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Thus Sayeth The Lord

The thought in the above title should be enough to answer any question, problem, or concern we have. When the Lord speaks in His Holy Word, that should answer the question, and be satisfactory for us. The old adage of which we used to hear, "Speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent," should still be our creed.

David, of old, in Psalms 119:105 says, "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*" Like David, God's Word should be all we need, or want, to guide us through this life.

Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 3:36-17, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*"

The words left to us as found in the New Testament are given by inspiration of God, and given for a reason and purpose. As God tells us, the reason and purpose is that it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That is directed to us. That is to correct us, to reprove us, to instruct us, so that we as His people may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto God's works. It's God's Word that will guide us to the home in heaven.



Jesus says in Matt. 13:23, "*But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*"

Paul also tells us in 2 Tim. 2:15, "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" God's Word has been given to us for a purpose. It's up to us to study it; it's up to us to follow it; and it's up to us to make it the guiding light in our light.

In Isaiah 55:11 God says through the prophet, "*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*" Also 2 Peter 1:20, "*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*"

God says in Isaiah 55:8, "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*" We don't have the right to change God's Word, or even alter the meaning. We must accept God's Word exactly as it was given, no matter how it will affect us, or even if we agree with it. God says His Word (NIV) "*...will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*"

Let's take God's Word in its entirety, and let it guide us in our daily lives. Let us not pick and choose the things we like to live by, and disregard the items we don't want to follow. Let's not down-play God's commands that step on our toes or keep us from being like the world around us. Let's also not create new meanings or definitions so as to try and justify things God forbids in His Word. Let us truly fol-

low our Saviour, not adding to or taking from, or going to the right hand or to the left.

No one else's words, not one else's thoughts, no one else's way will take us to our home in heaven. Only God's Word and God's way will give us God's promise of an eternal home above.

2 John :9, "*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*"

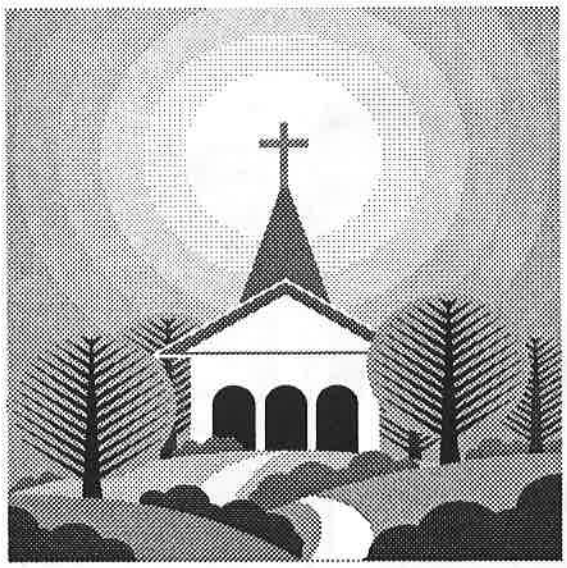
In Christian love,
Gerald Brockman
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Oakdale, CA 95361

An Alternate Church?

When we, the followers of Christ, find ourselves without a church to attend on Sunday to worship our Lord, can we attend ANY church? Even Churches of Christ that worship differently than what we have received from Christ and His Apostles?

We should consider Gal. 1:10-12, "*For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the* ***revelation*** *of Jesus Christ.*"

Are we trying to please God, or man? If we are trying to please man, then we are not worthy to be called the followers of Christ. Matt. 15:9, "*But in* ***vain*** *they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*"



It has to be in **accordance** with His Word in the New Testament for which He died. Phil. 2:12, "*Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out* ***your*** *own* ***salvation*** *with fear and trembling.*"

When He says, "*work out your own salvation,*" it has to be in **accordance** with His Word in the New Testament. Acts 4:12, "*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*" Also John 10:1, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other* ***way****, the same is a thief and a robber.*"

To what way is Christ referring here? **His way!** Revealed by inspired men of God. Jer. 10:23, "*O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*"

What happens when someone believes it would not hurt to change the way we worship? No matter how good his intentions, it causes a division in the Churches of Christ, **does it not?** Here are some changes that have come into the church within the past several years.

Answer **Yes** or **No** to these questions; did these cause a division?

- Multiple cups?
- Multiple loaves?
- Non-bread breaking?
- Musical instruments?
- Women teachers?

I ask, "**Are we trying to please God, or man?**" These, and more, caused **divisions** in the church.

Listen to this Rom. 16:17-18, "*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause* ***divisions*** *and* ***offences*** *contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and* ***avoid*** *them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches* ***deceive*** *the hearts of the* ***simple****.*"

If one **adds** to, or takes from, the Word of God, He "... shall add unto him the **plagues** that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part **out** of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." (Rev. 22:18-19). This was written for man to submit himself to the word of God. If one hopes to be saved in that last day, the **Judgment Day**, it will only be because he has **obeyed** God and **kept** His commandments. John 14:15, "*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*"

The key thing here is **His** commandments and **His** will; not ours! Remember Uzzah? Here is a lesson for us. I would like to tell you a story about someone who used their own judgment over God's judgment. 2 Sam. 6:6-7,

"And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God."

Uzzah thought he was helping; did God take this into consideration? **NO!** Uzzah died for disobeying God; so will we if we take it upon ourselves to change the Word of God, teaching for doctrine, the commandments of men. No matter how honorable our intentions, we will die, and so will the ones we lead astray.

Matt. 15:9, 14: *"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. ... **Let them alone**: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."* Also Gal. 1:6-7, *"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is **not** another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ."*

Here we find the one who first changed the gospel was referred as the Mother of Harlots, the first church to preach on another gospel. Later, more would break off from her, and they would be harlots also, because they, too, would **lead** men **astray**. Rev. 17:5, *"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."*

Man seeks after righteousness, but not according to God. These are so-called **Christian churches**.

Matt. 7:22-23, *"**Many** will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not **prophesied** in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many **wonderful works**? And then will I profess unto them, I **never** **knew you**: depart from me, ye that work **iniquity**."*

What good does it profit a person to go to a church where God is **not**? The church to which Christ adds us is the church that does not **change** or **pervert** the Word of God. Acts 2:41, 47: *"Then they that **gladly received** his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. ... Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."*

The ability to receive has to be there. Can a baby receive His Word? Infant baptism is not scriptural. 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."* How can we become as little children? By being born again, and becoming as little children, who are saved through baptism when they reach the age of accountability (knowing right from wrong).

Rev. 2:20-23, *"Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works."* When we go to a church that we know is not worshipping Him according to His teachings, we are worshipping with a **harlot church**, and are **committing spiritual fornication**, and **spotting** our **white robes**.

John McKinney
Selah, WA

A Baptist's Impression

Edward T. Dahlberrg, minister of the Delmar Baptist Church, visited the Central Church of Christ in St. Louis, Missouri, recently. He gave his impression of the visit over KSF on the "Protestant Hour," and he mailed out copies of his impression to all those interested in the radio and television audiences. Here, in part, is his letter.

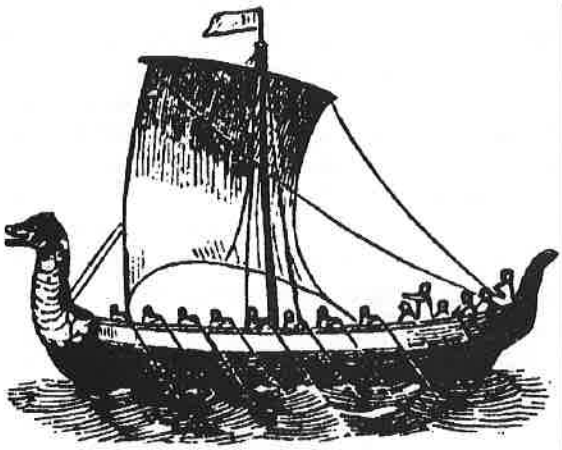
"I had a very interesting experience during my vacation this summer. ... One Sunday when I was not myself preaching, I walked over to the nearest neighboring church close to my home. Now, this church was very different from my church. It is a church that does not believe in choirs, such as the beautiful quartet we have listened to this morning. For example, that little church that I visited that morning, there was not an organ or piano in the whole church building. Now, you might say when you hear about a church like that, 'Well, they must be a queer, fanatical type of people to introduce old-fashioned ideas like that into the middle of the twentieth century,' but on the contrary, that was one of the most inspiring services that I ever attended. ...

"The church was crowded to the doors with a youthful congregation, and the singing was led by a well-trained young man, with great quietness and dignity – the singing was of superb volume of praise to God, and until the time for the sermon, the minister took no part in the service. Eight capable young laymen, fine looking young men, read the Scripture, offered prayer, gathered the offering, and even administered the Lord's Supper. It was a perfect demonstration of the priesthood of believers, and I felt myself veritably in the fellowship of the first-century church. ... I went home inspired, saying to myself, 'It was good to be in the House of the Lord today.'"

Glenwood Bulletin
(discovered in Elza Loveland's papers.)

The Travels of Paul: Fourth Journey

Hearing Before King Agrippa





After Paul's appeal to Caesar was granted, and while he awaited transportation to Rome, King Agrippa paid a visit to Festus (Acts 25:13). Festus was governor of Judea and Agrippa, the last of the Herodian kings, was king of the region of Ituraea to the north. Agrippa was accompanied by his sister, Bernice (with whom he may had been having an incestuous relationship — several historical sources).

It is believed that Festus may have sent for Agrippa because of his knowledge of Jewish customs. He certainly took the opportunity to discuss Paul's case with him (vs. 14-17). He said Paul had already appealed to Caesar, when the evidence showed that there were no real charges against him (vs. 18-21), yet the Jews continued to demand his death.

Agrippa asked for, and was granted, a hearing with Paul (vs. 22). The next day they were all assembled in a hearing room, dressed ostentatiously in royal apparel, with the chief captains and principal men of the city present, all at the insistence of Festus, when Paul was brought in (vs. 23). Festus announced that he did not believe that Paul had committed anything worthy of death (vs. 24-25). This may have surprised Paul, since there is no indication it had been said in his presence before. Had he known Festus would have declared him innocent, would he have appealed unto Caesar? The finger of God certainly was present. Festus was glad of Agrippa's assistance, for he didn't know what he should write concerning the charges against Paul in his letter to Caesar (vs. 26-27).

Then Agrippa permitted Paul to speak (Acts 26:1). Paul stated that he was happy to make his defense before Agrippa, and acknowledged that the king was an expert in the Jewish customs and laws (vs. 2-3). Paul then gave his defense, starting with his childhood in the Jewish faith (vs.4-8), how he came to persecute the Christians (vs. 9-11), and of his own conversion to Christianity (vs. 12-18). He claimed that he was not disobedient to God, but had followed the vision he had while on the way to Damascus (vs. 19-20). He claimed that the message he spoke was from God, and that was what provoked the Jews so, to the desire to take his life (vs. 21). His deliverance from these men he attributed to God (vs. 22-23).

Festus, ignorant of Jewish customs and history, stood up and declared with a loud voice that Paul was mad (vs. 24). Paul declared that he was not mad, and that Agrippa was aware of these things (25-26). How well he did know, for it was his own great-grandfather that slaughtered the innocent children of Judea in a vain attempt to kill the Lord Jesus in his infancy; it was his own father that had seized and killed the Apostle James, and had imprisoned Peter, who was delivered by an angel; it was one of his uncles who had murdered John the Baptist. The fact that Paul had such a polite hearing was a great victory for the Christian faith.

Paul asked, "*King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.*" (vs. 27). Agrippa replied, "*... Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.*" (vs. 28). Paul replied, "*... I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.*" (vs. 29).

The hearing ended on that note (vs. 30); and in private they all agreed that Paul was innocent of any such crime (vs. 31), with Agrippa commenting, "*... This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.*" (vs. 32).

Next: Voyage to Rome

Written in love of the truth.

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Precious Memories

***It Is Written*, August, 1957.** Sister Maude Scott, Lorenzo, TX, reported that she had visited congregations at Bryte, CA, and Bellflower, CA; and found upon her return home that Brother Howard Studor was in the hospital with pneumonia. Brother J. W. Bedingfield, Carlsbad, NM, announced his meeting at Furnish Canyon, OK, July 28 - Aug. 4; his meetings at Bellflower, CA, Aug. 11 - 18, and at Nocona, TX, Aug. 25 - Sept. 1.

***The Christian Courier*, August, 1967.** No file copy exists.

***The Christian Courier*, August, 1977.** Brother Dan Treat, Broken Bow, OK, wrote that Brother Alvin Alexander had passed away June 15th; that they had a number of visitors to their meeting; and that Sister Kathy Treat, and son David, planned to be at the Delta Camp Meeting. Brother James Brown, Baron, OK, announced they had a very successful meeting with Brother Horace Orendorff: 13 baptisms and 5 others who came forward. Brother Isaac Ferguson, La Habra, CA, wrote that Sister Bernice Cavin was in a cast from broken ankle bones; that Sister Florence Millard had returned home from a hospital surgery; and that Brother Elmer Hunt's tests were okay. The San Pablo, CA, congregation announced that Brother & Sister McLeans had returned from a vacation in the East; Brother & Sister Michael Brockman had a girl May 27th, Angela Michelle; and that they scheduled a meeting Sept. 3 - 4 with Brother C. M. Brockman from Chico, CA. Brother Horace Orendorff, Yuma, AZ, reported on his successful meeting at Baron, OK; he added that there were also two baptisms at Yuma during his absence, and another at Stilwell, OK. Brother Howard McCay, Yakima, WA, wrote on the success of their camp meeting, and that Sister Vestal McKinney had passed away July 29th.

***The Christian Courier*, August, 1987.** Brother Homer Bryant wrote that he had just returned from the Delta Camp Meeting, and that there was 1 baptism (Caren Foundation) and 22 who had gone forward asking for prayers of the church. Brother Billy Richardson, Furnish Canyon, OK, reported on their meeting with Brother Audley Barnes of Comanche, OK. Brother David McCay, Lorenzo, TX, announced they had 4 baptisms during their meeting with Brother Ken Harper: Erica Forsman, Mark Ivins, Skipper Forsman, and Chris Forsman. Brother Paul Andrews, Goshen, AR, reported on their meeting with Brother Howard Taylor from Loco, OK. Brother Ken Williams, Waterford, CA, mentioned that Sister Velma Hillier had suffered a stroke; Sister Jewell Cadwell was in a rest home, and that they had some visitors. Brother Mark Perigen, Bellflower, CA, asked for prayers for Sister Myrtle Clouse who was very sick; and listed a number of recent visitors. Brother Terry Warford, Baron, OK, announced the baptism of Bobby Gardenhire on June 28th, and asked for prayers for Brother Jim Brown, who had thyroid gland surgery. Brother Ed Tate, Olney, TX, reported on their weekend meeting with guest speakers.

Some Messages From The Bible

When in sorrow, read John 14.
When men fail you, read Psalms 27.
When you have sinned, read Psalms 51.
When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.
When you are in danger, read Psalms 91.
When you have the blues, read Psalms 34.
When God seems far away, read Psalms 139.
If you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.
If you are lonely or fearful, read Psalms 23.
If you feel down and out, read Romans 8:38-39.
If you need courage, read Joshua 1.
If the world seems bigger than God, read Psams 90.
If you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30.
If you get bitter or critical, read 1 Cor. 13.
For a great invitation, read Isaiah 55.



Cards and Letters



Aztec, NM

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Although I will always need the prayers of my brothers and sisters, you can take my name off of the prayer list. It has been nine months now since the accident. The doctor has dismissed me. I still have to be careful of how I bend, and not lift anything heavy.

Sister Kerrie McFarland (Sue and Duane Bixler's daughter) and her three boys were down to visit her parents. Also visiting were Brother Duane II and Sister Roberta Roberts, and her Great Aunt Doris. It was nice to see them. They live so far away - Colestrip, Montana.

Brother Dick and Sister Georgia Taylor were here to visit her parents (Brother J. D. and Jo Johnson), also Brother Charley Johnson and Sister Nina Bixler.

Sister Kerrie asks if you would please send them one copy of the Christian Courier to:

Brother and Sister Kenny McFarland
P. O. Box 1017
Colestrip, Mont. 59323

Frank's Dad is very sick with congested heart failure. Frank went down to Albuquerque a couple of weeks ago, and stayed one week, then left this morning to go and see them for a couple of days.

In Christian love,
Doris and Frank Ridlon
#18 Rd. 2924
Aztec, NM 87410

Baron, OK

Greetings from Baron Church of Christ,

We just finished a good gospel meeting with Brother Homer Bryant, and we heard ten good lessons from the Word of God. We were all spiritually uplifted. There was good attendance each night, with visitors from Goshen, AR; Bohanna Mt., AR; Randlett, OK; Pleasantview, OK; and Stilwell, OK.

We certainly enjoyed being with Brother Homer and Sister Bonnie for a week. We had a wonderful fellowship all week, and a lot of good food that our sisters prepared. The last Sunday of the meeting, Brother Bryant baptized our granddaughter, Nicole McReynolds. A week before our meeting, Brother Bob Eldridge baptized our great-granddaughter, Amber Barrett. Today, June 22nd, another granddaughter was baptized, Kenli Leatherwood, and Doyle Wilson's grandson, Dustin White, by Brother David Brown. There is much rejoicing here, also in heaven. Isaiah 55:11, where the Bible says, *"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."*

We appreciate Brother and Sister Bryant coming such a great distance to hold our meeting. We are also very thankful for all the other congregations coming and helping us out; also our own congregation for faithfully attending all the way through.

God bless you all,
Baron Church of Christ

Bohanna Mt., AR

Greetings from The Mountain,

Sunday, July 6th, was a wonderful day for our congregation. Brother Paul Auslam came to visit us, and consented to give us a lesson, which was very interesting. His lesson was "2000, THE END OF TIME." Everyone should hear this. Thanks, Paul.

Today was a wonderful day, most of all, for three went forward asking for baptism: Ida Hooper, Brenda Whitely, and Sandy Martin. We welcome these new sisters in Christ. We are very happy for them and their families, that have prayed for them many times, I'm sure.

When we were at the stream, our older sister Laney told us that she was baptized in the same stream 74 years before (a little history). These new sisters are her granddaughter and two great nieces.

I would like to tell you that my mother, Sister Carrie Roberson, is much improved, and can be removed from the prayer list. We thank each one for the prayers and support for her. She will turn 80 on August 3rd. Cards would be welcome. She and my Dad are both in the nursing home. Her address is:

Carrie Roberson
Broken Bow Nursing Home
700 West Jones
Broken Bow, OK 74728

For the Bohanna Mt. Congregation,
Brother & Sister Melvin Daniels
170 O'Neal Lane
Elkins, AR 72727

Comanche, OK

Just a few lines from the church at Comanche, Oklahoma.

We have had an exciting and wonderful last few weeks! On June 19, 1997, a new brother was added to the body of Christ. We are proud to announce the baptism of Roy Smith on that date. Roy is the son of our dear Larrissa Smith that we lost this past winter. He had been bringing her to church the last few years of her life, and we had all become very fond of him in that time. After her passing, Roy continued to drive the fifty plus miles one way to worship with our little congregation. We are all overjoyed at his baptism, and are very proud to have him in our midst.

Our meeting with Brother Tom Broadway just ended, but we have all been uplifted and strengthened by the presence of him and his wife Charlene. Brother Tom brought us ten very good lessons from the Word of God. Thank you, Tom and Charlene, for being here.

It was also our pleasure to host the visitors who came to support our congregation and Brother Tom. There were several who came and stayed several days with us and with Howard and Leola. We really do appreciate everyone who came, whether for several days or for only one service. It is always so good to see friends and loved ones from near and far. A meeting isn't complete without our visitors. Of course, the presence of all the regulars was greatly appreciated, as well.

We hope to see a lot of you at future meetings this summer.

In Christian love,

Audley Barnes for the Countryside Church of Christ

Show Low, AZ

Greetings,

We send our love. All of us are doing fine. I had hurt my neck at the church camp our last day there. I thank all of you for your prayers. I am fine now.

We all enjoyed getting to be at the camp this year. There were good services, singing, Bible studies, fellowship, and , or course, the food! Before we went to Cedaredge, we were needing more song books. Thank you very much for sending us home without the same problem. We put them to use Sunday, and they worked great.

We appreciate all of you, and look forward already to next year. And I thank my Dad and Mom, Henry and Alice Davis, for coming up here to Show Low, so that my Dad could conduct the services here, so I could be there at Cedaredge. If it wasn't for him we couldn't have gone.

All of our thanks go to everyone at the camp for their hospitality. We can't wait to see you all again.

Also, we have had some worries here. Chris Adams has had to go into emergency surgery today, and he is needing all the prayers we can give.

I thank God for this and all.

God Bless,

Joseph Davis

Show Low, AZ

Tiner, OK

Hi!!

My mother is Carrie Roberson from the Tiner church at Broken Bow. She broke her hip in February. She is recovering very nicely. She and my dad, Robert, are both in a nursing home now. She would like for the paper to be changed to her address at the nursing home. It is 700 W. Jones St., Broken Bow, OK 74728.

Also, they will be having their 60th Wedding Anniversary August 3rd, if anyone would like to send a card at the above address.

Thanks so much.

We have a new church at Tiner, if anyone is passing through, stop by. It is 3 ½ miles east of Broken Bow, and ½ mile north. Wayne Queen's son-in-law, Robert Johnson, has been giving some real good lessons. We are really proud of him.

With love,

Pat Reed

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear ones in Christ,

We have some sad news to report. Sister Jeanne Boroff's father and Sister Ada Johnston's husband, Ray Johnston of Yakima, WA, passed away June 26th; then just recently we heard that Brother Earl Roby, also of Yakima, passed away on July 19th. We also heard that Homer Bryant's son, Rick Bryant, died on a heart attack on July 7th. He was 40 years old. Then on the 14th, Brother Homer's brother had passed away. Our hearts go out to the families of these men.

On a happier note, Terry Warford baptized Heather Geri-Toler, who recently move to this area, on July 27th. Heather requested the songs "The Ninety and Nine" and "They Tell Me Of A Home" at her baptism. May the Lord guide her on the Christian path.

We have been blessed with recent visitors from Selah, WA on successive weekends: Brother John and Sister Betty McKinney and Brother Bob and Sister Wilma Farley. Brother John spoke one weekend, and Brother Bob spoke the second. Also visiting were Brother Matthew and Sister Kelly Shepherd from Vancouver, WA, and Brother Eric and Sister Lori Harper from Sacramento,

CA. Brother Eric gave us a fine lesson while here. It is always good to have these brethren visiting.

One weekend some of the members from here and Aloha, OR, went to Vancouver, WA, to help the Shepherds move into their new home. That is always such a chore, but so much more enjoyable when brethren share in the task.

May God be with you all.

In Christian love,

The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

Nov. 23-30, 1997	Citrus City, AZ	J. W. Bedingfield & Joe Davis

Baptisms

Amber Barrett	Baron, OK	June 1, 1997
Nicole McReynolds	Baron, OK	June 15, 1997
Roy Smith	Comanche, OK	June 19, 1997
Kenli Leatherwood	Baron, OK	Jene 22, 1997
Dustin White	Baron, OK	June 22, 1997
Ida Hooper	Bohanna Mt., AR	July 6, 1997
Brenda Whitely	Bohanna Mt., AR	July 6, 1997
Sandy Martin	Bohanna Mt., AR	July 6, 1997
Heather Geri-Toler	Sea-Tac, WA	July 27, 1997

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Erelene Chessman	Bellflower, CA	Fighting cancer
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
Reba White	Lorenzo, TX	Fighting cancer
Jo Goodwin	Newcastle, TX	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
Chris Adams	Show Low, AZ	Emergency surgery

Passings

Ray Johnston	Yakima, WA	June 26, 1997
Rick Bryant	Concord, CA	July 7, 1997
Homer Bryant's brother	Concord, CA	July 14, 1997
Earl Roby	Yakima, WA	July 19, 1997