp

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BAPTISMS

Bro. Michael Barrett
Baron, Oklahoma 8-5-84

Sister Lora Lindley
San Pablo, Ca. 8-26-84

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Births

"ITS A BOY"
Parents: Bro. & Sis. Bobby and Terry Lamb, Yakima, Wa.

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RETURNED TO THE LORD

Brother and Sister Terry & Vickie Lucas
Waterford, Ca.

Let us all remember these, and all those who love God enough to repent and return to the Lord,s service. Remember, angels in heaven rejoice over those who have returned.

"And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion , and ran, and fell on his neck and kissed him." "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." Luke 15: 20, 24.

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NEW MEETING PLACE

Rogue River, Oregon

Remember, keep Brother Tom Broadway's letter (in this issue) for directions to their new meeting place. When you plan to go to Rogue River to worship with them, call, if you need directions: Bro. Harry Wegley - 862-2421; or Bro. Tom Broadway, - 582-3141.

All our prayers are with you brethren.

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"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" Proverbs 3: 5.