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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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"WONDERFUL STORY OF LOVE"

As Christians, we profess Christ as the center of our lives. The content of God's love is unmeasurable. We are joined together each and every Sunday by the bonding of that love. God wills that we share in Him with this love for our completeness. This leads us to share with those who may not know the true revelation of what Christ did on the cross.

Let us strengthen one another and encourage one another with the blessed word of God. We know all too well the weakness of the flesh so let us all draw close to the revelation of God through His holy words in scripture.

If you would take your Bible and read I John 4:7-21, John describes beautifully the richness in the love of God. The more we ourselves express the gifts of this love, the more evident it becomes that we are His children. When God receives our total love, He in turn gives us the capcity to love others. You know as well as I that it is not always easy to be receptive to all people. But then God has no limits to His love, after all, He accepted us. We all have been guilty some time of overlooking the labors of love we had done for us by our mothers and fathers, little things we took for granted. Let's not make the same mistake with God.

In Christ's love,
Ken Williams
Waterford, CA

"CONVERSION"

In the December issue of the Courier, Brother Treat had a good article on the new creature (or man) and how so many after baptism do not become new and the old sins still cling to them because they had not repented or changed. In other words, they went down into the water a dry sinner and came out a wet sinner (my comment). Along this same line, we wish to look at conversion, because Christ tells us in Mark 4:12 "That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; let at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them." People's sins are not forgiven them unless they are truly converted. Strongs definition of conversion - "to turn around or turn back again" (as little children). Matt. 18:3 "And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." We must make a complete change and not bring our old wordly sins along with us. I'm sure most of us when we were baptized feel we have changed, but have we? I'm sure that Peter thought he was a faithful follower of Christ but, what did Chrst tell him in Luke 22:32, "when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." So we see that Peter was not fully converted at this time. The admonition is also to us, when we are converted we should strengthen the brethren, but too often we get is backward and try to strengthen the brethren before we ourselves are converted. Heb. 5:12 "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need tht one teach you." Matt. 7:3-5 "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considereth not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, fist cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

Brethren, let us strengthen ourselves by complete conversion to God's will, then we can help our brethren. We must make a complete change and leave all worldliness behind so we can help others to be Christians and not just Church members.

Written in love,
Howard McCay
3904 Knobel Ave., #8
Yakima, WA 98902

"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:

Sorry it has been so long since I have written to the paper, but is easy to put it off. I don't know of any serious sicknesses here, all have their minor aches and pains, but that is to be expected.

We had a real enjoyable Gospel meeting in June with Bro. Audley Barnes as our speaker. We had good attendance almost every service and good lessons. I believe we were all strengthened by it. We had visitors from many different congregations in several different states. The congregations represented that I can think of besides Goshen were Bohannon Mountain, Arkansas; Baron, Oklahoma; Stilwell, Oklahoma; Duncanville, Texas; Newcastle, Texas; and Lorenzo, Texas. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. If I did, it was not intentional. We appreciate the effort everyone made to attend. We also appreciate teh effort that Bro. Audley and Sis. Teresa made to come hold the meeting.

I don't know much news, it seems things stay about the same in Arkansas, nothing exciting.

I hope to write more often in the future.

In Christian love,
Paul Andrews

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BARON, OKLAHOMA

Greetings from the Baron congregation!

The news we wish to report is an upcoming week-end meeting in October. The exact dates are October 12, 13, and 14. Lord willing, there will be four guest speakers. The sisters of the congregation have asked us to report that meals will be in the fellowship hall, prior to the 7:30 worship service. Sunday service will begin at 10:30 followed with a lunch, and there will be an afternoon worship service so everyone will have plenty of time for safe travel.

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Those wishing to camp or bring RV's are encouraged to do so. We have facilities here at the church and there is a place across the road from the Church.

Our homes, as well are our hearts, will be open to you, so plan now to attend this meeing that promises to be uplifting, scripturally educational, and above all, a glory to God.

If you have any questions about lodging, travel, or anything, call me at 918-696-7029, or write: Brian J. Ross, 1000 N. Grand, Apt. #13, Tahlequah, OK 74464.

Your brother in Christ,
Brian J. Ross
for the Baron Church of Christ

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YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Ones in Christ:

The Colorado Camp Meeting for 1990 has come and gone, but the memories and friendships will forever be with us. The coming together for teaching, learning, singing, prayers and fellowshipping make us stronger, makes us more aware of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sister Nell made a comment, "The congregation here at Cedaredge is small in number, but thinking back over the years, so many congregations have been uplifted, encouraged and benefitted by their efforts." How true, thank you Cedaredge.

We counted seventy nine, may have missed someone, but had some new ones this time. I missed some of the regulars, hope to see you next year.

For the remainder of the summer, my plans are to meet with the faithful at Payson, Arizona. Don't forget our meeting in Yuma, Arizona the last part of December. We have a kitchen and dining room and R.V. hook-ups. All we need is you to make it a success.

God bless all,
Verda Nelson

YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

There is not much news from Yuma this month. The weather is very hot and humid, and our activities have slowed down. There are so many away fro the summer that our group is rather small. We still have our Saturday singing and lunch at the kitchen the first Sunday of the month.

We still have quite a lot of illness. Both Brother and Sister Broadway have been feeling pretty bad. Sister Ruth Duncan has been in the hospital. Sister Mary Long has not been able to attend services and Sister Valerie Davis has spent quite a lot of time in the hospital and isn't doing well.

Everyone mark your calendars for December 23 through December 30th. Try to attend part or all of the meeting, it will give opportunity to some new christians, renew some old friendships, and just have some good old christian fellowship.

We enjoy the Courier very much. The newsletters and articles are most enjoyable. It is good to hear from different congregations. We send our prayers, we need yours. Let us all pray for unity and christian love.

In Christian love,
Yuma Church of Christ

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LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

To The Christan Courier:

We have some sad news to report at this time. There have been two deaths in the Church. Brother Hugh Nunnally died July 10th and was buried July 17th. His son, Brother J.B. Nunnally officiated at the funeral home. Well done, J.B.

Brother Charles Auslam died August 2nd and was buried August 6th. Brother Al Way from the Bellflower congregation officiated at the chapel and graveside. Well done, Al.

Our hearts go out ot the Nunnally and Auslam families. May God comfort them in their time of need.

We do have good news to report at this time. Brother Paul Auslam from the Arkansas area was restored to the faith on Sunday, August 5th. Let's pray for him to be strong in the faith.

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Brother Charles Auslam was very talented in poetry. I would like the Courier to print the enclosed poem which he wrote. It is beautiful to say the least.

Sister Florence Millard and Sister Bernice Cavin continue to feel poorly. Let's pray for them and all the members of the Church.

Sincerely and love to all,
Marion Serrano

Lord, feed me from thy pasture
that's filled with grace and love
That I may leave an open path
on my way to Heaven above.
Lord let it rain from Heaven
to fill my empty pail
That I may weep for others
as I travel along this trail.
Lord let the sun shine from
Heaven to fill my heart each day
That I may be shining light
for others along the way.
Lord let the Holy Spirit always
be my guide
To be a good husband and grandfather
where others have turned aside.
Untill I finish my journey
whatever you have me do,
But I'll stand and shout
Dorothy, I love you,
but I will give the praise to you.

Written by Charles Auslam
to his wife, Dorothy

Submitted by Marion Serrano

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"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Psalm 116:15

LOCO, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

There is much rejoicing at the Loco congregation. Two new souls were gained for Christ and one renewed in the faith, and all were strengthened. Lynn Iker, Sister Jo Williams' daughter, came forward for the prayers of the Church, and Lynn's son, Phillip, was baptized. Also, our new son-in-law, Ben Scott, was added to Christ's body. He married our daughter, Kristal, in May. We are all so happy for these two new workers. Our congregation is small and two new leaders at once is a great blessing to us.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to Brother Mark Perigen for holding our meeting. Because of unforseen circumstances, Mark was asked to fill in only a week and a half before time for the meeting to start. He started ours on Monday after closing Lorenzo's on Sunday. We know this was a hardship for him, but I'm sure God was gloridied and Mark added more stars to his crown for his labors. "He did a great job!"

We also want to thank Mark's wife, children, and mother for their support. Of course, the list isn't complete until we thank all the many visitors we had during the week. Many were here for the whole week and others for a night or two, some three. Congregations represented were Lorezo, Newcastle, Ringgold, Raden, Baron, Bohannon Mountain, Goshen, Lugert, and Bellflower. We had a wonderful turnout with much fellowship with loved ones and brothers and sisters in Christ.

We would like for each of you to remember us in your prayers. Stand strong in the faith, hold fast to the pure word of God.

In Christian love,
Audley Barnes
for the Loco congregation

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DOUGLASVILLE, GEORGIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Mary and I would like to thank everyone who attended the Camp in Cedaredge. This was our first year to attend the camp and we made many new friends. Thank you so much for sharing your Christian love and knowledge with us. We

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learned a great deal about God, his commandments, and Christian fellowship. We intend to be in Colorado again next year. We are also planning to attend the meeting in Yuma, Arizona in December. We hope to see all of you there.

As for our church, most of our members are healthy and happy. Borther George Simpson has been suffering from rheumatoid arthritis for some time now, but his condition has improved somewhat lately. We are very thankful for this. Brother Hill Bearden is our grandfather, and he suffered a mild heart attack several weeks ago. He is very weak now, but his condition has stabilized. On a positive note, he and our grandmother have been blessed with their second great-grandchild. The proud parents are Tim and Deborah Bearden, and their little boy was born on July 14th. We are all delighted at his birth.

In closing, we wish to send a warm greeting to all of the churches from ours. For those of you we haven't met yet, perhaps we will meet in Yuma. In the meantime, may God bless you all! For those who are skick, you will be in our prayers. Thank you all again for making that week at camp so special for us.

In Christian love,
Mary and Shelley Derrick
Bearden Lane Church of Christ

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LORENZO, TEXAS

Greetings to all the Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We here at Lorenzo have had a very uplifting summer this year. Various ones have traveled to Washington, Colorado, California, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and other parts of Texas. It is so great to see friends and loved ones around the country.

We had a wonderful and uplifting meeting this year with Brother Mark Perigen from Bellflower, California. He brought us many good and thought provoking lessons. We really appreciate him and his wife, Tammy, for coming to Lorenzo. It couldn't have been easy with a little one and new baby. We love you and may God bless you and keep you for all your efforts.

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We were blessed with many visitors. Jerry and Betty Perigen from Bellflower, California; Audley and Teresa Barnes; Tony, Traci and Colby Normile; Ben and Krystal Scott; Greg Jones; Howard and Leola Taylor, all from Loco, Oklahoma. Leesa, Sarah, and Sheena Boling; Angela Boling, all from Las Cruces, New Mexico. Willie, Mary, Brandon, and Shane Howe from Duncanville, Texas. Oletta, Justin, Aspen and Carrita Spurlin from Reydon, Oklahoma. Justin was baptized last spring while visiting here.

Many people have asked about Brother Earl Howe. Thanks to all the prayers on his behalf, he is doing better. He has been able to lead singing in services after weeks of not even being able to get out of the house.

We love having visitors and welcome any who travel our way. Remember us always in your prayers.

In Christian love,
Errol and Earlene Forsman
for the congregation
at Lorenzo, Texas

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SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Chrust. We pray that all is well with you and that you are growing the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus. Most of us are doing okay. We have some that has been ill.

We are sad to report the passing of Brother Amos Bever. Brother Amos has been away from the congregation for some time, living in the Redding, Califonria area. Brother Amos aquired cancer and passed away at his homne two weeks ago. He is dearly loved of all the congregation here. We pray for his soul, and that God will forgive him of his sins so he may enter into that rest.

Brother Jack Cooper injured the ligaments in his ankle, and is on the mend, but it is hard having to sit with your leg up for 6 weeks. He would appreciate all your prayers for a speedy recovery. Brother and Sister Gene and Pat McKinney were away on vacation up in Washington, but are now back home. We sure missed them because of the congregation being very small. Also Sister Melody Glynell and son, James, have been on a trip to see her parents in Virginia. We are glad they are back again, and are thank-

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ful that everyone had a safe trip.

We are saddened to hear about the passing of Sister Burdette Perigen of Bellflower, California. We send our love to all her loved ones and pray for their comfort in this trying time. We also send our love and prayers to Brother and Sister Broadway of Yuma, Arizona who have been ill. We pray that the Lord may heal them. We also pray for Sister Ruth Duncan who is in the hospital. We pray that the Lord will heal her as well as Sister Valerie Davis. Our prayers is that her cancer will be healed and that God will raise her up in good health. We pray that the complications will be taken away from her. We pray also for Brother Sonny Boling and his back problems. We pray that God will heal him and restore him back to normal health. I suppose this page could be filled with the mentioning of all those who we should pray for, and I'm sure that everyone everywhere will pray for those who need them.

We would also ask for your prayers for Sister Bonnie Bryant's mother. We has aquired cancer and is now back in the hospital in Atwater, California. We also send our prayers for Sister Veda McCay. Sister Veda is in a wheelchair with a broken leg. we pray for a speedy recovery for her. Brother John McKinney has had a high fever for about two or three weeks, but it has gone down and he is home again. The doctors didn't seem to know what the problem was. We pray for Brother John in that whatever it is, he will be healed. Brother Homer Bryant has changed jobs. He left his company after 19 years, but now has another job with a firm in San Francisco. Remember him in your prayers too.

We send our Christian
love to all,
The congregation at
San Pablo, California

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BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

Greetings from the Bellflower congregation.

Another summer has quickly come and gone. This past month we have had a few visitors. Brother Kevin Harper and his wife, Jeanine, worshipped with us one Sunday.

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Brother Bill and Sister Debbie Taylor and their daughter, Robin, were down to celebrate Sister Burdette Perigen's 80th birthday. She had a very nice party with family and friends. Brother Bill brought us a very good lesson.

We have some very sad news to report. Our dear Sister Burdette Perigen has passed from this life. After having surgery to remove some tumors and a long stay in the hospital, the Lord quietly took her home. We dearly loved her and are going to desperately miss her. It was such a joy to see her smiling face each Sunday and at Bible study. It is a great loss for our congregation. Our thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones.

Sister Myrtle Lee Clouse seems to be doing well from her bout in the hospital and has been able to attend services again.

Brother Jerry Perigen has been back East for joy related schooling for a few weeks. We do miss him and look forward to him coming home. He is worshipping with the Chesterton congregation while he is away.

We hope all in the brotherhood are doing well. May God bless you all.

In Christian love,
Martin Brockman for the
Bellflower congregation

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EXALTATION

I climbed to the top of the mountain,
Looked down on the valley below,
I saw a winter wonderland
Everything topped with snow.
Again, I climbed the mountain,
But before me a different scene
The valley was covered with colors
And the one that stood out was green.
Oh God, it's ever so awesome,
More things to behold than time.
And I'll kneel at the top of the mountain
To exalt the Creator divine.

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GOSPEL MEETINGS

Baron, Oklahoma	October 12, 13, 14	Guest Speakers
Yuma, Arizona	December 23 - 30	Guest Speakers

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BAPTISMS

Phillip Iker of Loco, Oklahoma congregation.
Ben Scott of Loco, Oklahoma congregation.
Justin Spurlin of Reydon, Oklahoma congregation.

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DEATHS

Brother Hugh Nunnally of the La Habra, California congregation.
Brother Charles Auslam of La Habra, California congregation.
Brother Amos Bever of San Pablo, California congregation.
Sister Burdette Perigen of the Bellflower, Calif. congregation.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

We are sorry to report, as you well know by now, that we had to combine September and October issues. We had a series of setbacks and ultimately the typewriter broke. It was at this point we decided to combine these issues. We are sorry for the inconvenience. We know many look forward to hearing from their friends around the country.

May God keep us all in his care.

- The Editors