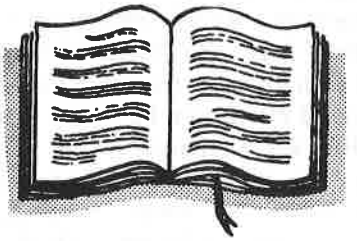
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"O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles."

Psalm 43:3

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"ARE WE AS SURE OF HEAVEN AS WE THINK?"

I John 5:13: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Here we are told we may know we have eternal life. It seems to say that we can be sure of eternal life, yet we read of the Church of Ephesus (Rev. 2:4) that He had something against them and they thought they were okay, for they had works, (verse 2), labour, patience, and did not bear them which are evil. They tried some which said they were apostles and found them to be liars; and had borne and had patience, and laboured for His name sake and not faited; (verse 5), but had fell and must repent or would perish. Also, the Church of Pergamos had held fast His name and had not denied His faith, but He had (verse 14) a few things against them and (verse 16) told them to repent or else He would fight against them. Regarding the Church at Thyatiara, he said (Rev. 2:18-20) they had a lot of good works and the last to be more than the first, but He had a few things against them, because they suffered a woman to teach and seduce His servant and they would be cast into great tribulation or repent. In Rev. 3:2 the Church at Sardis was told to repent or He would come upon them as a thief and they would not know what hour He would come upon them. So we see an example of 6 churches that all thought they

were ready for him, but were not, so what about us?

In Eph. 5:6, He said, "Let no man deceive you with vain words...", and in II Pet. 2:1-2, it says "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies..." and (verse 2) "...many shall follow their pernicious ways..." Who are these false preachers? Do we know? In James 1:26, it says "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." Are we one of those that are self deceived, and yet we think we have eternal life abiding in us? In Acts 20:29-30 Paul said, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." Verse 30 "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." Who would think that brother so and so would teach things to draw away members after them? You ought to know that I Pet. 5:8 said, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." So we see we can think we are right and can't be wrong, and be just as far wrong as the Church of the Laodiceans in Rev. 3:14-17, and be neither cold nor hot, because we think we have all the scriptures on a subject and don't have need of anyone standing with us or telling us we are wrong. In I Cor. 10:12 we are told, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." In Gal. 6:3 Paul said if a man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. So, are we as ready as we think, or could we not take another look at ourselves and say, as did the Eunuch in Acts 8:31, "How can I, except some man should guide me?", and he desired Philip to sit with him and teach him. Isaiah 10:15 said, "Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood." Rom 9:21 - does not the potter have power over the same lump of clay to make one vessel to honor and another to dishonor? How do we know we are so right that we are ready to go? Matt. 7:21 said not everyone that says, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but him that doeth the will of the Father. I think of Peter in Luke 22:34 and Mark 14:31, when he said though I die with thee, I will not deny thee. He was so sure of himself, yet he denied Christ

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three times that night. In II Cor. 13:5 we are told to examine ourselves, whether we be in the faith and to prove our own selves, but how can we examine ourselves, if we think we are so right we can't be wrong. We will always get the same answer!

In love of the truth,
Lloyd Treat
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"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY."

Prov. 25:25

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GOSHEN, ARKANSAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

There is not a whole lot of news from here but will try to send what there is and support the paper all I can.

Sister Kathy Campbell has been in and out of the hospital a few times but is home now. Almost everyone has been sick with colds and flu due to the changing weather. Sometimes it is hot and cold all in one day.

We have a new family meeting with us now. Sister Vicki Ferguson's sister, Pam, and her family have moved here from California. We are sure glad to have them, but know the La Habra congregation misses them.

My mother and I enjoyed two short trips to the Loco and Newcastle congregations this past summer. We saw lots of people from many places.

We would enjoy having all visitors anytime you have the opportunity to be with us.

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"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

Psalm 139:14

YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Ones in Christ:

By the time this is published, our December meeting will be over. We've had a good response, and we are looking forward to a good number of visitors. We've been fortunate to have some out of state visitors meeting with us. Howard and Nell McCay from Washington, Ken and Verlie Baldwin from Colorado and Phil and Eunice Bumgardner from Oregon. They have been using the R.V. hookups at the church, and we've been blessed with their attendance at church services. If there are other retired Christians or Christian families who would like to spend a vacation here in the desert, come on down.

Bro. Howard gave us a scare in November. He was working in the kitchen helping to prepare a pot luck dinner. He collapsed and fell to the floor. After much testing and x-rays, it was determined he had pneumonia and infected bronchils. He was tested for a possible stroke. For a couple of weeks he really was not well. Sister Valerie Davis has been going to Tucson for more testing. They are considering a possible bone marrow implant. Brother Earl Broadway hasn't been well recently. Sister Mary Long has not felt like attending services for some time, please pray for their health and strength.

I want to wish the best to the brethren at Bellflower with publishing The Christian Courier. This must be a tedious and at times a thankless job. If we all send news and articles, it will make their job easier.

God bless all,
Verda Nelson

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"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."

Rev. 7:9-12

CEDAREDGE, COLORADO

Dear Ones All:

It is January 1990 and time to start planning for the Delta/Cedaredge, Colorado Camp Meeting from July 1st thru July 8th. The campground will be open Saturday, June 30th and the meeting starts Sunday, July 1st. We will have the dorms and rooms ready for you when you arrive. Also, there are full hookups for R.V.'s.

If you have a favorite room that you would like to have, let us know early. We have some reservations already (Bill Ross, your room is reserved!).

"A REMINDER"

Bring your own sleeping bags or bedding and pillow.

Bring warm coats and sweaters, the nights are cool.

Shorts, mini skirts, muscle shirts and radios NOT ALLOWED.

This is a Christian Camp for a week of learning and fellowship. Bring your Christian Knowledge and attitude to share with others.

If you have questions or suggestions, please write and share them with us. It has been suggested that each state or congregation have their own color tee-shirts, what is your opinion? If Lorenzo, Texas are making the camp shirts, they need to know ahead of time. You can write to Ken and Verlie Baldwin, 325 May Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364 - Phone (602) 344-8691. Yes, we are in Yuma until Spring, enjoying the nice warm weather. We sure miss all of you at home, at Happy Hallow congregation in Cedaredge.

Thank you Saundra Ross for your sweet letter to The Christian Courier. We are honored to know how much you enjoyed the Colorado Camp Meeting and invite other boys and girls. Saundra is a very sweet Christian young lady (and single). Girls and boys, write to Saundra and get your letters and age into The Christian Courier and invite others.

We are looking forward to Yuma's meeting December 24th to the 31st with guest speakers. We are looking to hear lots of good speakers.

I also would like to say that Sister Nell McCay and I enjoyed hearing Brother Mickey at Citrus City. Also to thank Brother and Sister J.D. Johnson from Aztec, New Mexico, who were attending the meeting at Citrus City, for coming in to

visit Brother Ken and Brother Howard who were very ill and not able to attend the meeting.

Circle your 1990 calendar - July 1 to 8 - NOW!

God bless you all,
Our love and prayers,
Ken & Verlie Baldwin

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BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The congregation at Bellflower seems to have had an unusual amount of minor illnesses, and a few serious ones, for this time of year. At times almost everyone has something or is just getting over it. Our little ones have been pretty sick with a virus that develops into pneumonia. Kindra Brockman had that and an asthma attack and was almost hospitalized, but is all clear now according to her doctor. Little Stephen Perigen was hospitalized with pneumonia but is home and doing better. Monica Brockman has also been pretty sick but is getting better also. Hopefully, we'll all be better soon and we will appreciate our good health when we have it, instead of taking it for granted, as we are all prone to do.

Visitors since last writing have been Brothers and Sisters Al and Charlotte Burtis, in town for a business trip, and Tom and Charlene Broadway, who stopped on their way to see relatives in Yuma and Tucson, Arizona. Brother Tom spoke for us and we all enjoyed his lesson.

We are all looking forward to the holiday season, with some taking trips and others just having time off to enjoy home and family. This is such a wonderful time of the year, in spite of the hustle and bustle. Everyone seems to be so benevolent to those who have less and tries to think of those who are shut-in, hospitalized, or ill. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone was so kind and considerate all year long, as we are supposed to be? If everyone worried as much about attending church all year long as they do during the holidays, as we are commanded, we would have to build a lot of new church buildings or do a lot of adding to those we have. Even more wonderful, if all the same people looked to the one true church... can you imagine all our small buildings filled to overflowing?

Love to the brethren,
Jerry Perigen

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-9)

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and time to laugh; a time to mourn, and and time to dance;

a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

a time to rend, and time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboreth?

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"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:69; 76-79

GOSPEL MEETING

Glenwood, WA	July 29-Aug. 5	Dan Teague
Cedaredge, CO	June 30-July 8	Camp
Bellflower, CA	July 8 - 15	Howard McCay

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EDITOR'S NOTE

We apologize for the slight delay in getting The Courier out this month. It seems sickness has taken much of our time lately. We are still settling into the driver's seat of The Courier, trying to reaquaint ourselves with the ins and outs of printing the paper.

We had such a great response last month with letters and articles. It seems this month is a little short on news and articles.

Thank you to all who sent contributions and encouraging notes.

We love you all,
The Editors

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"And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; And, behold there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting from the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him."

Luke 2:27; 25-33