

The Most Important Meal

Nutritionists, parents, and other nags often remind us that "breakfast is the most important meal of the day." A new day is beginning, and we haven't eaten since dinner the night before. So it is important to have some food to start the day in a good, healthy manner.

But our body is not the only part of us that needs food to be healthy.

We also must feed our souls, our spirits and our minds on a regular basis to have good spiritual health. Let's look at how we can have a good, healthy, spiritual "BREAKFAST" to start each day.

B - BIBLE
R - RULES
E - ENERGY
A - ATTITUDE
K - KINDNESS
F - FUN
A - APTITUDE
S - STRENGTH
T - TIME

"B" is for the Bible.

The Bible provides us with spiritual nutrition. I Pet. 2:2, *"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:".*

Study of God's Word is a good daily habit. 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."*

And just as breakfast is to start the day, we will be greatly benefited by starting the day with a portion of God's Word. Wisdom speaks in Prov. 8:17, *"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."*

"R" is for Rules.

One blessing we receive from daily study of the Bible is learning rules for living this life so we can gain life eternal. These rules come in two basic types.

First, there are rules in the form of general principles such as we find in Proverbs. Prov. 4:11-13, *"I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life."*

Second, there are rules in the form of specific commands that must be obeyed. Eccl. 12:13, *"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."*

"E" is for Energy.

Breakfast gives us energy so we aren't dragging all day. Likewise a daily, early, helping of God's Word gives us spiritual energy. Prov. 17:22, *"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."* We get this merry heart from God's Word. 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."*

Why would we ever want to start a day at work or school without the extra energy provided by a serving of the Word of God?

"A" is for Attitude.

Poor nutrition can adversely affect our attitude towards life. Good nutrition can boost it.

In like manner, there is nothing like reading in God's Word of His love, care, and blessings to help us face each day with confidence and boldness.

I Pet. 5:7, *"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."* Heb. 13:5-6, *"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."*

"K" is for Kindness.

We read in the Bible of God's kindness toward us. Eph. 2:7, *"That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."*

This helps us to show kindness toward others. Eph. 4:32, *"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."*

"F" is for Fun.

I love to eat. When food tastes good, it is fun to eat.

God's Word is fun spiritual food. There is a lot there to enjoy.

You can meditate in awed wonder at the power of God shown in His creation. Read all about it in the first two chapters of Genesis, chapters 38 to 42 of Job, and throughout much of Psalms.

You can read many wonderful (and true) stories in the Bible; such as Noah in Genesis chapters 6-9, Gideon in Judges chapters 6-7, David and Goliath in I Samuel 17, the birth of Jesus in Luke 2, and many more.

Jesus himself taught many fun, interesting truths in his parables throughout Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The amazing thing is that all this fun helps us to grow spiritually! II Pet. 3:18, *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."*

"A" is for Aptitude.

Good spiritual nutrition from God's Word not only boosts our attitude, but also our aptitude or ability to serve God.

II Tim. 3:16-17, *"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."*

"S" is for Strength.

Good nutrition helps us to be strong. Good spiritual nutrition helps us to be strong spiritually.

Prov. 24:5 reveals that we gain in strength as we gain in knowledge, *"A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength."*

"T" is for Time.

Take the Time for God's Word. Make the Time for God's Word.

Granted, most of us don't enjoy getting up early. But reading and studying God's Word before starting our day can bless us in so many ways. So it is worth it to get up a few minutes early if necessary to find time to get a good helping of the Bible.

Rom. 13:11-12, *"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."*

This article is not presented as commandment to study at the start of the day. I have no such authority, and find no such command in the Bible.

It is presented as encouragement to study at the start of the day because doing so blesses us in so many ways.

Nor am I saying that this is the only good time to study. We eat generally three meals a day. Likewise it is a great benefit to study as often as we can. (I wouldn't even discourage a spiritual midnight snack.)

II Tim. 2:15, *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

We close our study in the name of Jesus Christ.

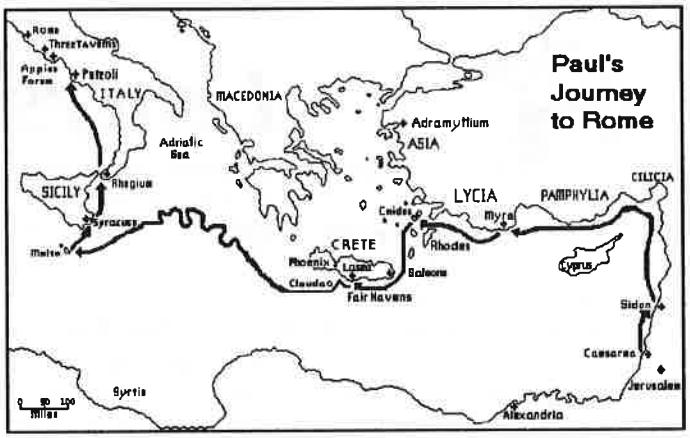
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The Travels of Paul: Fourth Journey

Conclusion at Rome





After the shipwrecked passengers and crew were all saved alive on the island of Melita (Malta today), the barbarous residents showed a lot of kindness in receiving them and preparing a fire for them in the rain and cold (Acts 28:1-2). They were not barbarians in the normal sense, proved by their conduct; they were Phoenicians not influenced by the Greek-Roman culture (*Wycliffe Bible Commentary*, p. 337).

Paul helped them by gathering sticks, but when he placed them on the fire a viper bit his hand. When the barbarians saw it, they believed Paul to be a murderer (knowing there were some among the prisoners on the ship) receiving his justice (vs. 3-4). However, he merely shook it off into the fire, and showed no evidence of being harmed by it. They then changed their minds and believed him to be a god (vs. 5-6).

The chief man of the island, Publius, received and entertained them for three days. After it was learned that Publius' father was sick with fever and dysentery, Paul healed him by praying over him and laying his hands on him. When this was done, the rest of the sick on the island were brought for healing, all of whom were cured (vs. 7-9).

After wintering on the island, they set sail for Rome on an Alexandrian ship, loaded with things that were needed – gifts of the barbarians. The figurehead of this ship was *The Twin Brothers* (vs. 10-11).

The ship docked for three days at Syracuse on the island of Sicily, one day at Rhegium, before arriving the next day at Puteoli (now Puzzuoli), a port several miles from Rome (vs. 12-13). This was actually Italy's greatest port. The ruins of its pier remain to this day (*Acts Made Actual*, p. 339). Paul found some brethren there, and tarried with them for seven days before continuing on to Rome (vs. 14). Brethren from Rome heard of Paul's arrival and came to meet him at Appii forum (The Market of Appius, NIV) and The Three Taverns (vs. 15-16). Paul had written to them several years earlier of his desire to come to them. At that time no one dreamed that his arrival would be that of a prisoner.

After his arrival at Rome, Paul was placed under guard by a Roman soldier, but was allowed some liberty not permitted to other prisoners. Three days later, he invited the chief Jews to come for a meeting (vs. 17), whereupon he gave his account of his being a prisoner because of the Jews at Jerusalem (vs. 17-20). They stated that they had heard nothing of this, but wanted to know more of this sect of Christians that was being spoken against all over the world (vs. 21-22). They were given another day for this, and a great number of Jews came to hear about this Jesus (vs. 23). Some believed and some didn't (vs. 24).

Paul waited two years for his trial in his own dwelling, preaching the kingdom of God freely without interference (vs. 29-31). It is likely that his accusers never made an appearance at Rome, delaying his trial. During this time Paul wrote epistles to the Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians, and two letters to Timothy. His last recorded letter to Timothy was written just before his death. Read this letter to Timothy with the awareness that Paul knew his time was near. Note these verses:

"*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*" (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Written in love of the truth.

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Cards and Letters





Baron, OK

Dear Brother & Sisters,

Greetings to all from the Baron congregation. Just want to report on how our weekend meeting went in June 18-21. We had a different speaker each night. Bro. Paul Andrews spoke on Thursday night, Bro. Howard Taylor on Friday night, Bro. Paul Auslam, Jr. on Saturday night, Bro. Suhir Sen on Sunday morning, and Bro. Curtis Alred spoke on Sunday afternoon. All are from Goshen, AR, but Bro. Howard Taylor, who is from Comanche, OK. All five gave very good lessons. We had good attendance and good fellowship. Visitors were from Goshen, AR; Comanche, OK; and Bohanan Mountain congregations. The meeting was very uplifting to all.

We also had two baptisms recently: Eugene & Debbie Wilson's son, Bobby (12), and daughter, Desiree (13). I'm sure there is much rejoicing in heaven as we also are rejoicing here.

Brother Curtis Alred came Sunday morning and spoke for us on a good lesson entitled, "Why Not?"

This is about all the news right now.

Love & prayers to all from the Baron, OK, congregation

Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I have been getting 8 copies of *The Courier* since you folks were flooded. I have more than I can read. Please send only one copy to me, as I would miss what I look forward to.

We are growing older, it seems, and cannot get around well any more, like so many of our friends who we used to see once in a while. My wife of 69 years, and now 90 years of age, has Alzheimer's, and I must take care of her. It's a very poor time to learn how to keep house and learn to cook at 93 years of age, so I am more than busy.

With *The Courier* I can keep track of those old timers.

J. Randolph Kellems
Cucamonga, CA

Aloha, OR

Baptisms to report:
Christina Calhoun, April 19, 1998
Jeremy Houchin, Springdale AR, July 5, 1998
Jeremy is our grandson.
J. L. Jared, Aloha, OR

Douglasville, GA

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a small donation to help fund *The Christian Courier*. We really enjoy reading letters from other congregations. The church here at Douglasville is doing well, and we welcome any travelers coming our way to stop by and visit. Our prayers will continue for the sick and for others in need.

Thank you for all the efforts that produce *The Courier*.

Sincerely,
Fred & Shelley Smith
Douglasville, GA

Ps. We would like our e-mail address added to your list. It is FS4470@aol.com

Thanks.

E-mail From Randlett, OK

Please add the following email addresses to the Courier's list. I think this is a great way for Christians to communicate.

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Sorry we missed your meeting at Lorenzo. We couldn't make it this time, but wanted to. Lord's willing we will see you next time.

I don't know if this date will get to you in time to make the Courier deadline. Randlett, Oklahoma congregation is having a weekend meeting Sept. 4,5,&6. Larry Poland from the Ringgold, Texas congregation and Robert Eldridge will be the speakers.

Thank you,
Shirley & Wendy Eldridge

E-mail from Randlett, OK

Hello to all the Churches, We would like to announce our weekend meeting we will be holding September 4, 5 and 6. Larry Pollan and Bob Eldridge will be our guest speakers. We would like to invite everyone to attend and would look forward to seeing many. We have plenty of room for guests. Evening meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. With Sunday morning at 10:30, lunch afterwards and a closing meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m. We have visited a few meetings this summer and have enjoyed them. We would encourage everyone to try and attend. If anyone would like to contact us, they can at the following numbers: Andy Barnes 580-439-5956; Roy Mullens 940-569-1543 or Leroy Mullens 940-569-7141.

Sincerely, Randlett Church of Christ

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear ones in Christ,

This summer Bro. Ellis Forsman took Sis. Theresa McKinney, Brothers Mark & Scott Staley, David Orendorff, Mike Geho II, and Sam Geho to the Delta Family Camp Meeting. A good time was had by all, and very spiritually uplifting. In July Bro. Ellis flew to Texas and spoke for the Lorenzo congregation during their meeting. It was good to see all the loved ones there.

Bro. Howard McCay is still not able to attend services (since the 1st of April), but his attitude is better. Bro. Garold Morris is still being treated for cancer. He has had trouble recently of blacking out. They performed a cat scan on his brain and found no trouble there. They are now monitoring his heart to see if that is the source of his problems. Sis. Jeannean McSwane is still having trouble with R S D Syndrome and Sis. Jeanne Boroff is still having difficulty with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. All of these beloved people could use your prayers.

Bro J. D. & Sis. Fern Logan have recently moved up to the Glenwood, WA, area. Bro. Homer & Sis. Bonnie Bryant came up to assist them in getting their house built. We expect to see them occasionally, since they are only 50 miles away.

The e-mail list has been greatly increased of late. Be sure to double-check your personal address list, as there have also been a few changes.

Our love to all,

The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation

E-mail from Mike Geho on 8/17

Aaron Rollins just called us to let us know that his mothers husband is just getting out of surgery and the doctors discovered that he indeed does have cancer and it starts in his upper back and goes down around his lungs, stomach, liver, kidneys, it's just everywhere. The doctors have said that there isn't anything that they can do, it's in Gods hands. Aaron is requesting the prayers of the Church. He would like the message sent out as quickly as possible and to have other Christians praying for Don as possible. Aaron will be contacting us again this week to let us know what the radiologist has to say . The surgeon said he would give him about 4-12 weeks., but it's in Gods hands now

All prayers would be greatly appreciated.

In Christian love ,

Mike and Felica Geho,

Selah, WA

Follow-up on 8/20

Prayers of the church are desperately needed for Don German. The doctor today told the family that radiation is not an option, and that if he cannot regain his strength they cannot start chemotherapy. If he doesn't regain his strength within two weeks he will probably die within three to four weeks. He is becoming very weak and depressed. All prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Follow up on 8/30

Don German went to the Treatment Center of Tulsa in Kansas where he has received treatment of the liver in removing bile. He is getting stronger and they will start giving him chemotherapy as soon as he gets strong enough. Thank you all for your prayers.

Yuma, AZ

Hello to all in the brotherhood:

A bit of news from the church in Yuma, AZ. We hope this finds all well or on the mend. We still have quite a lot of illness in our midst. Bro. Bud Davis at this time seems a bit better, but is still taking chemotherapy and may undergo radiation treatment to his back; Bro. Orendorff is still having medical attention in Tucson, AZ; Sis. Sybil Schrader has almost lost all of her eyesight; Sis. Billy Heck is having some very aggravating back problems; Sis. Zelma Broadway is fairly well physically for her age; and Sis. Ruth Duncan's husband now has cancer in one lung besides being on oxygen for emphysema. Let us all

be mindful to pray for the ill. Prayers are very effective and we have seen the good results.

We do have good news as well. Sunday, August 2nd, Sis. Diane Cummins, daughter of Bud & Willie Davis, returned to the Lord's service. Can you imagine how much happiness this has brought us all here, as well as in heaven? Also, their son Dennis gave the lesson for the evening service.

After the Delta Gospel Meeting, Earlene Forsman came and spent some time with us. We enjoy her company, and she is a great asset to our group, and she also presents a fine example of a young Christian woman.

After a long extended spring, summer arrived hot & humid. Some are fortunate to be away for the summer. In the fall the weather turns nice and the ones that have been away return, and as the scriptures say, we soon forget the discomforts of the summer and the loneliness of those that have been away.

This about all I can think of for this time. May the Lord bless us all richly, and let us all work hard to be worthy of His blessings.

In Christian love from the Yuma congregation

Delta Family Camp Meeting Comments

The following is a compilation of notes from some who attended this year's camp meeting:



I liked everything about it. (McKayla Dale)

Camp was really fun. I got to meet wonderful people while learning about God. (Sarah Boling)

I especially liked the way the camp's activities were geared toward introducing you to new people and experiences you might otherwise never have talked to or had a chance to participate in. (Anonymous)

Everyone needs to chill out and let the kids be kids. Another thing, church needs to get back to the Bible. (Anonymous) (??? All of the lessons were Bible based – Ellis Forsman)

I like the Colorado Church Camp because it is fun and cool. (Mike Geho)

This is a place you come each year; adults have Christian fellowship; children meet other Christian-raised children, and hopefully have friends for life, perhaps even future helpmates. We get to hear the Word on a daily basis, sing songs together for praise and edification. We strive to sharpen one another and hopefully grow and strengthen in the Lord. After such a privilege, pleasure, and vacation, we go away back into the front line of the battlefield, such as Christians live rejuvenated, and hopefully, a little stronger to stand in the power of His might! (Joseph Davis)

I haven't been to the Delta Camp since 1988. That was too long! Once I returned to Delta, I couldn't believe I could have gone so many years without returning. I've met at least 30 new people, and by the end of the week we felt like family. One big family studying, laughing, playing volleyball and horseshoes, and who will forget the field day at the park. First, Ellis got soaked with water, then the water fight began. I was next to drenched. Robert Davis had taken some of the kids to the Mesa and brought back snow in his ice chest. At the park that day it was at least 102°, so we really enjoyed the snowball fight. Thanks, Robert (Ducky) Davis. I didn't think there was one dry person there. Huh, Javan!? Then after church in the evening the younger kids recited Bible verses and the older kids put on skits. (Thresa McKinney)

The Delta Camp Meeting was one of the most fun events I have ever had the opportunity to take part in. The meeting helped me to reinstate my purpose here on this earth, while giving me numerous new and exciting subjects and events to engage in. I also was blessed to meet Christians of all ages and share with them many wonderful experiences to last a lifetime. Thank you. (Scott Staley)

This wonderful church meeting helped me immensely in feeling secure as a Christian. God showed me through my experiences at Delta that weekdays and Sundays contain contentment for me if I wear the same face consistently, one in the likeness of Jesus'. I was sheltered for a week from my usual day-to-day temptations (much more often than not). This built me up through God's power and mercy and gave me a haven apart from Satan such that I could more readily and cheerfully help others. Praise God for this glorious gift of fellowship. (Mark Staley)

The following appeared in the local newspaper at Cedaredge:



Happy Hollow Church of Christ members

were hosts, this past week, to families from throughout the U.S. including: Arizona, Washington, Oregon, California, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Alaska. The church met at Cedaredge Town Park for field games and a pot luck lunch on Wednesday, July 1. These were two of the many activities planned as part of the schedule for the 35th Annual Church Camp meeting.

Big Spruce Campground, northeast of Cedaredge, was the destination for over 100 visitors, many who plan all or part of the vacations to arrive here year after year for spiritual and social renewal.

Luchsinger and Berry wedding held at Big Spruce Camp Ground

Heather Luchsinger and Brent Berry were married on Saturday evening, July 4th at Big Spruce Camp Ground north of Cedaredge. Officiating, Brent's uncle, Eddie Wilkerson, minister of the Church of Christ.

Heather is from Syracuse, New York. She graduated from Onondaga Central High School in 1995, and has received an associate degree from Onondaga Community College in Syracuse. Brent grew up in Cedaredge, was a 1995 graduate of Cedaredge High School. He is employed with a security company and deals with loss prevention in Canton, Georgia.

The couple have known each other since the 8th grade when Brent and his parents lived in Syracuse for a time. Both have met again several times at the Church of Christ family camp held at Big Spruce. Heather was here for Brent's Senior prom. They've corresponded and been 'best friends' for years. When they met at camp this year, they decided to commit to each other and be married while both families and many friends could attend the ceremony.

The wedding took on a western theme with the women in party dressed 'country' and the men in levis and straw hats. Heather wore something borrowed: Diane Wilkerson's wedding dress. She rode from the cabin to the camp tabernacle on a John Deere six wheeler. Their three-tier wedding cake was baked and decorated by Sue Bixler and Patty Wilkerson at camp.

Heather's parents, Donald and Jody Luchsinger, live in Syracuse, New York. Brent's parents are Skip and Pam (Wilkerson) Berry, formerly of Cedaredge, now residing in Canton, Georgia.



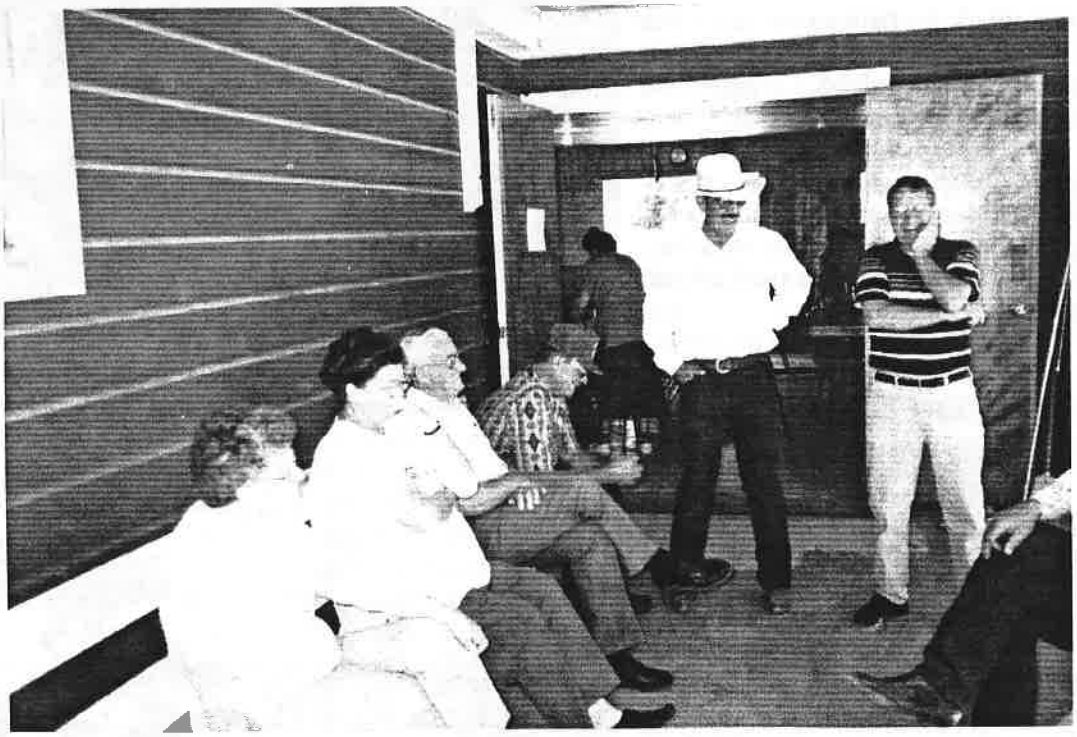
Precious Memories

***It Is Written*, September, 1948.** Br. J. C. Spurlin, Reydon, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. W.H. Francis; Lola Garver was baptized. Coy Garrison, Oklahoma City, OK, wrote about their meeting in which one was baptized. Bro. Cavin, Whittier, CA, reported on the discussion they had on the question of breaking the bread; Bro. Cavin & Bro. Hunt stating the bread was to be broken, Bro. Nichols and Bro. Smith asserting that it was not to be broken.

***It Is Written*, August, 1958.** Bro. J. S. Bedingfield, Sacramento, CA, mentioned the passing of Bro. E. H. Cavin. Bro. J. V. Wood, Midwest City, OK, wrote about their meeting with Bro. Coy Garrison in which there was one baptism and one restoration. Bro. W. E. Daniels, Broken Bow, OK, stated that he just finished three months labor in Oregon and Washington. Sis. Annis Brown, Escalon, CA, informed us that Bro. J. G. Condor was very sick and asked for the prayers of the brethren; and that Bro. J. D. Logan has just finished a meeting at Modesto, CA. Bro. R. C. Clements, Broken Bow, OK, indicated that he had been in the hospital twice and was expecting to go back in again. Bro. L. C. England, Whittier, CA, stated that his wife had quite a siege in the hospital, but was home and doing better now.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1978.** The Richard Jones family expressed their thanks and appreciation for the support given after the loss of their home. Bro. Claude Perigen, Bellflower, CA, reminisced on their trip to several congregations and thanked Bro. Howard McCay for holding their meeting and all of the visitors that attended. The Yuma, AZ, congregation reported that Sis. Arzulla Renick and Bro. & Sis. Davis had been under the weather. Bro. Dan Ross, Yakima, WA, announced the marriage of Bro. Merle McKinney and Sis. Ola Spence on October 13th and the baptism of Candie Farley.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1988.** Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, announced the baptism of Bro. & Sis. Rickey Brown, Randel Treat, and his granddaughter, Tresa Treat, that there were a few that had returned to the church, and that his wife was recovering from eye surgery. The Aztec, NM, congregation announced Bro. Paul Warford would hold their meeting in September. Bro. B lly Richardson, Furnish Canyon, OK, reported on the passing of Bro. Clyde Couchman and the birth of Zachary Wiggins on June 27th. Bro. Stanley Goodwin, Newcastle, TX, announced that Bro. Jim Brown would hold their meeting in September. Bro. Audley Barnes, Loco, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Al Way in which there were two baptisms: Carla Mullins and Greg Jones. Also mentioned: Sis. MacDonald of Olivehurst, CA, passed away on August 21st.



Visiting at the 1998 Delta Family Camp Meeting

How Great I Am

A tall, slender peacock struts about in absolute sureness,
His sleek, blue body magnificently adorned with elaborate tail-feathers.
"Do the females notice me?" he wonders,
Innocent in appearance,
Zeal overflows at conviction of his self-supposed elegant supremacy.
"Do they see how great I am?"
A minister delivers a sermon through an arrogant notion of superiority.
His vast vocabulary utilized impeccably, but without sensitivity.
The congregation: baffled.
Many faces darkened with discouragement,
One face lit with excessive pride.
"Do they see how great I am?"
If I'm to be heard with nine-year-old ears,
Let me speak in accordance with a tongue no older, no younger,
Such that I may not be consumed by this,
"Do they see how great I am?"
Of communication, result comprehension and confusion.
Who delights in confusion?
Who delights upon confusion?
For communication holds no pure purpose that is not comprehension.
Give simplicity: give love.
Who is Simplicity, who is Love?
God.
Give God as He gave Christ to you and me.
Tenderly, graciously, with easy access to understanding.
But how can we possibly so conduct ourselves
In this incomparable propriety?
Our own filthy and sinful nature renders us always separate from the manner.
A necessity exists in unfailing constancy:
We must ever be striving:
Toward like selflessness and grace flowing outward,
In praise to the Father of whom is infinite glory and power.
Such that He would need not make emphasis upon:
"Do they see how great I am?"

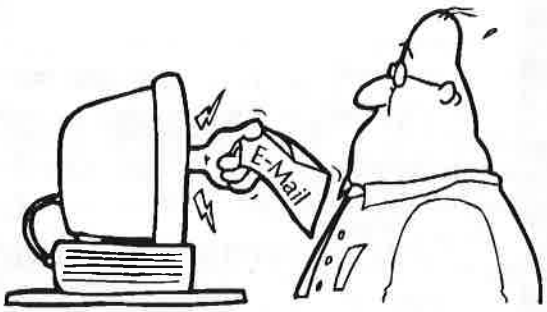
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The Need Next Door

I said, "Yes, Lord, I'll go where you call me.
And I'll do what you want me to do."
But how could I know as I knelt there,
That he's ask me to stay here with you?
I thought surely he'd call me to China
Or to Africa's far away shore.
I would gladly have sailed o'er the ocean,
But he whispered, "I need you next door."
It's the faraway task that seems brightest,
And the grass seems more green o'er the way;
But how can he use me afar off,
If I fail those I meet every day?
It's so easy to look past my neighbor
Who has needs only God can supply;
God forgive me if I, like the Levite,
Have been passing some suff'ring one by.
— Author Unknown

We just received word before going to printing that Sis. Danese Coody of Oklahoma City, OK, was killed in a car accident on August 31st. Our feelings and prayers go out to her friends and relatives.

— The editors

Will The Real Lady Please Stand?

____	Who said Jesus had not come to her home earlier? (John11:21).	A...Bathsheba
____	Who helped her son to trick his father? (Gen. 27:15).	B...Delilah
____	Who tricked a strong man into telling her his secret? (Judges 16:6).	C...Dorcas
____	Who refused to obey her husband, the king's order? (Esther 1:12).	D...Elisabeth
____	Who made many coats and garments during her lifetime? (Acts 9:39).	E...Eve
____	Who led the women of Israel in singing and rejoicing? (Exodus 15:21).	F...Hagar
____	Who was told by an angel that God had favored her? (Luke 1:30).	G...Hannah
____	Who let a serpent cause her to sin? (2 Cor. 11:3).	H...Jochebed
____	Who died when her second son was born? (Gen. 35:19).	I...Leah
____	Who asked the Lord to give her a son? (1 Sam. 1:20).	J...Lois
____	Who was the mother of Abraham's first child? (Gen. 16:16).	K...Martha
____	Who was struck dead because she lied to God? (Acts 5:1).	L...Mary
____	Who was ninety years old when her first child was born? (Gen. 17:17).	M...Mary (mother of Jesus)
____	Who was the mother of a very wise king? (1 Kings 2:13).	N...Miriam
____	Who lost her husband and both of her sons? (Ruth 1:8).	O...Naomi
____	Who was the grandmother of Timothy? (2 Tim. 1:5).	P...Priscilla
____	Who was the mother of six of Jacob's sons? (Gen. 30:19).	Q...Rachel
____	Who reported to friends that Peter was out of prison? (Acts 12:13).	R...Rebekah
____	Who helped two Hebrew spies by hiding them in her house? (Jos. 2:1).	S...Rahab
____	Who was the cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus? (Luke 1:36).	T...Rhoda
____	Who was the mother of the famous leader of the Israelites? (Num. 26:59).	U...Sapphira
____	Who dried the feet of Jesus with her hair? (John 11:2).	V...Sarah
____	Who was the wife of a tentmaker who befriended Paul? (Acts 18:2).	W...Vashti

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

Sept. 4-6, 1998	Randlett, OK	Larry Pollan & Robert Eldridge
July 3-11, 1999	Delta Family Gospel Meeting	Guest speakers

Baptisms

Christina Calhoun	Aloha, OR	April 19, 1998
Jeremy Houchin	Springdale, AR	July 5, 1998
Bobby Wilson	Baron, OK	June, 1998
Desiree Wilson	Baron, OK	June, 1998
Heather Luchsinger	Delta, CO, Camp Meeting	July 3, 1998

Births

Sierra Lenora Dean to Brian & Jessica Dean	Selah, WA	July 23, 1998

Weddings

Brent Berry & Heather Luchsinger	Delta, CO, Camp Meeting	July 4, 1998

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Jim Brown	Baron, OK	Heart blockage
Erelene Chessman	Bellflower, CA	Fighting cancer
Hazel Harville	Broken Bow, OK	Heart condition
Jo Williams	Duncan, OK	Fighting cancer
Maysel Buchannon	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer & broken hip
Letha Ferguson	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Reba White	Lorenzo, TX	Fighting cancer
Jeanne Boroff	Sea-Tac, WA	Epstein Barr virus & mono.
Howard McCay	Sea-Tac, WA	Fighting cancer
Jeannean McSwane	Sea-Tac, WA	R S D Syndrome
Garold Morris	Sea-Tac, WA	Fighting cancer
Anna Lee Warner	Springfield, OR	Broken vertebrate, surgery
Don German	Tulsa, KS	Fighting cancer
Sarah Sauve	Yakima, WA	Fighting cancer in hip
Betty Carlson	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems
Bud Davis	Yuma, AZ	Lung cancer
Ruth Duncan's husband	Yuma, AZ	Lung cancer

Passings

Danese Coody	Oklahoma City, OK	August 31, 1998