

The Christian Courier

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The Importance of Hearing

I was always under the impression that the only point most denominations disagreed with the Church of Christ regarding salvation was baptism. That is, that everyone mostly agreed that hearing, faith, repentance and confession were necessary; but that the disagreement was whether prayer or baptism was the final step.

It seems, though, that I was mistaken in that impression. Most religious groups do agree on faith, repentance and confession. But it has recently been brought to my attention that not all denominations agree with us on the importance of hearing in the process of the salvation of the sinner.

Through some discussions our younger brethren have had with peers and adults at school, as well as different writings, it seems that some believe that God and the Holy Spirit work directly on a sinner's heart, converting and saving him. This is an idea that we wish to study and challenge in this article.

We will begin by examining this argument (as well as I understand it), then in contrast build the argument for Hearing as the means by which faith (and ultimately salvation) comes. Next we will see how the Spirit works in the process of hearing and salvation. Then we will close by noting briefly that Hearing is vital after one is saved as well as before.

I want to be careful not to misrepresent anyone's beliefs. On the other hand, I want each of you to be prepared to defend the faith against this doctrine if you encounter it. So please simply allow me to present their argument to the best of my understanding of it.

The argument seems to be that God and/or the Holy Spirit reveals the plan of God for salvation to a sinner directly. God has to reveal the

knowledge of Jesus, and his saving power, because by our nature we are sinners. Here are a couple of scriptures they present as proof.

Rom. 3:10-11, "*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*" The result drawn from here is that if none are seeking after God, then the Spirit is seeking after them.

I Cor. 2:14, "*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*" The result drawn from here (as I understood it) is that the Spirit has to reveal salvation in order for a person to be saved and become spiritual so they can understand the things of the Spirit.



Now, the scriptures such as these that are presented are perfectly good scriptures. They are Scripture. They are Truth. It is the results drawn from these scriptures that are untrue. People are simply trying to put things into these verses that are just not there.

In fairness, I have not heard or read anyone deny the importance of a preacher or of hearing. But if the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus and His salvation to a sinner directly, hearing is naturally omitted.

So, let's present now the argument for the importance of hearing in the salvation of a sinner. Then we can come back to these scriptures, and see how they truly fit in.

First we need to establish how very necessary faith is to be saved. Eph. 2:8, "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*"

It is through hearing God's word taught by men who are already Christians that a person receives faith.

Note the beauty and simplicity of this truth shown to us in Rom. 10:13-17, "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* (Calling on the name of the Lord is done in baptism - see Acts 22:16.) *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?* (A natural, scriptural progression of thought.) *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?* (The result being -) *So then **faith** cometh by **hearing**, and hearing by the word of God.*"

We do not question the ability of the Holy Spirit. It is just that God's plan is that Christian men teach sinful men the gospel, not that the Holy Spirit reveals it directly to sinners.

Matt. 28:18-19, "*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the*

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" Since Jesus has all power doesn't it make sense to do things His way? And His will is that men hear the gospel from us. Why would we teach if people are not supposed to hear?

In John 6:45 Jesus says, *"It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me."*

I Cor. 15:34, *"Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."* This is your shame, not the Spirit's.

II Cor. 4:6-7, *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."* The gospel (the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ) is the treasure. We are the earthen vessels into which this treasure is entrusted.

And so we emphasize Rom. 10:17, *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*

So how does the Spirit work in the process of hearing and salvation? The Spirit works through the preacher.

In the 8th chapter of Acts we have a Christian preacher, Philip. We have an Ethiopian eunuch, not yet a Christian, but interested in serving God. Note who the Spirit works through.

Acts 8:29-31, *"Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him."* From there Philip goes on to preach Jesus to him and convert him. The Eunuch believed, confessed his faith, and Philip baptized him. The point we want to note especially here is that the Spirit worked through the preacher, Philip. The Eunuch did not understand or believe, and was not saved from his sins until he heard.

Does this point contradict any scriptures? No, not at all. The Eunuch was lost in sin before he heard, so Rom. 3:10-11 is not contradicted. He didn't understand the things of the Spirit of God until he heard, so I Cor. 2:14 is not contradicted.

Let's develop this point a little further. Not only do we not have the word revealed by the Spirit without hearing. But we in fact do not receive the Spirit until after we hear, believe, and through faith are ultimately saved from our sins and become children of God.

We make this point by first connecting Gal. 3:26-27 with Gal. 4:6. Looking first at Gal. 3:26-27, *"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."* One of the blessings we then receive is the Spirit, Gal. 4:6, *"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."*

See, we become God's children through faith (which comes by hearing) and baptism. God then gives us His Spirit.

Eph. 1:12-13, *"That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.* (That would be the apostles.) *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise".*

Finally, brethren, don't stop hearing after becoming a Christian. God gave us two ears and

only one mouth for a reason. Hearing is just as vital for Christians as it is for sinners.

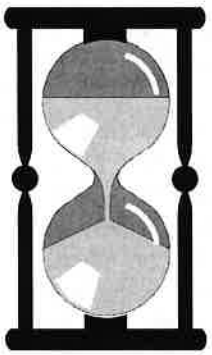
Remember how Jesus sent preachers to teach and baptize sinners in Matt. 28:18-19? Teaching (and thus hearing) is also important after sinners are saved, as we see in Matt. 28:20, *"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

Jam. 1:19, *"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:".*

Rev. 3:22, *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches."*

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Precious Memories



***The Christian Courier*, May, 1969.** Report from Modesto, CA, on their meeting with Bro. Tom Broadway that they had many visitors from California and Washington states. Bro. Don Taylor, Comanche, OK, indicated that Sis. Leola Taylor had major surgery, Sis. Hartman and Bro. J. O. Taylor had been ill, and he announced the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Teresa Taylor and Bro. Audley Barnes. Bro. Melvin Daniels, Valley Center, KS, wrote that Bro. A. J. Daniels was back with them after a trip to California. Bro. W. A. Nelson, Somerton, AZ, reported that they had several recent visitors, that Sis. Carrie Long was admitted to the hospital, and that Ben Smith and Barbara Ware exchanged wedding vows. Bro. Claud Watson, Broken Bow, OK, announced that Bro. Ken Baldwin would hold their Meeting. Bro. L. E. Atchley, Baron, OK, reported that they had four baptisms: Eddie Spence, David Brown, Larry Clinton, and Cheryl Rhodes. Bro. Ron Berry, Pompano Beach, FL, indicated that his mother, his sister Darlene and her husband, and he were worshiping in their home. Sis. Myra Dabbs and Sis. Armesa Smith, wrote about the funeral of Bro. Roy Dabbs.

***The Christian Courier*, June, 1969.** Report from Grant's Pass, OR, on their meeting with Bro. C. C. McCluskey indicated that they had several visitors from the states of Washington, Oregon, and California. Bro. L. E. Arnett, Waterford, CA, announced their meeting in June with Bro. Carrel Gray. Also mentioned: The surgery of Bro. John Smith; and the birth of twins, Paul and Perry, to Sis. June and Lee Digby. The congregation at Modesto, CA, reported that Bro. Kenneth Perry was in the hospital for a week after sustaining an accident at work; and that Bro. & Sis. Dean Guyer were the proud grandparents of a girl, Kimberly Lorene, to the parents, Gary and Pat Guyer. Bro. Ken Baldwin, Cedaredge, CO, thanked all those who attended his meeting at Broken Bow, OK. He also mentioned the

baptism of Mickey Boen at Baron, OK, and the birth of Robert Wade Wilkerson to Wayne and Vernie Wilkerson. Bro. J. D. Logan, Modesto, CA, reported on the preparations and necessities of visitors for the camp meeting at Booneville, CA. Bro. W. A. Nelson, Somerton, AZ, announced the passing of Sis. Carrie Long. Bro. Gene McKinney, San Pablo, CA, listed several recent visitors, and indicated that Sis. Cooper had pneumonia. The congregation at Yuma, AZ, announced their meeting in June with Bro. Sammy Boen. Bro. John Shepherd, Peoria, AZ, invited others to come and meet with them. They had a few new members: Bro. Abram Labato, who moved up from Tucson, AZ, and Bro. Ron and Sis. Karen Hickman.

***The Christian Courier*, June, 1979.** * Bro. Don Taylor, Comanche, OK, wrote that they had a hard winter; that Sis. Walter was recovering from a broken knee; and that Bro. Mark Taylor was doing good after his surgery. Bro. Tony Brister, Roll, AZ, invited others to come and meet with them. Bro. J. D. Logan, Modesto, CA, wrote about the planned camp meeting at the Mendocino Woodlands near Ft. Bragg, CA. Bro. Claude Perigen, Bellflower, CA, invited others to attend their meeting in July with Bro. Clif Brockman. The Chico, CA, congregation announced their meeting during Thanksgiving week with guest speakers. The San Pablo, CA, congregation announced their meeting over Labor Day weekend with Bro. Richard Johnston. Also mentioned: Sis. McLean was suffering with a hernia. Bro. Dan Treat, Broken Bow, OK, announced the baptism of Ricky Wilson, Ann Wilson, Gayla Wilson, and Deana Crowell.

***The Christian Courier*, May, 1989.** Bro. Ellis Forsman, Sea-Tac, WA, wrote that Sis Amy Orendorff and her son, David, were injured in a car accident on a snow-covered road. Bro. Homer Bryant, San Pablo, CA, announced the arrival of James Louis to Bro. Louis and Sis. Melody Glynell; and thanked Bro. Audley Barnes for delivering a message to them while there. Sis. Ruth Duncan, Yuma, AZ, reported they had three new baptisms: Susie Davis, Valerie Davis, and Denny Davis. She also asked for prayers on behalf of Sis. Zelma Broadway, who fell and severely injured her right leg. Bro. John Shepherd, Payson, AZ, invited others to come and worship with them. Bro. Dean Guyer, Waterford, CA, reported that Sis. Kay Guyer was recovering nicely from heart by-pass surgery; and he listed several recent visitors. Bro. Mark Perigen, Bellflower, CA, invited others to attend their meeting in July.

***The Christian Courier*, June, 1989.** Bro. Lloyd and Kathy Treat, Broken Bow, OK, listed eight baptisms: Rick Brown, Katy Brown, Randall Treat, Teresa Treat, Tony Treat, Alicia Treat, Steven Norris, and Tammy Norris. Sis. Anna Barnes, Loco, OK, announced the birth of Kolton Joe Barnes to Bro. Andy and Sis. Darla Barnes. He was born with a heart problem, flown to Neo Natal Unit in Oklahoma City where he stayed 19 days before being released. The Selah, WA, congregation announced the passing of Sis Jenny (Grammy) Mack.

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."
(Prov. 25:25)



Cards and Letters

Alamogordo, NM

Good afternoon,

I hope this note finds everyone healthy, and forever growing in God spirit.

I am writing this letter to request that you forward this message onto the other brethren. For the past two weeks, Gary has lost sensation of heat and cold on his right side. He had gone to a chiropractor for 6 treatments thinking it was a pinched nerve, but found no relief. This morning he went to a doctor here in Alamogordo, and tomorrow must undergo a series of tests. Then in a few weeks must get a CAT scan, an MRI and an ultrasound of his brain.

Please pray for my husband, as being a healthy person most of his life, this has taken us both by surprise.

Thank you,
Gari Pruiett

Broken Bow, AR

Hello everyone!

What a glorious past month. We had Brother Eddie Wilkerson and his friend Marv (sorry Marv I forgot your last name) for a wonderful visit. Although this was the second attempt according to Brother Doug, we had lots of visitors here at Broken Bow. Brother Gerald and Sister Wilma Buckner, Kelly Buckner, Brother Paul Warford, Brother Robert and Sister Christina Fulsom and family, our sister-in-law Rosie (Mary to some of you) Tangerman and her grandsons Anthony and Duane(Junior) Condit were here. If I left anyone out please forgive me.

While Brother Eddie was here Chrystal Ferguson was baptized and then shortly thereafter Anthony Tangerman was baptized. What a glorious month it has been.

I have e-mail now for any one who would like to correspond with me. This is fun isn't it? E-mail address is kjtreat@oio.net.

I will writer more later. May God Bless you all.

In Christian Love,
Kathy J. Treat
Broken Bow Church of Christ

Cedaredge, CO

Dear Brothers, Sisters, & Friends:

We are all well and enjoying the beautiful spring here in Cedaredge, CO. It is April, and our Colorado Camp Meeting is coming up fast, so please mark your calendars for July 3rd - 11th, and make plans to come and be with us, and bring friends to the Big Spruce Gospel Family Camp Meeting.

Enclosed is a flyer that explains everything. If you have questions, please write or call for more information. You young couples that come

when you bring children, please come and bring your families to enjoy, learn, and meet other children your ages.

The annual camp meeting is for all ages. All congregations are invited to come and be with us. It is FREE! But donations are always appreciated to help defray the cost.

Let us hear from you.

God bless, love, and prayers,

The Happy Hollow Congregation

Cedaredge, CO 81413

(Late breaking news: We received a phone call that Bro. George Cowger of Cedaredge had a severe fall and damaged his spinal cord. He is now home from the hospital, but wearing a neck brace. Also that Sis. Myra Dabbs (90) needs a hip replacement. Please remember them in your prayers. – The Editors)

Elkins, AR

With saddened heart, I report the passing of our father, Bro. Robert Roberson, of the Tiner congregation at Broken Bow, OK, on April 19, 1999.

Grave side services were held on April 22, 1999, at Hochatown, OK, with Bro. Marvin Daniels officiating.

Bro. Robert's wife, Sis. Carrie, preceded him in death on Feb. 24, 1999.

Bro. Robert was a member of the church for over 60 years, attending at Tiner since the mid 50's.

He is survived by two daughters, Pat Reed of Broken Bow, OK; Rachel Daniels, of Elkins, AR; two sons: Edward Roberson, of Winlock, WA; and Clifton Roberson, of Murray, KY; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Our father rests with our mother, both having fallen asleep in Jesus.

The Roberson children

Goshen, AR

Dear Christian,

Here at Goshen church, we are spiritually growing day by day. But we have few sad news to share with you all. Sister Mary Serrano is fighting severe Emphysema. Brother Marion Serrano is recovering from hip surgery. Sister Jean Sloan is fighting back problem. We are asking for prayers from all of you.

On a good note, the Lord willing, we will have our meeting on 13th through 20th June. Brothers Bob Eldridge of Baron, OK congregation and Howard Taylor of Comanche, OK congregation are going to be the speakers. We welcome all of you to our homes and ask to join us during this meeting.

In Christian love,

The Goshen, AR congregation

Lemon Grove, CA

I have changed my address and moved to a retirement home, so please send the paper (which I really enjoy) there. It reminds me of all the old times we had. I am 94 years old now, and have had a wonderful life, for which I am really grateful.

Love, and God bless you in all your work.

Caroline Kellems

Lemon Grove, CA

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

For the most part, we all enjoy a measure of good help, except Jeannean McSwane, who still has a very difficult time getting around due to extreme pain of broken pelvic bones, and Sis. Jeanne Boroff, who suffers from chronic fatigue. We received word from the Glenwood, WA, congregation that Bro. Leo Nunley just underwent a six-bypass heart operation. He seems to be doing well, considering the type of operation he had to endure, and especially since it was just discovered that his wife, Sis. Sandy, was just diagnosed with cancer. They sure could use your prayers.

Bro. Ellis Forsman left working at the Boeing Wind Tunnel the 1st of April, and started new work in Boeing as Integrated Parts Catalog, Digital Data Focal. In short, he is troubleshooter in data problems with parts catalogs for the airline customers.

Sis. Shaya Orendorff, graduating high school senior, had a great year in many school events, but was most outstanding in track, winning state finals in the javelin throw, and placing 6th in the shot put. She is one of the top javelin throwers in the nation (5th best for high school), and has been pursued by several universities.

Sis. Amy Orendorff and her son, Bro. David, and daughters, Hannah and Amarissa, came from Texas for Shaya's track finals and high school graduation. It is sure good to see them again.

We have revived our mid-week Bible study, and our young men and women have been attending enthusiastically. It's been a pleasure to see them developing. Last Sunday, one of our young men, Bro. Gabe Orendorff, brought a good lesson on "Excuses."

Last Saturday, June 5th, there was a surprise 50th anniversary celebration for Bro. J. D. & Sis. Fern Logan. Many friends and relatives attended from as far away as Los Angeles, CA. They certainly were surprised! Congratulations, J. D. & Fern! That is a milestone few seem to reach anymore.

In Christian love,

The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation

Springfield, OR

A note from the Springfield Church of Christ:

There isn't much news from here. We are happy that spring is here.

We want to thank all the people that have helped us out through the years, and we hope that continues.

We had a meeting to discuss our financial status. Because we are so small, and there is more going out than is coming in a month, we can no longer pay speakers who come down to speak, unless we ask for their help. We do have some money in reserve, but need to maintain it for emergencies, such as our furnace is over 30 years old, and needs major repairs. Some congregations have offered to help, and we do appreciate it, but at this time we really don't need it. Thanks so very much.

The members here are doing pretty good. Sis. Barbara Paseman is recuperating slowly, but steadily. Barb's daughter, Debbie Manning, attends services when she is able. We are so happy for her; she now has her new home. Bro. Gerald Warner is doing better. It takes time to heal when you lose a spouse. Bro. Dan & Sis. Karen Greenway are hanging in there, trying to keep things going. Their daughter, Sandie, and Bob Wright are faithful members, and attend regularly.

March 7th, Bro. Terry Warford came down and gave us a good lesson. March 21st, Bro. Mike McCay was down and gave us a good lesson. We truly bless them.

Our prayers go out to all of you.

In Christian love,

Springfield, OR, congregation

Yuma, AZ (April 8th)

Dear ones in Christ,

A few lines to say Hi from Yuma, and hope this finds all well or mending. We are about the same here, mostly doing fair, with the exception of Bro. Dean & Sis. Billy Heck. Both are having extreme back problems with pain.

This past Sunday, April 4th, brought a close to our gospel meeting, but our memories will last a lifetime. Bro. J. D. Logan was the speaker, and did a great job with his lessons and presentations. The meeting was a great success; all who attended were enriched. We had singing, visiting, field trips, study, leisure time, and the women did the most fabulous job of preparing and serving our meals each day. I imagine most left a few pounds heavier.

Visitors from out of town (and some quite a distance): Bro. Frank & Sis. Doris Ridlon, Aztec, NM; Bro. Gene & Sis. Pat McKinney, Yakima, WA; Bro. Winfred & Sis. Lola Lucas, Waterford, CA; Bro. Jimmy & Sis. Jaetta Loftis, Lorenzo, TX; Bro. J. D. & Sis. Fern Logan, Port Orchard, WA; Sis. Dorothy Johnson, Sacramento, CA; Sis. Mary Shepherd, Star Valley, AZ; and from Tacna, AZ, Bro. Harry Dye; Bill, Karen, & son, Jeff; Tony & Louise Brister; daughter, Jackie; & babies; Melvin & Ann Lytle; Suzie & Lewis Boling, & daughters Sam, Amanda, & Becky. If I overlooked some, I'm sorry. Let us all be prayerful that all meetings will be successful, plus all the work and labor for the Lord's cause.

Our weather has been unusual; it was mostly good through the meeting. It is as cold in April as it has been all winter. Snow was visible on Friday, April 2nd, on the mountains north of town.

This is about all our news. Please pray for us, especially the ill. Our prayers will be with you. Be sure to list the ones that are sick, so prayers may be sent from every congregation. As King David once said, "Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me?" If He doesn't hear from us, He most probably won't be gracious to us.

May our God bless us all,

The church in Yuma, AZ

Yuma, AZ (May 7th)

Greetings from the congregation in Yuma:

Just a short letter to the brotherhood in hopes all are doing well. We know there is much illness throughout the country, and our prayers are continually with you. Likewise, there are some here that are not in the best of health. Bro. Carl Carlson spent several days in the hospital, but is home now. After a bad windstorm with blowing dust, he suffered an asthma attack; also tests indicated he has heart problems. Bro. And Sis. Heck are both affected with severe back complications.

In my haste to report on our meeting, I failed to list several that have visited with us of late: Sis. Verle Baldwin, Sis. Movelle Wilkerson, Sis. Earlene Forsman, and Bro. Gene & Sis. Pat McKinney were here prior to our meeting. It is always a welcome delight to have visitors with us.

In speaking with Bro. Logan, it was hard to believe that the meeting here was the first he had held in 18 years (Bro. Logan held our meeting at Sea-Tac, WA, with Bro. Robert Davis in summer of 1994 – Editor). He is retired, now, and may be more available. I would recommend him most highly. He and his wife, Fern, are such a pleasure to be with. The fields are white, and to let an able and willing laborer stands idle is a loss.

This is about all the news I can think of. Pray for us; our prayers go out to all.

In Christian love,

The Yuma, AZ, congregation

Show Low, AZ

Greetings to all,

Our prayers go out for you, and our home is always open to you. Whatever way we can help, we will gladly do it.

We were happy to hear that the Yuma meeting went so well, and we were so sorry that we could not make it. We prayed for all to go well, and obviously, our prayers were answered, but it did hurt not to get to go. We don't always get what we want.

We're doing great around here; everybody is well. We're all blessed with more that we deserve, but our Lord is gracious.

We finally got a real snow, and though I barely got out with my truck, and the rest of my family was snowed in, we enjoyed it, and was happy to finally get to go sledding the next day.

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Emergency Phone Numbers

For a great invention/opportunity, call Isa. 55
For idea of Christianity, call 1st Cor. 5:15-19
For Paul's secret to happiness, call Col. 3:12-17
How to get along with fellow men, call Romans 12
If discouraged about your work, call Psa. 126
If people seem unkind, call John 15
If you are depressed, call Psalm 27
If you are losing confidence in people, call I Cor. 13
If you find the world growing small and yourself great, call Psalm 19
If you want to be fruitful, call John 15
If your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37
When God seems far away, call Psalm 139
When in sorrow, call John 14
When men fail you, call Psalm 27
When the world seems bigger than God, call Psalm 90
When you are in danger, call Psalm 91
When you are lonely and fearful, call Psa. 23
When you feel down and out, call Rom. 8:31
When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Cor. 13
When you have sinned, call Psalm 51
When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121
When you think of investments/returns, call Mark 10
When you want Christian assurance, call Rom. 8:1-30
When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1
When you want peace and rest, call Matthew 11:25-30
When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34
When your faith needs stirring, call Heb. 11
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67

(These emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines are open to 24 hours a day! Feed your faith, and doubt will starve to death! Pass it on BEFORE WE PASS ON.)

— Submitted by Felica Geho

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

June 6-13, 1999	Pleasantview, OK	Bro. Rex Mickey
June 6-13, 1999	Comanche, OK	Bro. Jerry Perigen
June 13-20, 1999	Goshen, AR	Bro's. Bob Eldride & Howard Taylor
July 3-11, 1999	Delta Fam. Gospel Mtg	Guest speakers
Aug. 1-8, 1999	Yakima, WA	Bro. Rex Mickey & Guest speakers

Baptisms

Chrystal Ferguson	Broken Bow, OK
Anthony Tangerman	Broken Bow, OK

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Gary Pruiett	Alamorgordo, NM	Pinched nerve?
Erelene Chessman	Bellflower, CA	Fighting cancer
Hazel Harville	Broken Bow, OK	Heart condition & diabetes
George Cowger	Cedaredge, CO	Damaged spinal cord
Myra Dabbs	Cedaredge, CO	Need ship replacement
Sis. Craig	Cedaredge, CO	Broken hip & surgery
Jo Williams	Duncan, OK	Fighting cancer
Leo Nunely	Glenwood, WA	Heart surgey
Sandy Nunely	Glenwood, WA	Fighting cancer
Maysel Buchannon	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer, broken hip
Letha Ferguson	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Mary Serrano	Goshen, AR	Emphysema
Marion Serrano	Goshen, AR	Back surgery
Jean Sloan	Goshen, AR	Back problems
Reba White	Lorenzo, TX	Fighting cancer
Sarah Sauve	Yakima, WA	Fighting cancer in hip
Betty Carlson	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems
Carl Carlson	Yuna, AZ	Heart problems
Ruth Duncan	Yuma, AZ	Heart attack
Ruth's husband	Yuma, AZ	Lung cancer
Dean & Billy Heck	Yuma, AZ	Extreme back problems

Passings

Robert Roberson	Tiner, AR	April 19, 1999