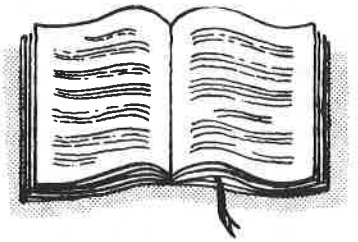
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Daily Decisions

We all reailze that we are free moral agents before God, and that God, through His Word, trys to persuade us in the way we should go. He does not force us.

We all make many descions every day we live. Shall we get up or stay in bed? Shall we go to work or stay home? Shall we have coffee or hot chocolate?....etc; probably hundreds of decisions such as these. But all of these are relatively unimportant. Yet, we must realize that there are choices to make each day that are important, so we must choose carefully. Josh. 24:15 tells us to "choose you this day who you will serve." There are two powers; Our Heavenly Father; and the Devil, Satan. Luke 16:13; Christ says we can't serve two masters; we cannot serve God and mamon (Devil or world or money). 1 John 2:15; "Love not the world. If any man love the world (worldly things), the love of the Father is not in him."

Concider: Do we study with our family from God's Word or do we watch television? Do we take our children to midweek services or to a ballgame? Do we provide for our family in every thing or do we deny the faith (God's Word)? If so, we are worse than infidels; we are unbelievers, even though attending services. Do we give as we have been prospered to the Lord or do we buy 4-wheel drives, fancy guns for hunting, fishing tackle to go fishing, or are these more important to us than the word of God? Do we visit a neighbor or do we visit the sick? Do we help our worldly friends or the family of Faith? Are we careful to always speak the truth even though it might hurt us? (Remember, all liars will go to hell). Do we give praise or do we put people down? Do we come home thinking we are too tired to give even a cup of cold water (help) to a brother in Christ? Do we propose

(contract) to buy cars, TV's, boats, campers, worldly things, makeing more payments for these, than we can give to the Lord's work for Heavenly rewards?...etc. The list could go on and on, but the point is that where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also. We can't mind worldly things and heavenly things at the same time. Do we move away from the congregation to start another body of Christ or do we move for a higher paying job? Brethren, let us stop and think before we say or do anything that might be the wrong decision, for often they cannot be recalled. Remember, 'A promise made is a debt unpaid".

We promised to serve God and we are a debtor to him until death. Written in love for the Brethren.

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What shall we say?

Romans 6:1; "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Do we stop to think what sin is?
1 John 3:4; "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin <u>is</u> the transgression of the law." True, sin is disobedience of God's law, but we seem to think that when we are baptized, we have done all that it takes to obey him. Matt 28: 19-20 clearly states that after we have done that, that we are to observe <u>all</u> things commanded of Him. Heb 5:8-9; We follow the pattern He set by the things we suffer, so let us notice some of the things commanded. In order to not to continue in sin, we will have to do them. Matt. 7: 15-20 we are told to; "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheeps clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by thier fruits ye shall know them. 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."

Let us look at John 13: 14-17, to see if we do these things. Also 1 John 5:3; 1 Cor 10:24-31; 1 Cor 10: 7-14; These are a few things we are commanded to do. It says "quit ye like men". Be strong, quit being like others around you. 11 Cor 6: 17-18; "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye seperate, saith the Lord, and touch not

the unclean thing; and I will recieve you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Rev. 18:4; "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye recieve not of her plagues. (v 5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." It seems to me that the more like the world we can be, the better we like it. 1 Thess 5:22; "Abstain from all appreance of evil." (disobiedence). We think we are not guilty when we offend our Lord. Look at Proverbs 22:5; "Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them." Look at the people of the world, and then compare some of the members of the Church. If you can see any difference, then show me. Isa 5:8: "Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth." Isa 5: 18; "Woe ;unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope;"...But we will continue to say "I see nothing wrong with this". 1 Cor 11: 1-18; We are commanded to follow Paul as he followed Christ and he gives both man and woman some specified commands, yet we see around us disobiedence to those commands. With all the warning there seems to be no repentance or the comming away from this ungodly life. See 2 Thes 2: 8: What will the end of the disobiedent be? Paul said in 1 Tim 5:6; "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth". Yet we see more and more lovers of pleasures every day, and more and more spent on things, and yet we say that we don't disobey God. Verse 13 warns that we can be hardened through the decietfulness of sin. (Which is disobiedence) Heb 2:1 tells us; "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip". 11 Tim 3: 16; "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, throughly furnished unto all good works."

We are going to have to look close at ourselves (men and women) or else we will fall after the pattern of things of this world, and not really realize we are.

Yours in Christ
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"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore brethren, stand fast .
2 Thess 2: 13, 14, 15,

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

Kenton, Oklahoma

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I thought I had written since the meeting that was held May 19-26, but apparently not.

We enjoyed the week of lessons brought by Bro. J.L. and Sister Eunice Jared from Salem, Oregon for the first time, Sunday, June 16. Bro. Jared gave us a lesson on 1st Cor. 5th chapter. It is good to have a directory to the different churches.

It has been very dry here this summer.

The church at Furnish Canyon & the church at Kenton, Ok. is the same church building.

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

Stilwell, Ok.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

I'd like to report on a really super meeting we had here at Baron, Ok. First of all, we have a new brother. Brother Bret Brown, was baptized June 9th, the second Sunday of the meeting. Bro. Bret is the son of Bro. Jim & Sis. Ruby Brown. We are all very excited about him, and he seems excited about taking part in the services.

We had a bunch of visitors during the meeting. The Stilwell, OK. and Goshen, Ark. congregations supported us every night. We also had visitors from the Bohannon Mountian, Ark., Duncanville, Tx., Tiner, Ok., and Broken Bow, Ok., congregations. We had guests from the nearby towns of Stilwell, Westville, and Sallisaw as well as Fayetteville, Ark. and even Paris, Tx. We appreciate the support.

I couldn't say enough about Bro. and Sis. Bedingfield. They were very sweet, and would talk to us about anything, from attending meetings to girlfriends. Bro. Bedingfield gave outstanding lessons all week long on a wide variety of subjects. He also did an excellent question-

and answer service, sharing his knowledge and wisdom with us.

So we had a super meeting and are already looking forward to next year. We also hope to support all the nearby meetings.

Bro. Jim Brown was in Oklahoma City, preaching for them this past Sunday, the 16th of June. I got to go with him to help out. We had a great time, and Bro. Jim gave a great lesson on; "Why we do what we do in the worship service". Bro. Jim is holding a weekend meeting at Colter, Ok. this coming weekend, the 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

Bro. David Brown is doing much better after 2 surgeries, stays at 2 different hospitals, and a very serious illness. His lung collapsed, and he was very, very sick for several weeks. He is home now, attended most of the meeting, and has gone back to work on a limited basis. He is still pretty weak, but is getting better each day. We appreciate all the prayers in his behalf.

Haven't all of you noticed how much stronger we are during and after meetings? Then doesn't it make sense to associate with one another as often as possible?

In closings, I'd like to say something to the rest of the young Christians. The older Christians have faced everything we are facing now. They have a lot of wisdom. They love us and are willing to share it if we'll just ask. God bless you all.

In Christian love.
Terry Warford, for the church of Christ at Baron, Ok.

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San Pablo, Ca.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We are happy to report of no known sickness among us. We thank God for this, and for the opportunities we have in Christ Jesus.

One of the opportunities we have enjoyed, was our trip to the Bellflower, Ca. Gospel Meeting. (June 30-July7). The first Lord's Day meeting was a very warm one, but we certainly enjoyed the scriptural lessons brought by Bro. Cliff Brockman, and the fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ and dear friends. The weather continued to be very warm, and one day we had to do without some of the lighting (and fans) due to a transformer problem. This did not hamper the meeting at all. Bro. Cliff Brockman brought us some very inspiring lessons on Christian responsibility to God and to ourselves. He reminded us that God gave us a soul, and that we are responsible for that soul. Responsible to God. For we will have to give up that soul, to him, when we leave this life, and we will have to give an account of how we handled this most precious property of God's.

We wish to thank the Bellflower congregation for their Christian

hospitality that was shown to us, and to all who were visiting. Our stay was a most comfortable and rewarding one, all because of the Bro & Sister Jerry and Betty Perigen, and Bro & Sister Al and Okja Way, families. They gave up thier comfort for ours. Also we thank Bro and Sis. Claude and Berdette Perigen, for opening their home and hearts to us while we were there.

Our visit to Sister Alice Weakley in the convalescent hospital was a joyful one and a rewarding one. We visited with a wonderful Christ ian Sister, who, while beadfast, was able to show her love for the Lord, and for her Christian brothers and sisters. Even though her body was weak, she is still just as strong spiritually, as she ever was. Thank you Sister Weakley for makeing us stronger by your strong faith. Also, we enjoyed celebrating her birthday with her (one week early). HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sister Alice Weakley, from all of us who love you.

We enjoyed our extended vacation after the meeting. We spent it traveling up the coast, sight-seeing, all the way home. We had to go aroung some forest fires, but our trip was an enjoyable one, after having an enjoyable, and profitable meeting with brothers and sisters in Christ.

We have some from our congregation still traveling. Bro. and Sister Jack and Mable Cooper. They drove back east to see their son David, and their Grandchildren. They had the opportunity to meet with various congregations. We pray for their safe return home, and we ask all the brothers and sister to pray for them and all who are traveling.

We are looking forward to our 3 day meeting on Labor Day weekend. We have asked Bro. Tom Broadway to hold our meeting, and he has conscented. We welcome all who can, to come and be with us. There will be lots of food, and there will be places for campers and trailers, and also some room in the building. We will be holding the meeting at the same place as before. The Rollingwoood Recreation Building, one block from the intersection of El Portal and Rollignwood Avenues. If you need information, please call me collect: (415) 682-2600.

See you there. Hope you can make it.

In Christian Love.
Homer Bryant
For the San Pablo Congregation

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When Idi Amin was killing people for the lust of killing, his soldiers took delight in shooting christians. One night they raided a boys school, lined up the students and shot them. The headmaster, away at the time, feared that the boys may have relinquished their faith under the attack. He need not have worried. When he gained access to the bodies piled up in a heap, he found one with a bloody piece of paper clutched in his hand. It was a sheet torn from the Bible; it read; "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight....I have kept the faith." The rest of the sheet was missing, but the message was clear. The boys had stood fast, sealing their faith, with their death. Selected

Bellflower, Ca.

Hello to everyone from all of us here at Bellflower. We pray everyone is doing fine throughout the congregations. It is always saddening to hear of a brother or sister that is sick. Sister Alice Weakley is in a convelescent home and is suffering from a rec fall. We were happy to celebrate her 86th birthday with her. Please remember her in your prayers.

We truly have another thing to be thankful for this year. Our meeting was a very nice one and we had visitors from all over. We really had some good fellowship with Bro. Cliff Brockman as our speaker. It is so nice to know that we have brethren such as Cliff who can relay the Words of God to the audience in such a heartfelt and inspirational Bible subjects, but the singing was terrific also. I think maybe sometimes we don't take our singing service serious enough. When we sing, we are in communication with God! Singing praises to our God, what a great felling it is when it is done from the heart. Once again, thanks to Bro. Cliff and his wonderful wife, Wanda, for making our meeting very uplifting and successful.

Representing our meeting were members from the Selah, Seattle, Waterford, Chico, Grants Pass, Salem, San Pablo and Yuma congregations. We wish to thank each and every one of you for your support and effort. The attendance of members from different congregations really contributes to the success, love and enthusiam of a meeting.

If anyone is visiting in the area, please come and worship with us. We love to have all the visitors we can get. Feel free to contact anyone in the congregation for directions. Bro Gerald Perigen - 714/842-1251: Bro Al Way 714/842-1633; Bro Claude Perigen 213/866-0656. Please remember us in your prayers as we remember you.

In Christian Love
Brother Mark Perigen

Gospel Meetings

Broken Bow, Ok.	July 19 - 26	Tony Brister
Port Orchard, Wa.	July 27 - Aug 4	Sammy Boen
Stilwell, Ok.	July 27 - Aug 4	Tony Brister
Yakima, Wa.	Aug 4 - 11	J.W.Bedingfield
San Pablo, Ca.	Aug 31 - Sept 2	Tom Broadway
Yuma, Az.	Nov. 24 - Dec 1	Camp

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A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISH

Sister Alice Weakley - Long Beach, Ca. - 86 years

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BAPTISMS

Brother Bret Brown, baptized June 9th, 1985, Baron, Ok.

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BIRTHS

We are happy to announce the birth of:
DAVID WAYNE MEADOWS JR.

Born on thursday, July 25, 1985, to the proud parents, Brother and Sister David and Nancy Meadows of the San Pablo congregation. David Wayne Meadows Jr. was born in the Navato, Ca. Hospital, and all are doing just fine. We got to see David Jr. this Lord's Day. We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the proud parents for this wonderful addition to their (our) family. Our prayers are for this lovely Christian family and that little David will grow up in the nurture and admonition of our Lord. May God watch and care for you all the days of your lives, is also our prayer.

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You can help

Yes, only you can help the Christian Courier. There have been very few letters and acticles sent in, and its your fault. Yes, you. Have you taken time to send in news about that one that was baptized? OR that one that has come for the prayers of the church? NO? Why not. Is it not important? Have you written about that young man who has been helping out in the services?.....ect.... Won't you please take the time, and send in that article and the news of your congregation?