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Let Your Moderation Be Known To All Men (Phil. 4:5)

The Apostle is summarizing his letter to the church at Philippi, commending them for their love and concern, and admonishing them to continue in the way of godliness.

Whatever was meant by "moderation", it was important that "*all men*" should be aware of it. Moderation was thus a Christian necessity; without it one would fall short of God's requirement.

Moreover, it was to be a part of each Christian's character, obvious to all with whom he or she comes in contact. It is important that we should understand thoroughly the meaning of the above verse, that we should not fall short of God's expectations.

At first reading, one would assume that the Apostle is discussing moderation in what we eat and drink, but upon further research we find that this is not the meaning at all.

I wish no one to mistake my words! I fully agree that Christians should be moderate in all things of this life; nothing to excess. The thought here, however, is not the case.

The word here used is from the Greek "*epeeikace*", which is rendered "appropriate, i.e. (by impl.) mild: - gentle, moderation, patient." It is apparent that Paul is referring to an aspect of Christian CHARACTER, an attitude by which Christians are to be known.

This word is translated "moderation, gentle, patient" in several of these word's forms. By examination we can gain an insight into the type of character which God expects us to have.

Gentle

We are told, "*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*" (Phil. 2:5). Let us look

to our Saviour for His example of "*moderation*" (gentleness).

We are told that Christ:

"*Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again...*" (1 Pet. 2:23).

"*Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:*" (1 Pet. 2:22).

"*... endured such contradiction of sinners...*" (Heb. 12:3).

(held no grudges) "*... Father, forgive them ...*" (Luke 23:34).

Left us steps that we should follow (1 Pet. 2:21).

Seeing the nature of Christ's character and His will toward all men, it is only reasonable that Peter would instruct that "*...even hereunto were ye called ... leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*" (1 Pet. 2:21).

Notice Peter's reasoning in 1 Peter, 2nd chapter. Servants were instructed to be subject to their masters: "*... not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.*" (perverse, crooked) (1 Pet. 2:18).

Peter further teaches it is "*... thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. ... if when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.*" (1 Pet. 2:19-20).

We are frequently called on to endure many of these offenses today. How do we react to them? Do we follow the example of moderation shown us by our Lord? Or do we react in anger with intemperate language, violence, etc.?

Another Word

Another Biblical word source similar to the above and translated similarly is "*chrestotes*". By definition: "usefulness, i.e. moral excellence (in character or demeanor): -gentleness, good [-ness] kindness."

This is, in essence, the character of God Himself. Paul relates, "*That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*" (Eph. 2:7).

Thus, we see the kindness and gentleness (temperance) that emanates from the Father and Son, and is to pervade the lives of all those who profess the name of Christ.

We are consistently shown the conditions of this process by Paul. Referring to the "*goodness and severity of God*", he further explains that goodness will accrue to children of God only "*... if thou continue in his* (God's) *goodness: ...*" (Rom. 11:22).

We cannot turn off this "*moderation*" when it suits our purpose and then resume at our leisure. We must persist (continue)!

We hear much of the "*fruit of the Spirit*", as well we should. We are told that this fruit consists of "*... joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance*" (self control), and further assures us that "*against such there is no law.*" (Gal. 5:22-23).

We thus know what type of character we are to possess as Christians and what sort of behaviour we should manifest to each other and to all men. Let us inquire what sort of life this form of character will compel us to live.

Other

We are told, "*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*" (Phil. 2:3).

This may be, and often is, difficult to do. Without this discipline, however, we fall short of the standards of thought and conduct set by God.

Toward Erring Brethren

What is our outlook toward our brothers and sisters whom we believe to be in error concerning the Lord's word?

Paul teaches, "... *if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*" (Gal. 6:1).

Also, "... *count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.*" (2 Thes. 3:15).

We Are Not Each Other's Enemies!

There is much more written in the scriptures about "*moderation*", but time and space will not permit.

It would be fitting to conclude with the words of the Apostle Paul in Col. 3:12-13, "*Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.*"

No one could express it better than this! Let us all re-examine ourselves and strive to emulate our Lord with "moderation" in all aspects of life.

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Presumptuous Sins

In Psalms. 19:13 we read. *"Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression."*

Today we want to look at presumptuous sins. They are a special danger to us, because they are sins we don't even realize we are committing. The writer calls them the great transgression.

Let's begin by noting a few examples.

1. Materialism

This happened to the church of the Laodiceans in Rev. 3:15-17. *"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:"*

You see, they thought they were righteous because they were rich. And so it came as a surprise to them to find out that Jesus considered them lukewarm.

Paul warned Timothy of this very thing in I Tim. 6:5. *"Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself."* Do you see the presumption? Supposing that gain is godliness.

Jesus also warned how materialism could make us lukewarm in Matt. 13:22. *"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful."*

2. Adding to God's Word

How many things have been added to God's worship over the years? How many divisions has this caused in the church? How many of

these added things are approved by God's Word? How many of these divisions would have been avoided without the presumption that they are okay?

Eph. 5:10. *"Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."*

I Thes. 5:21-22. *"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil."*

We also need to be careful in our daily lives not to add things that God did not. We set ourselves above God when we add to His Word.

3. Haughtiness

In Isa. 65:5, God chastened haughty people. *"Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day."*

It is wrong to consider ourselves better than others. It is presumptuous sin.

Phil. 2:3 describes the attitude we should have instead. *"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."*

4. Grudges

We also assume ourselves to be better than others when we hold grudges against them. How dare we prop ourselves up like that?

Consider I Cor. 12:14 and 21. Verse 14. *"For the body is not one member, but many."* And verse 21. *"And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you."* Yet isn't that exactly what we do when we hold grudges?

Jam. 5:9. *"Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door."*

Eph. 4:31-32. *"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."*

5. Murmuring against God

Remember how Adam complained against God in the garden? Gen. 3:12. *"And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat."* Adam was not only blaming Eve for his sin. He was blaming God. Talk about putting yourself on a pedestal. Complaining and murmuring against God does exactly that. It is highly presumptuous.

I Cor. 10:10-12. *"Neither murmur ye, as some of them* (the Israelites under Moses' leadership) *also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."*

Well, this isn't a complete list, of course. But hopefully we can learn from these examples. When we assume to be better than others, assume others are not as good as us, or assume things that we cannot find in God's Word, we are guilty of presumptuous sin.

Now let's look at some solutions.

1. Humility

Don't assume to be the highest. And, don't put our presumptions upon God's Word.

Jam. 4:6. *"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."*

Prov. 3:5-7. *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil."*

2. Search the scriptures

Prov. 4:10-13. *"Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. 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."

3. Examine ourselves

I Cor. 10:12. *"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."*

In closing let's return to Psalms. 19. We will read the verse before and after our subject verse. Let's read verses 12-14. *"Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."*

Note the humility. He wanted to be acceptable in God's sight. Not the other way around. It's an important lesson for us all.

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Returning Good for Evil.

Read Matthew 5:38-48.

Returning good for evil is one of the most difficult things to do in the Christian life. The human instinct and the worldly way of thinking is "*An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth*", as it says in Matt. 5:38; "*Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy*", in Matt. 5:43; or "*And if ye salute*"; or greet "*your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so?*" in Matt. 5:47. The world will return evil for evil, but as Christians we are to "*Overcome Evil*" as it says in Romans 12:17-21. By not returning the evil for evil, we will heap coals upon their head, or they will be ashamed of themselves. We are also told in 1 Pet. 3:8-14 that we are not to be overcome by evil but to instead overcome evil with good. When we are rendering good for evil and suffering for it, we should not be troubled by it. Instead we should be happy as it says in 1 Pet. 3:14. As it said in Romans 12:19 "*Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord*". God is going to repay the evil deeds done to us on this earth. It is not our place to do what God has already told us he is going to do.

Some examples of good being returned for evil are:

- Joseph and his brothers—Gen. 45:1-8 and Gen. 50:15-21.
- David spares Saul—1 Samuel 18:5-9,29 and 1 Samuel 24:9-15.
- Jesus prayed and died for his enemies—Luke 23:34.
- Stephan forgave and prayed for the forgiveness for his murderers—Acts 7:60.

Could we do the same if we were in the shoes of these men?

Think about children, when they receive a spanking, they will later return to their parents loving arms forgiving and forgetting about the spanking. As Jesus says in Matt. 18:1-4, we are commanded to be as little children, to humble ourselves and be forgiving.

Besides all these things, think about what has been termed as the "Golden Rule" in Matt. 7:12. It says "*Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.*" If the

people of this world would live by this one simple rule, there would be no wars, strife, murders, backstabbing, or discord, nothing but good will and love. In order to receive love we must first give love. The same is true with forgiveness; we must first forgive before we can be forgiven.

We are given a direct instruction in Gal. 6:10 where it says, "*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*" This means we are to do good, not evil, to "*all men*", but "*especially unto them who are of the household of faith*".

If we follow after Christ's rule and example, we can find happiness and love. If we choose not to render good for evil, we are not followers of Christ and will have lives full of bitterness and misery.

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Cards and Letters

Bellflower, CA

Greetings to our Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

We pray that all are faring reasonably well with their health. All of our prayers are needed daily. We should always be in a prayerful mind and cast our cares on Jesus. He wants us to do that. God did not tell us that we would be free of any problems while we are here on earth. He did say that he would not forsake us if we do that which is right. He will help in time of need.

Time moves quickly. When reading some of the past editions of the *Courier*, it brings back many wonderful memories of days gone by for many in our congregation. It seems like just yesterday these events happened.

To the editor and all of his support people: We appreciate your hard work.

We have had some visitors over the last several weeks that we are sure would be of interest to our brethren. Chuck & Dana Gardner with family (Oregon), Doris Jared (Oregon), Brian Ross (Baron OK), Gerald & Natilie Brockman with family (Oakdale Ca), Marty & Tayna Brockman with family (Oakdale Ca), Mark & Tammy Perigen with family (Oakdale Ca).

We have had our share of the flu for the past six weeks. It looks like everyone is feeling much better now. Brother Vincent is confined to a wheel chair and has difficulty attending services on a regular basis. He needs your prayers and we do also. Sister Earlene Chessman has had some problems with her health, as well as her daughter Vicky, but they are doing better now.

The Bellflower, CA, congregation

Cedaredge, CO

Our Dear Brothers & Sisters of Christ,

Have you marked your calendars for the "Delta Homecoming Camp Meeting 2000"? It will be held in Cedaredge, CO, from June 30th unto July 9th. As you all know, this is our annual Camp Meeting, which started in 1963.

This Camp Meeting is one of the best opportunities we adults can offer our children, who are the future of the church. We encourage, invite, and welcome you to come and bring your

families and friends. This will be a wonderful chance to meet old friends and make new ones. So everyone, please come and be with us!

All of us here at the Happy Hollow congregation in Cedaredge are well at this time. There is no major sickness, but we all need the prayers of those we love.

May God be with you all!

We send you our love and prayers,

Cedaredge, CO, congregation

Lorenzo, TX

Hello to all our brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has been a while since the Lorenzo congregation has written to *The Courier*, but most all here are doing well. We have enjoyed the company of many visitors from all over this holiday season. Willie, Mary, Brandon, and Shane Howe came up to visit from Dallas, and Steve, Oleta, and Carita Spurlin flew in from Alaska to visit. We have enjoyed the visitors and welcome any others that would like to come visit as most all our homes have a little extra room for friends, family, and loved ones.

A round of the flu has been attacking many of us, and those not hit by the flu have had cold and other infections. Sis. Reba White is doing very well, and is no longer fighting cancer to the best of our knowledge. Sis. Aspen Spurlin has been ill with what the doctor thinks is a chronic mono. The weather here has been very odd this year. We have seen snow in Nov. and Dec., but the past couple of weeks we have seen temperatures in the 60's and 70's.

We hope and pray we can see many of you this New Year.

In Christian Love, The Lorenzo Congregation

Ps. Bro. Earl Howe fell and landed on his shoulder, which is very painful.

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear ones in Christ,

We were happy to have Bro. Matt & Sis. Kelly Shepherd & family visit us once again after their Christmas holiday with Matt's family in Payson, AZ. Also, this last Sunday Bro. Robert & Sis. Wilma Farley and Bob's parents Wilfred & . Marguerite Farley from Selah, WA, and Bob's sister Deborah from Wasilla, Alaska, dropped in for a surprise visit. It's always a joy when those we love come calling. Bob's brought us a good lesson on "Does The Absence of Bad Make One Good?"

We also enjoyed three wonderful weeks with Sis. Shaya Orendorff before she returned to school in Tucson, AZ, January 9th. Shaya's right wrist was in a cast following surgery to repair injuries. It has since been removed and Shaya is now in therapy to regain strength and mobility. Anthony Peterson was also here visiting for a couple weeks.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. Roy & Sis. Odessa Honorable & their family who have been with us several weeks. They are a real blessing.

We recently received an update on Sis. Sarah Sauve, who has been fighting cancer and infection in her hip. The following is some information from her Mother Janice that was forwarded to us.

Sarah underwent bone transplant surgery on January 20th. The operation took 6-8 hours. The next three weeks will be very crucial. She will be very weak and very susceptible to viruses. She's not feeling well and that will probably be the case for several weeks. But the word is that she's not giving up.

Sarah has asked that anyone that wants to contact her to please email her at curlyq0301@aol.com. Most of the time she's

too tired and not feeling well enough to answer the phone. She's going to have more bad than good days in the next few weeks. But when she is feeling well she'll try to contact family and friends by email.

Please remember Sarah in your prayers.

With all our love,

The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation

Selah, WA

Hello!

I am writing to let you know that Sister Ola McKinney is having heart surgery on December 15. She will have valve replacement and two by-passes. She will be at Providence Medical Center in Yakima for almost one month to ensure proper healing. Please put her on the prayer list. I have moved to Yakima to help take care of Mom (Ola) and Pop (Merle). My new e-mail address is yakimakid@nwinfo.net if any one wants to correspond with her or to her they can use this address also.

Thank you and may God bless you for all your prayers

In Christian love,

Kathy J. Treat

Update

Hello! Mother's surgery went very well. The surgeon said all went well and they will monitor her in intensive care for a couple of days before moving her to a different room. She was in much discomfort last night but was able to smile at us last night so we know she will be up soon and telling us what to do. (Ha) I am on my way to the hospital in a few minutes. Thank you for your prayers and pleas continue them. I will let you know her progress.

Love, Kathy

Yuma, AZ (Dec. 4th)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

A short message to say hi with hope all are well. We are doing okay, except for minor aches and pains. Sis. Betty Carlson fell a couple of weeks ago after services. With the blessings of the Lord she seems okay with just some sore places.

Everyone is finally home that has been away for the summer. Brother Harry Booth, being the last, was here for Sunday worship. Our group is rather small, and when anyone is not present, they are missed.

Our weather is just great! It is unseasonably warm for this time of year. We have enjoyed it very much. On Nov. 27th, Bro. Robert and Sis. Valerie's oldest daughter, Jessica, was married to Sean Garcia. The following day being Sunday, they came before the church for prayers. A great way to begin a marriage.

Don't forget Easter time. If you could be here, it would greatly enhance our meeting. We will try to schedule some fun things to do, and if anyone has thoughts, let us know and we will try to include them in our plans.

This is about all I can think of at this time. Let us all be busy with our Father's work and be mindful to be forgiving. Bye for now.

In Christian love,

The Yuma, AZ, congregation.

Yuma, AZ (Jan. 5th)

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

A word or two from the church here in Yuma, with love and prayers for all, especially the many we read that are ill. We are mostly doing pretty

good; some have aggravating colds, flu, or whatever.

Let me make a correction on Sis. Betty Carlson's age. She is only 90 years of age; not 99. She has been ill this past week, but much better now. If she is able, she is at all worship services and all other events.

Sis. Zelma Broadway is doing fairly good physically. My wife and I were with her a couple of days before Christmas and sang some Christmas songs with her and a couple of her friends.

Alice and I were able to be with out son Joe and his family in Show Low over Christmas. The big event for us was to see our latest grandson, Jessie William, who was born Dec. 25th. Our oldest son and grandson, Clifton, from Phoenix were with us also. We had a great time.

I have what I believe and hope to be some good and exciting news. Some time ago we received a letter of inquiry at the church here in Yuma from a small Church of Christ group in Harlingen, TX, as to how we worship. I answered the letter; and when I received an answer, it appears that they worship the same as we all do. The family had worshiped for 30 years with a church that used plural cups and had Sunday school. In his own words, that through his own study of the scriptures, they could no longer worship with them, so they started their own congregation. They have been searching for churches that worship as we do. They have been separated from the other church and worshiped on their own for 8 years. He is still employed, but in his free time he works with churches in Central America and in Mexico. There are 10 churches in Guatemala and 25 in Honduras. In February, he plans to go to Guatemala to work with churches that use cups. If any have the opportunity to write to him, he would be glad to hear from churches that use one cup. It appears to me, he may have thought they were the only ones that used one cup. Harlingen, TX, is in the far Southwest corner, just above Brownsville on Hwy. 77. Their address is PO Box 532514, Harlingen, TX 78553. His name is Otto Alvarez, and his wife's name is Mariela. He has a daughter, Marihella, and a son, Otto, Jr.

This is about all of the news from here at this time.

A reminder of our guest speaker meeting at Easter time, April 23rd to the 30th. If you think you could come, and know of something you would like to do, let us know. We hope for another good meeting this year, but for sure it would be better if you were here.

We send our love and prayers.

The Yuma, AZ, congregation.

Precious Memories

***The Christian Courier*, Jan., 1970.** * Bro. Bill McCay, Yakima, WA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Horace Orendorff. * Bro. Gene McKinney, San Pablo, CA, mentioned a recent visit by Bro. John McKinney & Family, and invited others to come and visit them, as well. * Somerton, AZ, announced the passing of Bro. Kenneth Wilcher on Dec. 11th, and their meeting closed on the 14th with good attendance. * Yuma, AZ, reported on several recent visitors and some of their own who had gone to visit other congregations. * Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, reported that Sis. Clements was in a rest home. * Eugene, OR, wrote that Sis. Mattie

McCay had fallen and broken her left shoulder, and that Bro. Dan & Sis. Karen Greenway's daughter was very ill from an allergy of sulfa drugs. * Grants Pass, OR, indicated that they enjoy the paper, but wish more would submit letters and articles to support it. * Ceres, CA, announced the passing of Bro. John H. Smith on Dec. 20th. * Modesto, CA, reported on several illnesses: Sis. Alice Weakley, seriously ill in the hospital; Sis. Minnie Stephens, ill and unable to attend services; Sis. Adel Stark, fell and broke her shoulder; and Bro. Ben Rollins, who was in a convalescent hospital.

***The Christian Courier*, Feb., 1970.** * Sis. Alice Weakley, Modesto, CA, thanked all those who brightened her days with cards, letters, flowers, and visits. * Lorenzo, TX, announced the birth of Stacey to Bro. Charlie & Sis. Kathy Burt Jan. 21st. * Stockton, CA, announced the birth of Christina to Bro. Don & Sis. Patricia Foundation Feb. 6th. * Grants Pass, OR, indicated they have moved to another building, as some of their number had moved away. * Sis. J. W. Bedingfield, Humble, TX, reported that their was a new congregation of a few people meeting near Houston. * Bro. W. E. Daniels, Stilwell, OK, invited others to come and visit them. * Bro. George Vanderpool, Bohannon Mt., AR, wrote that all was well with them. * Bro. Roger Bixler, Aztec, NM, reported on their meeting with Bro. Donald Dabbs. * Bro. W. A. Nelson, Somerton, AZ, reported on their meeting. * Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, reported on their short meeting with Bro. Gordon Evans, Bro. Isaac Ferguson, Bro. Roy Snoderly, and Bro. Paul Auslam, * Bro. Lloyd Logan, Modesto, CA, listed several illnesses: Sis. Alice Weakley, ill for some time; Bro. & Sis. Renzo Stephens, ill; and Sis. Doshia Arnett, recovering from back injury. * Bro. L. E. Atchley, Baron, OK, invited others to visit them. * Bro. Bill McCay, Yakima, WA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Horace Orendorff. He also announced the baptism of Kathy Taylor.

***The Christian Courier*, Jan., 1980.** * Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, announced the passing of Bro. Claud Watson . * Bro. Charles Jared, Chesterton, IN, announced their meeting with Bro. Tom Broadway. * Chico, CA, expressed their appreciation to all who attended their Thanksgiving meeting. * Modesto, CA, announced a meeting with Bro. Al Way and Bro. Kelly McCay. * Other notices: Bro. Jimmy Stapp, Portland, OR, received a crushed hip & broken thigh from a work injury; Sis. Evie Jewel Morris, Stilwell, OK, and Bro. Sylvester Brown, Baron, OK, passed away within three days of each other; and Bro. Darrell & Sis. Jessica Chastain had a baby girl, Shelly Maree.

***The Christian Courier*, Feb., 1980.** * Bro. L. E. Atchley, Elk City, OK, invited others to come and meet with them. * Bellflower, CA, announced the passing of Sis. Norma Fulkerson. * Yuma, AZ, announced the passing of Bro. John Givens and Sis. Juanita Nelson. * Indian Springs announced the passing of Bro. Leonard Starnes.

***The Christian Courier*, Jan., 1990.** * Bro. Paul Andrews, Goshen, AR, reported that Sis. Kathy Campbell had been in and out of the hospital a few times. * Sis. Verda Nelson, Yuma, AZ, reported that Bro. Howard McCay had collapsed, and it was later determined that he had pneumonia and infected bronchioles; and that Sis. Valerie Davis was being considered for a bone marrow transplant. * Bro. Ken Baldwin, Cedaredge, CO, encouraged others to make plans for the 1990 Delta Camp Meeting. * Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, listed several recent visitors.

***The Christian Courier*, Feb., 1990.** * Bro. Lee McDonald, Olivehurst, CA, announced the passing of Sis. Bonnie Luther. * Bro. Howard McCay, Yuma, AZ, reported on the meeting at Yuma; and also listed some illnesses: Sis. Verda Nelson, Sis. Ruth Duncan, and Sis. Mary Smith were all in the hospital. * Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, announced a meeting in July with Bro. Howard McCay.

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Meetings

Apr. 23-30, 2000	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
June 30-July 9, 2000	Delta, CO	Delta Camp Meeting
July 16-23, 2000	Yakima, WA	Roger Walkingstick & Kenny Williams

Births

Cassidy Rachelle Shepherd	Payson, AZ	Dec. 2, 1999
Jessie William Davis	Yuma, AZ	Dec. 25, 1999

Weddings

Sean Garcia & Jessica Davis	Yuma, AZ	Nov. 27, 1999

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Gary Pruiett	Alamogordo, NM	M. S.
Renee Cowherd	Aztec, NM	Seriously ill
Ken Bishop	Aztec, NM	Medical problems
Vincent Johnson	Bellflower, CA	Confined to wheel chair
Hazel Harville	Broken Bow, OK	Heart condition & diabetes
George Cowger	Cedaredge, CO	Damaged spinal cord
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
Earl Howe	Lorenzo, TX	Injured shoulder
Aspen Spurlin	Lorenzo, TX	Chronic mono
Ola McKinney	Selah, WA	Heart surgery
Sarah Sauve	Yakima, WA	Fighting cancer in hip
Laveta Boling	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems
Sonny Boling	Yuma, AZ	Knee surgery
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

Passings

Dean Guyer	Waterford, CA	Dec. 5, 1999