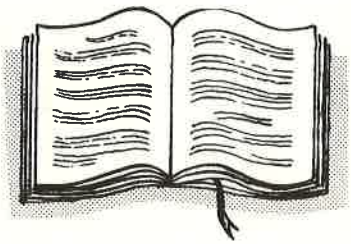
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STAND UP! .. BREAK YOUR PITCHERS!

"AND WHAT SHALL I MORE SAY? FOR THE TIME WOULD FAIL ME TO TELL OF GEDEON, AND OF BARAK, AND SAMSON, AND JEPHTHAE; OF DAVID ALSO, AND SAMUEL, AND OF THE PROPHETS."

Think of the roll-call of the turly heroic figures of bygone centuries! How it would be to stand in this company! In the following we want to study the events surrounding Gedeon and his "brave three-hundred The story is told in Judges 7.

The Midianites and Amalekites had invaded Israel, encamped in the valley of Jezreel. Chapter6: verse 33. Their numbers were "like grasshoppers for multitude". (vs. 12) Israel responded to the call to arms sounded by Gideon. (chap 6 vs 34) God decided that there were too many Israelites and proceeded to sift among them. First he sent home the "fearful and afraid". Twenty-two thousand returned home, and ten thousand remained. (vs 3) Next he chose among the remainder using a test the manner by which they drank water from a brook. Whoever lapped water like a dog, was chosen to remain and the remainder were sent home. (vs 6) They now were down to three-hundred.

By every rule of warfare, the Israelites did not have a chance to win this battle! Think of it! Three hundred men to surround and defeat a multitude so large. They were equipped each with a pitcher containing a lamp, a sword and a trumpet. To add to the diffuculties already stated, they attacked at night! At a prepared signal, they blew their trumpets, broke their pitchers, and shouted "the sword or the Lord, and of Gideon." Each "stood in his place."

The enemy fled, confused and utterly terrified. In their terror they attacked each other, which accounted for many casualties. The Lord provided Israel with a great victory.
Permit me to make a few observations concerning this event.

1. The Israelites were to "surround" the enemy. (vs 18) To "surround" so many with so few required each to be spaced so far apart that each could not see the fellow next to him in the darkness. It would have been easy to just quietly walk away. After all, if the Lord could do it with three-hundred, he could do it just as easily with two hundred ninty-nine! But they each stood "in his place" and refused to run in the face of the enemy. Brave men!

2. To "break their pitchers" meant to reveal their light. Until each man did this, he remained in the darkness. He was anonymous. His enemy couldn't see him. He was safe! Once he had "broken his pitcher", each man stood in the light. He was recognized! He was exposed! He could only fight! Think of the courage it took to do this! How much faith each man had that the Lord would do as he promised!

A LESSON FOR US TODAY!

Today we face similar odds in our "good fight of faith". (1 Tim 6:12) Today, the enemy without, and the enemy within, is arrayed like "grasshoppers for multitude." Where are the brave three-hundred?

It is the shame of the Church of Christ today that most of her preachers would never have stood in the "brave three-hundred" of Gideon, for lack of courage or for other reasons. How many, when faced with problem situations in the church today, refuse to stand up and "break their pitchers." I have heard many times the statment, "I don't do such and such myself, but I won't say anything about it." "It will only cause confusion." There are many excuses why we will not "break our pitchers" and be recognized on these matters which trouble the church, but they really have one common cause: these are the "fearful and afraid" who returned to their tents before the battle. Today, the need is for preachers who have the courage of Gideon. True, it is sometimes necessary to stand alone to obey the Lord. At times we cannot see our fellow soldiers who are in the battle with us. To persue the battle under these circumstances requires much faith! But this is God's way and it suits his purpose. When we see so few who will support the fight, we become discouraged, and sometimes want to withdraw from the battle. To QUIT THE FIGHT IS COWARDICE! To RUN, TO TURN IN THE FACE OF THE ENEMY IS TREASONOUS: TO ABANDON THE FIELD TO THE OPPONENT IS TO DISPLAY A STRIKING LACK OF COURAGE. What can we think when brethren

refuse to do battle with the enemy?

Today, instead of providing abundant "meat of the Word" (Heb 5:14) suitable for mature christian growth, we are fed bowls full of pablum, mush if you please. We all know that one does not need teeth to eat mush, yet this is fed to the members of the Church; long time members, who should be fed meat. Sin, when preached on at all, is denounced in generalized terms. Spacific sins are seldom if ever refered to by name. It seems that the "watchman on the wall" have seen the enemy coming and have not sounded the alarm. They are to much too afraid to denounce specific sins, for fear of upsetting someone's feelings, preferring to keep everyone in darkness than to shed the light of truth upon all. Let me call upon my fellow-labours to shed the shackles of fear and speak out on issues facing the church today. What about the use of drugs, so common today? Have we spoken out on the evil of abortion? Remember, THE PROPONENTS OF THIS GREAT HORRIBLE SCOURGE ARE LEAVING NO STONE UNTURNED TO FURTHER ITS ACCEPTENCE! How about alcohol use? The dancing that is urged on our children in the schools. and by their peers? Indeed, the gambling plague which bids well to engulf us all? STAND UP! BREAK YOUR PITCHERS! SHOUT, "THE SWORD OF THE LORD."

True, when you break your pitchers you will stand out for all to see, but where is your courage? At least we can be seen for what we are. The question is, are we brave soldiers in the army of the Lord, or craven cowards, afraid to speak up on issues confronting the church today? Or do we esteem the praises of men more than of God?

Our Lord left us a wonderful example of courage. He constantly "broke his pitcher" and cried "the sword of the Lord". Let us all look to this example and, having unsheathed the "sword of the Spirit", never return it to its sheath, but rather wield it with courage. Speak out on sin, identifying it so that it can be seen for what it is, "exceening sinful". The reward is great!

For the love of the truth;

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Isaiah 53:7 "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."

Mark: 14:4,5; "And Pilate asked him again saying; 'Answerest thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against thee.'
But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled."
Matt. 26:27; "Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands."

CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!

VESSELS OF THE LORD

In the scriptures, people are often called vessels.
1st. Our bodies of clay, house, or hold our spirits.
2nd. The Chirstian recieving the Holy Spirit of God, becomes a Holy vessel. Set apart. SACTIFIED.

In prophesy, Christ said of his life on earth, that he was a broken vessel. Psalms 31:11-13; "I was reproached among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbors, and a fear to mine aquaintance: They that did see me without fled from me. I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel. For I have heard the slander of many: Fear was on every side: While they took councel against me, they devised to take my life." Also speaking of the absolute finality of the judgement of Christ by his Word on the wicked who refuse to obey the Gospel, he says in Psa. 2:7-9; "I will declare the decree: The Lord hath said unto me, thou art my Son; This day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; and thou shalt dash them in pieces as a potter's vessel." What is this rod of iron? LISTEN! Jeremiah 23:29; "Is not my word a fire? Saith the Lord; and a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

The death of man is likened to a broken bowl or broken pitcher. Ecclesiastes 12:6-7; "Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountian, or the wheel be broken at the cistern, then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the Spirit return unto God who gave it." Under Moses' law, the Jewish priest bore the vessels of the temple serving the Lord. But here is a prophesy of the day when Christians, filled with the Spirit of God; And presenting their bodies as living sacrifices, will separate themselves from the world and worldly lusts, serving the Lord. Isa 52:11, "Depart ye, depart ye, go out from thence, touch no unclean thing; Go ye out of the midst of her: be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." When we obey the Gospel, ;we are bought with a price. The price was the shed blood of the Son of God. So we become the vessels of the Lord. 1 Cor 6:19-20; "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have God, and ;ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor 7:22; "Ye are bought with a price; be ye not the servants of men." Yes, and the vessels of the Lord, we are commanded to seperate ourselves from fellowship with the world, which is sinful and unclean. 11 Cor 6:14-18; "For be ye not uneaqually yoked together with ghe unbelievers:

For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infadel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; As God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will recieve you. And I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." But what will be the reslul if we don't seperate ourselves from partaing of the sins of the world? What will be the result if we just bring certain so-called clean, harmless entertainment into the church gatherings to keep the young people interested? Will this make them any more clean and righteous than they were out in the world? If they are not of the Spirit they are of the world, even transplanted into church gatherings. To my knowledge, there is no such thing as entertainment for christians, taught in the Bibile. Certainly christians are to enjoy themselves. God has given us all our blessings: All the beauties of nature; and all the beauty and comfort revealed in the Bible. We are to rejoice, always. But rejoice in the Lord. Brethren, everything of the Lord is good. Everything not of the Word of God, is the world, therefore it is EVIL. And bringing these things into christian gatherings does not make them righteous and good. These things are merely to pass time; or kill time as we say. And a Chrisitan is to redeem the time, because the days are evil. A Christian really has no time to kill.

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." Yes, if we are taking part in the things of this world, we will also share with the world when she reaps her plagues. 1 Thes 4:3-8; "For this is the will of God, even your santification, that ye should abstain from fornication," (physical and spiritual). "That everyone of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour: For God hath not called us unto uncleaness, but unto holiness, But unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us His Holy Spirit"

And this is only reasonable service. Rom 12:1-2; "I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transfromed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Not just able to prove a thing by the scriptures, but prove it in our everyday lives. Just living in the Spirit, with out minds, secretly so to speak. This is not enough. We must prove

it in our daily walk in the Spirit. Gal 5:25; "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Vessels of the Lord. Isa, in speaking of our day says, (Isa 66:20) "And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beast, to my Holy Mountian Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord." If your vessel is stained and spotted with the world, it is not clean enough to bring into the house of the Lord. Repent, and pray the Lord to forgive you, and make your vessel clean again. Then strive with all your might to keep it clean and unspotted with the world. I speaking to Ananias of Paul and his calling, the Spirit said, in Acts 9:15-16; "But the Lord said unto him, go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name among the Gentiles, and the Kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." We are the Gentiles. What does this chosen vessel of the Lord say to us? 1 Cor 4:16; "Wherefore I beseach you, be ye followers of me." 1 Cor 11:1; "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." Phil 3:16-19; "Nevertheless, whereunto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them that walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is their shame, who mind earthly things)." Did you catch ALL that Paul said here? If we follow Paul, we follow Christ. If we follow along with brethren who bring worldly things, and doctrines of men into their practice, then we will be classed with the enemies of the cross of Christ, who caused Paul to weep. These are the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction along with the alien sinners of the world. Rom 9:22; "What if God, willing to show His wrath, and to make known His power endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction." Did God deliberately will that these people be fitted for destruction? He did not. They fitted themselves for destruction, by disobedience and rebellion against God. They wanted to serve God in their own way. They wanted to take in as much of the world around them as possible, even through James says that if a person will be a friend of the world, he is the enemy of God. This fits them for destruction. Also they fail to seperate themselves from the doctrines of men. They are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Rom 10: 2-3)

I will read and comment on 2 Tim 2:19-26; "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, havine this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His. And let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." Brethren, a thing is either right or wrong. It can't be both. It is either righteousness or it is iniquity. And we are not left to our own judgement about these things. We have our God-given measuring reed, The Bible. And we have Paul following Christ. If a thing is not Bible approved, a christian has no business having anything to do with it. Verse 20; "But in a great house (this great house is the church) there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth; some unto honour and some unto dishonour. If a man purge himself from these" (these vessels unto dishonour, of course) "He shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, prepared unto every good work." Unless we seperate oursleves from doctrines of men, and theings of the world we are not fit for the Master's use: We are not prepared unto every good work. Verse 22; "Flee also youthful lusts: "This is Paul's special preaching for young people. We hear of certain preachers today, 'he is so good to work with young people.' I wonder what they mean by this. Paul preached just as straight for the young people as for any one else. He doesn't, anywhere, hint that just because they are young they can play around and dabble in the world, and still be called good christians. We hear today that they can have worldly fun, and still be christian. They don't have to be so different that the world doesn't welcome them as companions. They can be popular with their worldly friends and still be chrisitans. If they can Christ was mistaken when he said, if they have hated me they will hate you. And Paul in one place says, "Yea, and all that will sive godly lives in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." So if you are that popular with your worldly friends and neighbors, you had better examnine y;our life from a Bible standpoint, there is something wrong somewhere. Christ and Paul knew what they were talking about. But to get back to verse 22; "Flee also youthful lusts but follow after righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes." What Paul? What did you say causes strife and divisions among the brethren? Hear him again; "FOOLISH AND UNLEARNED QUESTIONS."

Since we know the Lord God is wise above all men, we know that His Word is wise. Therefore anything in opposition to the Word of God is "FOOLISH".

(this article, "Vessels of the Lord", will be continued next issue.

A CHRISTIAN BEGGAR

To get a person to obey the Lord, one may think it only necessary to show that person that he or she is lost. Perhaps one may assume it to be suffecient to get a lost soul to respond to the call of the Gospel by simply teaching the importance of the soul to God and the certainty of eternity in either heaven or hell. You may show the need of faith, obedience, salvation, and love and obtain little or no responce from that lost soul.

IT would seen the above mentioned proceedure and information handed to lost souls with love and care would cause a stampede to get into the church so as to get to heaven and avoid hell. Much of the same can be said about trying to get and keep christians avidly committed in living a christian life with vigor, zeal, sincerity, knowledge and love of the truth. Instead, we often find ourselves in the role of "Beggars" and "Pleaders" trying to get one and all to adhere fervently to the will of the Lord.

The church is in DIRE need of more members who will THINK, STUDY, and ACT with determination and vigor in obedience of the Gospel. More souls who really WANT to be saved. The Lord wants and needs those who are SERIOUS about their salvation. 1 Peter 4:17-18; "If the righteous scarcely be saved wherein shall the sinner and the ungodly appear?"

The treasure of the earth has been placed in "earthen vessels," (2 Cor 4:7, which means you and me) to be used to persuade souls to worship and serve our creator in the only way acceptable to God.

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." 2 Cor 5:11. Because "We must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." 2 Cor 5:10.

Let us not give up being "Beggars" if necessary to help the Lord bring in the "Lost Sheep."

Tom Broadway

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Zach. 12:10; "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."
Ps. 35:19; "Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause."

SELAH, WASHINGTON

A number of years ago there was a popular song about accentuating the positive and eliminating the negative. This sounds real good in this life, but people want to bring this over into religion and it doesn't work. It's nice to think of the beautiful Garden of Eden, but not to dwell on the sin that caused it to be lost. It is nice to think about the great ark Noah built that saved his family, but don't dwell on the thousands that perished. It is nice to think how God saved Lot and his two daughters, but let's not dwell on the multitude God destroyed. It is nice to preach about faithful Caleb and Joshua, but not about the 599,998 that were destroyed in the wilderness. The stories go on and on.

We want to hear preaching on how God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for it (John 3:16). Also, how Christ so loved the world that he shed His blood on calvary's cross for all mankind (incidentally, I don't believe that His blood was tainted with alcohol, as some of the brethren teach). Yet, we don't want to hear about obeying Him. We don't want to hear about Him coming in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thes 1:8). We like to hear about the wonderful place called heaven that Christ has gone to prepare (John 14 and Rev. 21), but we don't want to hear about the lake that burneth with firee and brimstone (Rev 21:8), and all who will end up there. The truth is if we preached only love, positive smooth things like most people want, we would be teaching only about half of the Bible or less.

Yet we are commanded to preach the 'whole Gospel', both negative and positive, and if we don't do this, we are not true servants of Christ and will end up in that Lake of Fire. Are we trying to please men or God with what we preach? Brethren, we better be very careful if we want to hear Him say; "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of our Lord." Let us be like Paul and not shun to declare all the counsel of God. (Acts 20: 27).

Written in love of the whole truth

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Psalm 22:7; "All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him." Matt. 27:35,36; "And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

AND SITTING DOWN THEY WATCHED HIM THERE!

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

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FURNISH CANYON

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We had a new visitor at worship this morning. Needless to say we were thankful. Sister Tonnie and Brother Matt Wiggins have a daughter "Jessica Dawn Wiggins", born Nov. 8, 1985. Isn't it wonderful that a family can start their children coming to church at such an early age? Along with the proud parents (to show off the new arrival) were grandpa and grandma, Brother Jack and Sister Betty Wiggins, grand aunt, Sister Myrtle Whitley, and great grandma, Sister Millye Francis.

Sister Francis is still able to arrend each Lord's Day Worship Service. When one member is not there, they are missed very much.

I have been lax about writing. Since I last wrote, Bro. Howard gave us a fine lesson, but needed to get on, so werent able to have lunch with us. Maybe next time they can. All members are fine health-wise. We've had some colds and sniffles but nothing serious.

Enclosed, find a small check to help with the Courier. We look forward to it each month.

In Christian Love
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STILWELL, OKLAHOMA

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Will try to write again from Stilwell, everyone seems to be doing okay at present, just a few colds and flu going around, but it is that time of the year agian. Since last writing, Brother Odis Stepp & Brother Lloyd Treat from Broken Bow, visited with us. Brother Treat preached for us. Also Brother Walter Ferguson and Brother Paul Andrews from Goshen, Ark. visited, and each gave a lesson, and Brother Howard Taylor from Loco, Okla.

In my last letter I reported that Brother Hays Morris was in the hospital, Brother Morris was released from the hospital and was living with Brother and Sister Lloyd Allgood. Brother Morris passed away on Nov. 19,1985. He was 84 years old. He will be missed very much by the Pleasantview Church. During the 20 years that I knew Bro. Morris, ;he has been a very good and faithful friend. Any time day or night that my wife or I had a question or some scripture in the Bible we did not understand, Bro. Morris was always there to help us out with scripture we needed help on. We will sure miss him. Gerald L. Buckner
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DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS

We are few in number but we have good lessons and good services on Lord's Day. It seems every more anybody makes, it takes away some of our members. I guess it is that way in lots of places. We especially enjoy the news from other churches and other Christians in the paper and hope you can continue to send that news out to us.

If anyone is ever in this area, we hope you will come and meet with us. We are at 819 East Wheatland Road in Duncanville. We meet at 10:30 AM on Sundays. If you do not know the way here, call us when you get to town and we will tell you how to get here.

Phone 289-3952 or 298-1804 for Mary or Dan Teague or Lola Teague.

In Christian love
Dan & Lola Teaque

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YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Brethren:

There is not much to report from Yakima except the weather, and Veda and I and our two oldest grandaughters, Christy and Kim, missed the worst of that. We just returned from the camp meeting in Yuma, where we all had a wonderful time. The love, hospitality, brotherly kindness and fellowship there was really great. In fact you might say that the theme of the meeting was love, fellowship and unity as these topics were mentioned in several of the sermons during the week. We heard many wonderful sermons and had many good discussions concering the scriptures that pertain to our soul's salvation. We were happy to get reaquainted with several of the brethren that we hadn't seen for many years.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren at Yuma and all the visiting brethren from far and near, who make the camp meeting so successful.

Bro. & Sis. Richard Johnston's daughter Jessica, was struck by a car last tusday but as Bro. Rex Mickey stated in his sermon, we have a guardian angels to watch over us and aside from some bumps, bruses and a slight concussion she is doing fine.

We were certainly happy to hear of the baptism of David McCay down in Lorenzo, and we know that the angels in heaved to rejoice. This is the type of news that we love to hear.

In closeing, I would remind you of the Apostle Paul's admonition in Phillipians 4:8-9; "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are <u>true,</u> whatsoever things are <u>honest</u>, whatsoever things are <u>just</u>, whatsoever things things are <u>pure</u>, whatsoever things are of <u>good report</u>; if there

be be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

In Christian Love
Bill McCay
Yakima, Wa.

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MEETING CALANDER

Baron, Oklahoma	June 22 - 29	Al Way
Delta, Colorado	July 5 -14	Camp
San Pablo, California	Aug 30 - Sept 1	to be announced

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BIRTHS

Jessica Dawn Wiggins - born November 8, 1985 - Parents, Brother and Sister Matt and Tonnie wiggins.

Congratulations to the proud parents.

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DEATHS

Brother Hays Morris - Stilwell, Oklahoma - November 19, 1985

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A VERY CLOSE CALL!

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for protecting the daughter of Bro. and Sister Richard Johnston, Jessica Johnston from serious injury. As we read in the letter from Bro. Bill McCay, Jessica had a close call, after being stuck by a car. We pray that your injuries will be healed quickly, Jessica. Our prayer is for all those in the Body of Christ that our Lord will protect them from all harm and in the end save us all, without the loss of one.

Editor

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Ia. 9:7; "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth ever for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."
Luke 1:32,33; "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:And he shall reigh over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."