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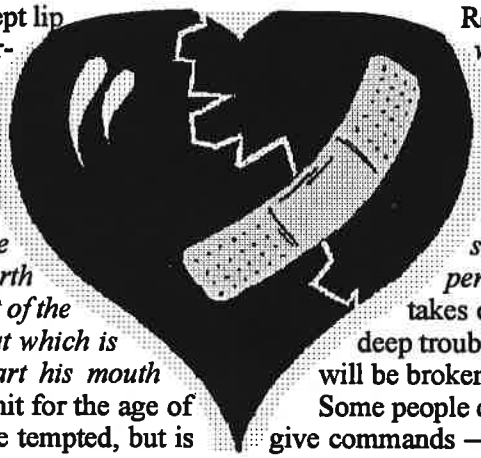
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Love you? Why?

Can we explain in words what love is, or the true meaning thereof. Think back to the time as a child and our parents punished us, and were told it was because of love. At that time we found ourselves experiencing love in a strange way and did not understand the meaning behind the punishment. We knew we did something wrong because we were disobedient and could not get away with it. The great society offers no love, no punishment in their philosophy; for they teach that a child has rights which allows them to do their own thing; even suing and divorcing their parents. This type of thinking is without love and belongs to the destroyer, is why there is so much evil in the minds of people.

When the president of our country; who is supposed to be the leader, has a hard time telling the truth, and his ways are not the ways of the Lord, except lip service, it makes it easy for us to understand his love is self love. Without the love of God, a person's mind can be blinded form the truth, an done can have their love destroyed through evil devices.



Luke 6:45, *"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."* God does not set a time limit for the age of his children as to when they will not be tempted, but is ready with love and compassion to help

1 Cor. 10:13, *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able;"* Those in the body of Christ realize they have a loving, forgiving Father.

John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

Eph. 2:4, *"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us."* (v. 5) *"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)"* (v. 8) *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."*

How secure do we feel in the love of God? Secure enough to know that of the Lord we shall receive the reward of the inheritance: For we serve the Lord Christ (Col. 3:24). Are we willing to accept correction from the Lord, or has justifiable self respect and selfishness caused us to lose our first love.

Rev. 2:4, *"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."* (v. 5) *"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."* When justifiable self respect takes over in the heart and soul, man is in deep trouble with the Lord because a command will be broken.

Some people complain and say that all God does is give commands — don't do; do — not realizing what God is telling them: It is the way to heaven. Who better to receive commands from than the one who created us and knows our every need. Our success in following the laws of salvation, brotherly love, health, and finances is through our love for God by obedience. Our greatest treasure will be: (Rev. 19:8) *"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."* (v. 9)

"And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God." The other treasures will be received accordingly. 1 Cor. 3:8, *"...Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor."* Matt. 16:27, *"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."*

1 Cor. 14:20, *"Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men."* Matt. 5:43, *"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shall love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy."* (v. 44) *"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you;"* (v. 45) *"That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."* (v.46) *"For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?"*

The love for a child is the desire for their obedience. Eph. 6:1, *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."* Rom. 8:17, *"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."*

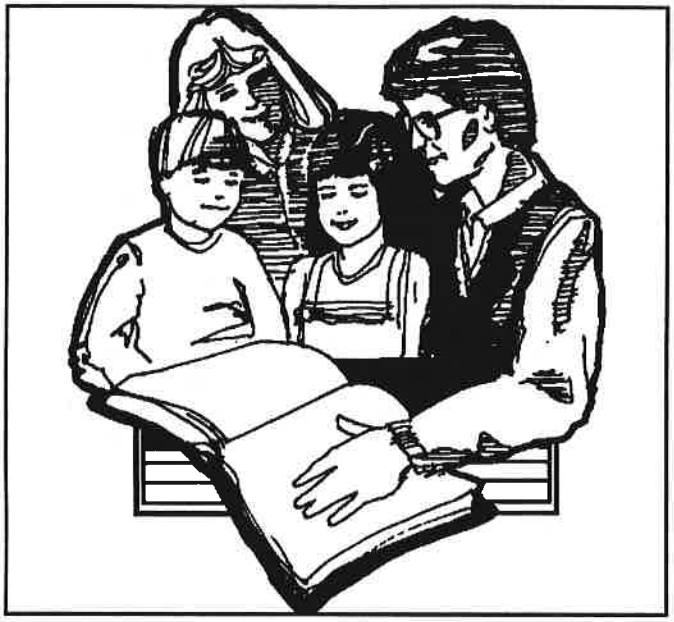
What about the expression, "I love you so much it hurts?" Why should love hurt instead of being full of joy? 1 Pet. 1:8, *"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."* Hurt comes when the love for God is left out and sin enters our heart.

Matt. 23:33 tells us what Christ thinks about those who hurt him, *"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"* Matt 23:37, *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killeth the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"* The hurt did not stop the love for a sin-sick, Lord rejecting nation.

One definition of love is wanting to give more than one wants to receive. We find this to be true with our Heavenly Father, his son Jesus Christ our savior, and the Holy Spirit. Check the references to give, giveth, given, givest, giving, forgive, and we find love except where God has been rejected. Because of the love of a giving God, we find ourselves asking God to give, and fail miserably.

Rom. 8:26, *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."* (v. 27) *"And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."*

Psalms 119 gives us a good example of some of the things to ask God for. We should also love one another. 1 John 4:12, *"No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."* (v. 18) *"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."* (v. 19) *"We love him, because he first loved us."* (v. 20) *"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"*



1 John 5:3, *"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."* Rev. 19:10, *"And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."* Matt. 22:37, *"Jesus said unto him, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."* (v. 38) *"This is the first and great commandment."* (v. 39) *"And the second is like unto it, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself."* 1 John 4:16, *"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."*

With brotherly love,

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The King James Translation

The Bible has been translated into almost every language and dialect in the world. In some cases, obscure languages, previously existing only orally, have been laboriously inscribed for the expressed purpose of delivering the Scriptures into another language.

This is a good work and should be pursued diligently until all men, everywhere, who wish to, can read God's Word each in his own language.

For a period of time of about 600 years there have been numerous translations of the scriptures into the English language. By far, the most beloved and used is the "Authorized" text, commonly called the "King James Version".

In my 52 years in the Lord's Body, I have used this venerable translation, as did my father before me, and my grandfather before him, (both of whom were Gospel preachers). I love and use this translation more than any other, although I have a small library of different translations and use them all. Some I like, but there are some which I will not use for various reasons.

Recently I had occasion to consult a complete registry of English translations (from the original languages to the English spoken at various ages) and must admit that the list is far larger than I supposed.

Part of what I found is submitted here that we may be aware of the historical record. Using the year 1611 (the publication year of the King James text) as a pivot date, I found the following:

- Complete bibles translated prior, 16; abridged texts, 7
- Complete bibles translated after, 118; abridged, 90.

Although this seems many, it is only a small fraction of the total works listed. From this we can see the KJV (King James Version) was one of many versions that were delivered in the English language. It was not the first, nor was it the last. Why then is this translation so venerated by so many non-Catholics to the exclusion of all others?

"Authorized"

The proper name of this edition is the "Authorized Version". Where id it get this name? Who authorized it? For what purpose? How did it get the name "King James Version"?

It was in the year of 1604 that King James of Scotland and England called a council of the leading scholars of the Greek and Hebrew languages. (Actually, part of the Old Testament was written in Aramaic, an offshoot of ancient Hebrew). He charged them to create a new version of the Bible in the language of the people so that all might read and learn. He instructed them to translate from the original languages with the FORMER TRANSLATIONS diligently compared and revised.

The former versions were to be used as the basis of the new translation. This was a reasonable demand inasmuch as the 16 preceding works were the products of some of the most brilliant minds in the British Kingdom.

It is significant that the make-up of the committee, doctrinally, was generally the same as the general affiliation of the public at the time. Excluding Roman Catholic scholars, the majority were Anglican (Church of England, Kirk of Scotland (Presbyterian), and other Calvinist adherents in existence at the time.

In 1611 the convocation published what we know today as the KJV. Of the 52 scholars called, 47 were in attendance. The work had been long and arduous. What came forth from these labors was the best and most thorough edition of the complete Bible to have been produced up to this point in time.

Kingly Authority

It is "authorized" only in that King James authorized it to be read in churches throughout England and Scotland. This, of course, was a denominational authority, and has nothing to do with the accuracy of the work.

Elizabethan English

The language into which this version was translated was not English as we know it today, but as it was written and spoken in what has become known as the Elizabethan age. In some ways it is quite understandable to modern readers, but some passages (they are not a few) are quite difficult, if not impossible to understand. This is especially true of the youth today, inasmuch as there is a lack of emphasis on English and its usage (including archaic) in today's public schools.

I have conducted a long, arduous study of archaic expressions in light of the original languages and it is astounding how the nature of English words and the idiom have altered since the times of 1611. This is not to say that the KJV was an erroneous translation. Far from it! It was probably the best that could have been produced at the time. In the intervening years, additional manuscripts, many of which are far more ancient than those used by the scholars of 1611, have been discovered which have shed additional light on the original meaning of the Scriptures.

I personally love the archaic words and phrases found in this venerable translation, but I must admit that it contains words and phrases that are almost impossible to understand without scholarly help.

To anyone who has had occasion to read Shakespeare in school, it is impossible to miss the beautiful phrases, along with the exquisite flowing movement of the language. Just so with the KJV of the Bible. The language, in both cases, is Elizabethan, and masterfully composed.

The difficulty is the same with both works. In many passages, the difficulty to understand is high with some passages unintelligible to modern readers. It is understandable why a necessity exists to update into the modern tongue for better understanding.

Occasionally we hear someone say that the KJV is the "only inspired" version of the Scriptures. Truly, there is no such thing as an "inspired translation", as such. God's Word is inspired. It was given unto man by inspired men in Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek, languages which are foreign to most of we English speakers. It is the work of scholars to deliver this to us in our language as faithfully as possible, and this has been done to an astonishing degree.

In our schools it has been found necessary to update our textbooks from time to time to reflect the changing use of our rich language. It is inconceivable that we would teach geography from a textbook written in 1940. The reason for this is obvious. If we were to do this all students would go out into the world with a total misunderstanding of world geography. What is inconceivable to me is why we would insist on this language updating to insure accuracy in a secular study, but hand a Bible student a book translated 300 years past into a language of extreme difficulty for that student to understand.

I know of many faithful brethren, good preachers all, who use the (English) revised text, and the (American) revised text in their study. These are good versions to use. There are also other good translations available which are quite accurate.

I should like to review in issues to come some of the translators who delivered the Scriptures into English for us to have, and some of the terrible prices that were paid by them as a result. It is a wonderful study.

Let us not reject a good work offhand without good reason. The Word of God is too precious to treat so.

For a better understanding of the Truth,

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His Leaf Also Shall Not Wither

Psalms 1:3 describes a man who is blessed in several ways by God. Each of the several ways are like a strong tree. *"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."*

It is easy to see what he means by bearing fruit, as we have the Fruit of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22-23, as well as gathering souls to Christ referred to as bearing fruit in John 4:35-36. And we also understand easily the part that said "whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." But what did he mean when he said "his leaf also shall not wither"?

To answer this question, we have no better example that I know of than the tree of life. Let's turn to Rev. 22:1-2 to see what the leaves of the tree of life were for. *"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."*

You can see the same in the natural world. Many medicines are made from leaves of trees. So it is with the tree of life. And what better example could we follow than the tree of life? One of our most important duties as a Christian is to help other people, or in other words the healing of the nations.

This might be help with the physical necessities of this life. I John 3:17-18. *"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."*

Another way we may help people is with emotional support in times they need it. I Thes. 5:11. *"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."*

Or, it may be with spiritual needs. This may be in praying for a brother or sister, James 5:16, or instructing them, II Tim. 2:24-26. Or it could be helping those in the world by bringing them to Christ, as on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2.

In any of these ways we are helping people with some need in their lives. Thus we are using our "leaves" for the healing of the nations. And the beautiful part about it is that we are also helping Jesus. This is what he taught about helping others in the 25th chapter of Matthew. Notice the 40th verse. *"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*

Paul had many important things to teach the Ephesian elders the last time he expected to see them. The final point he made to them was to always help others, Acts 20:35. *"I have shown you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

While we are answering what our "leaves" are for, let's explore the concept of those leaves (good deeds to others) not withering. Gal. 6:9-10. *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."*

In closing, let's remember why God blessed this person so in Psalms 1. We will return to Psalms 1:1-2 and see that it was because their heart was constantly on God, not the world. *"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night."*

With Christian love,
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Church Discipline

I have a fear in my heart that some may see church discipline and the scriptures that refer to it as a way for us to judge who is to be cut off from the body of Christ, or indeed who will enter it.

Church discipline is an act of love, done out of fear for a brother's soul, and if not given in the spirit of love, which is what our Lord intended, no good will come of it. Not only will the brother we are trying to help not be helped, but real harm can be done to the body as well.

Let us consider 2 Thess. 3:14-15, *"And if any man obey not our word by the epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be shamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother."* We hold him apart from the body in the hope it will cause him to see his need to repent. In fact the key to all the scriptures of withdrawing is that the erring brother will not repent. An example of this would be: it becomes known that a brother is having an affair with another woman, we go to him with our concern, and he tells us something like this: "There is nothing wrong with what I am doing, it is my wife's fault ... I am teaching her a lesson. When she gets her head together, I will stop messing around." Our brother's soul is in great danger; his (spiritual) life depends on seeing he is wrong, and repenting. Treatment must be applied to the sickness in our brother's soul, or he will die (spiritually). After we have tried all of the other treatments the scriptures give us with our prayers and our love, with no response; then we come to the final treatment, the kill or cure treatment. Church discipline is applied in a last desperate effort to try to save his spiritual life and soul. Also, these scriptures refer to brother believers who will not repent, not visitors who have come to worship Christ with us.

As for the unrighteous, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate abusers of themselves with mankind, etc.; I think we would be hard pressed to find a group who need to hear the Gospel more than these, but they will not hear it through the closed doors of the church. Did not our Lord say in Matthew 9:11-13, *"And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."* And again in Mark 2:16-17 and Luke 5:30-32.

Church discipline given in love, as the scriptures tell us, can save souls; but we must take care that it does not become the measure by which it is measured to us. Church discipline scriptures are not hoops that people must jump through before we show them the love of Jesus Christ. Lack of mercy and no love shown to our brothers and sisters is how we will be judged by God. We cast our bread on the water and it comes back 10 fold. By what measure ye mete it shall be measured against. It is a last desperate attempt to save a brother who says, "I have fallen and I won't get up." 1 Timothy 4:9-10 says, *"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe."*

And in 1 Timothy 2:5-6, *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who have himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."* If your heart is full of fornication, idolatry, adultery, and other forms of filth, and you are not a Christian (unbeliever), you are worse than an unbeliever, you are of the anti-Christ. If those who's heart are full of the filth are among us (brethren), and content to be there, something must be wrong with us (as well as them). Flies do not cause decay; they are attracted to it.

In love of Jesus Christ and the Truth,
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Cards and Letters



Yuma, AZ

"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." With this confession, David Williams was baptized into the family of God June 14, 1995, at the Yuma church. Welcome, David. This is the most important decision of your life.

Sister Ruth Duncan has gone to Phoenix for a check-up on her back. She has had so many years of pain and several surgeries. Please pray for this dear one. She is such an inspiration to all of us in Yuma.

The Yuma, Arizona, congregation was blessed Memorial Day weekend by several out-of-town visitors. They had come to enjoy the Davis family reunion, which has been held annually since 1965.

After the passing of Sister Margaret Davis in 1964, her offspring decided to have a reunion in memory of her and their father, who passed away in 1953.

The visitors at church were from Pocahontas, AR; Amarillo, TX; Hillsboro, OR; Fresno, CA; Long Beach, CA; Sun City, CA; Show Law, AZ; and Camp Verde, AZ. We had a pot luck dinner at the park, and there was 130+ enjoying themselves, and getting re-acquainted. (After 130, I lost count).

Just wanted to share our happiness with all of you.

In Christian love,

Verda Nelson

San Pablo, CA

Dear ones (*Christian Courier* staff):

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please forgive me for not having a letter or article for *The Courier*. No excuse, just reasons (LAZY).

We pray for you all, and pray that your labor of love will be rewarded in heaven.

We plan, Lord willing, to come to the Sea-Tac meeting this year.

Please find enclosed a small check to help out.

Your brother in Christ,

Homer C. Bryant

Sea-Tac, WA

Greetings to our beloved brethren everywhere,

We're very thankful for so many things; not the least of which are Seattle's blue skies and Bro. Clinton Gillespie, who is now with us.

Bro. Terry Warford has gone to Oklahoma to be refreshed in the love of family and church family. We miss him, but we rejoice in his opportunity to go. We also rejoice with him in the safe arrival of his niece Miranda Kay Baird, born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Cheryl Baird.

We congratulate Sis. Suzie Warford on getting her driver's license, but wonder if this is the real reason Terry left. Ha. (Not really, Suzie).

We've had some illnesses, but we're thankful none are major. Bro. Garold Morris spent a couple of days in the hospital, and then a few days at home recovering from a slight stroke. Others are dealing with allergies and viruses, etc.

Births are our best news here and other places. Sister Lynell Forsman went to Sacramento, CA, for a time to help welcome the safe arrival of Brock Howard Harper, born June 5, at 8 lbs, 9 oz., to Bro. Eric and Sis. Lori Harper.

We have heard via the phone of the birth of a daughter, Sable Jayton Boling, to Bro. Cliff and Sis. Leesa Boling, of Lorenzo, Texas. She weighed in at 10 lbs, and was 21 ½ inches long. We pray that Sable and all the other new babies may grow up to be servants of the Lord.

We rejoice in that four young people are brand new babes in Christ. On June 18, Renaee Gage and Zana Stallworth were baptized into the Lord's body. On June 25, Shaya and David Orendorff were also buried and resurrected to a new life. For these and any others who have taken this most important step, we along with those in heaven, joyfully welcome them to God's family.

We are looking forward to various meetings through the summer. They refresh us spiritually. We are already preparing for our 2nd annual gospel tent meeting with Bro. Jim Brown, of Oklahoma, in August. Come and be with us if you're able.

We are now awaiting the safe arrival of Bro. David & Sis. Sheila McCay, and daughters: Sis. Britni and Shonda. With them will be Sis. Earlene and Bro. Chris Forsman, who should be here this week. It's a long way from Texas to Washington, and we pray for their safe journey, as well as anticipating the time we get to be with these, our loved ones.

It's so nice to have Bro. J D and Sis. Fern Logan in this area again. Also we miss Vincent and Daniel, sons of Sis. Sylvia Cousino, who are spending the summer in Ohio. We miss them.

Our love and prayers to all,

Sea-Tac Church of Christ

Payson, AZ

Enclosed please find our check for The Courier.

Also, anyone traveling through the Payson area: please note to call Adam Shepherd at (520) 474-1105, as we have new hours, and would not want to miss anyone.

Love,
The Shepherds

Boling - Chapman Wedding

Angela Boling and Charles Chapman were united in marriage June 10, 1995.

It was a lovely yard wedding, held at the Church of Christ, 2890 Ave. B, Yuma, Arizona.

The theme was western attire.

Angela was beautiful in a champagne colored lace dress made by Debra Nelson.

The five-tiered cake was decorated in the same shade of coloring as the brides dress, and was decorated by the bride.

Angela is the daughter of Lewis and Susan Boling. The groom is the son of Charles and Marlene Chapman.

Brother H. O. Orendorff officiated.

Immediately after the ceremony, a reception was held in the church dining room. The food consisted of barbecue beef, cole slaw, beans, potato salad, flour tortillas, salsa, punch, and coffee.

The happily married couple are honeymooning in Ashfork, Arizona.

Congratulations, and God's blessings to the new Mr. and Mrs. Chapman.

In Memory of My Dad Joe Taylor

Well it's been a year now since I ran to my Dad's side, kissed him good-bye, patted him, and said, "I love you daddy."

When I think of how he took my hand in his, the love he put into that certain, secure, squeeze, that gave me all confidence, that all was going to be all right. He said, "Be careful sister, I love you."

Little did I know that the next day, Dad would leave us, because as we all know, "he had an appointment to keep."

Days, like today, bring much sadness in my heart, as I go back into my childhood, and growing up years, there are so many special memories, that I will always cherish, and hold dear to me.

It was well known far and near what a fine Christian man Joe Taylor was. In respect and memory, it was almost unbelievable, when the miles of cars followed him, to his final resting place, on this old earth.

Dad's wonderful Christian example lives on. His deepest prayers and desires were to go there and dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Dear God, "Please help me to accept our loss, and Heaven's gain."

In loving memory,
Jo Williams
Duncan, OK

Precious Memories

***It Is Written*, July, 1955.** Brother Howard Studer, Lorenzo, TX, announced a Fifth Sunday meeting with Brother W. H. Francis doing the preaching. Brother R. C. Clements, editor, reported that Brother Howard Pamplin was preaching at Ontario (Calif. ?) for a small group who gave up the non-bread-breaking practice.

***Gospel News Courier*, July, 1965.** Brother Paul Auslum reported the death of his wife's father, Brother Albert Harrison. Brother Don Dabbs, Phoenix, AZ, told of his travels throughout several congregations in New Mexico, Texas, and Colorado. Sister Laura Willis, Carlsbad, NM, reported of floods in Colorado that damaged the farm of Brother and Sister Couchman. Also, Brother and Sister Lloyd Allgood were now worshipping with them at Carlsbad. Brother Ken Baldwin, Delta, CO, said that he just got out of the hospital after a heart attack. Brother Hayse Morris, Kingman, AZ, wrote that he was in the hospital for 15 days with Rheumatic Fever. The Bevers, San Pablo, CA, reported that their building was now paid for. Also, that Brother Dan Greenway and Brother Bixler had been meeting there the past four months. Brother J. H. Smith, Ceres, CA, wrote that Sister Mae Johnson had been sick. Brother Ellis Forsman, Yakima, WA, gave a long list of visitors to the Yakima meeting (76 people from 24 families across the country). Brother Claude Perigen reported on his meeting at Furnish Canyon, CO, and his trip to Missouri,

Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Brother J.H. Lackey, Springfield, CO, reported on their meeting with Brother Claude Perigen. The Lackeys celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Also Sister George Meadows had eye surgery. Brother W. R. Farrar, Carter, OK, gave their church location where a few were meeting.

***The Christian Courier*, July, 1985.** Brother Gerald Buckner, Stilwell, OK, announced the birth of a boy, Joshua Kincade Buckner, to Sister Debbie and James Buckner. Brother Paul Andrews, Goshen, ARK, reported they had a discussion on the bread question. Brother Terry Warford, Baron, OK, wrote that Brother David Brown had a lung collapse. Sister Lurana McClusky reported on Sister Wyoma Cavin who was in a nursing home: how she looked forward to reading *The Courier*.

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

July 1-9	Cedaredge, CO	Camp Meeting
July 1-9	Bellflower, CA	Bob Eldridge
July 9-16	Comanche, OK	Jim Brown
July 23-30	Goshen, AR	Howard Taylor
Aug. 6-13	Sea-Tac, WA	Jim Brown
Aug. 18-20	Yakima, WA	Eric Harper
Aug. 20-27	Aloha, OR	Mark Perigen

Baptisms

David Williams	Yuma, AZ	June 14, 1995
Renaee Gage	Sea-Tac, WA	June 18, 1995
Zana Stallworth	Sea-Tac, WA	June 18, 1995
Shaya Orendorff	Sea-Tac, WA	June 25, 1995
David Orendorff	Sea-Tac, WA	June 25, 1995

Births

Miranda Kay Baird	Stilwell, OK	June 2, 1995
Brock Howard Harper	Sacramento, CA	June 5, 1995
Sable Jayton Boling	Lorenzo, TX	

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Darrell Wilson	Baron, OK	Heart surgery
Emma Williams	Baron, OK	Neck & hip surgery
Gene Barrett	Baron, OK	Back surgery complications
Hugo Denny	Baron, OK	Recovering from pneumonia
Scottie Gardenhire	Baron, OK	Eye put out
Erelene Chessman	Bellflower, CA	Fighting cancer
Vincent Johnson	Bellflower, CA	Bound to wheelchair
Lloyd Treat	Broken Bow, OK	Back trouble
Debbie Newman	Cedaredge, CO	Major cancer surgery
Jack Morris	Ft. Collins, CO	Recovering from open heart surgery
Jack Wood	Hornbeck, LA	Severe heart attack
Cleo Sump	North San Juan, CA	Internal problems
Jack Cooper	San Pablo, CA	Eye problems
Jerry Barker	Stilwell, OK	Leukemia
Barbara Bumgardner	Yakima, WA	Fractured vertebrate
Phil Bumgardner	Yuma, AZ	Severe lung problems
Ruth Duncan	Yuma, AZ	Back pain