

The Christian Courier

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In The Name Of Jesus Christ

"*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*" (Acts 2:38).

There seems to be a movement in the church attempting to bring the scriptural ceremony of baptism into disfavor and substituting another in its place.

This has been advocated by a small tract entitled, "*Bible Break Publications and Tracts*", dated Jan. 5, 2000.



Under most circumstances, my practice is to ignore all such that advocate a radical departure from the scriptures. However, the writer indicates, "We hope to hear from you..." as the church. Also, "...the church (the writer's congregation) has written letters to many of the churches of Christ through this nation about the problem..."

Further, "...we have caused a great stir among gospel preachers..." I can certainly believe this to be true!! This has probably resulted in an avalanche of letters. Permit me to add to that avalanche!

The Assumption

According to the tract, the writer has come to the conclusion that to be baptized "*in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit*" is not the baptism administered at Pentecost by Peter and the other apostles.

It is further asserted that we must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (only) to be properly baptized.

I have heard these statements before, but not from one purporting to be a "Gospel preacher". This is basically the same as advanced by those who teach that there is only "one person in the Godhead, namely Jesus Christ" and that "all must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ only".

There is, of course, no more scriptural truth in one than there is in the other. Both are in error!!

To quote from the tract mentioned, "we learned some years back that a statement like 'in the name of' means 'by the authority of' was only put there by man to justify their rejection of the name of Jesus Christ and justify the words of Matt. 28:19 as a baptism that would forgive sins and add souls to the church."

This presumes that the statement quoted is not true. I will assert, and prove by the scriptures, that "in the name of" does of a truth mean "by the authority of". This is a proper biblical principle and is used in several places by the apostolic writers.

This statement further assumes that we who teach baptism as per Matt. 28:19-20 (The Great Commission) have rejected the "name of Christ".

Far to the contrary, we shall point out that this is the proper baptismal ceremony and was authorized by Christ, himself.

How, then, could baptism in such manner constitute "rejection of the name of Jesus Christ"? This sort of logic escapes me!

The Great Commission

The center of the controversy is what we term "The Great Commission" wherein Christ, knowing that He had completed his purpose on earth and soon must go to His Father in heaven, commissioned his apostles to do something entirely new.

Christ had previously given the apostles limited commissions (to Israel only), but now commanded them to "*...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*" (Mark 16:15-16).

In Matt. 28:18-20, we find a furtherance of this same commission with somewhat different wording. "*...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*"

At this point, it would be well to note the correlation of both Matthew and Mark with regard to the commission.

Matthew. "*Go...teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.*"

Mark. "*Go ye into all the world ... He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved...*"

We must realize that Jesus was issuing a new commission to the apostles. It was for "*all the*

world", and they were commanded to baptize all whom they taught. Notice the ceremony ordained by Jesus: "*in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*"

Notice, also, that they were commanded to teach "*...them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.*"

Christ had just commanded in the name of "*Father...Son...Holy Ghost.*" It follows that we are to do the same. To reason differently is to say that the apostle failed to fulfill this command of Christ. Is this the contention of our tract writer?

The only alternative to this conclusion is to contend that Matt. 28:19-20 does not belong in the scriptures! I hope the writer will not take this position! Nevertheless, Matt. 28:19-20 will remain to haunt him.

The Writer's Problem

I searched diligently through the tract and was unable to find the answer to the following problem created by the assumptions of the writer.

If baptism as per Matt. 28:19 was not to forgive sins or put one into the church, what was the purpose of this baptism? What dispensation did Jesus have in mind when He commanded it? And what was the duration of this dispensation?

Let me ask the question differently. Was the baptism of Matt. 28:19 the baptism of John the Baptist? If not, was it the baptism of Jesus? And if neither, by what and whose authority were the apostles to perform this baptism?

Time Element — Critical

There is an element of time at this point that is critical to the tract-writer's theory. Please take note:

Your Gentle Favor

Pressures placed upon me
To conquer meaningless tasks.
No objection to selfishness.
Blindly, they push on,
Keeping hidden, by masks,
Their true desires, their
Driving motives of pride.

Yet You, O Lord , secure me
Inside confident decision-
Without fear of ill impressions others see.
You guide my heart into chosen works,
Find settings where my ambition lurks.

I thank You for the hope that
Raps on my dreams' door,
Wakes me from the night,
And, in blissful flight,
Sends my feet across the floor!

Excitement swells in my wonder
About this day's contents.
So on I press, submerged in Your grace
Saved from all laments.
I take from today's tabletop buffet
Faith's first fruit, from above.
To my lips I bring it:
"Let me taste of its sweetness
And charge forward; share it in love!"
I proclaim its savor
In honesty's completeness-
I feel Your gentle favor,
My dear God Most High.

— Mark Staley

The problem lies in the very commands enjoined by our Lord on the apostles at the Great Commission.

- "*Go…*"
- "*…teach all nations*" or "*…preach the gospel to every creature…*"

The difficulty enters when one observes the sequence of events between the crucifixion/resurrection/ascension and Pentecost and the church's institution. Note the sequence:

- The crucifixion took place on Passover-eve, 50 days before Pentecost (Mark 15:42).
- Christ showed himself to His apostles alive, and taught them for 40 subsequent days (Acts 1:1-9).
- This apparently continued to the very ascension (Acts 1:9-10).

This left 10 days immediately following the crucifixion to fill in. We do not have a day-by-day accounting of the first 10 days following the crucifixion, but we are told several things that did take place. Possibly part of the 10 days not fully accounted for took place following the ascension and prior to Pentecost. It was during this time that the apostles returned to Jerusalem (Acts 1:12) from Galilee (Matt. 28:10). It was at this time that the replacement of Judas was made (Acts 1:20-26).

The record is clear that of the 50 days between Passover and Pentecost, we have a fairly good accounting of the activities of both Jesus and his apostles. These activities consisted of Jesus' teaching the apostles business relating to the kingdom of god (Acts 1:3).

It is obvious to anyone with a rudimentary knowledge of mathematics that there was simply no time at all for the apostles to obey the commands of "*go teach all nations, baptizing them…*" within this time frame. When, then, did the apostles fulfill the commands of the Lord? Is it possible that the tract-writer knows something not revealed by the scriptures?

It is safe to assert with confidence that the apostles did no teaching during these 50 days; they were being taught by Jesus.

The next difficulty for the writer occurs at this point. Why would Jesus commission the apostles to do all this ("*go…teach…baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*"), knowing that after 50 days they would be given a new commission to baptize in another manner and for a different purpose; knowing also that He had given them a commission which was impossible to fulfill?

It is with the utmost incredulity that one observes the impossible situations created by this ghastly assumption. But there are more.

Some Questions

In viewing the all-over arguments presented by the writer of this tract, several questions occurred to me for which I could find no answer. I will present them here in hopes the writer will answer them for us. Reference is made to the baptism of Matt. 28:19-20.

- If this baptism was not to forgive sins or put one into the church, what was the purpose of this baptism?
- What was the dispensation under which this baptism was performs?
- What was the duration of this "dispensation"?
- Was this the baptism of John the Baptist?
- Was this the baptism of Jesus?
- If not that of John or Jesus, by whose authority was this baptism commanded?

These questions deserve to be answered. I call on the writer to answer them.

For myself, I can see no solution to the writer's problem. To all intents and purposes, he has nullified the "Great Commission" of Matt. 28:19-20, making the words of Jesus of no importance despite the fact that this is where Jesus first spoke of salvation to "*all nations*".

We refer to this commission as "great" for one very important reason. IT WAS THE FIRST AND ONLY COMMISSION THAT WAS INTENDED FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD, THAT WOULD INCLUDE EVERY CREATURE, AND BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL "*the end of the world*".

IT IS THE COMMISSION UNDER WHICH WE FUNCTION TODAY. WHAT OTHER AUTHORITY CAN WE CLAIM THAT EMBODIES THE WORDS OF JESUS? (Col. 3:16).

The Great Commission (Matt. 28:19) is the centerpiece of the Gospel. Christ's entire personal ministry culminated in this commission.

The apostles drew their authority directly from this occasion, as we shall see.

Spoken By The Lord

"*Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*" (Heb. 2:1-4).

One can search the New Testament and find only one occurrence during the ministry of Christ where he spoke of salvation to "*all nations*" coupled together with conditions with which to be complied. This is recorded in Matt. 28:19-20.

It is to this commission that the writer of Hebrews refers when he wrote, "*...first began to be spoken by the Lord.*"

The Holy Spirit's Role

Jesus said (John 15:26, speaking of the promised Holy Ghost), "*...he shall testify of me.*" What would the Holy Ghost testify of Jesus with regard to baptism and salvation? Would it not be the words of Matt. 28:19-20?

Jesus further said of the Holy Ghost's mission in John 14:26, "*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and BRING ALL THINGS TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE, WHATSOEVER I have said unto you.*"

Did not Jesus say the words of Matt. 28:19-20 to the apostles? We are constrained to believe that the Holy Ghost reminded the apostles of these words when He taught them "*all things.*" (John 14:26).

The Holy Ghost was sent IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. It was His mission to cause the apostles to remember the very words.

Which brings us to the question that logically follows. If The Great Commission was given by Jesus but not to function under in the kingdom (following Pentecost), when and where did He alter his commission?

The answer is obvious; Jesus never altered the "Great Commission." It is in full effect today, and has been since that first Pentecost. It is the

commission under which we are to function today.

The Name of Jesus Christ

When Peter commanded the multitude on Pentecost to be baptized "*in the name of Jesus Christ*", was he instructing them to do something other than what Jesus had commissioned the apostles to require and do (Matt. 28:19-20)?

It is hard to believe that anyone could advocate this, BUT THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE WRITER IS INSISTING!!

It is interesting to note what the New Testament reveals with respect to "*the name of Jesus Christ.*" Let us list a few.

Miracles In This Name

A man over forty years old was healed at the entrance of the temple (Acts 3:6). This was done "*in the name of Jesus Christ.*" This narrative continues through Acts 4:22. "*In the name of Jesus Christ*" is mentioned several times in the narrative.

- "*...In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.* " (Acts 3:6).
- "*...through faith in his name hath made this man strong,...*" (Acts 3:16).
- "*...by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, ...doth this man stand here before you whole.*" (Acts 4:10).
- (The ruler and priests) "*...commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.*" (Acts 4:18).

All of the occurrences on that occasion were done "*in the name of Jesus.*"

Please note Acts 4:7, "*And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this*?"

It is significant that all these things stem from one statement by Jesus at the occasion of the "Great Commission", recorded at Mark 16:18, "*...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*"

All this speaks of authority. To heal "*in the name of Jesus*" is to heal BY HIS AUTHORITY.

Likewise, to baptize "*in the name of Jesus*" is to baptize BY HIS AUTHORITY. Why?

Because Jesus commanded the apostles to baptize. Where? In Matt. 28:19-20. This was the commission under which they were working on Pentecost.

All subsequent references to "*in the name of Jesus*" derive from this same authority. "*IN THE NAME OF JESUS*" MEANS, SIMPLY, BY THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS, inasmuch as it was Jesus who authorized the apostles to baptize in the first place (Matt. 28:19-20).

We, therefore, conclude that when we were baptized "*in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*", we were baptized correctly according to Jesus' instructions. Furthermore, when we administer baptism in this same manner, we are correct.

The Authority Of Jesus

All things done by the apostles with reference to preaching the gospel, baptizing, further admonition on Christian living, healing the sick and lame, etc., were done by the authority of Jesus.

Immediately prior to the issuance of the "Great Commission", Christ claimed "*all power*" (authority) in heaven and earth. Six different translations render "power" as "authority".

Jesus issued the "Great Commission" on the strength of His claim of "*all authority*" (Matt. 28:18). It is, therefore, no wonder that the baptism required of the apostles was that of verses 19 and 20, "*in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*"

Thus we see that when Peter enjoined baptism "*in the name of Jesus Christ*" he was acting under the "Great Commission" of Matt. 28:19.

THERE IS ONLY ONE BAPTISM (Eph. 4:4). The baptism of the "Great Commission" (Matt. 28:19) and that of Pentecost (Acts 2:38) are one and the same. There is no difference.

Much more could be written, but time and space will not permit. This is an important subject. I hope that the writer of the tract under consideration will take the opportunity to answer the above. We look forward to the answer.

Yours in Christ,
John D. Logan
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Dear ones in Christ,

Please remember to pray for those in authority as the Bible says we should. Not just those who make the laws, but especially those who risk their lives every day and night to enforce those laws and keep us safe.



Our community is in deep mourning tonight because one of our local police officers was shot and killed in the line of duty this past Wednesday morning, March 7th. He was a young man of 30 who now leaves a wife and 2 year old son.

The community has placed many flowers on the site. We just got back from adding ours. Someone had put up a poem about how a part of America died with the officer.

The 13th chapter of Romans tells us to be subject to authority, because those in authority are put there by God. Verse 3 says that rulers (again, that would include those who enforce the laws as well as those who make them) are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Verse 4 says they are the ministers of God for us for good.

I Tim. 2:1-2. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

Our police officers are there to keep us safe so we can lead this type of life. We should thank God for them. And thank them for the job they do when we have the opportunity. And pray for them. Ask God to keep them safe, as they keep us safe.

In Christian love,
Bro. Terry Warford
Des Moines, WA



Cards and Letters

Broken Bow, OK

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We hope that this finds everyone doing well. First, I want to say thanks to Brother Greg Allgood and Bro. Gerald Buckner for coming down last Sunday and giving us much needed support and to Bro. Greg, thanks for the wonderful sermon!

We would like to take this time to announce our upcoming first annual camp meeting bi-coordinated with Tiner and Pleasant View congregations, for May 27th-June 1st. The camp meeting will be held at Beavers Bend State Park and accommodations will be provided. Beavers Bend has beautiful campgrounds in the heart of the Ouchita Forest. The only things we ask you to bring are bedding (sheets, blankets, pillows) and personal items. Food and activities will be provided. Paddle boating, canoeing, swimming, fishing, hiking, miniature golf and golf are just some of the activities that are available. We hope everyone can come!

Please add Mary Jane Crowell to the prayer list, she has had eye surgery and she has a lot of problems with diabetes. Also, Bro. Edwin & Sis. Mary Jane are great grandparents, Re'Elle Elisabeth Crowell was born January 12th to Jonathon & Lacey Crowell. Re'Elle also needs your prayers because she was only a few days old when she came down with pneumonia. Other than that, we are all pretty much fine.

We had a good crowd last Sunday for dinner, Tiner congregation and Bro. Greg and Bro. Gerald joined us. Thanks to everyone, especially for all of that good food!

Well, that's about all I can think of right now. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

This is a list of the men you need to contact for more information concerning the Beavers Bend Camp Meeting, 2001.

Bro. Doug Ferguson: 580-981-2243
Bro. Wayne Queen: 580-584-2525
Bro. Gerald Buckner: 918-696-3249
Bro. Mick Boen: 501-474-6258

Sponsored by the Broken Bow, Tiner, & Pleasant View (Stilwell), Oklahoma congregations.

Love to all,
Broken Bow Church of Christ

Broken Bow, OK

We just wanted to include a little note to ask you if there is any way possible to include this in the Courier. We realize it is on short notice, but we would appreciate it very much.

Everyone here is doing fine, with the exception of a few sicknesses. Sis. Mary Jane Crowell has been sick lately and has missed a few services. Sis. Hazel Harville is very ill and not doing too well at all. We ask that you please pray for her as much as you can.

We also have some more family meeting with us: niece, Jennifer Holden and her children, Maree, Joshua, and Benjamin, and her fiancé Dean Brown and his son Donavon. It is very nice to have them with us.

We have been having a lot of visitors lately. Tiner congregation joined us for dinner a few

Sundays ago, and Gerald Buckner and Greg Allgood came down from Stilwell.

Our last Sunday of the month church dinner is tomorrow, and Lord willing, everyone should be able to come. We really get excited about the dinners around here. We have some really good cooks.

Well, guess this is all for now. We would like to see all of you that can make it at the camp meeting this summer.

Love to all,
Broken Bow Church of Christ

Cedaredge, CO

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

Time is passing very fast here. It is almost May, and the Delta Camp Meeting is just around the corner, June 30th through July 8th this year. So please mark your calendars and plan your vacations to come to the Colorado Camp Meeting. Remember it is a family gospel Camp Meeting. Bring all the family, friends and loved ones. We are looking forward to seeing all our old and new friends.

All of us here in Cedaredge are doing great at this time, looking forward to our annual Camp Meeting.

Crystal Schell and Joseph Schmidt were united in marriage March 9, 2001. Crystal is the daughter of Jamie and Tony Schell from Montrose. They attend church here in Cedaredge (Happy Hollow). We all wish them a very happy and long life together. Crystal is the granddaughter of Jim and Connie Bryant. See you soon!!

God Bless. Remember us in your prayers.
The Cedaredge Congregation,
Cedaredge, CO

Lubbock, TX

To the Editor,

I recently had the pleasure in October of visiting with the brethren in Sea Tac. Along with the wonderful fellowship and love we were shown while we were there, we were there when the paper was being put together and mailed out. It brought back memories of when we worked on the paper when we had it in Yakima. I was reminded of just how much effort it takes just to put out this paper we enjoy so much.

Brethren: we had so much enjoyment helping with and feeling we were a part of putting out the October edition. If you are ever in Seattle try to take part in this effort. It is very rewarding to sing and visit while helping in this worthwhile project.

I was also made very aware of how much work there is to do in this effort often by a very small group. Also what a need there is for letters, articles and yes! money. This paper isn't something that just happens. It is the result of many hours of hard, loving effort. Please think of this when you enjoy each issue, and try to help any way you can any time you can.

We thank the staff of the paper, and we send our love and prayers to you and all the brotherhood.

In Christ's love,
Bro. Jerry McCay
Lubbock, TX

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

Randlett, OK

Greetings to all the Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It has been awhile since I have written and I apologize for not writing more often.

There is both good news and bad news to report. In the past months we have had 3 baptisms. The new members are Tammy Hancock, Jody Brown and Robyn (Barnes) Little. We are very joyous to have these additions.

I am sad to write that Bro. Preston Barnes, my Dad, passed away on Oct. 2, 2000. Anna Bell and Preston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December 1999. He is and will continue to be missed by my Mother, our family, and many brothers and sisters in Christ.

Bro. Otto (Sam) Elliott had a light stroke and the doctors have found blockages both at the heart and in his neck. He had surgery a few weeks ago to correct the problem with the artery at the heart. A stint was put in to help keep the artery at his heart open. He has returned home and is doing some better, but is still not strong enough to return to services yet. The doctors did not feel that he was strong enough to have the surgery for the blockage in his neck at the time. Bro. Sam goes to the heart specialist on January 16th and a decision about future surgery could be made at that time. Please remember him in your prayers.

Bro. Leroy Mullens has returned to therapy in order to try and gain more function in his right hand and arm and he seems to gaining some more mobility. It has been a very hard process, but with Gods help he has done wonderfully.

We really enjoy having visitors and if you are passing through our area, we would enjoy having you worship with us and visit us in our homes. If you need directions you can call Bro. Roy Mullens at (940) 763-1543 or Bro. Andy Barnes at (580) 439-5956.

Please keep us all in your prayers, especially Sis. Anna Bell Barnes and Bro. Sam and Sis. Nora Jo Elliott.

Keep the faith strong.

Andy Barnes for the Randlett, OK, congregation

San Pablo, CA

Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

I must apologize for not writing before now. I have no excuse but my own laziness. We are all doing well at the San Pablo congregation. We are still tiny, but Bro. Louie Glynell and I are holding down the fort. Bro. John and Sis. Helen Usrey come over to meet with us about once a month. We also get occasional visits from other members in the area. Some time ago, bro. Jack and Sis. Mabel Cooper moved into a residential care home, but they still meet with us every Sunday. If the Lord is willing, this summer we will be able to attend the meeting at Delta, CO., and possibly do some other traveling.

If you are ever in the area, please stop by to see us. I have finally gotten online, and my e-mail is set up, so please add my address to your list. Our prayers are with you all.

In Christian love,

Tony Bryant
San Pablo Church of Christ
Tbryant01@aol.com

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear beloved ones in Christ,

We have a lot of news to catch up on from the congregation here in Sea-Tac.

First of all, let us apologize for the delay in getting out a new issue. This has been due mainly to the earthquake (thank you for all the calls and concern) in February, a power failure through the modem, which had the computer down for a month and a half, and sickness.

Sister Lynell Forsman had a hip surgery redone. She is recovering steadily and will only have to use a walker for another 5 weeks.

Sister Jeannean McSwain is not improving. Her RSD Syndrome is getting worse, leaving her in constant, severe pain. She also has fractured her left shin at the knee, making it very diffucult to get around.

Bro. Roy Honorable had a stroke recently. His recovery is going slowly, and he asks for our continued prayers.

We thank the many visitors during this time; Jerry and Wynetta McCay, Eric and Lori Forsman, Matt and Kelly Shepherd, and Shaya Orendorff. (I apologize if I missed anyone). Sis. Wynetta stayed for several weeks helping Sis. Lynell during her recovery and Amy & Shaya Orendorff kept the daycare going, all which was very much appreciated.

Terry and Suzie Warford (and kids) really enjoyed their trip to Disneyland in February with Richard and Monica Johnston and Jeff and Debbie Johnston (and kids). Not just Disneyland itself, but they had the best time with wonderful Christian friends on the way there and back. They really enjoyed the worship services and visiting in Modesto on the way down – even if Terry did have to share the fried okra – and in Eugene on the way back. Won't it be great to be together always in Heaven? (Oh yeah. The kids had fun, too.)

We send our love and prayers to all. Please pray for us as well.

With love,

The Sea-Tac, WA congregation

Yuma, AZ

Greetings from the Church of Christ in Yuma.

I pray that this message finds the congregations of Christ well and filled with the joy and hope of Gods promise.

First I'd like to tell you all about our meeting last month. We had visitors from all over come to meet with us. Some came from Oregon, Washington, California, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arkansas, as well as our good brothers and sisters from Citrus City. We thank you all so very much for traveling to be with us. It was a great meeting with up lifting messages, wonderful singing and fellowship. It would not have been possible without the hard work of the sisters, may God bless them greatly for their diligence and hard work. When we participate in a gospel meeting, spirits are lifted and restored, and friendships are renewed; and besides that, its just plain good to see your faces again.

Most everyone here are doing fine. It's starting to warm up a bit, in a month or so it'll warm up even more than that. Lets remember to pray for each other, and always keep our eyes on God's wonderful promise.

With Christian love,

Yuma Church of Christ

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The e-mail address for ***The Christian Courier*** has been changed to:

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BEAVERS BEND 2001 CAMP MEETING

MAY 27-JUNE 1



Sponsored by Broken Bow,Pleasant View and Tiner Congregations.

LOCATION:

Broken Bow Oklahoma. Map on back.

THINGS TO BRING

Your own bedding, pillows and flashlights. Also something to cover the window and personal care items such as washcloths, soap etc.

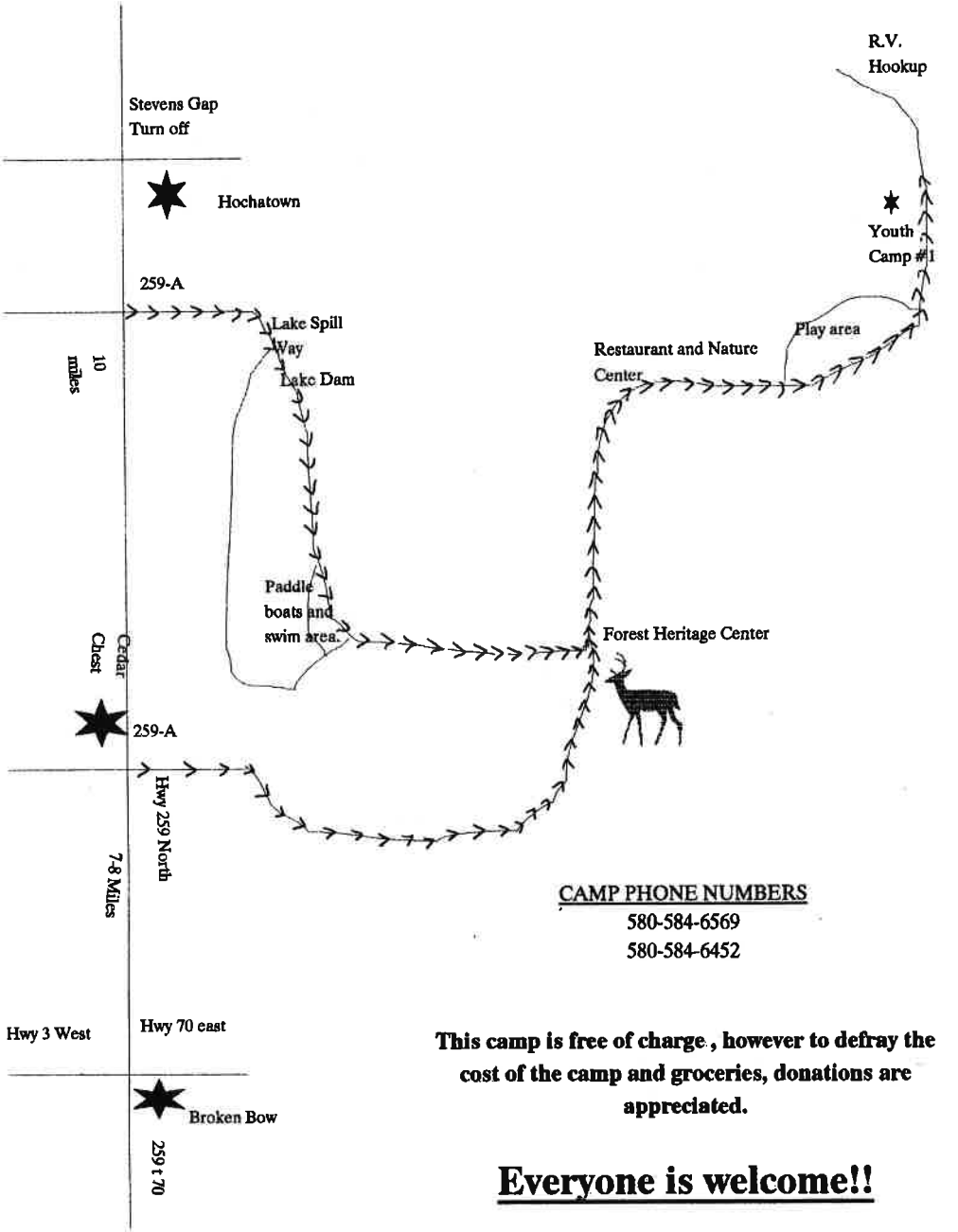
RULES (STRICTLY ENFORCED)

1. **All clothing must be to the knee or below.**
2. **No t.v.'s, video games, radios etc.**
3. **Speakers must use King James Version in services.**
4. **Do not hand out literature without approval.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Cabins are provided. R.V. hookups are available. Please let us know if you will need R.V. space. Activities available include Canoeing, paddle boats. golfing, miniature golf, fishing, antiquing, and parks for the kids..


R.V.
Hookup
Stevens Gap
Turn off
Hochatown
Youth
Camp #1
259-A
Lake Spill
Way
Lake Dam
Play area
Restaurant and Nature
Center
10
miles
Paddle
boats and
swim area.
Forest Heritage Center
Cedar
Chest
259-A
Hwy 259 North
7-8 Miles
CAMP PHONE NUMBERS
580-584-6569
580-584-6452
Hwy 3 West
Hwy 70 east
Broken Bow
259 + 70
This camp is free of charge , however to defray the cost of the camp and groceries, donations are appreciated.
Everyone is welcome!!

2001 DELTA GOSPEL CAMP MEETING

All are invited to join us in Cedaredge, Colorado for a family camp meeting held at the Big Spruce Church Camp



JUNE 30 - JULY 8, 2001

LOCATION

Take Highway 92 - 4 miles east out of Delta ; turn left (north) onto Hwy 65 and go through Cedaredge, continue north past Camp Cedaredge and Aspen Trails Campground for one mile. Turn right onto U50 Road; continue one mile to Big Spruce Camp on the right. Follow the signs.

FACILITIES

Full hookups for RV's and trailers.
RV spaces, rooms and dorms available. To reserve an RV space, room or dorm space, please call: (970) 856-7481or write to Sister Verlie Baldwin - P.O. Box 663 - Cedaredge, CO 81413

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!

THINGS TO BRING

Your own sleeping bag, bedding, pillows and flashlights.
Sweaters and warm clothes as the nights are cool. Days can be warm.
Your own towels, wash cloths and personal items.

POLICIES (strictly enforced) at the Church Camp

All clothing for men, women and children must be to the knee or below. No Exceptions!
Dress appropriately for all church services.
Do not hand out literature without approval.
Please use King James Version Bible in the services.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Any questions, please call:
Eddie (970) 856-3875
George (970)856-6811
Verlie (970) 856-7481
Chester (970) 856-7408
Camp phone number is (970) 856-3741 in case of emergencies.

There are many wonderful events planned this year for our Gospel meeting.
We look forward to you joining us!

To help defray the cost of the camp and groceries, donations are appreciated.
Everyone welcome-Y'all come!

HAPPY HOLLOW CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Precious Memories

***It Is Written*; May, 1951.** Bro. Farrar, Reydon, OK, gave the sad news of the passing of Sis. Hiatt. Bro. Eulon Taylor, Sunnyside, WA, reported on their meeting with Bro. G. Earl McCay in which one family converted from the Sunday School Group. Bro. Stanley Niemczyk, Los Angeles, CA, asked for an article on unity.

***The Christian Courier*; May, 1981.** Bro. Homer Bryant, San Pablo, CA, reported that two had returned to the fold.

***The Christian Courier*; May, 1991.** The San Pablo, CA, congregation listed several recent visitors. Bro. Don Lewis, Duncan, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Howard McCay. Bro. Larry Pollan, Ringgold, TX, announced a gospel meeting in July with Bro. Dan Teague. The Randlett congregation invited others to attend their gospel meeting in May with Bro. Jim Brown. Bro. Howard Taylor, Loco, OK, announced their gospel meeting in June with Bro. Tom Broadway. He also announced the birth of Hali Shacole Normile to Tony and Traci Normile. Bro. Harry Davis, Yuma, AZ, announced the baptism of Cissi Doherty on January 20th and Clara Freeman on March 31st. Bro. Ken Williams, Waterford, CA, wrote that they have made some improvements to their building, and that he would be sharing a meeting in Yakima, WA, with Bro. John Bedingfield. Bro. Robert Eldridge, Baron, OK, invited others to attend their weekend gospel meeting over Labor Day weekend with speaker to be announced later. He also mentioned the baptism of Terry Remmington. The Selah, WA, congregation invited others to attend their gospel meeting in July with Bro. Jim Brown and Bro. Brian Ross. The Happy Hollow congregation invited all to attend the Big Spruce Camp Meeting near Delta, CO. Bro. Jerry Perigen, Bellflower, CA, listed several recent visitors and also announced their meeting in June with Bro. Jim Brown.

I Will Do More!

I will do more than belong –
I will participate.
I will do more than care –
I will help.
I will do more than believe –
I will practice.
I will do more than be fair –
I will be kind.
I will do more than forgive –
I will love.
I will do more than earn –
I will enrich.
I will do more than teach –
I will serve.
I will do more than live –
I will grow.
I will do more than be friendly –
I will be a friend.
Think and pray on this –
then act.

—Selected

Meetings

May 27-June 1, 2001	Beavers Bend Camp Meeting	Guest speakers
June 10-17, 2001	Lorenzo, TX	Richard Jones
June 30 -July 8, 2001	Delta Camp Meeting	Guest speakers
July 15-22, 2001	Baron, OK	J. D. Logan
July 15-22, 2001	Yakima, WA	Jerry McCay & guest speakers

Baptisms

Jody Brown	Randlett, OK
Tammy Hancock	Randlett, OK
Robyn (Barnes) Little	Randlett, OK

Births

Re'Elle Elizabeth To Jonathan & Lacey Crowell	Broken Bow, OK	January 12, 2001

Weddings

Joseph Schmidt & Crystal Schell	Cedaredge, CO	March 9, 2001

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Mary Jane Crowell	Broken Bow, OK	Eye surgery & diabetes
Hazel Harville	Broken Bow, OK	Heart condition & diabetes
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
Otto (Sam)Elliott	Randlett, OK	Light stroke
Roy Honorable	Sea-Tac, WA	Stroke
Jeannean McSwane	Sea-Tac, WA	R.S.D. Syndome
Betty Carlson	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems & knee problems
Carl Carlson	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems
Ruth Duncan	Yuma, AZ	Heart attack
Dean Heck	Yuma, AZ	Stroke, Back surgery
Billie Heck	Yuma, AZ	Back problems

Passings

Preston Barnes	Randlett, OK	October 2, 2000