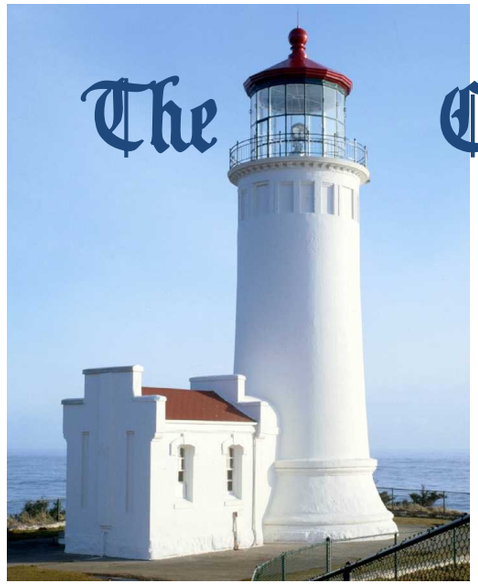
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## The One True Church

There are many different denominations (man-made churches)! All have different founders. All began at different times and places. Each wears a name different from the others. Each worships in its own way. Denominations differ from one another in organization. They teach different doctrines. ...They teach different ways to be saved.

It is strange that those who claim to believe the Bible will accept such confusion. Millions never question it. Others excuse it saying: "We are all going to Heaven. We are just going by different roads." Some say: "One church is as good as another." Still others tell us to "Join the church of your choice."

Does God have a choice? Is there a church revealed in the Bible? If Jesus established a church, should not we be in it instead of one started by a man? What does the Bible say?

### The Bible Condemns Division

Jesus prayed that all who believe in Him would be one (John 17:20-23). Paul rebuked the church at Corinth for being divided: "*Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Christians are commanded to mark those who cause division by teaching a different doctrine (Romans 16:16-17).

### Only One Church

Jesus promised: "*Upon this rock, I will build My church*" (Matthew 16:18). He did not promise to build many denominations! He promised to build

His church! He died for His church (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:25). Nowhere does the Bible say Jesus built a denomination! Nor does the Bible teach Jesus died for any church established by man! He died for only one church, the one He bought with His own blood.

The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23). There is one body (Ephesians 4:4). Therefore, there is but one church! Jesus is the Saviour of His body (Ephesians 5:25). If we want to be saved, we must be in His body. We cannot be saved in a man-made church!

The Church Began in Jerusalem in AD 30

Jesus promised to build His church (Matthew 16:18). The prophets foretold the church would be built in "the last days" in Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-3; Joel 2:28-32). Jesus told His apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8). The Spirit came upon them on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13). Peter said this was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy (Acts 2:16-21). He preached the Gospel to the people. When they heard, believed, repented and were baptized, they were added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:22-47). All today who obey the same Gospel in the same way are added by the same Lord to the same church!

Jesus is the Head

"*And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preemnence*" (Colossians 1:18). We do not read in the Bible of any human head of the church. There is no preacher, pastor, priest, pope, president, patriarch, board, or committee over the one true church. Christ is its only head! The headquarters of the one true church is in Heaven where Jesus Christ, the head, is (Acts 2:33-36).

Congregations are Independent

While there is one body, the Christians in each area meet together to worship. Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome: "*The churches of Christ greet you*" (Romans 16:16). He was not speaking of different denominations, but of the assemblies of Christians in each area. These together make up the body of Christ. Paul addressed the saints in Corinth as "*the church of God which is at Corinth*" (1 Corinthians 1:2). He asked the elders of the church at Ephesus to meet with him in Miletus (Acts 20:17). He spoke of "*the churches of Galatia*" meaning the assemblies of Christians in each city of Galatia (Galatians 1:2).

Except for Christ who rules from Heaven, there is no central organization of the one, true church. Each congregation is self-governing and independent of all the others. Each has its own elders who are also called bishops (overseers) and pastors (shepherds). The church at Antioch sent a contribution to the elders of the church in Jerusalem (Acts 11:29-30). Paul and Barnabas "*appointed elders in every church*" (Acts 14:23). Paul called the elders of the church at Ephesus (Acts 20:17). He wrote to the saints in Philippi "*with the bishops and deacons*" (Philippians 1:1). Elders are only over the local congregation of which they are members (1 Peter 5:1-2).

There is a Pattern of Worship

The church in the Bible met on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2). They worshipped in "*spirit and in truth*" (John 4:24). They ate the Lord's supper (Matthew 26:26-29; Acts



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| Cinde McCay | Yakima, WA | Fighting Parkinson's & head injury from fall |
| Oren Johnston | Yakima, WA | Kidney dialysis |
| Florence Fuller | Yuma, AZ | Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's |

And all those in nursing homes.

# Births

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| Avelyn Mae Powers | Yakima, WA | April 2011 to Ryan and Kara Mae Powers |

# Wedding Announcements

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| Levi Smith and Kayla Carter | Glenwood, WA | July 14th 2012 |
| Kevin Lamb and Hayley Travis | Gleed, WA | Aug. 3rd 2012 |

# Meetings

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| June 10-17th 2012 | Broken Bow, OK | Guest Speakers |
| June 24-July 1 2012 | Lorenzo, TX | Bros. Skip Berry and Eric Harper |
| July 8th –12 2012 | Yakima, WA | Bro. Mick Boen |
| July 15th—18th 2012 | Gleed, WA | Guest Speakers |
| July 22nd—25th 2012 | Glenwood, WA | Bro. Jack Warford |

If you have any updates or corrections to this list, please email me at editor.christiancourier@gmail.com so I can keep this list current.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## Prayer of Faith for those in need

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| Sue Bixler | Aztec, NM | Stoke(2), Heart Attack & Diabetes |
| Tina Mickey | Aztec, NM | Gall Bladder surgery/blood clots in lungs |
| Jackie Brown | Baron, OK | Serious lung problems |
| Jim Brown | Baron, OK | Lung infection |
| Ericka Ferguson | Bedford, NY | In prison |
| Synda Swain | Bellflower, CA | Stroke, now in rehab |
| Jay & LaWanda Durham | Broken Bow, OK | Surgery, illness, falls |
| Doug Ferguson | Broken Bow, OK | Neck & heart surgeries for blockages. |
| Tony Schell | Cedaredge, CO | Heart irregularities |
| Doris Ridlon | Canton, GA | Hip replacement & heart problems |
| Lynn Iker | Duncan, OK | Heart surgery & financial need |
| Linda Wilson | Flora Vista NM | Anxiety & extreme weight gain |
| Carol Bauer | Gleed, WA | Fighting cancer |
| Robert Farley | Gleed, WA | Severe pain |
| Don Hammett | Gleed, WA | Fighting cancer |
| Gene McKinney | Gleed, WA | Diabetes & heart problems |
| Ola McKenney | Gleed WA | Tumor removal & age. |
| Troy Solomon | Gleed, WA | Severe back pain |
| Ellen McCay | Glenwood, WA | Severe aching joints - age |
| Jeannean McSwane | Glenwood, WA | Severe infections, pain, & blood clots |
| Fern Logan | Glenwood, WA | Recovering from Stroke |
| Otto Alvarez | Harlingen, TX | Dangerous travel & financial hardship |
| Mariella Alvarez | Harlingen, TX | Dangerous travel & spinal problems |
| Robert Lane | Hillsboro, OR | Recovering from stroke |
| Eunice Jared | Hillsboro, OR | Heart surgery Recovery |
| Gary Calhoun | Hillsboro, OR | Brain tumor |
| Barbara Carlin | Lake Havisu AZ | Fighting Cancer |
| Sharon Moore | Lorenzo, TX | Fighting breast cancer |
| Jayetta Loftis | Lorenzo, TX | Broken Leg |
| Ellis Forsman | Lorenzo, TX | Dangerous & costly African travels |
| Joseph Davis | Mesa, AZ | Thyroid surgery & radiation treatments |
| Renee Seaton | Stilwell, OK | Blindness—auto accident related |
| Christine Burkhart | Springdale, AR | Health issues & financial need |
| Gerald Buckner | Stilwell, OK | Stage III Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma |
| Lawanda Durham | Tiner, OK | Serious health issues |
| Gerald Warner | Waterford, CA | Stroke complications and age |



20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). They sang praises to God without the aid of man-made musical instruments (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 13:15). They offered up prayers to God through Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:1-8). They heard the preaching of God's Word (Acts 2:42; Acts 20:7; Matthew 28:20). They gave as God had prospered them (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

Names of the Church and its Members

Denominations often wear the names of their founders. Sometimes they wear the name of a doctrine. Others wear the name of the place where they began. The church in the Bible honors God by its name. It is called "*the church of God*" (1 Corinthians 1:2) and "*the church of Christ*" (Matthew 16:18; Romans 16:16). Members are called "disciples" because they are learners of Jesus (Acts 6:1). They are called "saints" because they are set apart from the world (1 Corinthians 1:2; Philippians 1:1). They are called "children of God" because they have been born again into His family (John 3:3-5; 1 John 3:1). Sometimes they are called "believers" because they trust in Jesus Christ to save them (Acts 5:14; John 8:24). They are "members" because of their relationship with one another in the body (1 Corinthians 12:27). Members of the church of the Bible are also called "Christians." Isaiah the prophet foretold God would give this new name to His people (Isaiah 62:2; Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16).

Entering the One True Church

One enters the one true church by obeying the Gospel (Romans 6:16-18; 1 Peter 1:22-23). This obedience includes hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17), believing in Jesus Christ as the Son of God (Mark 16:16), repenting of one's sins (Acts 2:38), confessing Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Acts 8:37), and being buried in baptism for the remission of sins (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27). When one obeys these commands, the Lord adds him to His church (Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

Denominations have no right to exist. They will be destroyed by the Lord at His coming (Matthew 15:13). Only the church established by Jesus Christ will be saved Ephesians 5:23-27). Do not risk your salvation in a man-made church. Obey the Gospel and the Lord will add you to His church!

Peter Odhiambo Boaz, Tanzania



# News from Abroad

## Harlingen, TX

Appreciated Brothers,

Desire to share with you the experiences and benedictions during the month of April that we visit the country of Guatemala, Center America. In this country is very dangerous to travel in car because in the highways happen many assaults. The purpose of the trip was to visit some of the faithful Churches that exist in this country but it is neces-

sary to make it in the car. During a month we travel to different places and thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ have not had problems.

When we visit the Churches we find (surprise) that some had introduced doctrines and different practices from the scriptures of the New Testament and we study several times with these brothers to amend the mistakes and thanks to the Lord the brothers understand the truth and rejected those doctrines that they had been introduced to.

We find many brothers that they had abandoned the faith for different reasons but several brothers reconciled with the Lord and returned again to the Christian life.

Also we study with several groups of religious persons and we have hope that with visits that continue making the evangelists in those areas these persons obey the truth. Several persons of a group (Pentecost's) understood the truth on the Church of the Lord, were baptized and begun a new congregation (near the City of Cuilapa) Other group of brothers that they were being gathered with a group that was announced (Church of Christ) (but was not Church of Christ) out from there and began a new congregation in the city of Villanueva.

We think that we concluded a good work in this country and we requested their prayers for all these brothers in Guatemala. We send photos of the churches: a. Churches that I visited Guatemala (photos 1-11) b. A group Pentecost that accepted the truth and were baptized and establish new church (12) c. Group of brothers and some evangelist s work in different areas (13) d. Brothers of the Churches (Jutiapa and Villanueva city) (14) e. Church in Arriaga Chiapas Mexico. (15,16) Evangelist denoted by "*"

Evangelist of the areas Hispanic. See Photos on pages 8 & 9

**Donation information:** Donations to aid Otto can be sent to: Church of Christ C/O Otto Alvarez P.O. Box 532514 Harlingen, TX 78553

# African Update – May 20th

The update at this time will be brief.

Although I am in The United States, the work in East Africa is continuing although greatly hampered by a lack of funds since I left. They are currently working to strengthen the congregations in Northwestern Tanzania. If my count is accurate, there have been 28 baptisms since I left. That's great!

The trip to Kenya and Uganda was cancelled, again because of a lack of funds. Donations have really dropped off since my return to The United States. The cancellations affected about 40 locations that have been eagerly waiting to hear the message Boaz has to offer. A few of these locations are congregations we had already gained and wanted strengthening, but most are those who heard from others about us and want us to come to them so they could hear the message for themselves. The evangelists working in East Africa are pleading for more financial and prayerful support.

Brethren, the need in East Africa is great. Let's continue to support them in the work they are doing. We have some members over there trained as evangelists, but they are unable to go out into the field. Lord willing, I plan to return to East Africa in the Fall and help them in this effort, although I doubt I will be there as long as the first trip, which was 9 months.



# Precious Memories

***Gospel News Courier*, May, 1962.** * Bro. F. H. Logan, Modesto, CA, wrote on the passing of Sis. Francis Cordelia Treat on March 27, 1962. He also announced a meeting in April by Bro. Lloyd Treat. Sis. Eddie Wise, Abilene, TX, announced the baptism of Wayne Lightfoot in April.

***The Christian Courier*, May, 1972.** * Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, announced a meeting in June with Bro. Harry Dye. * Bro. Hayse Morris, Akin, OK, announced three recent baptisms and on March 14th Bro. Bob Eldridge and Sis. Shirley Ross were united in marriage. * Bro. Bill McCay, Sr. reported on their meeting in the Fall with Bro. Lloyd Treat. He also announced another meeting in June with Bro. J. D. Logan. Sis. Pearl Mack had just celebrated her 81st birthday and Sis. Phobe McCay had just celebrated her 84th birthday.

***The Christian Courier*, May, 1982.** * Bro. Frank Ridlon, Aztec, NM, announced the birth of Kenny Duane to Ken & Carrie McFarland on February 5th. Also Bro. Earl Noyes celebrated his 100th birthday on March 8th. * The Gardendale, TX, congregation wrote of the passing of Sis. Jane Tate at the Olney, TX, congregation. They also announced a meeting in June with Bro. Donald Dabbs as speaker.

***The Christian Courier*, May, 2002.** * The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation reported that Sis. Nell McCay had a skin cancer removed from her leg. * The Yuma, AZ, congregation reported on the passing of Sis. Betty Carlson. They also reported on their meeting in March with guest speakers. * Bro. Otto Alvarez, Harlingen, TX, announced 6 baptisms that last month.




We are looking forward to seeing ALL of you – June 10th/17th, 2012. We want to make **YOUR** camp the best it can be and we need your help. There have been comments about things we might do to improve the camp. We would like for EVERYONE to PLEASE give us your suggestions and thoughts on things we could implement to improve YOUR camp. We would appreciate **EVERYONE'S comments.**

**PLEASE** don't forget crafts for the auction on Friday evening. Let's bring or send as many crafts as possible, let's make this year's auction bigger and better than ever. We all want to take home a craft made by one of our brother's or sister's in Christ.

**PLEASE make plans to be with your brothers and sisters IN Christ at CHURCH CAMP 2012!!**

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# Prophet, Priest, or King?

Listed below are 24 names from the Bible. Write the number beside each name in the proper column below. If you don't know one you may look up its scripture reference.

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| 1. Isaiah (2 chronicles 32:20) | 13. Ellashib (Nehemiah 3:1) |
| 2. Ahab (1 Kings 16:29) | 14. Agabus (Acts 21:10) |
| 3. Aaron (Exedous 30:30) | 15. Herod (Matthew 2:1) |
| 4. Eli (1Samuel 1:9) | 16. Elisha (2 Kings 3:11,12) |
| 5. Hosea (Hosea 1.1) | 17. Jehoiada (2 Kings 12:2) |
| 6. Eleazar (Numbers 26:3) | 18. Josiah (2Kings 22:1) |
| 7. Jehoshaphat (1 Kings 22:41) | 19. Elijah (1 Kings 18:22) |
| 8. Saul (1 Samuel 11:15) | 20.Caiaphas (John 11:49) |
| 9. Nathan (2 Samuel 7:2) | 21.Amos (Amos 7:14,15) |
| 10. Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3:1) | 22.Hiram (1 Chronicles 14:1) |
| 11. Zacharias (Luke 1:5) | 23. Huidah (2 Kings 22:14) |
| 12. Agrippa (Acts 25:13) | 24. Hilkiah (2 Chronicles 34:14) |

| PROPHET | PRIEST | KING |
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Keep all the brethren the world over in your prayers.

In Christian love,

Ellis Forsman

## Donation information:

Remember, a bank account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for your support (Account number 8891458054). Checks can be made out to "African Mission" (the bank's name designation for this project of working with groups of people in Africa for account purposes) and sent to % Ellis Forsman, 6718 Santa Fe Dr., Lubbock, TX, 79407, or deposited directly at your nearest Wells Fargo Bank.



# Cards and Letters

## Alamogordo, NM

The church in Alamogordo, NM is no longer meeting. We are now meeting in Las

Cruces, NM at the following address: home church

2055 San Acacio

Las Cruces, NM

Please call as we meet in different homes each lord's Day

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## Yakima, WA

4/22/2012

Dear Brethren: Well, it is the latter part of April and we have a new Great-granddaughter. Avelyn Mae Powers, born to Ryan and Kara Mae Powers. Kara is Kelly's middle daughter and this makes him with two granddaughters. It is also the 5th generation of Mae's, starting with Veda's grandmother, Della Mae.

The weather here is starting to heat up and I don't think I'm ready for it. It got up to 87 degrees today.

We were happy to be able to help Charlotte Burtis celebrate her birthday on April 7th. Mike and Kay took us down to Modesto over Easter weekend. It was really great to be able to be with the Brethren at Waterford. We hadn't seen any of them for almost a year. It is always great to visit with old friends.

We got a nice surprise on Thursday this last week with the arrival of Jerry and Wynetta McCay coming in to town from Lubbock, TX. Jerry preached for us this morning, and several of us went out to the Gleed congregation to listen to him again tonight. He brought us two great sermons and we thank him for his efforts.

Our health seems to be about the same. We're all getting older.

There has been a slight change on our meeting dates. Yakima will start on July 8th and run through the 12th. I think Gleed's will start on the 15th and go through the 18th. We urge you to come and be with us. Everyone is welcome.

We are happy to report that Brady Lamb is back from Libya and is settling in back in Cherry Point, NC. As most of you k now, he is a Marine Sgt.

Jerry pours salt on the wounds by telling us what a great time everyone had at the Yuma meeting. We truly wish that we could have been there.

Well, I seem to have run out of anything to say, so I will close. Please keep us in your prayers as we do you.

Yours in Christ,

Bill McCay Sr.

5/12/2012

Well, here it is almost the middle of May, so I will continue with a little more news. Jerry and Wynetta stayed around here long enough for Jerry to preach for us two Sunday mornings and a Wednesday night and we got to hear him two Sunday afternoons at Gleed. We have asked him to hold our meeting next year and he has consented. So, (DV)(Lord Willing), we have our speaker for the summer of 2013, we just don't know the date. We also were happy to have Dan and Karen Greenway come up from Creswell, OR to visit with us at the same time that Jerry and Wynetta were here. It was nice to see all of these cousins get together. Dan and Karen have been keeping the congregation in Springfield, OR going for quite some time now, but now the building has been sold and the church will be meeting in their home at 33973 Row Road, Creswell, OR 97426 until a building is acquired there. For information, they can be reached at (541) 895-4170.

I will invite you all once again to come to the Northwest to attend one or all of our Gospel meetings. All are welcome. BGM

# Gleed, WA

Hi to all!

Last year was a whirlwind with Mom, Ola McKinney, being diagnosed with cancer, multiple hospital stays, surgery, rehab nursing home and finally back home. God showed us that miricles can continue to happen. She is doing well. She will be celebrating her 91st birthday on May 1. Thank you for the continued prayers for her. She prays every night for so many of you out there. I am blessed to hear them. She also keeps me on my toes. Prayers for continued health is always a gift.

Love you lots!

Kathy (KT) Treat



every one for your prayers, phone calls, cards, and financial assistance. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Please come visit us at Pleasant View any chance you may have.

Gerald Buckner

# Medical Updates

Bro. Doug Ferguson of Ringold, OK went in for a triple bypass surgery that turned into a quadruple bypass. The surgery lasted 7 hours. After many days recovering in the hospital, he is finally home. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Bro. Gene McKinney was admitted to the hospital on May 15th for high blood pressure, but is now recovering at home. The Doctors think he might have had a reaction to something.

# Voices from the past

Fellow Preachers and Teachers:

I address this to you because of the realization that there is a great responsibility that rests upon every one who is a preacher of the Gospel.

In II Tim. 3:1, Paul warns that in the latter times conditions would be PERILOUS. No doubt those conditions are upon us today. Every one needs to be watching himself and all others, that no unscriptural teaching or practice shall be accepted in the congregations of the Church of Christ. Both Paul and Peter warned that false ,teachers would exist among God's - people. We dare not, if we hope for heaven, ignore these warnings and accept innovations into our worship, even though those innovations may be exceedingly - - popular or may make us popular among the brethren. Neither do we dare to close our eyes to these conditions and, because we may not have been the ones to introduce the innovation, allow the innovation to remain among us without lifting our voice against it and warning the brethren against it.

Examine Webster's definition of the verb "lie", editions published by Merriam in 1880, 1903, and-1906, and you will find," lie: to say or do that: which deceives another, when he has a right to know the truth, or, when morality requires a just representation." On every subject that has to do with the worship, the; brethren have a right to know ALL that the bible says.

On the communion question, as on all questions-, you and I are1 not truthful, unless we tell all that is taught in the book. All people teach. that the fruit of the vine is the substance used in the container as the blood of the new, covenant.. But only a small percentage teach that it was in ONE container at the time Christ blessed it. The. brethren have a moral rtight to know all on the subject and, if we purposely keep back a part of that truth as taught in the BOOK, Webster says we LIE. The Angel says we. will go to the hot place. Rev.21:8.

We must "take: heed unto ourselves and the doctrine, continue in them; in doing of which we may, or shall, save both ourselves and them that hear us".

Every innovation among us today is because some did not CONTINUE in bible doctrine. They are the result of heresy. Every religious teaching or practice that cannot be found in the Word is heresy.

Neither you, nor I have a right to choose what we will preach. God has chosen what HE wants us to preach--the Word. II Tim.4:2.

Young defines the Greek word from which we get "heresy" as "choice". If we preach what is not in the Word, we are heretics and true, followers should reject us for their own good, Titus 3:10.

Brothers, we cannot afford to risk not going to heaven by not preaching the truth. We should consider the eternal welfare of every one who comes under our

Influence. If we do mot warn them we will have it against us In the day of judgment Ez. 33:8

Written in Love of the Truth,

G Earl McCay, 234 W.K St. Springfle1, Oregon (Feb.,1949) (Reprint by permission)

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Washington as the next speaker is also from Gleed Church. Bro. Bob Farley with a good question for a title to his lesson "Why Are You a Christian?". Sunday evening and the second part of bro. John McKinney's lesson about being Yoked to Christ and he titled it "Be Ye Not, is a commandment". Every lesson that we heard you would think that it couldn't be matched but every single one that was presented to us was informative and gave us plenty to think about.

Now I must speak quickly about the time that bro. Ellis informed us of the travels that he made while in Africa. He took one night and showed us slides of the people, baptizing, the food that they ate, pictures of the animals in the areas that he traveled in. There were pictures of the homes that they lived in, the hard and rugged trails that they had to travel on to get where they needed to go. We saw how beat up the vehicle that they drove became while taking these trails, vehicle parts were next to impossible to obtain and of course he spoke to us of the dangers of being in certain areas. He seemed to have (in spite of the difficulties) had a great time ministering to these people that are hungry for the truth. We thank you bro. Ellis for going and representing our churches of Christ. We need to all remember the cost of the trip was very expensive and in the future he is planning on going on at least one more time, so let's try and help with those expenses if we can. Speaking of expenses we need to send in contributions for the Courier. It also expensive to put this letter together and then the price of mailing the paper out to the various churches.

Now on to the congregation here in Yuma. we are all bracing for summer and the hot weather that we get, servicing our air conditioners to make sure they don't break down in the middle of 116 degree day. That's never pleasant. Everyone is doing about the same as always and we thank God for that. We hope that next year that our meeting can be held at about the same time as the last two or three years and that more and more people are able to attend. So in the mean time, God be with you all. Please keep the prayers going for those of us that are in ill health.

Thanks,

Denny and Susie of the Yuma Congregation

## Stilwell, OK

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from the congregation at Pleasant View. Everyone here is doing well at this time with just allergies and aches and pains with growing old.

We have two young ladies that have graduated from 8th grade and moving onto high school. They are Brittnee Nakedhead and Julie Fuson. We are very proud of them.

The last PET scan I had showed that I have no more cancer in my leg. It is just still weak from the surgery. The scan also showed just a speck in my lung. I will be taking eight more treatments that will be spaced six weeks apart. My hands and feet are numb from the treatments so spacing them out should improve the feeling in them. I am able to drive again and have been working in the garden some. I just praise the Lord for the healing. Also I want to thank each and



## Lorenzo, TX

Greetings from Lorenzo, TX.

Here is a brief update of the news from Lorenzo.

Sis. Jaetta Loftis continues to improve. She is not using her walker anymore. That's great! Sis. Olene Howe has had several falls, but her injuries were not serious. We are thankful for that.

The Matt Matlock family was missed while they were in Arizona visiting relatives. Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay are back after a wonderful whirlwind trip to the state of Washington. Their visits were too short.

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman visited with the congregation at Oklahoma City, OK, over the first weekend in May. Bro. Ellis was asked to talk about the work in East Africa. He presented a slideshow of pictures taken while in Africa. The fellowship was awesome!

In Christian love from

The Lorenzo, TX, congregation

## Yuma, AZ

Hello to our brothers and sisters across the country, Seems like I am always apologizing for being late about getting a letter in but I must do it again, I apologize. I seem to get side tracked so easy these days. I just got back from walking Murphy and I am sweating up a storm here and it's not even hot yet. I don't believe that I have sent in a message since the March meeting this year, so I'd like to make mention of it.

We had a pretty good crowd considering the price of fuel during that time frame. It has thankfully come down a little since then. Hopefully, though, it will continue to drop in price even more. At every service there were between 40 to 55 people in attendance.

Now on the first Sunday of the meeting we received lessons from two brothers from Lorenzo, Tx. Sunday morning it was from bro. Ellis Forsman; "Blueprint for Christ's Church" and at the evening service that same night bro. Jerry McCay brought the lesson for us titled "The Glorious Church". A wonderful start to our meeting. And it continued throughout to be exceptional as the lessons continued. Monday evening the lesson was given to us by bro. Jim Lamb from the Gleed Church, this was his first trip to Yuma and hopefully many more in the future. His lesson was titled "Perseverance/Pro Active". Another bro. from Gleed , bro. John Mckinney "To Be Yoked With Christ" part one. Bro. Stanley Goodwin from Graham, Texas gave us his lesson "The Phone call From God", he did a very good job trying to excuse himself from God during that call. Our bro. from Ringgold, Texas was next in line giving us Two roads to travel "Narrow Way/Broadway". I've chosen the Narrow way. Our brother from Oklahoma, Brother Russell Morris spoke to us about love " Brotherly Love/ Charity". An essential need in the world today. Another brother from Washington, this time out of Yakima Church. Bro. Richard Johnston asks us "Does Anyone Know What's Going On?". From all of the lessons we received I'm sure that we have a good deal of knowledge of what's happening around us, most of it is not very good. We had a good presence from




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