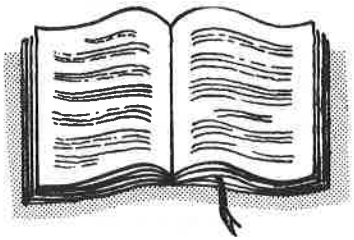
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New format:

I felt that there need be a "change of face" for the old format, and this is the first issue with the new "face". Please send me any and all suggestions if it is not satisfactory. I welcome all ideas.

ARTICLES:

COMING SHORT

[Heb 4:1] "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." Come short, or miss that rest; [verse 9] "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

[Verse 11] "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." So we see that a rest is spoken of for us to enter into on conditions: Is this the 7th day rest? [Heb 4:4] "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works." (5) "And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest."

We hear a lot about the Gospel is God's power to save. [Rom 1:16] and then try to tell us that what was written by Moses and the Prophets does not apply today. What about the Gospel that was preached to them and to us? [Heb 4:2] "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them:" Is this the same gospel? Or do we have another? "but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." [Heb 3: 7-11] They did not believe what was preached and tempted God and proved Him, yet they were made to keep the 7th day rest. They kept for several years, the "rest of the 7th day." And it was never given to the Gentiles to keep. For we are told by Paul, if we go and try to keep it we fall from grace. So we see that the rest God was speaking of, to them and us, is another day or type of rest. [Rev 14:13] "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Here is the rest God had in mind and gave them, the sabbath, as a type of example of this rest and

also the 7th year as to show that rest but they come share of God's rest in that they polluted his sabbaths. [2 Chr 36:18-21] Till the land had enjoyed 70 year of rest. Because of their unbelief. [1 Cor 10:11] "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." Written for us so we won't come short of that rest. But some say the law was taken away. Well the things that were against us were, but what about the above scriptures that those people of Berea, "...and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Was they the old or the new? They had to be the old, for the did not have the new. They did not want to come short, so how about us? We have the examples written and also the promises of God. What he would do to them, so they went on in disobedience. [2 Chr 36:14] And God kept His word. Now He has told us; [Gal 6:7-9] "Be not decieved: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." David said [Ps 106 ch] they soon forget his ways, they waited not for his council but lusted exceedingly and he would have destroyed them all except for Moses. We seem to fall into the same example at times. [Eph 4:17] We are told to not do as others do, but when we look around and see so many following not Christ but the world, for we don't think there is anything wrong with what I am doing. Parents fail to teach and show their children, and children want to and will be like other children if they have their way. Then soon they grow up and raise their children like others and there is no place in the whole world they can be places alone. Just like Israel's children.

Please keep [Eph 5:15] in mind and don't come short. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

When you young and growing up and meet someone for the first time, you get what is called a first impression. Every time you see them after that, you go back to that first impression, good or bad and go from there.

When I was young, I met some people and made my first impression. It was a good impression. As the years went by and I grew older, my impression of these people grew more and more. You might say, I looked up to them. I learned from them, traveled places with them, I grew to know Christ from them.

Now that I am older, I look back at how these people were then, and how they are now, and I wonder, 'what happened to them'? People I looked up to and loved and wanted to pattern my life after, have changed. They are no longer the friendly, fun loving, happy people that they once were. Now there is a lot of animosity, bitterness, and unchristian-like attitudes. I looked up to these people, now I am ashamed. WHY? Grown-up people acting little childdren, fighting over every little thing. People who know the scriptures and know how they are supposed to act. But do they? No! Again I say WHY?

Pride of life comes to mind. [1 John 2:16] "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." [Prov 16:18] "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Christ tells us to humble ourselves. [Matt 18:4] "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

When we start our christian lives, we read, study and learn to our edification. We grow. As we grow, we gain knowledge. [2 Peter 1:5-9] In this scripture, we find what is called the christian graces. Things we add to our lives to make us better christians. The last one mentioned is Charity (love). [1 Cor 13:1-13] If we don't have charity, or love in our hearts what hope have we? If love isn't in our heart toward some people, then what is. Do we dislike greatly, or intensely, or loathe or destest someone? If we do then it is <u>HATE</u>. [1 John 4:20] How can we say we love God and yet have animosity toward others. We are commanded to even love our enimies. [Matt 5:44]

You know, Satan is really loving all of this. His work is being done for him. This dividing of the church is perfect for him. [Mark 3:24] "And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." Think of this verse as Christ's Kingdom. (the church) Is His kingdom divided? If it is, then it is weakened. <u>We are not living in unity.</u> [Eph 4: 3 & 13] Unity of the faith! Being of one mind, thought and body, not divided by things of the world.

I have found that the people I looked up to, have changed. But I have found someone better to look up to. He never changes. He is always there when I need him. He is a loving caring friend who is always there when I need him. He gives me comfort when I need it. He weeps when I weep. He rejoices when I rejoice. He is the loving Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Son of God. Whenever I need him he's there. He isn't like mortal man, who thinks more of himself than he ought to. He has shown us the way, so let's put aside this pride or whatever it is that is going to condemn us to hells' fire and let us patch up our differences before it is too late. Let us be one in Christ, and one in unity, fighting Satan together instead of helping to destroy

the church of Christ, whom our Lord died for. We need each other. We need the prayers of all the brethren. Let us pray for one another and love one another, and have the love of God in us.

I have seen some letters in the paper that should not have been there. They were not written in love. They were not written to edify one another. They were written to attack others. This we don't need. I have written this letter as a PLEA to others. Let us put Christ FIRST in our lives and hearts and let us dwell in unity of the Spirit as we are commanded.

In Christian love.

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"BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT"

Brethren, we are on trial each and every day in the court of the world. If you were arrested and charged with being a Christian, would you be convicted? Would the evidence show, beyond reasonable doubt, that you have seperated yourself from the world, or would your case be thrown out for lack of evidence? [11 Cor 6:17] "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will recieve you."

Brother, if you were charged with being a christian, would your friends in the world rush to your defense? [Matt 5:13] "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted. It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be troden under food of men."

Then one of his neighbors stood up to testify; "Yea, Salt of The Earth. We call him good ole S.O. I don't really know what he does Sunday mornings, cuz' I kinda like to sleep in myself, but he must not go much for that church stuff, cuz' he always mows his lawn on Sunday evenings. Boy, his lawn looks great." The Public Defender then added, [Heb 10:25] "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." His neighbor spoke up again: "I've never seen S.O. stone drunk, but he'll always tip a couple of cool ones with ya." The Public Defender strengthened S.O.'s case by paraphrasing; [Prov 20:1] "....he who is deceived into thinking alcohol is good is not wise." He then added; [Prov 23-29] [Hab 2:15] and [1 Cor 6:10]. Then he asked if Mr. Earth had a tatoo? "Yea, S.O.'s got this really neat lady on his forearm, and she dances when he flexes his muscle, but what has that got to do with being a christian?" The Public Defender answered simply; [Lev 19:28] tells us that God does not wish for his people to make cuttings or markings in their skins." "Does Mr. Earth do anything else to destroy or

alter his body: which christians say is the temple of God? [1 Cor 3:16-17] [Rom 12:1] Does he defile, ...polute, stain or contaminate his body? "Not that I know of." "But didn't you say that Mr. Earth drank, and doesn't he smoke, and occassionally indulge in chewing tobacco and drugs.?" "Yea, but everybody does that stuff." "Ok, is he ever a bad example to those christians around him?" [Rom 14:21] "..whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak. "Beats me. They're not my type." "Does he gamble?" "Now look, a man's gotta right to do what he wants with his own money!" "But what about [James 1:17] "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.." [1 Tim 6:10] "For the love of money is the root of all evil." or, the story of the servant who wasted his master's money?" [Matt 25:14-30] replied the Public Defender. "Does Mr. Earth dance?" "Not very well." "Don't many of the worlds dictionaries list dancing as a part of the definition of revellings?" [Gal 5:18-21] "I really don't know. I never have given a hoot what those big words meant." "Mr. Neighbor, don't you work with S.O.?" "Yes sir, I do. Ride to work together as a matter of fact." "Does he always obey the speed limit." [Titus 3:1] "Most of the time. Except when we're late." "Does he wear his seatbelt?" [1 Peter 2:13] "No but I sure do. I don't need no tickets." "Does Mr. Earth spend a lot of time with you?" "Sure, we're best friends." "Who else is he closely associated with?" "Just me and a few of the guys at work. You know, S.O.'s really not the social type but, Does he like to spend much time with christians?" "Well I guess not, cuz' he's always with us." [Rom 12:10] [1 Cor 15,33] "What does Mr. Earth fill his heart and mind with?" "Now what kinda question is that?" "Does he have a radio or television?" "What respectable American home wouldn't have em'?" "Does he use them much?" "Now why would he have em' if he didn't use them? Course he does." "What kind of language does Mr. Earth use?" "Well English of course." "Does Mr. Earth ever talk about his religious beliefs?" "Not any more than I do." "Does Mr. Earth ever use euphemisms?" "I told you I don't use those big words." "Ok, does he ever say things like; gee, gosh, golly, darn, or dang?" "Sure but there's nothing wrong with those. Every one says that stuff. They're harmless." The Public Defender replied; "But what about [Exod 20:7] and [Lev 19:12]? Doesn't profane mean to pollute, defile,...or change form?" [James 5:12] [James 3:10] [1 Peter 1"15] "How about Mr. Earth's clothing?" "What about it?" "Does he go without a shirt on?" "Sure, he is not a woman, you know." "God made no distinction between man and woman when he replaced their immodest clothes with acceptable ones." [Gen 3-7 & Gen 3:21] "How short are S.O.'s shorts?" "Just like everone elses. Don't ya think your being kinda picky?" "How far down the thigh must clothing go to cover nakedness in God's eyes according to [Ex 20:26] [Ez 28:42] and [Isa 47:2-3] "I have no other questions your honor."

The judge then addresses the prosecuting attorney; "Sir, you have not proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Earth is a christian. In fact, I don't understand what caused you to arrest him in the first place. I find him innocent of the charge of being a christian. He is free to return to the world"

Mr. Earth leaped to his feet, "But I am a christian!"

The judge rapped his gavel, "NEXT CASE....."

Brothers and Sisters, will this happen to you? [11 Cor 5:10]

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WHAT ABOUT GAMBLING?

Great efforts are now underway to increase the amount of gambling in the United States. Some want to start lotteries, some desire to legalize pari-mutual betting on horse and dog racing, others wish to establish casinos where slot machines and gambling tables will be legal. Those seeking to establish such means of gambling claim that society will benifit—that the tax benefits will feed the hungry, build roads, and provide better schools. As christians we must be concerned about the welfare of our nation and be well-informed on issues that can effect the morals of our country. Legalizing gambling no doubt would provide some additional money for government functions, but the evidence is clesr that gambling brings other consequences too.

A review of three basic issues concerning gambling is in order:

1. We need to define gambling clearly: Many proponents of gambling seek to justify it by confusing the real issue. "Since everything in life is a gamble," they say, "we can't avoid it." The point of concern, however, is not everything that might be covered by every definition of gambling. We are not concerned about, rather, is that which may be defined as the "act of risking what is yours in order to get what belongs to another with nothing given in return." Risking your money on the outcome of a horserace or a football game in an effort to get what is another's would fail under this definintion. So would buying a lottery ticket or playing a slot machine. By this definition, however, winning a door prize in which you have risked nothing is not gambling. Neither is investing in stocks or borrowing money to start your own business.

2. We need to know the teaching of the Scriptures about gambling:

The word 'gambling' does not appear in the Bible, but the spirit which motivates a person to risk what is his to try to get what is another's with nothing given in return is mentioned. It is called "covetousness"—a frequent Bible subject. A coveteous person, according to Thayer's Lexicon is one 'eager to have more, especially what belongs to another." In [Eph 5:5] Paul wrote that no covetous man "hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ." Why is gambling fun? Is it just the excitement of hoping your horse wins or your number comes up? Of course not! Take away the possibility of getting "something for nothing" and the attraction would be gone. The spirit which makes gambling 'fun' is the possibility of getting what belongs to someone else without giving anything in return. Gambling makes it harder for a christian to keep the right

perspective. One of the hardest battles anyone has to fight is the battle against placing to high a priority on material things. The very nature of risking what is ours to get what is another's 'whets our appitites' for the material. Gambling, then, makes it harder not to "love the world", harder not to "look at the seen', harder not to 'hold to mammon." It's hard enough to win this battle without gambling to make it even more difficult. Will others call gambling "the foundation of all crime" because it is often the lauching pad from which one gets involved in other sins—lying, stealing, personal animosity, alcohol, and even murder and suicide.

3. We need to know the effects of gambling on society:

The great hope of many who establish race tracks, casinos, or lotteries is that hey will provide huges sums of money to help government provide for the poor. Has this been the outcome? The large sums of money are gambled and that a certian percentage of this money comes to the state and local governments is certainly true. In 1982, 16 states plus the District of Columbia sold $3.8 BILLION in lottery tickets—an amount that placed lotteries among the top 20 businessess in the nation. Add to that the amount gambled in casinos, horse racing or other sporting events, and the total amount wagered in year may run a high as $1 trillion. (See Kantzer, "Christianity Today", Nov. 25, 1983, page 12.) It seems a simple thing to say; "Let's tax this amount in 10 or 15 or 20 percent, and we'll solve our problem of financing government." But it is not quite so simple. Look at some other facts!

Where gambling goes up, so does crime: The increase in crime that follows increases in gambling not only costs citizens personally as victums but costs government more too. Police reports in Atlantic City, New Jersey, for example, indicate that in five years after they opened nine casinos, their crime rate went up 171 percent. In addition an article in the 'NEW YORK TIMES" states that in Atlantic City, "destructive and compulsive gambling is on the rise, there is greater use of drugs", and there is "an overall decline in the quality of life (Sept 4, 1982, page 20.) Nevada, where there is greater concentration of gambling, also has the highest crime rate in the nation.

Gambling tends to corrupt governments as well as individuals. Just as gambling tends to lead those who participate into materialism and immoral practices, governments which engage in gambling, likewise, tend to become more corrupt. The record is filled with cases of political officials, police, judges who have been 'bought' by gambling interests seeking to skirt the law or get special favors. So gambling tends to corrupt governments as well as people.

The money spent on gambling would have been spent in some other way where itcould have also been subject to tax: While on a different type of expenditure the tax rate would probably have been lower, money spent in other ways would not have place additional burdens on the state for crime control, roads to get to gambling facilities, treatment for those who become addicted to gambling, or cure for those who have gambled away their own resources and become dependent on the state.

Years ago, after the U.S.Senate committee studied gambling, the chairman concluded, "Gambling produces nothing and adds nothing to the economy or society of our nation. America will be in a bad way if we have to resort to taxing crime and immorality for the purpose of raising revenue to operate our institutions." ('20th Century Christian-

October 1954-page 14) Any claim for increased tax income, they must be viewed in the light of loss of other taxes and increased costs to government and society.

Individuals and society would benifit more if money spent on gambling were spent on something of a greater real benefit: For most people, the money put on a horse, a card or a number is gone forever. State-run lotteries return less than half the money they recieve to those who buy tickets. And the odds against winning in casinos or on horses are also high. As Penner puts it: "the chance of winning is so small in most staterun lotterins and the price for that small chance is so high that it is very hard to believe that anyone views the lottery as a rational investment opportunity." Obviously, the owner or state is in the gambling business to make money. That has to mean that less will be paid out that is taken in. If all those who gamble would spend their money on what they need, they would all, as a group, be much better off financially.

It is also important to note that many of the poor, the lesseducated, and the less-able are attracted to the get-rich-quick possibility. Kantzer calls gambling "one of the most regressive forms of modern taxation." It takes money from those least able to bear it and gives them nothing in return except the brief but expensive thrill of hoping to win.

Finally, gambling tends to create a false hope in the people who practice it. In South America, where lottery tickets are sold on every street, the entire spirit of the people is affected by the highly unlikely prospect that they will win big. The people develope a trust in luck, not in work. The 'New York Times' denounces financing a government by gambling as 'economic immorality'. In reality, it harms those it purports to help with the taxes it brings. Everywhere you have opportunity, share these ideas about gambling. As Christians, we should not gamble, we should discourage others from doing it, and we should oppose efforts to finance government by taxing this sin.

Submitted by
Howard Taylor

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"He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live." "He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding." [Prov 16:27 - 16:32]

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THE DEVIL'S BEST TOOL

It was once announced that the devil was going out of business and would offer all his tools for sale to whoever would pay his price. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed and a bad-looking lot they were. 'Malice, Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Sensuality, and Deceit and all the other implements of evil were spread out, each marked with its price. Apart from the rest lay a harmless-looking wedge-shaped tool, much worn and priced much higher than any of them. Someone asked the devil what it was. "Thats discouragement," was the

reply. "Well, why do you have it priced so high?" "Because it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness and with that when I could not get near him with any of the others and when once inside I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is so much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as very few people yet know it belongs to me."

It hardly need be added that the devil's price for discouragement was so high that it was never sold. So he is still in business and he still owns it.

What is our best defencse agianst DISCOURAGEMENT?

Never let the world take the place of God's Word in your heart. And always remember His promises. [1 Peter 3:12-15] "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, nether be ye troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" God wants us to love life, and to see good days, and that means not to be discouraged. See good days by being filled with the Spirit of God. Then there will be no room for discouragement. [verse 10] "But the Lord is faithful who shall establish you, and keep you from evil." [11 Thess 3:3] Don't entertain evil, discouraging thoughts but rather keep your heart and mind on the Lord. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." [Isa 26:3] "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." [1 Thess 5:18]

A THANKFUL, TRUSTING HEART WILL HAVE NO TIME FOR DISCOURAGEMENT!

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"WILL YOU MAKE UP THE HEDGE AND STAND IN THE GAP?"

In ancient times cities were hedged in bay a wall to protect them from their enimies. These walls were daubed with morter. If the morter was toughened with lime or other substances, the walls would stand a lot of rain and wind in fearce stormes. If the wall was daubed with untempered mortor, in a little while the elements would wear the mortor away and the wall would fall. [Ezek 13:5] The Lord draws a beautiful figure from this. "Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel, Neither had they prepared (made up the hedge) the wall that hedged Israel about. (vrse 10). "Because, even because ye have seduced my people, saying peace: and there is no peace....."

They had said "peace", and there was no peace. The figure in the last part of the verse; "....and one built a wall and Lo, others daubed it with untempered mortor." When one says a thing and the Lord said it, he is figuratively building a wall (of falsehood) and daubing it with untempered morter. (verses 11-17) God tells us how He will deal with both the builders of such a wall, the untempered morter, and they who daubed it. He plainly points our those; "...which prophesy out of their own heart....." When it should by the Lord speaking. [Ezek 22_28] "And their prophets have daubed them with untempered morter..." Notice the rest of it; "...seeing vanity, and devining lies unto them, saying, thus saith the Lord God when the Lord hath not spoken." How then daub with tempered morter? By giving a scripture when we say, 'thus saith the Lord.' [Numbers 16] gives an account of how a breech is made in the wall by transgressions. "Moses stood in the breech and entreated the Lord not to destroy all of them." [Psa 106:23] "Therefore He said He would not destroy them, had not Moses His chosen stood before Him in the breech, to turn away His wrath, lest He should destroy them." Another time: [Ezed 22:30] "..And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none." A pitiful condition. No one found to make up the hedge by the teaching of the Word of God. No one found to stand in the gap, defending with scriptures the Lord's way.

Does the Bible tell us what those walls are? [Isa 26:1] prophesying of the christian age; "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; we have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." [Isa 60:1] "Violence shall no more be heard in the land, waisting no destruction in thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls salvation and thy gates praise." Salvation is our protective walls. As long as we stay within those walls, we are safe. But if some one daubed a protion of that wall with untempered morter, saying "thus saith the Lord, when the Lord hath not spoken." When the rains, and the hail of the storms of time are hurled against it, the untempered morter will give away. And down will fall that portion of the wall. [Ezek 13:11-17] Then someone should stand in the gap, with the Word of God, making corrections and thus repairing the gap in the wall that hedges about us. [Ezek 22:30] This is rebuilding with tempered morter.

Christian, will you stand in the gap and make up the hedge, using only a "thus saith the Lord?" The real tempered morter that will stand the rack of time and sheild us from sin? The divisions in the church are caused by some using untempered morter.

All down through the ages there have been those who daubed with untempered morter. [2 Thess 2:7] "The mystery of iniquity doth already work...." [2 Tim 2:13] "But evil men and seducers will wax worse and

worse, deceiving and being deceived." [1 Tim 4:1] "The spirit speaketh expessly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrins of devils, having their conscience seared with a hot iron." [2 Tim 4:3-4] "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and be turned to fables." Since the restoration started, had no one used untempered morter, saying "Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord had not spoken", we would all have been one in Christ today.

J. S. Bedingfield

[This was coppied from a lesson given by J.S.Bedingfield, which was written in 1959, just before his death. It was presented by Sister Lurana McCluskey for our learning.)

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Gospel Meetings

YUMA, ARIZONA	Oct 25 - Nov 1	Rex Mickey-Donald Dabbs
CEDAREDGE, CO.	July 2 - 9th [1988]	CAMP
LORENZO, TX.	(beginning) Oct 17-18 with others to follow.	

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As this issue is bing typed, I received a phone call from Jerry McCay from Lorenzo, and they are starting a series of weekend meetings there to keep God's Word working in that congregation. I think this is a very good 'project'. Brother Terry Warford will be speaking during this first weekend meeting, and the invitation is out to anyone who wants to come and help out with the other 2 day meetings they will be having. Bro. Jerry suggested that there may be other congregations who will want to do this also. It will give the young and inexperienced a chance to get up and bring lessons. I say AMEN to that. We all need this kind of activity so we can do more for the Lord and get His word out to those who need to hear it. This will make our congregation stronger and it will be a good thing, because we need to be together more. If there is anyone who wants to help Lorenzo out, contact Bro. Jerry McCay at (806) 634-5945. (or write the Courier.)

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Just to let you know there were no letters this month. I have been receiving some letters regarding the "Delta 87" meeting, for the 'Special Delta 87" issue that I plan to print just as soon as I receive more letters. There were almost 100 people there and I know there were those who were blessed as we were. So come on, send them in so I can print the news regarding that very important meeting.

Editor