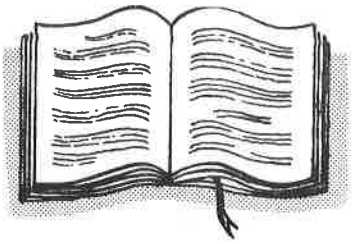
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"Vessels of the Lord"

(continued from last issue)

If you are studying mathematics, anything not taught in that subject is an unlearned question, so far as matt is concerned. We know this is true. Very well, the same rule applies to the Word of God. Anything not taught in the Bible is an unlearned question, so far as the Bible is concerned. ~~And~~ Paul says these are the things that cause divisions and trouble in the Church. Foolish and unlearned questions. Things that you can't read in the Bible. He says to avoid these things. People who insist on these things are the people who are causing strife and divisions in the church today. Paul says to "avoid" these things. Have no fellowship with them. If it is foolish and unlearned it will only fit you for destruction. Verse 24: "And the servant of the Lord must not strive." [must not strive for these foolish and unlearned things. That is, we are to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. And we must strive against sin, even unto blood. We are required as christians to know the will of God well enough to teach it to those with whom we come in contact.] "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves." A christ ian opposes himself as soon as he leaves the Word of God. But as long as we leave our own ideas and wills out of our teaching; as long as we use only a thus saith the Lord in our teaching; then we are teaching in meekness, no matter how hard it hits. It is not our word but the Word of God. And we have no right to water it down in order to appear meek. We show our meekness in teaching only on the authority of the Word of God..giving book, chapter and verse for what we teach.

Back to verse 25; "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; If God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. [This is our prayer and our aim. That those who fall away, will hear the Word and come back to the acknowledging of the truth.] Verse 26; "And that they may recover themselves of the snare of the Devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." We know that it is the will of the Devil to take all of us captive. ~~And~~ when we start listening to the doctrines and the commandments of men with a lenient ear and heart, we are just inviting the Devil to take us captive So put him on the run, and keep him on the run. We have got to resist him by staying uncompromisingly with the truth. As Christ said in John 8: 32; " And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

And now I would like to read and comment on 1 Cor 4:3-7; "But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost; in whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." [And brethren, the God of this world can blind the eyes of christians too, if they allow him to do so. He is only bound, so long as we stay on the truth, keeping him bound and us free. But when we get off the truth, we loose satan in our lives to bind us captive to him.] Verse 5; "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." [No, our ideas of how to serve God are <u>of us</u> and not of the Word of God. Therefore they are presumptuous and rebellious. This is one way of reproaching the Lord and despising His Word. Think of it.

Numbers 15:30-31; "The soul that doeth aught presumptuously, whether born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord..... Because he hath despised the Word of the Lord, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall be utterly cut off. His iniquity shall be upon him." This is certainly rebellion. 1 Sam. 15; 22-23; "Behold; to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubborness is as iniquity and idolatry." If we are disobedient today, what are we better that the ancient witches and idol worshipers? This scripture says these sins are <u>equal in iniquity</u>.

Deut. 18:18-20; "I will raise up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and I will put my words in his mouth: And he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not harken unto my Words which he shall speak

in my name, I will require it of him. But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a work in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet will die." This prophesy is referring to Christ and our times. He spoke all that God commanded him. To add anything is to presume to speak where he has not spoken. Idolatry and witchcraft again. And it is spiritual death he is speaking of here. Not just being stoned to death. Ps 19:13; "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then shall I be upright, and shall be innocent of the great transgression. "

But we are given full and complete instructions for everything in life. It is not necessary for us to presume about anything. II 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." If you can't find it in the scriptures, it is not a good work. But it is a presumption, rebellion, as witchcraft, idolatry, is iniquity. We had better avoid it. Col. 2; 6-10; "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him; rooted up and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." Notice we are "complete" in him. We don't need anything else to serve the Lord acceptably and fruitfully. II 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." If you can't find a thing in the scriptures, according to the apostle Peter, that thing does not pertain to life and Godliness. Then it must be another presumption: A rebellion stubborness: Iniquity, as witchcraft and idolatry, things that certainly fit our vessels for destruction. Brethren, let us be warned. This has been plain speaking, but it is dangerous times. In our times the members of the Church of our Lord are falling "to the earth as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs when she is shaken of a mighty wind." Rev. 6:13.

Kenneth I. Harper - Penn Valley, Ca.

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A morning prayer: Lord, in the quiet of this morning hour, let me feel Thy love and power. Let me so full of Thy Spirit be, that others can see the Christ in me. Let me reflect Thy presence sweet to every one I chance to meet. Let me a friend to people be that they too, will seach for Thee. Let me add to this, Thy day, Love and peace in every way. Estella Wright Szegedin

"My Vineyard
[continued from last month]

Matt 20:1-16 Go labour in my vineyard and I will give you what is right, said Jesus. Matt 20:4. We, here in this life, shurely understand what a vinyard is. If not, it is a piece of land owned by a person or a group of persons, planted in vines of grapes; And if we hire out to this vineyard we can't work somewhere else and at the same time labour here in this vineyard So we see why the old vineyard in Isah 5:2-14; was not acceptable to God. For they had joined house to house and field to field until they could not be placed alone in the **whole** earth. In verse 8, as they had become like the world around them till there was no difference in the way they looked and did, than the others around them. In verse 20; they had become wise in their own eyes. So whatsoever they wanted to do was alright. God cast off this vineyard and built a new one. Rev. 21:5. So in Ezek. 15:1-8, God ask this prophet as well as he ask us; what is the vine tree more than any tree or than a branch among the trees of the forest. Shall wood be taken there of to do any work or will men take a part of it to hang a vessel thereon. NO! Behold it is cast into the fire for fuel. The fire devoureth both ends of it and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for any work? Behold when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned? Therefore thus saith the Lord God; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem." And he did, but we seem to think that it is different now. We are not under the law but under Grace. So the Lord won't give us to the fire, for He is to good of a God to do that. But our Lord said in Luke 6:46; "Why call ye me Lord, Lord and do not the things I say?" Verse 43; "A good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit, neither a corrupt tree bringeth forth good fruit, for a tree is known by its fruit." Gal 5:4 "Christ is become of no effect unto you whosoever of ;you are justified by the law. Ye are fallen from grace." (WHAT NOW?) The law of the flesh? Rom. 8: 6-8; "For to be carnally minded." (That is to walk or do the things that we once did) is death. Eph 2:1-2; "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world," (or the way we thought was right) V 3; "Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfillling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." Rom. 8:8 so then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (why can't we?) Because the scripture (Rom 6:16) says; "Know ye not that to whom ye yeild yourselves servants to obey, his servants

ye are to whom ye obey:" verse 23; "The wages of sin is death." (but why is it sin?) 1 John 3:4 sin is the transgression of Gods law. 2 Cor 6:17-18, God said come out from among them and be ye separate, sayeth the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, and I will recieve you. (What is the unclean thing?) Gal 5:19-21; Adultry, fornication, uncleaness, lasciviousness, wrath, strife, seductions heresies, envyings, murders, drunkeness, revelling, and such like, they shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. Eph 4:17. "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind. (18) Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: (19) Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleaness with greediness." Eph 5:7; "Be not ye therefore partakers with them." verse 11: "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." For in 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. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

I beg you all to read again Eph 4: 17-32 and think of Rom 12:1-2, where we are commanded to change our way of thinking. To renew our minds and in Eph 5: 17; wherefore be not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is; For in Matt 25:31-46; We shall be judged (2 Cor 5:10) according to what we have done here in this life in the vineyard or Church: And be not decieved. God is not mocked. Gal 6:7-8. . . 20:11-15; John saw that great judgement and all there were judged out of the Books (of our life) according to what we have done, and if we have not laboured according to the commandments of God we will be cast in to that lake of fire and eternal destruction where our smoke ascendeth up forever. As we find in Ezek 15:6; So let us fear God and do His will. (Eccl. 12:13) This is my prayer.

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Treasures

Some treasures that I've cherished here so long and lovingly, can't be compared with the treasures that God has prepared for me. The ink may fade from letters so dear, and cherished china break; but we must look beyond the past and live for Jesus' sake; hold lightly to these finite things, reminders of past pleasures, knowing that beyond the veil are heaven's dearest treasures! Alice Hanche Mortenson

SAFETY

[Taken from "It is written" 1953]

Phil 3:1; "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grevious, but for you it is safe." Everything that the writers of the New testament wrote was safe for the readers of the book to accept. This statement implies that any principal that is not in the writings of the divine writers is not safe for us to accept. Before any teacher presents a conclusion for an audience to believe he should be sure that it is the result of both divine revelation and human reasoning. If divine revelation alone is enough then there would have been no reason for Is. 1:18; "Come now let us reason together, saieth the Lord." God,s Word is the result of His reasoning. When we reason in harmony with His Word our conclusion will be correct. But we need to be sure that our reasoning is in harmony with His Word before we ask others to accept it.

Less than a year ago I heard a young preacher present several conclusions, that were not the result of Divine revelation and reason. He quoted Titus 2:5; "To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed." Then concluded that it is wrong for a woman to work for wages because it says, "keeper at home." What preacher has the right to apply the expression, "keepers at home?" Where does the Word say it means she must not work out? Can she go to the store and buy groceries? Not if we take it literally, because while she was at the store she would not be at home. We are to teach them what the Book says. But they are the ones who answer to God for what they do and they are the ones to decide what "Keepers at home" means. We preachers are not deligated to apply the scriptures to her.

Again, he concluded it would be "A wonder if any men get to heaven when we consider the way women tempt them by the manner of dress." I thought of James 1:14; "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed." If lust is not in a man's heart the way women dress is not going to keep him out of heaven. What he needs to do is follow the example of Paul, 1 Cor 9:27; "But I keep under my body, and bring it unto subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Men need to watch themselves more than they watch women. Then he went on to tell the sisters what they could wear and what they must not wear. Now I have studied the New Testament more than fifty years and so far I have not been able to find where it says what garments a woman must wear. Yes I know 1 Tim 2:9 says; "In like manner also, that woman adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broider hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array but (which becometh women profesing godliness) with good works." Who decides what

is modest apparel? The woman or the preacher? Some one says the old testament decides it. Try again. 2 Cor 3:14 says: "But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament: which (veil) is done away in Christ." We are plainly told that the Old Testament is done away in Christ. No person who in Christ is under the teachings of the Old Testament. The New Teatament alone is the law to govern Christians. And the New Testament does not describe what garments men may wear or what ones women may wear. My Mennonite woman friend decides for herself that her garment must cover her to her neck and must hang to her shoe tops. Are my sisters in the church to be governed by her conception of what is modest? She answers to God for her conception of what is modest. The women in the church of Christ answers to God for their conception of what is modest apparel. No preacher has the authority to say what they shall wear. It is safe to teach just what the New Testament says. But it is NOT safe to add to what it says.

He told us also that everyone who attends picture shows has committed every sin that is mentioned in Gal 5:19-21. Now I make no excuse for shows. I do not attend them. But I like for a man to be reasonable in his conclusions that he tries to get an audience to accept. His reason for his conclusion was that the actors were guilty of all those works of the flesh: therefore when the audience look upon what the actors do they are guilty of the same things the actors do. I stand on the steets of my home town and see a man commit a murder. Does that make me a murderer? Murder or any other crime must be in the heart of the man before he can be a murderer or any other kind of criminal, the conclusion of the preacher is not Safe to preach. One more and I am through noticing his teachings. He made it plain that he did not consider 2 Cor 6:14-18 had anything to do with the marriage question. maybe he drew that conclusion because he had married a Methodist and afterward converted her. But there are other preachers who write and preach that marriage is not in that scripture. How can we determine if marriage is included in that scripture? By reasoning in harmony with the Lord's reasoning, the Word of God. Let us notice first what it includes. Paul mentions fellowship; communion; concord; part; agreement; And because he questions as to whether a christian should have any one of these five things inlcuded in the marriage relationship between husband and wife. If they are then marriage is included in the command. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." I think any eighth grade pupil can see that those five things are included in the relationship between husband and wife. It is queer that any one claiming to be a Bible scholar would claim the command does not infer to marriage. It might refer to other partnership but it certainly refers to marriage.

Safety first should be more important than being popular with certain persons. Safety for the teacher and for the ones taught should be uppermost in our minds. That way we probably will recieve the approval of the great Judge and a home in heaven. Let us be careful.

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P.S I suggest that every reader of "It is written", repeat each day for a month this statement; "I want to make sure of heaven."

G.E.M.

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"Physician heal thyself"

Our brother, J.D. Logan recently wrote an article for the Courier by way of sounding a warning agianst christians following the styles of the world. Styles which worldly merchants and many worldly people describe with seeming pleasure and approval as "sexy, sensuous, irrestable", and so on. If we walk the streets, look at the advertising, and listen to their description of these styles, it seems the whole world of fashion is bowing at the feet of the "Devil doctrine" that "the naked body is beautiful, if you do not find it so, then it is your mind that is evil." Which is, of course just the opposite of Bible doctrine.

Genesis 3: 7-8 & 21; Adam and Eve, as innocent as new born babes did not know they were naked. But as soon as they ate the forbidden fruit: Their eyes were opened. They had come to know good from evil. They knew they were naked. So they evidently did the best they could. They sewed fig leaves togather, and made them aprons. But even then realizing that such scanty covering still left them naked, they hid. Afraid God would know of their disobedience and guilt. God made them coats (not just jackets) of skin and clothed them. And the result of their sin.....DEATH! You will notice that all through the Bible when nakedness is mentioned, it is said in Isaiah 47: 2-3; That with the bare legs and encovered thighs, "The shame of thy nakedness shall be seen."

It is a type of shame used as a picture in Rev. 3:18, speaking of a church ignorant of God's Will and obedience to it as a sin. Tells them how to recover so that the "shame of their nakedness do not appear." Does the Bible in any way define "modest"? Yes, brethre it does. The above scriptures make plain that exposing nakedness by scanty dress is a shame. Since God commanded modest apparel: Shame is not modest, rather the opposite.

Christian women are to be adorned in "modest apparel, with shamefacedness (shy demeanor) and sobriety." 1 Tim 2:9-10. She is to be descreet, chaste, sober, keepers at home." Titus 2:4-5. Also in 1 Peter 3:4, of a meek and quiet spirit. Worldly women's clothing emphasizing the "sexy, sensuous, and bold appearance is far from agreeing with or expressing the modest, (shy) shamefaced, sober, chaste, discreet, meek and quiet spiritual appearance the Lord approved.

Brother J.D and Homer did not say or insinuate that ALL christian women any certain place were immodest. But impliedly, as servants of God they followed Peter's example to "stir up their pure minds by way of remeberance," of the dangers of following these worldly ways. Which is a good service we all can use as long as we are in this world of sin.

We know there are lots of people including some preachers, who, even though they'll tell one person privately, 'I don't believe in that, but I don't want to cause a turmoil." (or words to that effect) "To keep peace" they say. So many of God's people are not warned by the watchmen God has set on the walls of Zion. They say just love is way way. The most important. Of course, but the kind of Love God has ordered. Leviticus 19-17. "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart; Thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him." Who then is showing love? The rebuker, the warner? OR the brother or sister who through what they call love, see nothing, hear nothing, but the determination to keep peace. And peace is commanded. But peace with whom? Keeping peace with the Lord, Paul always caused turmoil by turning the world upside down where ever he went. How? By boldly condemning sin with the Holy Spirit Words. If we follow in his foot steps, he and we are seeking peace with God here, and eternal peace to come. Remember "The wisdom which is from above is first pure, then peaceable....." James 3:17.

Christians who see nothing amiss in worldiness in or out of the church, seem to think differently from Christ or Paul, and the Bible, left us for a guide. Preachers who fail to proclaim the whole Gospel of God are guilty of the blood of those of their contacts who are lost through ignorance. Acts 20:27; Ezekiel 33:1-9; II Tim 4:1-5. And some very diligent workers of good works will argue with Christ, in judgement. But if they have failed in part to obey him he will say, "Depart from me ye that work iniquity, I never knew you." Matt 7:17-23.

If you really love the brethren and sisters, you will risk the unpopularity of joining the bold teachers and leaders who dare to say; "What hath the Lord said, and what hath the Lord spoken?" Jeremiah 23: 35-37. And insist it is all important to be guided by His Word in everything. Phil. 1:27. Living in these vessels of clay, we all make mistakes (most of us many times). But we can repent when given scriptural correction. Sneering, name calling and sarcasm are never in order. Our own judgements are forbidden. But, at the same time we are commanded to judge righteous judgement. John 7:24. Also commanded to try the spirits before we believe them. 1 John 4:1. How do we do this? By comparing our own deeds by the scriptures, get right with them, then compare the brother or sister's words or deeds with the scriptures. Even studing the thing together, if the other party will study with you. The if the scriptures condemn, we are obligated to warn them, IF WE LOVE THEM as we should. In this judgement, we are repeating Holy Spirit judgement It is the righteous judgement of God. Not our judgement. But we must remember 1 Cor. 4:3-5; tells us we cannot know another person's thoughts, intentions and so on. To assume and state that we do, is not righteous judgement. That is sin.

Brother J.W. Bedingfield had a lot to say about going to the sinner alone, then taking witnesses before making public statements. And the Bible certainly does say; "If thy brother trespass against you;".....to do this. Matt 18: 15-17. Has Brother J.W. gone through these steps before his letter against Brothers J.D. and Homer? I haven't heard that he has.

But a public wrong doing or false teaching is a different matter, it seems, from these scriptures. Gal 2:11-18, when Peter had set a bad example, Paul rebuked him sharply, before them all. But if it had been that Peter had maliciously hurt only Paul in some way, then Paul's rebuke should have been between he and Peter, only. Matt 18:15-17.

People teaching false doctcines, or setting bad examples before all, must be rebuked before all, who heard the false doctrine, or saw and might have been influenced by the bad example. 1 Tim 5:20. Everyone who heard or saw these things is just as important as the wrong doer or the wrong teacher. Peter was in that case. So are christians who sin before the congregation today.

There are erring christians today who "pull away the shoulder and refuse to ever hear" an offered correction by fellow christians. The refuse to answer letters, even to returning them to the concerned writer, unopened and unanswered. Zach 7:11. When you quote scriptures and they refuse to hear, to read them or to reply, they seem to be saying, 'I don't want to study with you, since you seem to disagree with me. And I'll make no effort to save your soul, though I believe you are lost if you do not change." Sad, Sad. Is this christian love?

Remember, it was God's chosen people, in Christ's time with whom He and the apostles had to deal. Remember when Christ was arrested, they all forsook Him and fled. Matt 14;32-34 & 50. Paul wrote of a time of trouble with them 2 Tim 4:16-17; "At my first answer, No man stood by me." We still seem to have the same type of "silent majority." But remember, good soldiers stand and fight the good fight of faith. While the "slackers" stay on the sidelines, or in the fox holes. Sad, sad. Eph 6:10-19.

In christian love for the truth.
Ken Harper

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

Broken Bow, Oaklahoma

Dear Brethren:

I will write the news from here, it seems as tho.: it was last week I wrote last. But time goes by. Since then Bro. Hayes Morris of Stilwell, Ok., passed from this life. I spoke a few words of comfort to the loved ones. I came home and Bro. Jay Durham's mother passed away and I spoke a few words there. Then just yesterday, my wife's Son-in-law was laid to rest and we attended the funeral there. So it seems that a lot of people are leaving here for the place no mortal being has been. All the church here is very well at this time except colds and a few other conditions, so pray for us here.

Anyone coming this way, be sure to stop by and worship with us.

Yours in Christ
Lloyd Treat for the Church at
Broken Bow.

Please excuse the small type, but I wanted to get all I could in this issue.

Editor

GOSHEN, ARKANSAS

Dear Brethren:

There is not much news here at this time, but will write and let you know that we are still here. It has been cold & the roads a little slick, a couple of Sundays, but about everyone made it to the services.

There are no serious illness here at this time. Sister Kathy Campbell has been in the hospital agian, but is home now. We haven't had any visitors since I wrote last and probably won't have many until spring. You can never predict the weather here in the winter. Bro. Walter Ferguson and family vistied Stilwell congregation on Sunday, & they reported having a good time. I also visited Baron one Sunday and Stilwell one Sunday. I always enjoy being with them, but probably won't get to go back until spring, do to the chores on the farm. Lord willing, we will be having two (2) meetings in 1986. This is unusual for us, so we would like for everyone to support us by your presence. The first one will be June 1 - 8, with Bro. J.W. Bedingfield from Deer Park, Texas, (humble congregation) as the speaker. The last one will begin the morning services on July 6. We will have services a usual on Sunday night if anyone can stay. We would also enjoy a guest speaker for the evening services, or any other time. The speaker for this meeting will be Bro. Al Way from Huntington Beach, Ca. (Bellflower Congregation). I have heard both these men in meetingsand they are good speakers. If anyone can come for any part or all of both meetings, you will be welcome. Someone will find you a place to sleep, even if it is the floor. All visitors are welcome anytime. Our services are at 10:30 and 6:00 each Sunday.

In Christian love;
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HUMBLE, TEXAS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Greetings from the Humble congregation. Bro. Stanley Goodwin from the California Creek church came for the weekend and gave a fine lesson for us Sunday morning. We enjoyed visiting with him very much. We also have some joyous news to report. Bro. Herman Talor was baptized Sunday after services. We welcome him with open arms. Phil and I have known Herman for about 12 years. As bro Rex Mickey stated in his lesson in Yuma; "just think of the angels in heaven rejoicing!"

If any of you are ever in this area, please come and be with us at Humble.

With Christian Love;
Lou, Phil and Jeff Freeman - Humble, Texas, congregation

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Brethren:

It has been my priviledge over the past two years, to visit several congregations

of the church; namely, Seattle, Port Orchard, Springfield, Waterford, Bellflower, Yuma, Humble, Tiner & Stilwell. I am happy to report that the conditions of the christian womans dress as stated in the Nov. 1985 issue of the Courier (ie. indecent dress) is certainly not "common place" in these congregations. It was suggested in the June 1985 issue of the Courier that perhaps we need more preaching like Bro. Bob Musgrave, Bro. F.H. Logan, Bro. W.E. Daniels, and Bro. G. Earl McCay, etc., taught. I heartily agree with this statement. Enclosed (see page 6 of this issue) is a copy of an article from Sept. 1953 issue of "It is written" which at that time was edited by Coy Garison. This article was written by my father Bro. G. Earl McCay, and although written 33 years ago, I believe that it is just as pertinent today as it was then. Will you please reprint this article in the courier? (See page 6, this issue) Thank you.

We are happy to report that Bro. Roger Walkingstick will be holding a weeks meeting for us in Yakima, tentatively Aug. 3rd - 10th. Also Bro. Lloyd Algood will be holding a weekend meeting here in the spring with the exact date to be determined later. We would invite any who can come and be with us for these meetings or any other time. Everyone here is pretty well. Sister Delma Loveland has messed quite a bit because of illness but was back with us Sunday. Our winter has been long and cold, but we have managed to have three services a week still, with most being able to attend. At least the Sunday services.

Our love to the brethren;
Bill McCay

Dear Brethren: I'll try to catch up on all news from Baron. I've been to other congregations, so I might miss something. I hope not. We've had many visitors lately Bro. Roger Walkingstick, this fall, and he gave us an excellent lesson on "The Tempest Stilled." Bro Walter Ferguson, one Sunday in Nov. I was gone to Broken Bow, so I don't know what he spoke on. He was here again Sunday and spoke on "Cults". It was a great lesson. Very informative. Bro Paul Andrews was here Dec 8 and spoke on "Sin, hard to find." It was interesting lesson about how the world has given us new names to sin. But if we examine Scriptures, As Bro Paul said, "they are still sin." We were saddened by the death of Bro Hayse Morris of Stilwell. He was such a big part of our lives, for so long, that it is hard to believe he is gone. We invite visitors, come worship. 10:30 & 6:30 Sundays. We invite you to our meeting with Bro Al Way too. (June 22-29) God bless you all. In Christian love. Terry Warford for Baron congregation.

BAPTISMS

Bro. Herman Taylor - Dec 29th 1985 - Humble, Texas.
Bro. Dan Kirk - Jan 12 1985 - San Pablo, Ca.

MEETING CALANDER

Baron, Ok.	June 22 - 29	Al Way
Goshen, Ark.	June 1 - 8	J.W. Bedingfield
Goshen, Ark.	June 30 - July 6	Al Way
Delta, Co.	July 5 - 14	Camp
Yakima, Wa.	Aug 3 - 10	R. Walkingstick
Yakima, Wa.	to-be-anounced	Lloyd Allgood
San Pablo, Ca.	Aug 30 - Sept 1	to-be-anounced