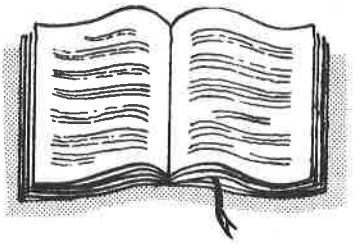
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THE WORLD & THE THINGS OF THE WORLD

1 John 2: 15 -16:

In this study, I would like to ask the questions, 'what is the world? What are the things of the world?' [1 John 2: 15-16] We are commanded, of this writer, to "love not the world neither the things of the world" for if we do the love of God is not in us. For all that is in the world, (1) Lust of the flesh. (2) Lust of the eyes. (3) The pride of life, is not of the Father but of the world, and the world passeth away and the lust of it; but he that doeth the will of the Father abideth forever". So I would like for someone else to answer the questions, what is the lust of the flesh, what causes the eye to lust, and why do we have the pride of life? Please answer. [Rom 12:1-2] We are commanded to transform our mind and be not like the world. "What is the world?" [James 1:27] We are told to have pure religion and to keep unspotted from the world. Again, what is the world? How do we keep unspotted from it? Please answer. [1 Cor 7: 32-33] we see here that the unmarried cares for the things of the Lord. But the married careth for the things of the world how they may please thier companions. [1 Cor 7:33-34] So if they care for the things of the world so as to please their companions, what is the difference between caring for and lust? Please answer. [Rom 7:7] Paul said that he had not known lust except the law had said "thou shalt not covet". We are told not to covet or lust. [Gal 5:24] Paul said they that are christ's have crucified (Killed) the flesh with the lust of it. Again what is the difference between lust and caring.

for? [1 Cor 7:33] also [1 Tim 6;9] they that will be rich fall into many foolish and hurtful lusts. And we are told that this is in the world. [1 John 12:15-17] Lust or covet? [Rom 7:7] And again we are told in [Titus 2:11-12] to deny worldly lust and live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world. [James 1:14] We are tempted when we are drawn away of our own lust and enticed. And when we are enticed, and led away, we sin, and when sin is finished, it brings forth death. Yet if we are married we care for the things of the world and how we may please our companions: so what is the difference?

[1 Peter 2;11] We are commanded to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul. Again, what is fleshy lusts? Please answer. [Jude verse 16 & 18] There would be many walking after their own lusts and even speak evil words of vanity, those who separate themslves sensual, having not the Spirit. [Matt 5:28] The lust of the eye; [1 Cor 6:9-10] The unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God, and covetous is named. [Rev 18:10-14] We see here that the kings of the earth have committed fornication with Babalon. V-14, "And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more." Yet, we hear so much about love not the world and the things of the world, taught (or should we say mentioned) and yet I have my first time to hear someone really try to explain what this is. So would someone please write on this subject and name the things that we have asked about.

In love for God's Word.

Lloyd Treat - 13 N. Bock - Broken Bow, Oklahoma 74728

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NOTICE!

Thats it folks. Yes this is the only article that I have to put in the Christian Courier this month. I have had some complaints that I only use certain articles from certain people to publish, and I would like to bring to light that the reason for this is that I have never recieved ANY article and very little news from those who complain the most about articles. Where are you Christians? On vacation or working to hard?

On the average, Christians hear the Word of God expounded upon at least 52 times a year, and some, many more, yet they have not grown. Is not the Word of God an inspiration to you? Do you assemble together just to be entertained? Is not the Word of God more important than anything else that we do? Is not the Word of God the descerner of the heart? Has Satan reached down and plucked away the sown word that you have been learning about these past 52 Lord's Days? Or has the Word fell on hardened heart of bare ground, so that it brings

forth no fruit for the Master?

I know that there are many of you who have sermons, or outlines for sermons, and all it would take is 22¢ to have it put in the Courier so others may learn and become inspired to study the Word of God.

Maybe you don't want the Courier to continue. Is that the case? If it is, just let me know and that will be the end of it. I'll leave it up to you. I could fill the pages with articles, poems, here-says, etc. but then it would be me supplying its contents. If that was the case, it would be profitable to no one. You would have just one man's opinion. Remember one thing as you read this. Satan is out there laughing up his sleeve because of our laziness. He is happy that he can divert your thoughts and energies to another direction. He delights in filling your mind with confusions, clouds, contentions, and what he hates most in the Christian is a COMMITTED mind. Committed to be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer only.

I pray to our heavenly Father that I have offended no one. All I am trying to do is to remind you that we should not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Gentile." [Rom 1:16-17] "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith."

Let us REVEAL the Word of God. Let us not keep it hid in the darkness of our silence.

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

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A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

, Washington congregation has been trying to find property, with a building on it, that would be suitable for worship services. We have been renting a room at the Community Center for several years, but it is available for Sunday morning services only.

We have been saving for some time so we would be able to buy a building of our own so we can have more services.

We have found such a place. It needs some work, but several have offered the fruits of their hands. We are able to take care of the monthly payments but we are $7000.00 short of having enough for the down payment and closing costs.

If any of the Brothers or Sisters feel that this is a worthy effort any and all help will be appreciated. Should we be unable to get enough for the down payment and closeing costs, ALL donations will be returned to those who sent them.

Send all donations and/or gifts to the Sea-Tac Church of Christ in care of; Elis Forsman, 16042 - 42nd Ave. South. Seattle, Wa. 98188 (206) 241-7493. May God recieve all the glory, praise and honor.

In Christian Love, Elis Forsman for the Church of Christ."

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FURNISH CANYON, KENTON, OK.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Just a note to mention the week oflessons given her by Brother Tom Broadway are in the past. No visible results, but I'm sure all of us have benefited from the lessons Bro. Tom so ably presented on the Word. We enjoyed having Sister Charlene and Bro Tom in our home. Discussing the Word and just visiting. Its been about four years since they were here last time.

Besides the visitors from around the community, we were please and surprised one night to have Bro. Howard and Sister Leola Taylor, Bro. Richard and Sister Karla (Taylor's daughter) Jones and their young daughter, Amber Jones. They were on their way to the camp meeting at Cederedge near Delta, Co. I hope I have all the names correct. The Taylors live at Comanche, Ok.

As of this writing, we have had a nice rain. Surely makes you appreciate His blessings in this dry country.

In Christian love:

Billy L. Richardson, for the Church at Furnish Canyon, Kenton, OK. 73946

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

Just a few lines to say we would like to get the church paper. Please send 10 copies.

We have been meeting here in Austin, Texas for 3 years now. The Anderson Mill Church of Christ on Highway 183. For information and directions, call Bro. Steve Martin (512) 258-2130 or Bro. Jim Chadwick (512) 258-3405. Steve and Jill (Herbert) Martin have their first baby born July 21, 1986. 7#, 19½ inches long, a BOY, Garrett Lane Martin. Jill and Steve and Garrett Lane are doing great.

We have 13 meeting here, 8 are members. We are all young in age, and in the faith but we are striving to teach and to do God's Will according to the scriptures. We welcome anyone to come and meet with us when you are in the area. We would also like to hear from any of you.

All of our love and prayers. Anderson Mill Church of Christ.
Steve Martin - 12915 Covington Trail - Austin, Texas - 78727

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(Cedaridge) Delta, Co.

Our camp meeting here in Colo. is now history. We would like to thank each and everyone of you for coming, also we thank you for your wonderful help with the Camp meeting. Many thanks goes out to the young people for being so thoughtful and helpful. You were ALL the greatest.

We appreciate and thank all of you that sent donations to support the meeting. Without your support we could not have had the meeting. The camp meeting was very successful. A beautiful week of christian fellowship and lots of good Gospel preaching and singing each evening. Bible discussions were held each morning. Each day, a different subject was discussed. Young brothers services was held in the afternoon. Volleyball, horse shoes, ping pong, and other games in between, and a couple of sight seeing trips for everybody. Also a couple of hay-rides. As you can see, we all spent a very spiritual week together, studying God's Holy Word, singing, praying and playing together. ANd of course, beautiful fellowship together. The discussions were open to everyone, young people, men, women, and children. Whoever had a subject they wanted discussed. Two young brothers had charge over the open discussions. It was great and a lot was learned from their discussions. Those of you who couldn't and didn't come, sure missed out hearing the talent and knowledge of our young brothers and sisters. And you missed the knowledge and wisdom of the older brothers and sisters too. We all learned so very much from these Bible discussions, plus the good sermons that was preached by all young and old alike.

The food was great and for sure no one went away hungry. Thanks very much to each of you that worked in the kitchen and on the grounds to keep everything clean and neat, and the food cooked. Thank you for helping get the camp ready. We are looking forward to next July 4 - 13 (1987) next year. All of you made the camp meeting a great success. May God bless and keep you in His loving care until we meet again.

All of our love and prayers: Happy Hollow Church of Christ - Cedaredge and Delta, Colo.

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LATE REPORT

This space was reserved just for a late report such as this.

NEW BABY REPORT: To Jim and Jill Chadwick, Austin, Texas: A BOY!
Born Aug, 9, 1986 - "ROWDY TANNER CHADWICK"

STILWELL, OK. (Pleasantview Church of Christ)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in christ:

It has been quite some time since I last wrote to the Courier. I'm kind of lazy when it comes to letter writting. Keep putting it off. Everyone here is doing fine now. Sister Rosie Allgood was in the hospital, but is recovering nicely from her surgery. Bro. John is improving now. My wife, Wilma Buckner was in the hospital a few days. She is home now and reovering but cannot travel very far at this time. Bro. Lloyd Allgood baptized Sue Buckner and Tonia Rhodes on July 27th. We were so very proud fo these young sisters.

Also we have 3 new arrivals: To Ronnie & Tonia Rhodes, a girl; APRIL DAWN. To Jack & Vivian Padget, a boy; JEREMIAH JAMES. Also Theresa Morris, a girl: HEATHER ANN.

We have had several visitors this summer. We enjoyed each and everyone. We welcome all visitors comming our way. We meet at 10:00 A.M. and at 6:00 P.M. on the Lord's Day.

With Christian love, Gerald Buckner - Rt. 5 Box 145 - Stilwell, Ok. For the Pleasantview Church of Christ. (918) 696-3249.

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CANUTE, OK. (Colter Church of Christ)

Dear Brethren:

Thank you for sending the Courier to our church each month. We are sending a check to help with the expenses.

Your Brother in Christ; A.J. Rennels for the Colter Church of Christ.

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SELAH, WASHINGTON

Brethren:

We have safely returned from another Delta Camp Meeting. Imust say, it was one of the best that I remember. Anyone who missed this meeting suffered a great loss of Christian fellowship and spiritual uplift. For years people have said, "You can't have a roundtable (actually square) discussion run decently and in a Christian atmosphere. Brethren, we have good news. We had five such discussions from 2-3 hours each. There were 50-60 brothers and sisters at each discussion and everything was orderly. Many questions were raised and answered by scriptures. 'I think', 'I believe', 'It seems to me', etc..... were not permitted. The topics were; "What is worldliness?" "What is immodest apparel?" "What does the Bible teach on hair?" "What about

alcohol and drugs?" "What should our attitude be towards heritics and false teachers?"

These are subjects which have been the cause of much confusion and misunderstanding in the brotherhood and great progress was made in coming to unity of the Faith on these subjects. It is a shame more people were not present. Everyone that attended these discussions did so because of a genuine interest. It was real rewarding to see as many or more at the last session as there were at the first discussion. Each discussion was on different day, so there was lots of time for other activities in between. The feeling of most of the people seemed to be that this was a very worthwhile endeavor and should continue in all future camp meetings for the good of the church.

It was an excellent meeting but it is good to be home with our loved ones here at Selah.

In Christian love, Howard and Nell McCay.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS:

To Steve and Jill Martin, Austin, Texas: A BOY!
"GARRETT LANE MARTIN"

To Ronnie and Tonia Rhodes of Pleasantview Church of Christ: A GIRL!
"APRIL DAWN RHODES"

To Jack and Vivian Padget, of Pleasantview Church of Christ: A BOY!
"JEREMIAH JAMES PADGET"

To Theresa Morris of Pleasantview Church of Christ: A GIRL!
"HEATHER ANN MORRIS"

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BAPTISMS: April 27, 1986

Sister Sue Buckner - Pleasantview Church of Christ.
Sister Tonia Rhodes of Pleasantview Church of Christ

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ISAIAH 60: 1 - 2

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."

MEETING CALENDAR

It looks like the last meeting this year was held at Loco, Ok. August 3 - 10, however I have a late report that there will be two more meetings this year. ANY MORE OUT THERE?

BARON, OKLAHOMA	Oct. 3 - 5	Lloyd Treat
BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA	Oct. 10 - 12	Terry Warford

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SAN PABLO, CA.

We are all disappointed because we didn't have our meeting this Labor Day, but we wish to express our thanks to all who would have been there to support it, had we had found a building. I would like to suggest that the money saved at San Pablo, be sent to the Seattle Church of Christ to help out with them attaining the property and building that has become available to them. I pray that we all will respond to their need so they will be able to meet more than just Lord's Day morning.

The Labor Day weekend was not wasted here at San Pablo. Several of us used that time to work on our building. We are remodeling it so it will be warmer in the winter and so it will be more presentable. I think you will be pleasantly supprised when you come to visit us. In fact why don;t you make it a point to come and see the progress that has been made.

I know that the Lord is working with His people, because of the many baptisms and some comeing forward and asking for the prayers of the Church, and because of our bodies being healed, and opportunities being opened up to those who have been struggleing for a place to worship. Yes, the Lord is not slack concering His promises as we are. When a need is there, He meets it.

Let us pray for these new 'babes in Christ' and for these new Parents and new Babies, and let us never forget those elderly and lonely who, sometimes, have no one to see to their needs. Pray for all the Churches of Christ across the country that they may be strong in teaching the Word of God and never shirking their duties.

Remember, send in those articles and letters so the Word may go out and reach those who need to hear it. Also don't forget to send the funds to keep the Courier coming. In Chriatian love:

Homer C. Bryant, for the congregation here in San Pablo, Ca.

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Nehemiah 4: 6

"So build we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half therof: FOR THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK."