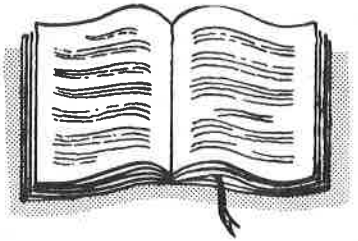
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IN SEARCH OF NOAH'S ~~ARK~~ FAITH

Scientists and historians have been searching for Noah's Ark for a long time. There was even a book and a movie about this famous hunt. Whether or not they ever find it doesn't matter to you and me as Christians. It doesn't help us one way or the other. What will help us is a search of the scriptures for Noah's FAITH to use as an example to apply to our own lives.

We begin our search. [Heb 11:7] "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." It is obvious from this verse that Noah believed in God. But there is so much more there. Noah also obviously knew that "faith without works is dead," [James 2:26] Lets search out what else we can learn about Noah's faith.

We can tell from the beginning scripture that Noah believed that God meant what He said. For it told us that when warned of Gog of things not seen as yet, that he moved with fear. Noah believed that God would do exactly what He said he would do. God said He would destroy the world with a flood, [Gen 6:17] and Noah believed Him. Because he believed God he feared Him, and not only feared Him but moved with fear and was saved with his family.

What about us? Can't we apply this example to our lives? Do we believe 11 Peter 3:9? "But the day of the Lord will come as a theif in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." If we believe this,

does our faith then cause us to move with fear, and consider what is said in the next verse? "Seeing then that all these things shall be disolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and Godliness.?" If we continue our search [Eccl 12:13], we find how by faith we are to move with fear. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

We find also that Noah believed that God would save him. That is why he built the ark just like God said to. But our search reveals that Noah wasn't saved from the flood but was saved by it. [1 Peter3:20] "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherefore, that is, eight souls were saved by water." So what they were saved from, what was destroyed in the flood, was the sins of the world. [Gen 6: 5,13,17] [1 Peter 3:21] "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurection of Jesus Christ." What does this have to do with Noah's faith? Remember? [Heb 11:7] "By faith Noah,.....prepared an ark to the saving of his house;...." In like manner, our faith, (with repentence and confession by God's grace), works with baptism for our salvation. [Gal 3:26-27] "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Foras many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." [Col 2:12] "Buried with Him in baptism wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead."

Our search through the scriptures for Noah's faith ends with this conclusion. Because Noah believed in God; because he believed that God meant what He said; because he believed that God would save him; he believed enough to obey God. [Gen 6:22] reveals this faith to us. "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." Isn't that an exellent example to follow and apply? Jesus commands [Matt 28:20] "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." This faith enough to obey leads to reward. [Rev 22;14] "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into that city."

In Christian Love
Brother Terry Warford

A CLARIFICATION

Some time back, 2 years or so, it was told through some of the brotherhood that I believed everywhere in the Bible that the word 'wine' is used, it meant 'grape juice'. I never have believed or taught this. Since this has never been staightened out, I thought I should do so.

I also do not believe the word 'wine' always means fermented juice as some seem to believe. The fact is, the term wine is a Generic term and simply means 'Fruit of the vine', or 'Product of the vine'.

In the Bible it is refered to as 'Juice' both fermented and unfermemted. It sometimes means Grapes, Raisins or Vinigar. So for anyone to say it means one product only, is a falsehood. I hope this clears up any misunderstanding of what I believe on this word.

While on the subject, I will say that I believe no Christan can drink alocholic beverages except as prescribed by a qualified doctor. I know some brethren feel it is alright to drink as long as you don't get drunk, but none has ever said what they mean by 'drunk'. Do they refer to passing out drunk? Wife beating drunk? Or child abuse drunk? Or .08% alcohol content in the blood, which is legally drunk in most other states? Does the Bible go to the laws of the land for the definition of drunk? I believe that to be sure of the Lord, not considering any amount, it would be safer to completly abstain, and I urge ALL brethren to do so. This is my position on drinking. [1 Thes 5:12] Tells us to know them that labour among us." I think it would be good if ALL the preaching brethren wrote to the Courier and stated their position on this subject which is causing friction in the brotherhood, so we can all know our brethren better. Maybe Bro. Homer would put these all together in a special edition. Since slcohol is recognised as the worst drug problem we have, both morally and health-wise. How can Christians support it and still let their light shine to the Glory of God?

In Christian Love

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Editors Note:

If this suggestion of printing a special issue is the wishes of the brethren, I will be willing to compile all the letters regarding the subject and print them.

Editor

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"We appreciate getting the Courier. The enclosed poem was written by Perry S. Hall, who met with us years ago in Temple City. He moved away when his wife Anna, passed away, and died many years ago. In Christ ian love. Randolph Kellems for the South San Gabriel Church of Christ. 3203 Isabel Ave. Rosemead, Ca. 91770

THE TRUE VINE AND HIS BRANCHES

[John 15:1-7] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in that bearth not fruit He taketh away: And every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; No more can you, except ye abide in me. I am the vine and ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: For without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; And men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you ye shal ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

There is a beautiful and profitable lesson in this picture the Lord Himself drew for us of our proper relationship to Him. We know from every day life that a branch cannot bear fruit if it is broken off of the vine. It must abide in the vine to be fruitful. If we have a vine or a fruit tree in our garden, we will feed it and water it. But we will also prune it, that it may bear more fruit. Just so the Lord tells us that the Words that He has spoken unto us can make us clean if they abide in us, and we abide in the Lord, our VINE. He also tells us that the husbandman who is God the Father, will purge us that we may bear much fruit. The desires and works of the flesh are to be pruned out by the Word of God that we may bear much fruit.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." [Gal 5:22-26]

HOW DO WE ABIDE IN THE TRUE VINE?

[1 John 2;6] "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also to walk as He walked." [1 John 3:24] "And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us. It is by the Words which the Holy Spirit has given us and we read in our Bibles that we know these things. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; The flesh profiteth nothing: The Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life." [John 6:63] As long as we are guided by His Words, His commandments, we are clean and led of the Spirit. We abide in the vine and bear fruit. But if we allow ourselves to become carnal minded a and walk after the flesh we will be cast out as withered branches and burned. [Rom 8:6-14] "For to be carnally minded is death; But to be Spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: For it is not subject to the Law of God, neither

indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; But the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die: But if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deed of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

One of the things that the Spirit teaches us in the New Testament, is that the "former things were our examples." [1 Cor 10:1-12] "Moreover brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: For they drank of that Spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: For they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were for our examples. To the intent that we should not lust afer evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; It is written, the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them commited, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed bo the serpents Neither murmur ye, a some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." [Rom 15;4] "For whatsoever things were written afor time were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." [Heb 2:1-4] "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. For if the Word spoken by angels were steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holh Ghost, according to His own will."

These examples he is speaking of received instructions from the angels. We receive ours from the Lord himself: And His apostles inspired by the Holy Ghost. So if every transgression and disobedience by them resulted in quick and unfailing punishment; think how much more important it is for us to be strictly obedient.

In the 6th chapter of Genesis, we read of a man and his family who walked with God even when; "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt: For all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." (verses 9-10-11) So God told Noah (13 & 14) "The end of all flesh is come before me; For the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood: Rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch." The Lord gave him exact directions what material to use. What dimentions to make it. Where to place the door and the window. What food and animals to gather and so forth. The 22nd verse says: "Thus did Noah: According to all that God commanded him so did he." What a wonderful thing to be said about any man. This man is a good example to follow.

In the days fo King David the Ark of the Lord had been captured: But the Lord punished the Philistines as long as they kept the Ark of the Lord. So they had returned it to a village of the Tribe of Judah, [1 Sam 5th & 6th chapters] [1 Chron 13:1,3-4] "And David consulted with the captians fo thousands and hundreds, and with every leader..... Let us bring again the Ark of our God to us: For we inquired not at it in the days of Saul. And all the congregation said that they would do so: For the thing was right in the eyes of all the people."

Now the Lord had given them specific instructions how to move the Ark from one place to another. Certain of the priests were to bear it on their shoulders ;by staves on the sides of it. But they had gotten modern in these days and made a new cart drawn by oxen to bring home the ark. When they came to a certian thressing floor, the oxen stumbled and Uzza put out his hand to steady the ark which no one was suppose to touvh. Verse 10 says: "And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza, and He smote him, because he put his had to the Ark; And there he died before God." This man's intentions were good, in that he wanted to prevent the Ark from falling. But he disobeyed God in touching the Ark and died. David was frightened, and went back to his city leaving the Ark three months with a family that lived there. After David thought it over, he knew the trouble was their disobedience. So he called for the priests and Levites: "And said unto them, ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye man bring up the Ark of the Lord God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it. For because ye did it not at first, the Lord our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought Him not after due order. So the priests and Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the Ark of the Lord God of Israel. And the children of the Levites bear the Ark of God upon their shoulders with staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the Word of God." [1 Chron 15;12-15] So we learn from these examples, we must "seek the Lord in due order." And due order is always according as He has directed.

Remember, in order to abide in the vine we must abide in His commandents. [Matt 7:15-23] "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 their 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. Many shall say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy Name? And in thy name cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them, depart from Me ye that work iniquity." They were judged workers of iniquity, even though they had done some good works. But they did not abide in the vine, and do things in the Lord's way. Therefore they were cast forth as withered branches to be burned. Good intentions are not enough, as we have learned in the death of Uzza; It is <u>obedience</u> that the Lord requires. [Matt 15:7-9] "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoreth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." These people were not seeking the Lord after 'due order'. They were withered branches for the burning. [Col 2:6-10] "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him; rooted 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 traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

In Christian love

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JESUS DEFINES A NEIGHBOR

Luke 10: 30-37

"Who is my neighbor?" a lawyer asked, of Jesus long ago. Whoever lends a helping hand; When someones' felling low. Beside the road to Jericho A man was found half dead; He'd fell among thieves; Who beat him up and fled. By chance, there came a certain priest, Likewise a Levite too; But even though they came quite near; Saw nothing there to do. But when the GOOD man came along, And he saw the man in need; His friendly act we all agree Was neighborly in deed. He may not be the richest man; Nor blest with worldly fame; If he responds to someones' need, GOOD NEIGHBOR is his name.....

Written by Bro. Perry S. Hall, Oct. 14, 1949 - Temple City Church

WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE
[11 Cor 10:3-6]

"For though we walk in the flesh we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, bught mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedice, when your obedience is fulfilled." Here we see that we are using weapons to fight spiritual wickedness, the things that church people do that does not meet God's approval. [11 Cor 6:16-17] Here it is stated what agreememt "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." (But God will not dwell where there is sin) [1 John 3:4] [Rom 14:23] But how does sin come? [James 1:14] "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. The when lust hath concieved, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." But we are not to yield to temptation. [James 1: 2-4] Here we see that the trying of our faith is by temptations for he said in verse 2: "My brethern, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; But in verse 12; "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." I can't see, for the life of me, how anyone can say just think on the good, when so much evil is in the world. (How do we know the good, without first knowing what is evil?) One is opposite the other. Peter said [1 Peter 3:17] "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil-doing." (verse 18) "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:" Again he said [11 Peter 1_4] "Whereby are given unto us exceeding and precious promises: that by these ye might by partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world though lust." For we are warned in [11 Peter 2:1-4] that there were false prophets among the people as there shall be false teachers amony you: (Oh no, not us!) Yes, us. "...who peivily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them , and bring upon themselves swift destruction and many shall followtheir pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgement now of a long time lingerth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

Then in verses 5 & 6; "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eithth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making thema an example unto those that after should live ungodly." (Yes we are to fight spiritual wickedness in the church and the whole world)

[11 Peter 2;9-10] "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleaness, and despise government. Presumptous are they, self-willed they are not afraid to speak evil of dignnities." [Jude 4] "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God in to lasciviousnes, and denying the only Lord Jesus Christ." (Denying how?) By refusing to humble under the mighty had of God. [11 Peter 2: 18-19] "For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantoness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error." (Oh no, not in this church. We don't have any like that.) "While they promise them liberty they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same he is brought in bondage." I asked in another article for someone to write on worldiness and give us an answer What is Worldiness? Some have written on a few things, but no one has taken the subject and written on it. (Why not?) Are you afraid? If so, afraid of what? I see the ways of the world more and more in the lives of the church people and hear of a lot more. [Gal 5:9-21] This gives us the ways of the flesh in part. (ie) Adultry, witchcraft, hatred variance, emulations, wrath, strife, sedutions, heresies, enveyings, murders, drunkeness, revellings. KNOWING that the ones that do those things shall not inter into the Kingdom of Heanen, the Kingdom of God. Yet we are told to not think on those things. (WHY?)

In love of the truth:

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

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BARON, OKLAHOMA

Here is the recent news from the congregation at Baron, Oklahoma. Unfortunately, we have more sickness to report. My Mom, Sister Darlene Warford, had a mild heart attack. She is recovering now and back at work. She got some nice cards, which we want to thank the people for.

I still don't know how Brother Richard and Sister Monica Johnston

found out, but they did and we thank them for their nice card.

Sister Emma Leatherwood was struck by lightning recently. I don't think she was injured seriously, but it did burn her hands and gave her quite a bit of pain.

On to better news. We really enjoyed the recent visit of Brother Paul Andrews and Brother Walter Ferguson, and his wife Vickie. Both brethren gave excelent lessons. Bro. Paul on "Drunkenness" and Bro. Walter on "Attitude". Two 'strong meat' subjects we all need to learn. Bro. Paul's lesson was a first of a three-part series he is working on about alcohol. We are really looking forward to the other two lessons

Baron's singing was the last Sunday of August. We had a good crowd and good singing and very good fellowship. We were very pleased with the report of the discussions at the Delta camp meeting. It's incredible just to think of how many divisions would be eliminated if we (and other 'religious organizations') would simply not use the words 'I think'.

We hope to be able to announce our meeting in our next letter.

Let's remember the household of fatih in our prayers.

In Christian Love

Bro. Terry Warford for the congregation at Baron, Ok.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear members in Christ:

Just a few lines to let you know that everyone here is doing fine. We have heard the good news about Roger and Janice Sauve's new baby girl, JILLIAN.

It is now approaching the end of summer here and everything is very green. That is unusual in Oklahoma at this time of the year. We had visitors from Stilwell last Lord's Day. Brother Gerald Buckner and Brother Terry Warford were at the Ok. City congregation. Brother Gerald gave a good lesson. It was nice to have them. We are also happy to report that Sis. Donna Taylor ariginally from the Lugert congregation, is now meeting here with us. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Don Taylor. She has just about completed her education and has taken a job at a hospital in the Oklahoma City area.

That is about all the news from her for now. Take care and God bless you all.

In Christian Love

Oklahoma City Congregation

BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethern:

It is time to write again to the paper and I wish all well and God's grace be with you all who worship God in sincerity. We had our meeting at Baron and here. We enjoyed both. It was good for all.

I received the paper and was glad to read the rebuttle of Brother Roy McCay to the article I wrote in 85. I hope all was as glad to read it as I was and I thank him very much for his views. They were very much appreciated. The church here is about the same. The wife [Sister Treat] is still under the Doctor's care and not a lot better. We would appreciate and do desire very much, the prayers of all the Church, most earnestly for her.

In Christian Love
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GOOD NEWS!

Brother and Sister Gene and Pat McKinney, of the San Pablo Congregation are plaesed to announce the marriage of our youngest daughter, Barbara McKinney to Rick Carter. They were married on Oct. 4, 1986 in Antioch, California. Rick and Barbara are now living in Bremerton Washington. They are worshiping at the Port Orchard, Wa. congregation.

We wish to express our special thanks to all those who helped make it a beautiful wedding, and for helping out in the preparing and in all that you did for us.

In Christian Love
Gene and Pat McKinney

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STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

First of all we would like to give out Heavenly Father thanks for keeping a number of His children safe on a lovely trip to and from Delta, Colorado camp meeting this past July. My wife and I and two of our grandchildren, Stacy Logan and Aaron Logan, traveled along with Brother and Sister Ken Harper, and Sister Lurana McClusky, Sister Peggy Harper, Brother Eric Harper, Brother Bret Harper, and Brother Tony Bryant. We enjoyed lots of christian fellowshop during the trip and while at camp.

Once there, we found a lot of work had gone into the preparation for all the gueats and spreading God's Word. A special thanks to the congregation there at Cedaredge, for your hospitality & everything.

Many young people were there and were so enthusiastic in participation of everything at camp and got along as one big family.

As we recall, there were 14 sermons, 6 all participation, informal Bible study sessions, at 2 hours each, lots of singing, visiting, recreation and sightseeing. A blesse week for all, at least it was for our family and would highly recomment all who can, plan to be at next years Delta camp meeting in July, if at all possible and if it be the Lord's will. We had not been there for many years, but will try not to miss it in the future, Lord willing.

Since the camp meeting, we were privileged to have 5 of our grandchildren for a 3 week visit, then we visited our daughter and son-in-law, Bro, and Sis. Lou Herbert and out other grandaughter, Christina. While we were there we met 2 Lord's Days in Seattle, Wa. followed by dinner and visiting wity those there & others who came from a ways off to be with us. Thank you so very much, everyone.

Upon our arrival home, we have been so very blessed to have christian visitors and also be able to visit other congregations and work with them. The congregation at Fort Bragg, Ca.; Penn Valley, Ca.; Olivehurst, Ca.; Del Paso Heights, Ca.; and San Pablo, Ca.. Thanks to all of you for your fellowship, hospitality and strength.

Last, but not least, we were able to attend the wedding of Bro. & Sis. Gene McKinney's daughter, Barbara on October 4th to Rick Carter

Soon our valley fog will be with us and we'll have time for slower pace with lots of meditation and reflections back on a good summer on 1986. We are glad that we could share it with you in Christian love.

Bro. & Sis. J.D.Logan

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Gospel Meetings

CEDAREDGE, CO. July 4th - 1987 CAMP

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MORE GOOD NEWS

When we reflect upon the recent wedding of Barbara McKinney and Rick Carter, we do so with gladness for them. Well that very next Lord's Day, Oct. 5th, we had another joyous occation. Brother Burl McKinney and Sister Ola McKinney came to worship with us and Brother Burl came forward, seeking God's forgiveness and for the prayers of the church. This made us very happy and we want to express our love and happiness to Bro. Burl, and we extend this invitation to you to remember him and all the others who need repentance, in your prayers.

May God bless you Brother McKinney, and keep you and us strong in the faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

San Pablo Congregation