

The Christian Courier

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Persecution

Yes, I realize that persecution is not a pleasant subject. Because it is hard to endure, we do not like to think about it.

But it is a fact of life for a Christian. And, if you will bear with me, we will see together that it is an extremely important and profitable part of our Christian life.



In II Tim. 3:12, Paul tells Timothy that persecution is something all Christians must face. *"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."*

What is it about being a Christian that leads to persecution by the world? We will see that since the things that lead to being persecuted are simple, everyday parts of serving Him, the persecution is unavoidable.

Following Jesus leads to persecution. Jesus himself told His apostles this in John 15:18-20. (And the same principle applies to us today.) *"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."*

No longer following the world leads to persecution. I Pet. 4:3-4, *"For the time past of*

our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:" When we abandon the things we once did, those with whom we did them will persecute us.

Teaching God's Word leads to persecution. Matt. 13:20-21, *"But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended."* Why did the persecution arise? Because of the word.

We see an example of this in the apostles in Acts 5. And they were a terrific example to us. They were not offended like those that received seed into stony places. Acts 5:40-42, *"And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."*

Being unashamed of Christ leads to persecution. II Tim. 1:8, *"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;".*

Following Jesus, not following the world, teaching God's Word, being unashamed of who we are and who our Master is. These are necessary, everyday things in living for Christ. We would not want to give them up. Since they do lead to persecution – the Bible says so – we can expect that persecution is unavoidable.

How, then, do we overcome persecution so that it does not stop us from serving God?

First of all, by simply accepting it. Phil. 1:29, *"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;"*

Don't be afraid of it. Look at the previous verse, Phil. 1:28, *"And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God."* And in Matt. 10:28, Jesus said, *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*

Focus on the reward that persecution leads to.

Rom. 8:16-18, *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."*

II Cor. 4:17-18, *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."*

Matt. 5:10-12, *"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."*

Realize that persecution helps us to grow as Christians.

Enduring persecution helps us overcome sin. I Pet. 4:1-2, *"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God."* Wow! What a promise!

Enduring persecution helps us develop other qualities we need as Christians. James 1:2-4, *"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."* And Rom. 5:3-5 tells us, *"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."*

Finally, overcome persecution by commitment to God. I Pet. 4:19, *"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."* How did we commit to God? Well doing.

In closing, let us return to the verse we began with. II Tim. 3:12, *"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."*

The questions we must each ask ourselves is, "Am I suffering persecution as a Christian?" If not, "Am I really living godly in Christ Jesus?"

In Christian love,

Bro. Terry Warford
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Your Life

"As the life of a flower, As a breath or a sigh,
So the years that we live As a dream hasten by."

— *As The Life of a Flower*

"The voice of the Saviour says, 'Come;' The cross where He died is in sight;
E'en now at the cross there is room; Are you coming to Jesus tonight?"

— *Are You Coming to Jesus Tonight?*

These verses are so true; our life is like a flower: here for a season, but soon death comes calling. There is hope for all. Jesus Christ keeps calling. Are you coming to Jesus tonight?

"As the life of a flower, Be our lives be pure and sweet,
May we brighten the way For the friends that we greet;
And sweet incense arise From our hearts as we live
Close to Him who doth teach Us to love and forgive."

"The voice of the Father implores From mercy's most wonderful height;
His love in that call He outpours; Are you coming to Jesus tonight?"

Christ will keep calling us until we draw our last breath. The choice is ours, but while here on earth, we should show others the way to Christ and also give them a choice.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25-26).

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:16-17).

"While we tarry below Let us trust and adore
Him who leads us each day Tow'rd the radiant shore
Where the sun never sets, And the flow'rs never fade,
Where no sorrow or death May its borders invade."

We should not put off what we know is right. What is right? Christ, the living waters. There is no death in heaven. We will be as flowers that "never fade" (that can never pass away).

"O who to himself will be true, Of all whom these voices invite?
Who answers, my brother do you? Are you coming to Jesus tonight?"

True, today we are here, but there is no promise of tomorrow. Do we just want to lie in a grave in the vale?

"So the years glide away, and alas we must die."

Death, or life; the choice is ours.
O why not tonight choose life?
In Christian love,
Don Johnston
Sea-Tac, WA

Precious Memories



***It Is Written*, September, 1951.** The Broken Bow, OK, congregation reported on their meeting with Bro. W. H. Francis in which there were four baptisms and Bro. Ted Hasten's conversion from a digressive congregation. Bro. J. S. Bedingfield, Cave Junction, OR, wrote of the baptisms of three people. Bro. R. H. Peel, Floydada, TX, reported on their meeting in which there were three baptisms. Bro. Foye Garrison, Nocona, TX, reported on their meeting with Bro. Elmer Hunt. Bro. Elmer Hunt, Garden Grove, CA, wrote of his meetings at Nocona, TX; Reydon, OK; Elk City, OK; and Carlsbad, NM.

***Gospel News Courier*, August, 1961.** Bro. Curtis Teague, Nocona, TX, gave news about Bro. Howard Studer's car accident in which no one was hurt but the car was extensively damaged. Bro. W. E. Daniels, Stilwell, OK, encouraged others to visit a small and struggling congregation at Bohannan Mountain. The Lakeside, CA, congregation announced the union on July 9th of Sharon Louise Hunt and Robert John Cook in San Diego, CA. The LaHabra and Bellflower, CA, congregations listed several recent visitors. Sis. Willis, Carlsbad, NM, encouraged all congregations to report news to the paper.

***Gospel News Courier*, September, 1961.** Bro. Howard Studer, Lorenzo, TX, announced the 58th wedding anniversary of Bro. Felix Franklins and his wife at Goree, TX. Bro. Roy Snoderly, LaHabra, CA, wrote that a number of that congregation had been ill. Bro. George Vanderpool, Bohannan Mountain, AR, listed some recent visitors and mentioned that Bro. Otto Laney underwent surgery. Bro. Harry Wegley, Cave Junction, OR, wrote of one baptism and another who returned to the

fold. Bro. Claud Perigen, Bellflower, CA, listed several recent visitors, announced the birth of Trena Joanna to Vern and Francis Broadway, and announced their meeting in October with Bro. Harry Dye. Bro. Ervin G. Lowery, West Sacramento, CA, gave the address of their meeting place.

***The Christian Courier*, August, 1971.** Bro. Marion Warford, Baron, OK, announced the baptism of Emma Brown on May 9th and their meeting in July with Bro. J. D. Johnson. The Lorenzo, TX, congregation announced their meeting in August with Bro. Ellis Forsman. Bro. F. H. Shepherd, Peoria, AZ, announced the baptism of Maureen Richardson on June 9th. Bro. Ken Harper, Grass Valley, CA, announced the baptism of Kevin Harper in June. The Sacramento, CA, congregation announced the wedding of Curtis Lyle Street and Lynette Ruth Meek. Bro. Nathan Austin, Aztec, NM, announced their meeting in August with Bro. Donald Dabbs. He also mentioned the passing of Sis. Anne Noyes on June 3rd, the baptism of Nathan Austin on May 21st, and the baptism of Vicki Brackett on June 13th. The Yuma, AZ, congregation invited others to come and meet with them.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1971.** Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Jack Morris. He also mentioned Bro. Edwin Crowell lost everything in a house fire and needed help. Bro. Bill McCay, Yakima, WA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Jerry Perigen and announced that the Glenwood, WA, group was now meeting in a new building.

***The Christian Courier*, August, 1981.** Bro. John Shepherd, Payson, AZ, announced that congregation was leasing a new building and invited all to come and worship with them. Bro. Charles Jared, Chesterton, IN, wrote that they enjoyed meeting old friends and meeting new ones at the Delta Camp Meeting. Bro. Tony Brister, Roll, AZ, reported that Sis. Vesta Lytle went to the hospital for a few tests, Michael Lawson was baptized July 5th, and Bro. Michael Lawson and Sis. Carol Meyer married on July 12th. The San Pablo, CA, congregation invited all to come to their meeting in September with guest speakers. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Howard Taylor.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1981.** Bro. A. J. Rennels, Colter, OK, gave the address of their meeting place. Bro. L. C. Barker, Gardendale, TX, reported the loss of Sis. Bessie Birkstresser and Sis. Lanie Chadwick. Bro. Gerald Buckner, Stilwell, OK, announced the baptism of Saundra Joe Ross on August 30th. Bro. James Brown, Baron, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. J. D. Logan. He also mentioned the passing of Bro. Kennie Ross. Bro. Melvin Daniels invited others to come and worship with them. The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation reported on the meeting at Glenwood, WA, with Bro. Don Dabbs. Bro. Robert McCay, Glenwood, WA, also reported on their meeting. He mentioned the baptisms of Sue Taylor, Wally Stewart, and Laura Stewart. Sis. Jill Herbert, Cedaredge, CO, reported on the Delta Camp Meeting. Bro. Donald Dabbs, Humble, TX, reported on the meeting at Glenwood, WA. The La Habra, CA, congregation announced the Fontana, CA, congregation had closed and the members were now meeting with the La Habra congregation. The Springfield, OR, congregation had good news and bad: Tricia Greenway was baptized on August 16th and Bro. Earl Linville Jones passed away on July 31st. Bro. Bill McCay, Yakima, WA, reported on the loss of Bro. Bert Roberts. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, was saddened to report on the loss of Sis. Eunice Perigen.



Cards and Letters

Cedaredge, CO

My beloved Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Since it has fallen upon me to report to all about the Colorado Camp Meeting, I'll give you a report from the church at Cedaredge.

First of all, I will not mention names – those of you who helped know our gratitude.

The meeting went as well as any could: without tumult and contention. There was love, mercy, and peace among us. And as far as I know, there were no complaints.

We wish to commend our sisters who worked diligently in the kitchen to prepare meals and give good advice. Also, we commend the brothers and sisters who worked in the kitchen and dining room and cleaned the rooms and buildings, and all the volunteers who helped make this camp meeting possible. We commend you all! You did a wonderful job; you have our utmost thanks and appreciation.

We had some very good lessons presented by various speakers. I hope that each of them returns next year and many more.

I do hope our brethren in different congregations will have their meetings scheduled a little farther apart to allow more time to get from one meeting to another. As for this year, all the meetings seemed to be congested, and this presented a problem for many whose desire was to attend many meetings.

We have planned our 38th Camp Meeting for next year. It should run from June 30th to July 7th, 2002.

I hope that each and every one of you will attend and make this one of the best camp meetings ever.

If you have any questions, please write or call me.

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Chico, CA

Dear Brethren,

Just a note to go along with a little help for *The Christian Courier*. I always look forward to its arrival.

Everything goes on about as usual here. These unseasonable hot days are quite draining on the likes of me. Fortunately, nights cool off so graduation ceremonies are quite tolerable.

I have a good garden started, but am raging a running battle with moles and gophers.

It was gratifying to hear that Lynell had help with her little charges while she was recuperating. I think often of you people, remembering how much we enjoyed our stopover there in the late 80's.

Give Nell a special hug for me.

In Christian love,

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Glenwood, WA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings from the Glenwood Church of Christ. We have sad news to report. Brother Donald Dabbs passed away on July 11, 2001. Don had been on a waiting list for a new heart for nearly two years. On July 7th he was told to report to St. Luke's hospital in Houston, Texas. They had a new heart for him. He received the new heart July 8th and did remarkably well. The morning of July 11th, his lungs were not getting oxygen, and his new heart stopped beating. They tried to revive him, but to no avail. We had such high hopes for Don and his new heart, but it was not to be. Funeral services were held in Houston, Texas on July 14th. On July 15th his body was flown to Aztec, New Mexico and, after graveside services, was buried on July 18th.

Don was a servant of God. He led many souls to Christ. Don was always ready to help the less fortunate. No, Don never realized that new heart here on earth. For God had other plans for him: a new spiritual body in heaven. We miss you Don. But look forward to that great meeting in the heaven.

In Christian Love
Bill & Debra Taylor

Glenwood, WA

This summer has been a busy one for Fern and myself with hardly a breather.

We left home the last week in June, bound for Cedaredge, Colorado. It has been several years since we had attended the Camp Meeting and we were not disappointed. Although the weather was hot and dry, the meeting was rewarding in so many ways. We were able to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Only one sad note: the absence of sis. Verlie Baldwin. For so many years she was the driving force of this meeting. Our hopes are that the Colorado brothers and sisters will continue on with the good work.

The cooperation at camp was wonderful, from the workers in the kitchen throughout the least function. Never did I hear a dissenting word. A good job, well done!

We journeyed to Lorenzo, Texas, for a few days with our dear friends, Bro. & Sis. Jimmy Loftis, where we were welcomed with a double serving of Texas hospitality. We could have stayed all summer, but all good things must end!

Next, we arrived at Baron, Oklahoma, for a week's work with the church. We were greeted by Bro. & Sis. Jim Brown, with whom we stayed most of the week. I have been honored to work with many congregations over the past 47 years, and truly, this was one of the most rewarding weeks of my life. We were happy to have a familiar face from home for the first few days: Bro. Terry Warford and daughter Kaylena. They then flew home to attend the meeting at Yakima, WA. There was wonderful cooperation between the several congregations in the Stilwell area, so that the building was nearly full each night of the meeting.

We were able to visit the Pleasant View congregation on Sunday evening. It was good to be there once more after many years. Also present were some from Westville, OK.

One young man, Scott Gardenhire, was baptized into the Lord. Keep up the good work, Scott, and the Lord will reward you for all your efforts.

After a much rewarding week, filled with wonderful activities, we drove to Van Buren, AR, to spend the next night with Sis. Barbara Boen. We enjoyed breakfast with Sis. Barbara and son, Mick, but were saddened by the absence

of our brother, the late Sammy Boen. We pray the Lord's blessings on all of his family.

Next, on to Kentucky on a much-delayed visit to Fern's maternal relatives. The occasion was the Prince family, et al reunion.

After a week with these delightful people, visiting the scenes of Fern's "roots", we drove south and west into Arkansas to the locality of my family's early days.

Leaving Arkansas, we journeyed south to spend a weekend with the brethren at Broken Bow, OK. We spent two nights in the home of bro. & Sis. Doug Ferguson and enjoyed a fine weekend with the church and visitors from the Tiner congregation. Thank you all for your wonderful hospitality!

After a short visit with my brother in Alta Loma, CA, we drove north to Stockton, CA, for a visit with our son, Lloyd and his family.

While there, we attended services in San Pablo, CA, where we enjoyed ourselves.

We were able to drive to Roseville, CA, for the birth of our sixth great-grandchild, Jordan Logan Yates, all 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Jordan is the son of our grand-daughter Stacy and her husband Eric.

Finally, we arrived home on the 16th of August after about 7500 miles of travel.

We had many visitors on the next Lord's Day. Bro. John and Sis. Betty McKinney and Bro. Mike and Sis. Felicia Geho, along with Mike, Jr. and Sammy. Also, Sis. Monica Johnston with daughter Sis. Jessica Dean with her children, Sierra and Katie. Also present was Bro. Troy and Sis. Shauna Solomon with Sammy Joe and Troy Dale. We hope all will return again soon!

We enjoyed a fine lesson by Bro. Terry Warford who was present with Sis. Susie and daughters.

Later, we were treated to a visit from Bro. & Sis. Gerald Warner. Gerald and Juanita are "newly-weds", formerly of Springfield, OR, (Gerald) and are now making their home in Modesto, CA. We wish them all the happiness that life can bring them.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the good brothers and sisters in all the localities we visited. We extend to all of you our heartiest welcome to visit us at the Glenwood (Port Orchard), WA, congregation. You will find a welcome in our homes when you come.

Your brother in Christ,
J. D. Logan

Harlingen, TX

Dear Brethren in Christ,

I hope that on receiving this letter you are enjoying all the rich blessings of God.

I inform you that during the month of February I worked in Guatemala, Salvador, and Honduras



among the faithful churches, and also I taught and had discussions with some liberal churches. Many brothers of these churches accepted the teachings of the truth and were established. Two new faithful churches are in Guatemala and one in Salvador.

In Guatemala, I worked with 10 faithful churches in the area north of Guatemala. The brethren in this area continue firm, but always there are problems by the persecution of the liberal brothers against the faithful, and for that reason it is necessary to encourage continually to the faithful and teach and to recall the sound doctrine.

Also, during a day in the city of Coatepeque, we had a meeting with 20 evangelists of the area south of Mexico and north of Guatemala. We studied different doctrinal points to confirm in the faith sound doctrine.

After I traveled to Salvador to visit the faithful brethren that had problems with earthquakes, and after encouragement, I delivered the help that you sent for the needs of these brethren. Seven families lost their houses, and at this time they are arranging places to live. The help that you send was very important for them. All the brethren send gratefulness in the name of the Lord by this valuable help. I am sending photos of the new places where the brethren are living. I also traveled to the Sonsonate (Salvador) to study with some liberal brethren, and the Lord helped us to teach the truth and a new faithful church was established in this city.





After that I traveled to the city of Guatemala to work with four faithful churches in that area. These churches are new and it was very important to study more than the scriptures, and in that way confirm in faith and sound doctrine the faithful in that area. There were also established two new faithful churches in the cities of Pecul and Candelaria.

Many liberal brethren in Guatemala and Salvador invited me to study with these churches, but because of time I could not; but I have plans of visiting

this area again during the month of July, if God permits me; the doors are opened for to teach the truth.

These next months, I will continue working in different areas of Mexico to encourage the faithful and to teach the gospel in different parts that God opens doors to the word.

Your brother in Christ,
Otto Alvarez

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear ones in Christ,

Bro. Ellis Forsman attended the beautiful wedding of Bro. Bill Jared and Sis. Earlene Forsman on June 29th in Lorenzo, TX. They are currently living in Valparaiso, Indiana. We wish them the best in this life, as well as the next.

Congratulations to Bro. Mark and Bro. Scott Staley for their high school graduations. Both plan to continue their education at local universities.

We have joyful news to share. On August 24th, Nikki Foss, 17, was baptized. She made her decision late at night and was baptized just before midnight. We are all so happy for her.

We were happy to have Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay visit again this year. They were in the Seattle area for a few days before Bro. Jerry held a meeting in Yakima, WA.

Several here enjoyed a two-day camp outing at the southern Oregon beach. Those taking a break from this world's pressures were: Bro. Eric & Sis. Lori Harper & family, Bro. Matthew & Sis. Kelly Shepherd & family, Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman, Sis. Amy Orendorff & Family, Bro. Mark & Bro. Scott Staley, and Mileah Angel. Sis. Shaya Orendorff left from camping to go on to Lorenzo, TX, where she will be staying with Bro. Larry & Sis. Vandra Wood while attending college in Lubbock.

Sis. Jeannean McSwane is still suffering from RSD syndrome and Bro. Roy Honorable is still slowly recovering from a stroke. Please pray for them.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Sis. Verlie Baldwin and Bro. Donald Dabbs this summer. They were both hard workers in the church and will be greatly missed.

Written in love of Christ,
The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation

Yuma, AZ

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

A message from Yuma to say, "Hi!" and hope all are doing okay. We are all up and about here.

We are experiencing some of our worst summer weather at this time: hot and humid.

July 7th, 2001, Bill Walling and Betty Jones were married here in the church. Bill made restitution, and both came forward before the church for prayers. Joe Davis did the ceremonies; and following, there was a reception next door.

On August 6th, Joe Clipper and Clifton Davis were baptized. Clifton is a grandson to Harry & Alice Davis. We are all happy, as there is joy in heaven on these occasions.

Bro. Bill & Sis. Caren Martin and mother Helen were with us on the 5th. Bro. Bill gave our lesson. After services, we had lunch next door.

This is about all the news I can think of for now. Everyone take good care – both physically and spiritually.

In Christian love,
The church in Yuma

In Memory

In this life, we each experience the death of someone we love, sooner or later. When this happens, we are saddened by our sense of loss, but we, as Christians, realize that as surely as we are born, we too will pass on — if the Lord does not come first.

The body of Christ has felt deeply the loss of its members at various places in the last couple of years. Some were mourned by the local group that loved them, others were mourned by many throughout the brotherhood because they traveled and were known in a lot of places (i.e. Bro. Sammy Boen). Such is the profound sense of loss in the recent passing of Sis. Verlie Baldwin (in June) and Bro. Donald Dabbs (in July).

While Sis. Verlie's home was in Colorado, she was so well known that she belonged to all of us. For 37 years, she (along with Bro. Ken until his death) was truly the heart and soul of the Delta Church camp Meeting by virtue of her warm, loving personality and all the effort she put into making each camp meeting truly memorable. Verlie was just as supportive of numerous other meetings. Her greatest joy was being with Christians, and now she is.

Bro. Donald Dabbs was also very well known for his efforts to hold meetings, support meetings, and do whatever he could to build up the body of Christ. His great influence encompasses most of the churches in the Western United States. Wherever he lived, a congregation was established that flourished and grew, both physically and spiritually. His loving, friendly spirit never knew a stranger.

We feel that both of these fine Christians were faithful to their calling and will be rewarded accordingly. They have left a void that we must struggle to fill as best as we can. Their fine Christian example will never be forgotten.

Still Yours, You are Mine

You remain *my* YHWH,
Sweet Father of my
Life—not theology, religion, philosophy—
My *Life!*
I wanna go to church on Sunday as
I go to Texaco on Tuesday.
Full of straight love, bounding along
With my humble heart,
***Your* humble heart!**
I own the sacred;
The holiest is my personal joy.

Your awesome power makes my eyes to glass
By tears, *felt*—not studied or theorized.
They plop warmly onto Your
Embracing arms...protecting, comforting.
Swirling into my soul comes vivid emotion.
Fuzzy warmth! I'm *touched*—
Not governed grimly through rigid laws
of physics.
Still Yours, You are mine, Most High.
—Anonymous

Bulletin Board

Meetings

November 2-4, 2001	Broken Bow, OK	Guest speakers
June 30 -July 7, 2002	Delta Camp Meeting	Guest speakers
July 13-21, 2002	Broken Bow, OK	Guest speakers

Baptisms

Tomica Clay	Lorenzo, TX	June, 2001
Gabriel Gonzalez	Lorenzo, TX	June, 2001
Scott Gardenhire	Pleasant View, OK	July, 2001
Kacie McCay	Yakima, WA	July, 2001
Jesse Phipps	Broken Bow, OK	
D'Linda Johnson	Aztec, NM	
Jeff Martin	Citrus City, AZ	
Joanna Lawson	Citrus City, AZ	
Joe Clipper	Yuma, AZ	August 6, 2001
Clifton Davis	Yuma, AZ	August 6, 2001
Nikki Foss	Sea-Tac, WA	August 24, 2001

Births

Jordon Logan	Roseville, CA	August, 2001
To Eric & Stacy Yates		
Lauren Taylor	To Jason & Robin Cook	

Weddings

Bill Jared & Earlene Forsman	Lorenzo, TX	June 29, 2001
Bill Welling & Betty Jones	Yuma, AZ	July 7, 2001
Gerald Warner & Juanita Brown	Modesto, CA	

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Hazel Harville	Broken Bow, OK	Heart condition & diabetes
Maysel Buchannon	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Letha Ferguson	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Jeannean McSwane	Sea-Tac, WA	R.S.D. Syndome

Passings

Verlie Baldwin	Cedaredge, CO	June, 2001
Donald Dabbs	Houston, TX	July 11, 2001
Mae Morris	Waterford, CA	July 17, 2001