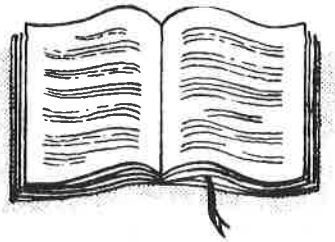
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What is a Christian?

Acts 11:26, "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." So we see diciples, followers of Christ, were Christians. Paul tells us to "be followers of me even as I am of Christ." (1 Cor 11:1). Paul mentions in Phil. 3: 17-19, that there are those who walk differently than his example. Verse 8 says, "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enimies of the cross of Christ."

All Christians have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine given them by the apostles (Rom 6:17). They believe, repent (change their lives) comfess Christ, and are baptized to wash away their past sins. Then they are members of Christ's body, the Church.

But some falter (Phil 3:18). Some have only a form of godliness, but deny the power (2 Tim 3:5). 2 Tim 4:10 says; "Demas hath forsaken me having loved this present world." Some didn't hold to the faith, such as Hymenaeus and Alexander (1 Tim 1:20). In fact, because he did not hold to the faith, Asexander did Paul much evil (2 Tim 4:14). Paul mentions most of the brethren in Asia had turned from him, specifically Philetus and Hymenaeus. In Acts 20: 29-30, Paul warns the elders of the church that wolves would enter into the church, not sparing the brethren. Also that elders would arise in the church and draw diciples after them by speaking perverse things. Christ said that angels shall gather out of his kingdom, (the church) all things that offend and them which do iniquity (Matt 13:41).

In short, all Christians are Church members, but all Church members are not Christians. Each of us must examine ourselves to see if we are a Christian or just a Church member.

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UNITY: HOW ATTAINED AND MAINTAINED

John 17

When Christ prayed that we might all be one: he was praying for our unity; which would be our harmony, or our agreement and conformity to His covenant. He was praying that we would co-operate in concerned action working for His cause. He was not praying for uniformity, which, having an entirely different meaning, means: not varying, each like all others; alike in shape, character, etc...In other words, we don't all look alike. Nor always think alike. But we can attain unity by conforming to the covenant. It is things not written we dissagree on anyway. We can never be uniform, because we are all individuals in looks and thoughts etc.. But speaking where the Bible speaks, and being silent where the Bible is slilent, we can and must, attain unity, oneness. This is what Christ prayed for. John 17:11; "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be as one, as we are. (20) neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; (21) that they may be one in ;us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Let us not forget that variance from the Word of God, and heresies are works of the flesh. Gal 5:19-21, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultry, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolarty, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like, of which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."

When anyone preaches, teaches or advocates a heresy or anything that varies from God's Word, he is following the lusts of the flesh, according to scripture. There is no way to soft-pedal around it. One of the commonest errors committed by our brethren, when they have no dirict command, or positive evidence for a thing they want to practice, is to 'infer' it on socalled reasonable grounds, or circumstantial evidence. We had better take time to investigate well such evidence. You will usually find it is presumtion, pure and simple. An awful sin according to David in Psalms 19:13, "Keep back thy servant also from presumptious sin . Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be upright, and shall be innocent from the great transgression. Presumption is something taken for granted. That which encourages belief without proof. Something ventured without actual authorazation. In other words presumption means teaching or practicing anything not authorized by the scriptures.

Of course this causes division and strife in the church; because there are always a few who want a "thus saith the Lord" for all they do. So the people who are presuming things, or ways of doing things, if they insist on their presumption in preferrance to Bible direction, always divide the church. They are not striving for unity; or they would be content to speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent.

Then too, many delve into foreign languages and gramattical relationships. But God did not hide His Will under these things. He knew what He wanted to say, and said it in plain unmistakable language. His Word is not hid so it takes a scholar or a super-wise person to understand it. Let us concider some Bible rules for attaining unity.

Psalm 19:7, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." We can all understand this without explaining, can't we? If the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: anything more or less would be imperfection. 11 Tim 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Paul emphatically states here that the inspiration of God gives us all we need for good works. If you have a good work, or a manner of doing a good work that is not mentioned here; you are just fooling yourself. Paul says it is not a good work. If it is not given by inspiration of God.

Phil. 1;27, "Only let your converstation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ; that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may here of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the Gospel." The only way we can be one in this manner is to confine ourselves entirely to the faith as revealed in the Gospel. People who contend for less or more than they can read in the Gospel: will be the cause of division, because they have departed form the faith and turned to presumption.

Phil. 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ." If God supplies all our need; He leaves nothing for us to add, does He? 1 Peter 4:11, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever." If we speak only as the oracles of God, and if our every ministry is according to the ability which God giveth (if we follow only his instructions), we will certainly be one. But if someone insists on teaching something not contained in the oracles of God; or carring on a ministry not of the abiblity which God giveth, they will certainly cause trouble in the Church. And God will not get the glory for their work.

11 Peter 1:3, "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and Godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue." Through the knowledge of Him we are given all things that pertain to live and Godliness. Then anything obtained anywhere else, does not pertain unto life and Godliness." Col. 4:12, "That ye may stand perfect and complete in all the Word of God." Perfect and complete in all the Word of God. Nothing less and nothing more needed for perfection and completeness What more do we want than perfection.?

2 John 9, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, hath both the Father and the Son." We must not transgress (go beyond) the Gospel. We must abide in the Gospel. I ask this question: Who causes trouble? The one who contends we must abide in the Gospel? Or the one who contends it is alright to stop short or go beyond the Gospel? Hebrews 5:9, "And being perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." Notice HE is the author of salvation only to those who obey him. There is certainly no condemnation here for people who are presuming to obey Him, even while being willfully disobedient. If they are following the way of men rather than submitting to the obedience to Christ, ther is no salvation promised to them, is there?

Matt 7:21, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." There it is again; not everyone who calls on Him in worship shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, if all the while they are following the way of man: only those doing the will of the Father. Rev 22:14, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and enter in through the gates into the city." It is only those who do his commandments who will have a right to the tree of life and enter into the gates into the city. This is the reward we are hoping and striving for isn't it? Then why jeprodise our chance of realizing our fondest hopes, in order to go along with the way of wilful men?

A host of scriptures of this type could be found; but let us find out exactly where human wisdom gets us.

1 Cor 1:17: Paul did not preach Christ in the wisdom of words.
1 Cor 1:19 "For it is written I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."
1 Cor 1:20, "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.
1 Cor 1:21 "God is not known by the wisdom of the world."
1 Cor 2:2-4 "Faith is not to stand in the wisdom of men.
1 Cor 2:6 "Worldly wisdom will come to naught."

"Things commanded" WE MUST DO.

Mark 16:15-16, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." We all believe this exactly as it is written. We see it exactly as it reads: fine; on this we are agreed. 1 Cor 1:10, "Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement." I will venture that we all believe this exactly as it is written. That we see it exactly as it reads: Fine; then on this we are agreed, also. But how can many people banded together be of the same mind and the same judgement? Our next scripture clearifies this point. Phil 4:9, "Those things, which ye have learned, and recieved, and heard, and seen in me do: and the God of peace shall be with you." There you have it. Do we believe this scripture? Do we see it exactly as it reads? Fine then we know that for peace and unity our every act of work and worship, and our manner of performing these things; we must have a "thus saith the Lord. We must be able to say with Christ, when we are tempted of the devil; "It is written". Anyone who insists on varying from this rule is a trouble maker in the church. Jude 3, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Do we believe this scripture exactly as it is written? Then we know that no man who is contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints is a trouble maker; but rather the man withstands him stand condemned before God. We must abide in the things we have lerned, recieved, heard and seen in Paul if we are to be accepted of God; and be of one mind with him and the redeemed.

"Things forbidden" WE MUST NOT DO.

1 John 2: 15-17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." Every temptation in life will come under one of these three points.

1. Lust of the flesh: any of the fleshly desires carried to extreme Paul tells us to be temperate in all things. He also tells us we are not our own; we are bought with a price: therefore we are to serve Christ with all we possess; including the money we waste, merely gratify our fleshly lusts.

2. Lust of the eyes: under this heading could come unlawful desires, covetousness, etc.....

3. Pride of life: keeping up with the Jones'; doing things to be seen of men, rather than as a service of Christ; more concerned with how we appear to our neighbors than how we are in Christ.

Eve was tempted in these three points: Genesis 3:6; she saw the tree was good for food....(lust of the flesh). That it was pleasant to the eyes.....(lust of the eyes). And a tree desired to make one wise.....(pride of life). SHE FELL.

Christ was tempted in these three points. Matt 4:4-10 "If thou be the son of God, command these stones to be made bread."....Lust of the flesh. "If thou be the son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands shall they bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."......(pride of life). "Again the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and shewed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thow wilt fall down and worship me."....(Lust of the eyes). The Lord was victorious on all points: he always answered with: "it is written". These are plain scriptures to teach us things forbidden. So also we may be of one mind.

Note: This article will be continued in the next issue.

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Brethren.

Over the past several years there have been many things that have caused strife between brethren and congregations. I would like to take this opportunity to admonish everyone that has taken part in any of these activities or has taken sides as to the right or wrong of some brethren.

1 John 4:20-21 tells us "If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brethren, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."

If through all the strife we have come to think of a brother as an enemy, a person to be hated, where are our souls? If we have taken up a cause that we feel is right and in so doing have violated one of the basic commandments of God where are our souls? Brethren, it is right for you to take a stand on the Bible, and I would be ashamed of you if you did not do so. But be careful that your stand does not keep you from heaven. For if in taking your stand you have forgotten who is the true enemy, your soul is in danger.

2 Thes 3:15 says, "Yet count him (your brother in Christ) not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother."

We are to admonish the brother that is in error, but not make him an enemy.

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"PLAY"

Recently, a Brother wrote a few lines on the meaning of the word "play" as it is used in 1 Cor 10:7. In summarizing his thoughts he wrote, "We are told to reason. Let us do so and not twist the teachings of the Bible to our own opinions."

We were not told what "twisting" was under consideration, nor what opinions were alluded to. The "authority" cited for his eplination was the "Annual Lesson Commentary on Bible-School Lessons, 1963, Uniform Bible Lessons for the Churches of Christ." Permit one brother to respectfully disagree. This is no authority to cite. One thing it does seek to do. It truly does try to create uniformity on all the subjects with which it treats. Long ago Churches of Christ divided over the subject of "Bible Schools" and those to which we refer as loyal rejected all of the attendant literature. I see no reason why we should give time or space to it presently. Far better it would be if we gave that much time and space to a through study of the Bible, and leave "Bible School Lessons" alone to those who attatch importance to such.

"Play" is defined variously as "to sport (as a boy):...to play"... (Strong) "...to play like a child; then univ. to play, sport, jest: to give way to hilarity, esp. by joking, singing, dancing: so in 1 Cor. 10:7..."...Thayer. "Properly, to play as a child (pais), hence denotes to play as in dancing makeing merry, 1 Cor 10:7...Vine.

There can be no doubt that the Israelites were engaging in Idolotrous worship at this occasion. Aaron had made them a golden calf in the form of Egyptian deities. Ex. 32:4, They sat down to eat and drink (feast) in honor of their "god". Vs. 6. They then arose to "play". This is translated by five translators as "play", two as "sport", one as "have a good time", and five to "dance".

In spite of the way we attempt to read this; in spite of our own personal preferences of entertainment; and in spite of the way we have been raised by our parents to believe, there is one thing apparent from the reading of 1 Cor 10:1-11. These people were engaged in the most infamous revel in recorded Biblical history.

If this is true, (and I am convinced it is true) would it make the revel more palatable if the idea of idolorty were removed, and they were revelling for revelling's sake? When I was much younger I attempted to explain away the language of Paul as follows: Paul was only condemning idolotry: therefore, it did not matter what the the Israilites were doing on the occasion. However, in this I failed to remember the language of Paul in Gal 5:21, "Revellings." (komos) "A carousal (as if letting loose)" translated "revellig..."rioting"... Strong "..hence used of feasts and drinking--parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry".....Thayer. "Riotous or noisy festivity or merrymaking; a festive occasion or celebration charactized by lively and noisy jollity or merrymaking"..Webster.

No mater how we wish to blunt the force of these facts, it is obvious that these Israelites were engaging in revelry. It is also true that this included dancing. It follows, therefore, that dancing is a form of revelry and is defined as such. Remove the idol from the picture and you still have an occasion where Christians are forbiden to be.

Gal 5:19 describes the "words of the flesh". Verse 21 describes some of these. "Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings. and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Some questions are in order. Were the Israelites engaged in carousing on this occasion? Were they engaged in rioutous or noisy festivity or merrymaking? Was a festive occaison or celebration characterized by lively and noisy jollity, merrymaking? If this is so, it follows that they were engaged in a revel inevery sense of the word. Under these circumstances, it does not matter that the occasion was one of feasting to an idol, (although this was an abomination to God). The fact alone that they were revelling was enough to incur the wrath of God. This revelling was composed of dancing as well as other types of activities. Therefore, dancing is a form of revelry and, as such, is classified as one of the "works of the flesh".

Let us beware of the advice we heed when trying to understand the Word of the Lord. If we follow anything that is written, merely because it is labelled "Uniform Bible Lessons for the Churches of Christ", we might find ourselves wondering far afield from the truth. Let us also excercize caution in the advise we give to our young brothers ans sisers concerning worldly entertainment. If we do not excer-

cise proper caustion, we may find ourselves opposing God's Word. I welcome the comments and criticisms of all.

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THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN

Eccl. 12 - 13

Here we see that Solomon by his wisdom after he had searched out every way to find God, came to his decision that to fear God and keep his commandments was the whole duty of man. He said in Eccl 5:1, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools; for they consider not that they do evil." Prov. 21:2, "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts," We find this is the church; 1 Tim 3:15, "....that thou mayest know how thou oughest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." We find that the fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogacy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth do I hate...Prov. 8:13. So, to fear God is to hate evil, and we are to fear God. Heb 12: 28. If we are to hate evil, how can we disobey God, by lusting after evil things of the world? 1 John 2:15-16, we are commanded to love not the world neither the things of the world. Prov. 8:1 "Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?" Does not our past life tell us what the things of the world are? Gal 5: 17-21: Notice the things mentioned; Adultry, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, kdolarty, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkeness, revellings, and such like. 1 Cor 6; 7-11 Now there is utterly a fault among you, because ye do certain things, which are; do you not take wrong, you will not suffer yourselves to be defrauded, noy ye do wrong and defraud, and that your brethren. Know ye not that the unrighteousness shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not decieved: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, not adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." So you can see that the things we once liked to do, we can't do anymore, and please God.

Jam. 2:10 said if we keep the whole law and offend in one point (or place) we are guilty of all." So it is our duty to hate evil ways or we do not fear God, and cannot serve him acceptably. Heb 12:28; 2 Cor 6:17-18; "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye seperate sayeth the Lord and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters sayeth the Lord Almighty." Shame on onyone that will call themselves children of God, and go and partake of the things we came out of. Such as worldy entertainment, revellings, banquetings, taking drinks with and/or before other people, and playing worldly games and calling it fun. Supporting or upholding fornication. Brethren, if we claim to walk in the Spirit, (Gal 5:26) let us also live a Spiritual life. For this is the whole duty of man. Let us not be the people that Ezek 13;10-14 is taling about. Let us not lead someone astray by saying there is nothing wrong with what we are doing, when the teaching is so plain that a fool shall not err therein. Isa 35:8. Let us make sure that we are not one of those false teachers in 2 2 Peter 2:1-3 and verse 12 through 21. He is talking about promising people liberty and we are in the depth of sin for we have forsaken the right way and gone astray following the way of Balaam or like the people in Jude 4-16; complainers, murmers, walking after our own ungodly lusts and letting our mouth speak great swelling words of vanity and allure through the lusts of the flesh those that have escaped from it. 2 Peter 2:18. Let us do what God has commanded in James 1:21; "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and recieve with meekiness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN, with reverence and Godly fear. Heb 12:28; "Wherefore we recieving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." Heb 12:1; "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doeth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith...." Sincerely yours in Christ

Lloyd Treat

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NOTICE

As you may notice, I only had one news letter, except the late arrival of the letter from Bro. Gerald Buckner. I would like to have more next month. We all would like to hear from those who haven't written in a long time. What news do you have? Anyone been baptized lately? LET US HEAR FROM YOU. (also send articles) Editor

"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY"
Proverbs 25:25

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Goshen, Arkansas

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Everyone at Goshen is about as usual. Almost everyone here has had colds and flu, but nothing any more serious.

We sure have been blessed with visitors lately. Bro. Terry Warford from the Baron, Ok, congregation came up one Sunday and spent the day with us visiting, and also gave us two very good lessons. We really enjoyed the lessons, and the visit. Bro. Jim Brown and part of his family, also from Baron, came one Sunday morning and Bro. Brown gave us a real good lesson. Bro. Gearld Buckner and his daughter, Christina from the Stillwell, Ok. congregation came one Sunday night. Bro. Buckner gave us an excellent lesson. We enjoyed all the visitors and guest speakers very much, and we invite them back anytime they can come. We welcome any other visitors and guest speakers anytime.

Some of us at Goshen have been able to visit other congregations since winter has let up. I visited the Baron congregation one Sunday morning, and spent most of the afternoon visiting with Bro. Jack Warford and family. I enjoyed the day very much. Bro. Melvin Daniels and family also visited Baron one Sunday.

We have been studying the Book of Revelation on Sunday nights, and all are enjoying it very much. We all are learning a lot, but are having to study a lot.

We would likt to announce the date for our meeting. It will be June 30 to July 7, 1985, with Bro. Richard Johnston from Yakima, Wa. doing the speaking. Everyone is welcome to come and spend part or all the week with us. We can find a bed for anyone that comes.

In Christian Love

Paul Andrews

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OBITUARY

Bro. Eulon Taylor left this life to be with all the Saints on Feburary 4, 1985 at Yakima, Wa. He left behind his wife, Belle, to whom he had been married 55 years on February 1st, a son, John, one sister, Sister Eva Nichols, many other relatives, and brothers and sisters in Christ. Bro. Eulon, 76 years old at his passing, had been a faithful Christian for 56 years. He will truly be missed as he was a firm believer in trying to keep the Church free from false worship and worldiness. Many times he spoke of this to me. We will miss his council and help, for he was a true Christian.

Brother Howard McCay

Selah Congregation

Gospel Meetings

Roll, Arizona	April 7 -14	J.W.Bedingfield
Yakima, Wa.	May 12 -19	R. Walkingstick
Baron, Ok	June 2 - 9	J.W. Bedingfield
Waterford, Ca.	June 16 - 23	J.W.Bedingfield
Bellflower, Ca.	June 30 - July 7	Cliff Brockman
Goshen, Ark.	June 30 - July 7	Richard Johnston
Delta, Co.	July 7 - 15	Camp
Port Orchard, Wa.	July 28 - Aug 4	Sammy Boen
Yakima, Wa.	Aug 4 - 11	J.W.Bedingfield
San Pablo, Ca.	Aug 31 - Sept 2	Camp
Stilwell, Ok	July 27 - Aug 4	Tony Brister

Deaths

Brother Eulon Taylor, Yakima, Wa. Feb. 4, 1985 (see page 11)

Late arrival letter:

Stillwell, Oklahoma

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I guess it is time to write again. Some of the members has colds and the flu, but hopefully this will pass soon. The weather here in Ok, is beginning to warm up now, everyone is talking about gardening and vacation. As vacation time is here again anyone that can spend a few days in Ok. for vacation, we would love to have them come by and spend a few days here and attend services with us. We always enjoy the company and fellowship together. Bro. LeRoy Mullins and family from the Randelett, Ok, Chruch visited here in March, Leroy gave us a good lesson, also Bro Frank Redlon, from Aztec, New Mexico came by one saturday to say hello, Bro Frank was on his way back to New Mexico. We are always glad to have visitors. Brother Tony Brister has agreed to hold our Gospel Meeting this year. It will begin July 27. Everyone that can, come and hear Bro. Tony. Also the last Sunday in April will be a singing in the afternoon here at Pleasantview Chruch of Christ. We here in Ok., enjoy the Courier very much. Through the Courier we can hear of other Churches and Christians that we would not hear from otherwise. I personally enjoy the articles and would like them to continue, but if someone has an axe to grind, the Courier is not the place for it. Good Gospel articles or otherwise, I enjoy very much. This is my thoughts and not the whole Church here. Also I am not a very educated speaker, but as I do not have an 8 hour a day job, I am available to speak at other places if anyone needs my services.

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