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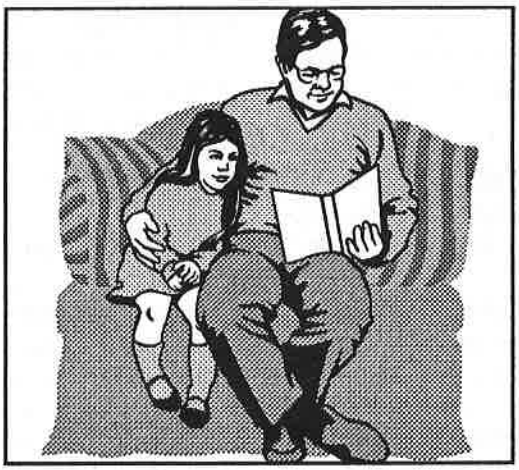
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Father's Day ... Every Day

Father's Day has come and gone. It is great to make Dad feel special, but in truth we should honour our parents every day. Most important, we need to dedicate each and every day to our heavenly Father. While there are some things required on the first day of the week, there are also many things we can do for God every day.

We should make it a point to talk to our heavenly Father every day. Our prayers are special to God. He wants to hear from us. Rev. 5:8 speaks of "*... golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*" That gives us a mental picture of how much God loves us to pray. No wonder James 5:16 tells us "*... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*" So in Phil. 4:6 we read, "*Be careful for nothing; but in* ***every thing*** *by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*" I Thes 5:17, "*Pray without ceasing.*"



Our prayers and daily life should be full of thanksgiving and praise to God. Psa. 145:1-2, "*I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.* ***Every day*** *will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.*"

We should not only talk to God every day, but let Him talk to us as well. How does he talk to us? II Tim. 3:16-17, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for corrections, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*" Let's listen to him every day, as did the Bereans. Acts 17:11, "*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures* ***daily****, whether those things were so.*" What a great example that is for us to follow. Psa. 1:1-2, "*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****.*" What is the result of listening to God (by studying His Word) every day? Verse 3, "*And he shall be like a tree planted by rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*"

Let's rejoice in the Lord every day. Psa. 118:24, "*This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*" How? Psa 119:47, "*And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.*" Phil. 4:4, "*Rejoice in the Lord alway:, and again I say, Rejoice.*"

Another thing we should do for God every day is to "give Him a hug." What do I mean by giving God a hug? Well, we give a physical hug to someone else to show them we love them. We give a sort of "spiritual hug" to God by showing (not just telling) Him that we love Him. How do we show God we love Him? I John 5:2-3, "*By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not grievous.*" Doing what God tells us gives Him a "hug"; i.e., it shows Him that we love Him.

Last, make every day "Father's Day" for our Heavenly Father by doing something special for Him; every day. What? Find something. Look in the Bible yourself, find something that is special to God, and do it. When looking for something special to God, remember the words of Jesus recorded in Matt. 25:40, "*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.*" We can do something special for God by doing something special for someone else. 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.*"

The beautiful thing is that when we do these things to make each day special to God, He blesses that effort (as He promised in James 1:25). Let's close by looking at just a couple of these blessings.

First, notice that none of these things are very hard, but they will help us to grow, become stronger, and maintain our faith during the difficult times of living a Christian life. Heb. 3:17-19 reminds us how the Israelites in the wilderness sinned when their faith faltered. Then Heb. 4:11 tells us that good works (such as mentioned in this article) keep our faith strong. "*Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*"

Second, making each day special for God will lead to a closer walk with Him. James 4:8, "*Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.*"

In Christian love,
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Armageddon Part 2

Despite the lack of support for the "titanic" battle theory, many attempts have been made to connect various scriptural happenings at different times to make the theory seem reasonable. It is not reasonable!!

"*Dry Bones*"

There is a story in the prophecy of Ezekiel of a valley of dry bones. The prophet was taken by the "*hand of the Lord*" to a valley "*full of bones.*" (Ezek. 37:1). They were "*very dry.*" The question was asked, "*Can these bones live?*" The prophet proceeds with the Lord, causing "*breath to enter them,*" laying "*sinews upon them,*" bringing "*flesh upon them,*" and covering them with "*skin.*" (vs. 4-10).

As spectacular as this may be, Ezekiel did not represent this as an actual happening. This was stated as a simile, wherein the "*dry bones*" were compared with the "*whole house of Israel.*" This was revealed to illustrate that God would bring Israel back from their "*graves*" (captivity), and reinstate them in their "own land." (vs. 11-14).

This is not "*Armageddon*!!"

"*Wars and Rumors of Wars*"

"*And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: ...*" (Matt. 24:6); "*... nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: ...*" (vs. 7); "*For then shall be great tribulation ...*" (vs. 21).

All this sounds quite cataclysmic; however, we should beware of reading something into this narration that is not there. To what was Jesus referring when he spoke these words?

He was responding to a three-part question asked of him by his disciples. "*... the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*" (Matt. 24:3).

"*These things*" referred to what Jesus said in verse 2: "*And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*" Again, Jesus said "*these things*" were the "*buildings of the temple.*" (vs. 2).

About A. D. 60, the temple (and most of Jerusalem) was destroyed by the Roman army under the mad general, Titus, and most of the survivors were carried off into captivity. Jesus warned of things to come and instructed them how to react to these things, but took pains to explain that these were not signs of the coming of Christ.

Let us notice a digest of these teachings. Christ:

- warned that many false Christs would come (vs. 5).
- said many would be deceived (vs. 5).
- warned of wars and rumors of wars (vs. 6).
- cautioned them that "*THE END IS NOT YET*" (vs. 6).
- prophesied that nation would rise against nation (vs. 7).
- prophesied that kingdom would rise against kingdom (vs. 7).
- warned of famines (vs. 7).
- said there would be pestilences (vs. 7).
- warned of earthquakes in various places (vs. 7).

- advised his followers "*ALL THESE ARE THE BEGINNINGS OF SORROWS*" (vs. 8).
- said their enemies would deliver and kill them (vs. 9).
- said many would be offended; would betray, hate (vs. 10).
- foretold false prophets arising and deceiving (vs. 11).
- said iniquity would abound; love grow cold (vs. 12).
- said gospel to be preached "*in all the world*"(vs. 14).
- said "*THEN SHALL THE END COME*"(vs. 14).

Here, we should pause and note that this statement was in response to the question, "*... the end of the world*?" The word translated "*world*" here is not "kosmos," meaning "the whole creation, earth, space, firmament, and inhabitants." It is from the word "aion," which is frequently rendered "age." It seems that Jesus is referring to the death of an old age and the "birth-pangs" (sorrows) of another.

To illustrate this meaning of "aion" in the New Testament, we need only look to the words of Jesus in Matt. 12:32, "*... whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world* (aion-age), *neither in the world* (aion-age) *to come*." Many translations use the word "age" in this context. There can be no other explanation of the language. If the expression "*world to come*" means the period of time following the judgment, it presents us with an impossible dilemma. There will be no occasion for sin or forgiveness following judgment. The "*world*" (age) to come meant simply the age following the then-existing age, the Mosaic. Thus, Jesus was saying this sin would not be forgiven, either in the Mosaic age, nor in the "*world*" to come, the Christian age.

Following the times of these great tribulations (Matt. 24:29), Jesus indicates there will be a time of unspecified length when the "*sun shall* (be) *darkened*," the "*moon shall not give her light*," the "*stars shall fall from heaven*," and the "*powers of the heavens shall be shaken*."

Following this time, the "*sign of the son of man*" will appear in heaven and the "*elect*" shall be gathered from all the earth (Matt. 24:30-33).

It is obvious that these "*wars and rumors of wars*," "*earthquakes in divers places*," and "*pestilences and famines*" have no reference to anything remotely resembling a great "final battle between good and evil." THIS IS NO ARMAGEDDON!!

In light of these facts, one is compelled to ask, "WHERE IS THIS SO CALLED CATACLYSMIC BATTLE OF WHICH WE HEAR SO MUCH?"

If this is not a literal battle at Armageddon (Rev. 16:16); if the language is symbolic, rather than literal, is it not probable that this is symbolic of the great "fight of faith" which is taking place during this, the final age? Is not the "*camp of the saints* (church) *compassed about*" more and more as time progresses?

It appears that the nations at the close of this, the final age, will be gathered from the four quarters of the earth to do battle against the "*... camp of the saints about, and the beloved city ...*," but God will intervene. There will be no battle as such, but rather the destruction of the forces of evil by God himself (Rev. 20:9).

There are many deceivers in the world today, distorting the very words of the Saviour and his holy Apostles. It behooves us as children of God, to be prepared that we be not deceived by their words.

In love of the truth,

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Warning



When we look at the title which I have given this article, it may or may not seem very important, but there are quite a number of warnings throughout the teachings of Christ and His apostles; hence I consider it a very important thought, and should be given careful consideration.

I want to direct our attention to the words of Christ himself in Matt. 7:15-20, "*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*" Now let us notice the thoughts produced from the above scriptures.

There would come false prophets, pretending to teach the truth, but were in reality teaching a falsehood. Verse

16 said that we should know them by their fruits. In other words, if we cannot read their teaching in the scriptures, they are false prophets. Verses 17 and 18 show the impossibility of a good tree bringing forth both good and evil fruit, and of a corrupt tree bringing forth both evil and good fruit. In other words, a tree can bear only one kind of fruit. Verses 19 and 20 show the end of the tree that bringeth forth not good fruit and just how we shall know them.

Now, folks, if we cannot read what is taught in the scriptures, it is false, regardless of who taught it, and we may know that it is a false prophet; but, one might say, in regards to the above scriptures, "Jesus was talking to His disciples." Correct, but we will follow the disciples and see what they had to say in the matter. Paul, in Acts 20:29, "*For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.*" Paul's statement agrees perfectly with that of Jesus in Matt. 7:15; but in Acts 20:30, Paul makes it clear. Let us read, "*Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.*" There it is, folks, in unmistakable language. In verse 31 he warns, "*Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.*" Brother, if we do not read it in God's word, they are grievous wolves. We have the warning. What are we doing about it? Well, Paul tells us in the 32nd verse what he had done about it. Let us hear him. "*And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*" In that statement, Paul has given us the warning and the remedy. Stay with the word of God.

The Apostle Peter warns us in 2 Peter 2:1, "*But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you ...*" Folks, we have been warned by the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, that there would be false prophets, false teachers, and that we should be on the watch. Heed the warnings! We can know them by their fruits. We have the material to give them the test. If they will not stand the acid test of God's word, they are false teachers. All we need to do is turn the pages of God's holy word, and if the doctrine is not there, it is a falsehood. At this point, I would like for us to consult the Apostle John in 1 John 4:1, "*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*" Paul warns us again in Gal. 1:8, "*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*" In 2 John 1:10-11, "*If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*"

Folks, it is unmistakable that there are false teachers and false doctrines in the world today, and we are fully warned of such. Yet, people are being deceived by the millions, and led astray. Jesus told the Jews in John 5:39, "*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*" We have a record in Acts 17 of the Jews raising trouble against Paul at Thessalonica; and leaving there, he came over to Berea where he spoke of the Jews in Acts 17:11, "*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*" Brethren, and to all, whoever you be, or wherever you be, are you searching the scriptures to see whether the things you hear preached are so? There are hundreds of doctrines being preached all over the world, all different to each other, making them conflicting doctrines. Let me persuade you to search the scriptures, whether they be so. We have been warned; are you heeding the warning to search the scriptures, whether they be so?

W. E. Daniels

The Travels of Paul: Fourth Journey

Defense Before Festus

Paul had spent two years in Herod's old palace at Caesarea as a prisoner of Felix, waiting for a promised trial that never came. This trial was to take place as soon as Lysias, the chief captain, came for a conference. Some historians believe Felix never sent Lysias a message to come; however, it is more likely Lysias held back, fearing that if he did come, it would be revealed that he had called for the beating of a Roman citizen.

Felix was removed from office by Pallas, his brother, because of his harsh treatment of the Jews, and replaced by Porcius Festus, who wanted to show favor to the Jews. Three days into office, Festus visited Jerusalem (Acts 25:1). The Jews, hatred still in their minds of Paul, tried to take advantage of this new governor, who wanted to perform favors for them (vs. 2-3). They brought up the case concerning Paul, wanting him transferred back to Jerusalem, for a hearing there. What they really hoped for was to kill Paul in route.

Festus replied that if they wanted to make an accusation against Paul, they had to make it in Caesarea, where

Paul was being kept (vs. 4-5). Festus, obviously ignorant of Paul's case, nevertheless, saved Paul's life in his decision.

Festus made Paul his number one priority after he arrived back at Caesarea, commanding that Paul be brought before him (vs. 6). This was not done for Paul's benefit for a speedy trial, but to appease the Jews who returned with him, who were pressing for it (vs. 7). Many charges were made that could not be proved, which Festus realized.

However, Festus, still wanting to appease the Jews, asked Paul if he would be willing to go back to Jerusalem, and be tried by him there (vs. 9). Paul very well knew of the attempts to take his life in Jerusalem outside of a trial, and wanted no part of returning to the den of his enemies. His reply was "... *I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest. For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.*" (vs. 10-11).

This was the only choice Paul had to make. It must have come as a shock to Festus, having his first case appealed to Caesar. This was not the way a governor should begin his new term. But what choice did he have, but to go along with it; Paul being a Roman citizen had the right of appeal to a higher court.

After Festus had conferred with his legal counsel, he told Paul, "... *Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.*" (vs. 12).

Next: Hearing before King Agrippa

Written in love of the truth.

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Precious Memories

***It Is Written*, June, 1957.** Brother Dan Teague and his wife Mary, Grand Prairie, TX, announced the birth of their son, Merrill, on March 4, 1957. Brother Marshall Spence, NM, wrote that all was well with them. Somerton, AZ, reported on a mini-meeting with Brother Mitchell from Aztec, NM. Bryte, CA, announced the baptism of a girl (no name mentioned). Brother Lloyd Coleman, Watsonville, CA, wrote that his wife was ill and had to be hospitalized. Brother Eulon Taylor, Yakima, WA, reported that they had lost their meeting place in Sunnyside and were meeting with the brethren in Yakima, WA. Brother Bert Weakley, Modesto, CA, said that Sister Alice Weakley was recovering from a serious operation. He also announced the marriage of their daughter, Gale, to Paul Wilhite on April 11th. Aztec, NM, announced the baptism of Dwayne Bixler, and that they had a new member who came over from the digressive brethren. Somerton, AZ, reported on their meeting with Brother Paul Ferguson. Also mentioned was the illnesses of Sister W. A. Nelson and Sister Staggs. Brother and Sister K. M. Baldwin, Yuma, AZ, announced that their daughter, Alyce, was to wed Ted Drysdale on May 26th.

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***The Christian Courier*, June, 1987.** Bellflower, CA, reported on quite a number of visitors, and also announced that Brother Howard Taylor and Brother Audley Barnes would split their meeting in July. Sister Vickie Ferguson, Goshen AR, announced the 50th wedding anniversary of Isaac and Letha Ferguson on May 17th. Brother Howard Taylor, Loco, TX, announced their meeting in July with Brother Tom Broadway. Brother Ken Baldwin, Cedaredge, CO, welcomed everyone to their Delta Camp Meeting in July. Brother Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, reported that his wife was recovering from major surgery. Also from Broken Bow, AR: The children of Brother and Sister Robert Roberson of the Tiner congregation invited the brethren to attend their parents' 50th wedding anniversary August 1st. Sister Verda Nelson, Yuma, AZ, wrote that they were saddened by the death of Brother Ben Gazzaway, who was killed in an automobile accident. She also mentioned that she had visited the congregation at Peyson, AZ, and was pleased that Matthew Shepherd, recently baptized, was already helping in the services there.

***It Is Written*, July, 1957.** Brother Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, indicated that he was available for preaching anywhere in the brotherhood. Brother W. H. Francis, Mangum, OK, wrote that they were doing some improvements on their meeting house, and that he was to hold a meeting at La Habra in July. Brother J. R. Killian, Deridder, Louisiana, said he and his wife meet in their home, and desired for some faithful members to meet with them. Brother J. S. Bedingfield, Bryte, CA, reported that they had four new members. Brother W. E. Daniels, Tiner, OK, wrote that they had another baptism and four others were now meeting with them. Brother Marshall Spence, Eunice, NM, reported that they sadly missed Sister Eaves and family, who had moved

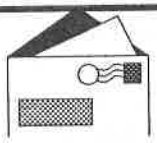
away. Misc. news: Brother Paul Bruce, Carlsbad, NM, was in the hospital with kidney infection; Sister Alice Weakley, Modesto, CA, was recovering from an operation; Brother J. S. Bedingfield, Bryte, CA, had suffered another heart attack; and Sister W. A. Nelson, Somerton, AZ, was quite ill.

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***The Christian Courier*, July, 1977.** Brother Tom Broadway, Bellflower, CA, reported that they had a numbers of recent visitors; Brother Dayton and Sister Myrtle Lee Claus celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; and that Brother J. D. Logan would hold their meeting in July. Brother W. E. Arnett, Waterford, CA, wrote about the success of their meeting with various visiting speakers (Brothers Bill McCay, Jr., Dan Ross, Howard McCay, Dean Guyer, Ken Harper, Claude Perigen, Tom Broadway, J. D. Logan, and Gene McKinney). He also sadly reported the passing of Brother John Smith in April. Brother Ellis Forsman, Glenwood, WA, reported on the success of their meeting (a long list of visitors) with Brother Sammy Boen. Yuma, AZ, noted they enjoyed the visit by Al Way of Bellflower, CA., and that Brother Ken Baldwin was doing fairly well. Brother W. R. Farrar, Elk City, OK, announced their meeting in July with Brother James Brown. Brother Mike McCay, Yakima, WA, thanked others for their prayers concerning his recent accident. Brother Ken Baldwin, Cedaredge, CO, encouraged others to attend the Delta Camp Meeting. Misc. news: Born to Jim and Rene Dawson, a girl, Leah Rene, June 14th; Born to Mike and Charlotte Brockman, a girl, Angela Michelle, May 27th; Born to John and Debbie Randolph, a girl, June 30th; and Ed Hopfner, Glenwood, WA, was baptized June 28th.

***The Christian Courier*, July, 1987.** Broken Bow, AR: The children of Brother and Sister Robert Roberson of the Tiner congregation invited the brethren to attend their parents' 50th wedding anniversary August 1st. Brother Terry Warford, Baron, OK, sadly reported the passing of Brother Bobby Gardenhire. Yuma, AZ, wrote on the funeral of Brother Ben Gazzaway. Also mentioned: Brother Ken Baldwin was in the hospital again; Brother Earl Broadway was slowly recovering from kidney infection; Jerry Wilcher was baptized; and that Peyson, AZ, had two new baptisms: Matthew Shepherd and Jessica Shepherd. Marion Serrano, La Habra, CA, reported the baptisms of Karen Auslem and Mike Burkhart; and that Brother and Sister Nunnaly hadn't been feeling well. San Pablo, CA, wrote concerning the work on their building and of their recent visitors. Selah, WA, send word that Sister Sage had a 3 by-pass heart surgery.

Cards and Letters





Aztec, NM

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are sorry to hear of so much illness throughout the church, and want everyone to know that our hearts and prayers are with them. Duane Bixler, Sr. was hospitalized last week with a severe case of pneumonia, but he is home now, and feeling better.

We have some wonderful news! Duane Jr. And wife Sigenliede Bixler have a new baby, Amber Sheree, born May 19th. Amber has a big sister Samantha and big brother R. D.

On Memorial Day weekend, Jim and Roberta Roberts took her parents (Duane & Sue Bixler, Sr.) up to Cedaredge, CO, to visit Grandma Dabbs. Grandma Dabbs had been ill, but was recovering and doing well. She will be 90 years old in August.

Brother Chris Forsman of Lorenzo, TX, and Sister Dana Fouch of Cedaredge, CO, are engaged to be married soon, and have relocated to the Aztec area. We are delighted to have them here with us.

Until we meet again,
The Aztec Church of Christ
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Broken Bow, OK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, this letter is to let you know that anybody can write to you, and somebody should write to you, but nobody was writing to you. So this body decided to let you know that we at Broken Bow congregation are still here.

Sister Julie Ferguson graduated from high school. We are having dinner on the grounds every last Sunday of each month. So, not to conflict with the first Sunday din-

ners elsewhere, they can come and visit us sometimes. We are still having church services at 10 o'clock A.M. on Sundays and singing on Sunday nights at 6 P.M. All are welcome.

Sister Minnie Davis has been ill for a couple of Sundays with some kind of virus, but she hasn't missed church so far. Sister Hazel Harville is still unable to come to church due to her heart condition. Please pray for them both.

Brother George and Sister Tammy Phipps are trying to move closer to Wright City where George works. We would like to ask each and everyone coming this way to stop and visit with us. Our congregation is small, and we have a difficult time getting to go visit anyone else because when one family leaves it leaves us with a very small group.

If you would like to call for directions, call Doug Ferguson at (405) 981-2243, Edwin Crowell at (405) 584-6897. Thank you for your wonderful paper, and may God bless each of you.

In Christian love,
The Broken Bow congregation

San Pablo, CA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that all is well with you. We are looking forward to being with the brethren at Baron, OK, on June 8th. There are three meetings in June, so why don't you all come to Baron, and then you can take in the other meetings at Newcastle, TX, and Delta, CO. Yes, it would be wonderful if we all could make every meeting; but if all congregations are like San Pablo, our home town congregation would be lacking somewhat. Nevertheless, we all should be "going about our Father's business." This is why I think the *Christian Courier* is so important. We can keep in touch with each other, and know who and what to pray for, and we can learn from those invaluable articles each and every month. So it behooves us to keep those letters and articles coming.

See you at Baron, Oklahoma
Homer Bryant
San Pablo, CA, congregation

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear one in Christ,

There has been a change in the handling of ***The Christian Courier***. The typing and formatting of ***The Courier*** will continue to be done by the Sea-Tac, WA, congregation, but the sorting, stapling, folding, and mailing is now being performed by the Selah, WA, congregation. Please continue to mail all of your correspondence to the Sea-Tac address. This cooperation between the two congregations will help to ease to workload on one congregation.

You may have noticed that there has not been as many article and letters the past few months. There was not enough to put together an issue for June. This is your paper; let us hear from you!

We have some wonderful news. Brother Matthew and Sister Kelly Shepherd had a boy, Joshua Adam, on June 21st. He weighed 8 lbs. This was their 4th child after having three girls, Leah, Rachel, and Sarah. Congratulations, Matt and Kelly.

We were happy to have relatives visit. From Lubbock, TX: Jerry (son of Howard McCay) and Wynetta McCay; her parents, Winford & Nelda Mullins; Brent (Jerry's son); and Karen Ann McCay. From Battle Mt., NV: Gary and Faye Burkhart (Wynetta's brother).

May God be with you all,
In Christian love,
The Sea-Tac congregation

Yuma, AZ

Some news and best wishes to all from Yuma,

Brother Bill Martin, wife (Sister Caren), and two sons were with us from Tacna April 20th. Bill gave the lesson for us, which was very good.

On Sunday, April 27th, Sean Garcia was baptized here in Yuma. May 4th, Bryan Adams (about age 10), Brenda Malsbury (age 13), and Bridget Malsbury (age 14) were baptized in Show Low, AZ. It is so good to see so many young people becoming Christians. I just hope us older Christians can be the examples we should be, and continue to give them the encouragement they will need.

The weather here has been unseasonably warm. We have had temperatures in the high 90°'s and some 100° temperatures, already.

Everyone here seems to be doing fairly well healthwise. The flu and cold season is about over, and the allergy season is on.

This is most of the news from Yuma. Hope this finds all well and strong in the Lord.

We send our Christian love from the congregation here.

Harry Davis family
Yuma, AZ

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

June 28-July 6, 1997	Delta, CO	Camp Meeting
July 6-13, 1997	Yakima, WA	Roger Walkingstick & J.W. Bedingfield
July 27 - Aug. 3, 1997	Lorenzo, TX	Gene McKinney

Births

Emily Brooke Lewis to Mike & Misty Lewis	Duncan, OK	May 2, 1997
Amber Sheree Bixler to Duane, Jr. & Sigenliede Bixler	Aztec, NM	May 19, 1997
Joshua Adam Shepherd to Matthew & Kelly Shepherd	Aloha, OR	June 12, 1997

Baptisms

Bridget Malsbury	Show Low, AZ	April 13, 1997
Sean Garcia	Yuma, AZ	April 27, 1997
Bryan Adams	Show Low, AZ	May 4, 1997
Brenda Malsbury	Show Low, AZ	May 4, 1997

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Doris Ridlon	Aztec, NM	Broken back
Erelene Chessman	Bellflower, CA	Fighting cancer
Minnie Davis	Broken Bow, OK	Virus
Hazel Harville	Broken Bow, OK	Heart condition
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Heart attack recovery
Ernest Buchannon	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Maysel Buchannon	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Letha Ferguson	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Lauren Guthrie	Pleasantview, OK	Epileptic seizures
Ashley Larson (8 ½)	Sea-Tac, WA	Fighting cancer
Howard McCay	Sea-Tac, WA	Fighting cancer
Garold Morris	Sea-Tac, WA	Fighting cancer
Carrie Roberson	Tinner, OK	Broken hip