

The Christian Courier

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Character And Reputation

"*And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain. ... But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:*" (Gal. 2:2,6).

Character is defined as the qualities of a person (moral), and reputation is defined as the estimation in which a person is held.

What makes a reputation? It is what is said; it is based upon other's impressions. The psalmist David was know by his behavior, "*Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.*" (1 Sam. 18:30). Likewise, Cornelius, "*And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, ...*" (Acts 10:22) and *Demetrius*, , "*Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.*" (3 John 1:12).



However, reputations are not always of a good report. When I was a youngster, our next door neighbor was known throughout

the valley as a drunkard, and a man up the street was known as a thief and a robber. More recently, a woman with whom I worked was known as a "loose" woman.

Without a good character, reputation is condemned. Jesus said, "*Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.*" (Luke 20:46-47). A good moral character also is needed to form a good reputation.

Upon what does our character depend? It doesn't depend on inheritance. Each person will be held accountable for his own character. "*The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.*" (Ezek. 18:20).

Neither will our character depend upon what we have. "*... Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.*" (Luke 12:15).

There are many who think they have a good character, and make such claims, but they are deceived., "*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 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.*" (Matt. 7:21-23).

It isn't the things we claim, but the things we do that show what kind of character we have., "*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*" (2 Cor. 5:10).

The work we perform must be done willingly and honestly. "*But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.*" (Philemon 1:14). "*But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.*" (Luke 8:15).

What aids in building our character?

When one performs a good job, others show their confidence in him, which in turn causes him to want to perform even better. "*And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you.*" (2 Cor. 8:22).

Christians are to be zealous in their work for the Lord. This makes them different than other religious people who think works have no part in one's righteousness and salvation. When one is actively working for the Lord, it shows in his demeanor. "*Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*" (Tit. 2:13-14).

When a Christian prefers to associate and do things with other Christians, it shows in his character; however, if he prefers to associate with the world, that also reflects in his character. "*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*" (1 Cor. 15:33).

If a Christian concentrates on doing the Lord's will and forms his character after Christ's, a good reputation of him will follow. If he tries to form a reputation to impress those about him, God (who can see through it) will not be impressed.

Written in love of the truth,
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Precious Memories



***It Is Written*, September, 1949.** Bro. W. E. Daniels, Ozone, AR, expressed his thankfulness that the paper was being printed again and that some of their members had moved away since he last wrote. Cave Junction, OR, said they were glad to be receiving the paper again. Bro. J. L. Jared, Bellflower, CA, indicated the paper was a good way for church members to become better acquainted. Bro. R. C. Clements, Broken Bow, OK, encouraged others to write news to the paper, that other congregations needed to know who all the loyal gospel preachers were. Bro. Stanley Niemezyk, La Habra, CA, indicated that they were happy to receive the paper again. * Bro. W. R. Farrar, Elk City, OK, wrote that they were grateful for receiving the paper again. Bro. W. A. Nelson, Somerton, AZ, said they were pleased that they were getting the paper again. Bro. Paul Ferguson, Buena Park, CA, said restarting the paper again will do a lot of good.

***The Christian Courier*, August, 1969.** Bro. J. D. Logan, Stockton, CA, thanked the congregations in Lorenzo, TX, and Stilwell, OK, for allowing him to speak to them the past month. Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, wrote that their congregation was not very large, but that they all loved the Lord and were doing fine. Bro. Melvin Daniels, Wichita, KS, wrote that Bro. R. E. Goldsmith and his family had moved to Goshen, AR. Bro. Toodler Goodwin, Seymour, TX, reported that Bro. Howard Studer had sustained a bad heart attack and was in the hospital in Lubbock, TX. Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, listed all the visitors to their meeting. Bro. Curtis McCoy thanked the brotherhood for all their support after they lost their house and all their possessions. Bro. George Vanderpool, Huntsville, AR, indicated there had been a lot of sickness there. Bro. Earl Jones, Eugene, OR, reported that they had some fine lessons brought to them from Bro. Ted Loveland, Bro. Elmer Hunt, and Bro. Gene McKinney, all visitors. Bro. Sammy Boen, Fort Smith, AR, wrote of his travels to congregations in several states. Bro. L. E. Atchley, Baron, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. J. D. Logan. Lorenzo, TX, also reported on their meeting with Bro. J. D. Logan, and that Bro. Studer was able to attend after his heart attack. Lloyd Logan, Modesto, CA, wrote that Linda (14), Brenda (14), and Sandy (16) Shuwoy were baptized. Booneville, CA, reported that there were 130 people who attended the Far West Camp

Meeting, and that Jo Ann Sirmon was baptized. Wedding announcement: Bro. Bill Taylor and Sis. Debbie Dabbs were married on July 19th.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1969.** Aztec, NM, reported on the passing of Sis. Armesa Smith. Bro. W. E. Daniels, Stilwell, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. J. D. Logan. Bro. Earl Jones, Eugene, OR, welcomed all visitors to their congregation. Bro. Gene McKinney, San Pablo, CA, wrote of their recent visitors. Bro. Bill McCay, Yakima, WA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Sammy Boen and also on the Booneville Camp Meeting. Also mentioned was the birth of Daniel McCay to Bro. & Sis. Jerry McCay and the return of Bro. & Sis. Johnny McKinney from California. Bro. Lloyd Logan, Modesto, CA, reported on their meeting with Bro. W. A. Nelson. He also mentioned the passing of Sis. Mary Bryant, 91, of Modesto.

***The Christian Courier*, August, 1979.** Bro. Ellis Forsman, Glenwood, WA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Harry Dye. Kelly Forsman and Danny McCay were baptized during the meeting. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, also reported on their meeting with Bro. Clif Brockman and Bro. Jerry Brockman. Bro. Darrell Chastain, Pleasant View, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Richard Johnston. Obituary notice: Bro. Forrest Francis,91 , Boise City, OK, passed away on April 15th.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1979.** Bro. Homer Bryant, San Pablo, CA, encouraged others to support *The Courier*. Cedaredge, CO, reported on the Delta Camp Meeting. They also reported that Bro. Ken Baldwin had a massive heart attack during the meeting. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, listed several recent visitors. Birth announcements: girl to Bro. & Sis. Skip Berry, Sept. 1st, and a girl to Bro. & Sis. Jimmy Lamb, Sept. 28th.

***The Christian Courier*, August, 1989.** Goshen, AR, reported that Bro. Isaac Ferguson returned home after heart surgery. Bro. Audley Barnes, Loco, OK, announced the birth of Coby Austine to Bro. Tony & Sis. Traci Normile, May 19th. Bro. Paul Auslam, Jr., Goshen, AR, announced the baptisms of Philip Auslam and his wife Sara. Bro. Billy Richardson, Furnish Canyon, OK, reported on their three-day meeting with Bro. Mark Perigen. Bro. Ken Harper, Indian Springs, CA, wrote that he fractured his left hip when he overturned his riding lawn mower on a hillside. Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, announced their meeting in July with Bro. Howard McCay. Obituary notice: Bro. Ira Velmo Brown, Modesto, CA, passed away July 26th.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1989.** Cedaredge, CO, reported there were 127 who attended the Delta Camp Meeting with 5 baptisms, and 17 who asked for the prayers of the church. Bro. Willie Howe, Duncanville, TX, announced the baptism of his son Brandon at the Delta Camp Meeting. Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, reported on their meeting.

"... The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

(Psalms 112:6)



Cards and Letters

Aztec, NM

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We wish to extend a heart-felt "Thank you!" to the members of the Happy Hollow Congregation in Cedaredge, CO, for hosting the best camp meeting ever! We saw many old friends for the first time in years, and made many new friends. The Brothers presented many good lessons; the singing was beautiful; and the food was delicious. We appreciate your hard work and hospitality.

This camp meeting is one of the best opportunities we adults can offer our children, who are the future of the church. We encourage the brotherhood to support the camp and its operations, both physically and financially. We hope to see you and your family there next summer!

The young people at camp this year were a very special group. They were all very respectful, responsible, cooperative, and well-behaved (This says a lot about you parents, as well!!!). The young men did an excellent job conducting a morning service. Lindsay Wilkerson was baptized on July 5th by her dad, Bro. Eddie.

On other news, we would like for you to keep Sis. Kresta Fouch of Cedaredge and Renee Cowherd of Aztec in your prayers. They have both been seriously ill for several weeks, but are expected to recover. Bro. Ken Bishop has continuing medical problems and hasn't been able to attend services.

The McFarland's of Colstrip, Montana, have been here visiting and assisting our parents with some improvement projects. We would like to thank Bro. Gene Noyes and Bro. Leo Noyes for all of their efforts with these projects, as well.

We were very glad to see Bro. Russ and Sis. Reba Morris from Stilwell, OK, who spent a couple of days in Aztec while on their way to the camp meeting. Visitors are always welcome! Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and the church is located on the corner of Park Ave. and Hartman.

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Bro. Drew & Bro. Jesse Locke	505-334-3382

In Christian love,
Duane Sr. & Sue Bixler,
Roberta, Drew, & Jesse
From the Aztec, NM, Congregation

Cedaredge, CO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our 1999 Colorado Camp Meeting is over. What a great, spiritual, uplifting gospel meeting it was, with lots of wonderful singing each evening in the dining hall and lots of fellowship all week long among the young folks, as well as all of us older ones.

There was some great, uplifting sermons each evening at the outdoor tabernacle near the creek, with deer grazing while we were in church services. We had nine very uplifting and spiritual sermons from different congregations. There were eleven congregations represented: Stilwell, OK; Broken Bow, OK; Lorenzo, TX; Seattle, WA; Chico, CA; Yuma, AZ; Springfield, OR; Aztec, NM; Sacramento, CA; Payson, AZ; Stockton, CA; and Cedaredge, CO.

There were young men's services plus Bible topics discussed each morning, lots of activities, fishing, horseshoes, volleyball, and much more during the week, also birthdays celebrated, hosted by Kami Forsman and Lindsey Wilkerson.

There was something for all ages going on all of the week.

So sorry for those of you that didn't come; you missed such a wonderful, edifying, spiritual, uplifting week of Christian fellowship. We had sunshine and rain throughout the week.

There was much rejoicing in heaven as Lindsey Wilkerson was baptized in the beautiful creek under the Big Spruce tree Monday in clear waters. Again, more rejoicing in heaven the last Sunday afternoon during a rain storm with thunder & lightning when the storm stopped long enough for Jacob Newman and Annie Hensley to be baptized under the Big Spruce tree in the muddy creek. What a great week it was!

Again, thank all of you that came to make 1999 a wonderful camp meeting. The Delta Camp Meeting for 2000 will be June 30 - July 9. Our logo will be Home Coming 2000. We, at the Cedaredge Church of Christ, are looking forward to seeing all of you and many more next year.

Thanks to all that gave and sent donations. Without your support we could not have this camp meeting each year.

One request from the girls — we need more young men and boys!

Thanks to Mike Geho and Roberta Roberts for your great job in the activities. Thanks also to Felica Geho for a job well done in registration. Thanks to Dennis Davis for keeping plenty of ice for us. Thanks to Larry Wood for the nice tee shirts, fishing & ball caps. Thank you Susan Davis and Phyllis Ferguson for taking care of the money for Larry and ordering more as needed. Thanks to all the teams that helped in the kitchen, clean-up, etc. Thanks to Eric Forsman who was in charge of the dish washer and supply room. Thanks to each and every one of you that were here; we couldn't have done it without all of you.

Bro. George Cowger from our congregation will be going in for spinal and neck surgery Friday, July 30th. Let's all remember him in our prayers.

Sunday, July 25th, Meghan Schell was baptized in a beautiful clear creek not far from the church. What a glorious month it has been with much rejoicing in heaven!

See you at Home Coming 2000!

God bless you all.

Love & prayers,

Happy Hollow Congregation

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Goshen, AR

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Mary and I are very grateful for the continuing prayers of the churches everywhere. I'm pretty well over my back and broken pelvic bone surgery.

That's the good news; the bad news is my dear wife, Mary, is not showing very much

improvement with the chronic emphysema, bronchitis, and asthma that she has. We thank God for letting us be as well as we are. It breaks my heart to see my wife trying to get from her bedroom to the living room. She has almost no capacity for oxygen in her lungs. Even with oxygen all the time, she has a tough time breathing. Brothers and sisters in Christ, please help us by continuing your prayers for us, especially my wonderful Christian wife.

Everyone here at the Goshen Church of Christ is doing fair to good.

We, as well as Larry & Amanda Lawson, were blessed with a baby girl named Bethany, who is two months old now. Her sister, Megan, is three years old now. Both girls and their parents are fine and wonderful people.

Thank you very much.

In Christian love,

Marion Serrano

Sacramento, CA

It was nice to have Lloyd, Debbie, and Joey Usrey back with us for a visit on July 4th, and so pleased when Joe came forward to be baptized. He was baptized after services. We missed Dorothy Johnson while she was gone for several weeks at the Delta Camp Meeting, and visiting. She said she had a wonderful time and we are glad to have her back with us.

We were happy to have Amy, Shaya, and Amarissa Orendorff, and Anthony visit on Aug. 8th. We are a small congregation and enjoy having visitors.

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Sea-Tac, WA

Dear ones in Christ,

After having the wettest winter on record, we just had the shortest summer in 50 years. It's already looking like fall, and spring, it seems, just concluded several days ago.

We are happy to have Sis. Amy, Bro. David, Hannah, and Amarissa Orendorff back with us after an extended stay in Texas; however, we sorely miss Sis. Shaya Orendorff, who has moved to Tucson, AZ, where she will be attending college.

For the most part, the members here have been blessed with reasonably good health. However, Sis. Jeannean McSwane is recovering from recent gall bladder surgery; and Mike Boroff has had recent prostate surgery and had some knots removed from his neck.

We want to remember them in our prayers, as well as the many others in the body of Christ who are experiencing difficulties. There have also been a few who have recently passed from this world. Please remember their families in your prayers, as well.

While we have had some recent visitors, others in the Sea-Tac congregation have also visited other areas. Various ones have frequently visited the Glenwood, WA; Yakima, WA; and Springfield, OR, congregations. Bro. Ellis Forsman, Bro. Mike, Sis. Felica Geho , and family attended the Delta Family Camp Meeting, where they received a spiritual boost from the good fellowship that evident. Bro. Lloyd, Sis. Debbie, and Joey Usrey visited the Sacramento, CA, congregation the first part of July. While there, Joey was baptized. We are so very happy for him and us, as we appreciate his efforts.

This past month, we moved Sis. Nell McCay from the apartment that she shared with Bro.

Howard to a smaller apartment a couple miles distant. Her new apartment provides her with better security than her previous one.

We want to remind the brotherhood that we need letters and articles for *The Courier*. The past three months we have not received any articles and only a few letters. We are truly thankful for those who have written or sent e-mails. Financial support would be welcome, as well.

In Christian love,
The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation

Yuma, AZ

Greetings to all the brotherhood from the Yuma congregation:

Our hopes and prayers are for wellness throughout the land. We yet have several ill, but the Yuma congregation is healthy.

Summer is here in force. Our monsoon season has arrived, which is humidity. Several are gone for the hot season, and that leaves our group a little short; but absence makes the heart grow fonder. Upon their return, we are all glad to see them.

Sis. Movelle Wilkerson visited one Sunday this past month. It was good to see her again; visitors are always welcome.

Bro. Dennis & Sis. Suzie Davis, Sis. Willie Davis, and Sis. Verda Nelson are attending the Colorado Camp Meeting. Wish I were there to be with such a goodly number of Christians.

Thanks, Bro. Ellis, for correcting me concerning Bro. Logan's meetings. I should have remembered, my son Robert was there, also; but I still wish to recommend him most highly, for he is a good teacher of the gospel.

There are gospel meetings yet scheduled through the summer. If we can't support them in person, let us all support them in our prayers.

There isn't a lot of news here at this time. Let us all continue in the Lord's work, and may God bless us all.

In Christian love from all here in Yuma, AZ

Yuma e-mail

I just haven't taken the time to say hello to everyone that Susie and I met at the Church meeting in Cedaredge. We had a wonderful time and were glad to walk away from there with many new friends. We are planning to return there again next year and to hopefully bring more with us. I sent an email and it returned so I am re-writing it just in case it did not get to it's destinations. Anyway God be with you all until next year if we don't see you sooner. Our Church meeting is going to be around the Easter week and you are all invited to come. The weather is usually pretty nice in Yuma at that time. Please feel free to email us at this address (ddavis1065@aol.com).

Denny and Susie Davis of the Yuma Congregation

Yuma, AZ

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

A few words from the congregation here in Yuma. Quite a number are away for the summer, and our attendance feels the loss. We are happy that some can escape the summer heat, but this helps us understand more clearly the scriptures concerning the body and how important each member is to the body.

Bro. & Sis. Heck are still very ill. Bro. Heck is awaiting surgery on his back again. May our prayers be for them and all the many ill.

My wife Alice and I attended Sunday services in Show Low, AZ, Aug. 8th. There was a good crowd in attendance with Bro. Dennis Davis speaking. He had a good lesson on God. I am so pleased in Dennis, how well he is doing and his ready willingness to help in all things pertaining to the church.

We are happy to share our good news with all. On Sunday, July 11th, Jennifer Copeland, 15, was baptized. We are all very happy that she has made the most important decision in the life to serve the Lord.

We have decided for Easter Holiday again to have our meeting in the year 2000. We will send full details in the near future. Look at your schedules and if you can please come and be with us. Your presence would help much in the success of the meeting.

This is about all the news I can think of at this time, so let us all be mindful to behave as good Christians that the Lord will be pleased with us.

The Brothers & Sisters in Yuma, AZ.



Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Eccl. 12:1.

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In Loving Memory of Bro. John Bedingfield

As most of you now know, my dad, John Bedingfield, passed away July 9, 1999. This morning, as I sit here reflecting over some of the joyous times, I felt that the time had come to share with you some of my thoughts.

At one time before my mom passed away, Mama and Daddy made a list of all the congregations that Daddy had preached at — the total came to 42. That list made us all proud, because it represented so many people that were important in their lives.

Many of you have old copies of the "*It Is Written*," and perhaps a few of you have copies of articles that Daddy wrote when we were still living in Albuquerque in 1953-1954. Many of you also have copies of "*The Christian Courier*" and "*Fruits of the Spirit*." All of these publications have letters and articles that Daddy wrote out of love and concern for each of us. Yes, I won't deny that some of them were controversial, but they were out of love.

Throughout the years, Daddy would reflect on the memories from so many of the congregations, and I wish that I could relay to each and every one of you his fond memories as he would tell me. The one thing that I can tell you is that he was so very proud of the younger members coming up in the church to replace the older ones that were passing away. Each time he would read about a baptism or a younger brother preaching his first sermon, a smile would come on his face.

One thing that I can say is that the different congregations held special memories for him. The singing by the Bishops at Newcastle, the Studer's and Howe's from Lorenzo, the McCay's from Yakima, as well as many other congregations, were so very fondly remembered. The laughter and love of the congregations of Yuma, Citrus City, Bellflower, Waterford, Stilwell, Duncanville, Port Orchard, Delta, Oklahoma City, Baron, Lugert, Terral, Nocona, and so many of the other congregations that I have not listed. I assure you that I have not intentionally omitted any congregation. My mind has just gone blank. The point I want to make is that no matter what the circumstances were, each of you were important to Daddy.

Many of you wrote to Daddy after we received the news that he was terminal. He was very glad to get your letters and phone calls. Throughout these last few years when traveling was difficult or impossible, your letters and phone calls were like a lifeline to him; and for that, I will forever be grateful. May God bless each of you until we meet again.

In Christian love,
Sis. Lou Bedingfield Freeman

In Loving Memory of Sis. Jo Williams

Sis. Jo Williams, 72, of Duncan, OK, passed away July 28, 1999, in her home.

A service was performed by Bro. Jerry Rogers of Duncan, OK.

Sis. Jo was born Feb. 24, 1927, to Joe and Oma Taylor in Loco. OK.

Primarily, she was self-employed and worked as a beautician cosmetologist.

Survivors include her 2 sons, James Don Lewis and Kevin Williams; 2 daughters, Lynn Jo Iker and Janese L. Johnston; 2 brothers, Howard C. and Harold D. Taylor; her mother Oma Taylor; 6 grandchildren, Pam Vanderburg, Mike Lewis, Philip and Carrie Iker, Ashley and Kayla Williams; and 4 great-grandchildren, Sammy and Melissa Vanderburg, Sydney and Emily Lewis, all of Oklahoma.

Sis. Jo was preceded in death by her father Joe Taylor in 1994 and her daughter Danese Coody in 1998.

Bearers were Mike Lewis, Philip and Carrie Iker, Pam and Sam Vanderburg, and Larry Davidson.

Throughout the church family many have lost loved ones (each are important), and we share the pain in our thoughts and prayers. Many times we only know of such losses from the lips of those who knew them.

However, Sis. Jo was unique and well-known by many. We, here in Washington, knew her well over 30 years, and we were always inspired by the faithful courage of this lovely, Christian sister. We knew of her tremendous determination, strength, and perseverance in serving God (her number one goal), and working hard as a beautician to take care of the physical needs of her 5 children, while fighting cancer for well over 40 years.

Several times she moved alone with her family across several states to better provide those physical and spiritual needs of her family (her only other goal). She always chose to live close to a church so she could not only help the church, but also be strengthened by her many Christian brothers and sisters.

Like Job, Sis. Jo overcame tremendous obstacles, personal hardships, and years of pain to care for her family, support the efforts of the church, and glorify God in her daily life. When she felt weak, she relied on her Lord, her family, and her large Christian family to strengthen her, and thus she strengthened and challenged all of us, as well.

Even when the burdens of this life and the cancer sapped her physical strength, her faith, love, and wonderful example of one of God's virtuous women continued to inspired all those who knew her. Through letters and phone calls, we continued to share all of the joys and sorrows both for her and us here in Washington. She was always our "Josie", and we'll miss her, but we truly believe hers is the reward and crown for which we all strive.

Our love and prayers for her family.



BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

Apr. 23-30, 2000	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
June 30-July 9, 2000	Delta, CO	Delta Camp Meeting

Baptisms

Joey Usrey	Sea-Tac, WA	July 4, 1999
Lindsey Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	July 5, 1999
Jacob Newman	Cedaredge, CO	July 11, 1999
Annie Hensley	Cedaredge, CO	July 11, 1999
Jennifer Copeland	Yuma, AZ	July 11, 1999
Meghan Schell	Cedaredge, CO	July 25, 1999

Births

Bethany Lawson	Goshen, AR	To Larry & Amanda Lawson
Isabel Rose Harper	Modesto, CA	To Kurt & Janine Harper, July 16, 1999

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Renee Cowherd	Aztec, NM	Seriously ill
Ken Bishop	Aztec, NM	Medical problems
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	Needs hip replacement
Kresta Fouch	Cedaredge, CO	Seriously ill
Sis. Craig	Cedaredge, CO	Broken hip & surgery
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, bronchitis, & asthma
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	Yuma, 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

John W. Bedingfield	Humble, TX	July 9, 1999
Jo Williams	Duncan, OK	July 28, 1999
Elmo Brown	Modesto, CA	Aug. 26, 1999