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A Song-Filled Life

Psa. 100:1-2. *"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."*

Singing is one of the greatest joys of life, bringing joy both to us, and our heavenly Father. In this article, let's look at how we can fill our lives with song. Let's study different times we can sing, reasons to sing, and blessings that songs give to our lives. Then we will close with a couple of other brief points that didn't fit elsewhere.



Let's begin with different times we can sing.

First of all, singing is a part of our worship service. In the 14th chapter of I Corinthians, Paul answers many questions the Corinthians had about the worship service. In verse 26, he defines singing as part of that service. *"How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying."* And in Heb. 2:12. *"Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."*

However, we aren't limited to singing only during worship services. Communion and collection are defined by example and command to be done on the first day of the week. But we can sing any time we

want. After all, Paul and Silas sang at midnight in jail. Acts 16:23-25. *"And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them."* So we can sing any time we wish.

Since this is the case, let us sing God's praises every day. Heb. 13:15. *"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."* Psa. 145:2. *"Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever."*

There are many reasons for us to sing. Let's look at a few.

First, we sing to praise God. Psa. 147:1. *"Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely."* Psa. 98:4. *"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."*

We sing God's praise because we are thankful to him. Eph. 5:19-20. *"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;".*

We also sing as a method of teaching one another. Col. 3:16. *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."*

We can also use singing as a way to teach the world. Psa. 96:1-3. *"O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people."*

And we sing to approach the presence of God, as we read earlier in Psa. 100:2. *"Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."*

Singing God's praise blesses our lives in many ways.

Singing brings great joy to our lives. Psa. 33:1. *"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright."* Jam. 5:13. *"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms."* I've been asked the question: Do we sing because we are happy, or are we happy because we sing? In reality, according to the scriptures, the answer is both.

Singing can bring comfort in hard times of life. Look at Matt. 26:30, when Jesus was facing death. This was just after He instituted the communion, but before He went to Gethsemane to pray. *"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives."* We have to be careful, though. Such comfort through song cannot be forced on others, it has to come from within. Notice Prov. 25:20. *"As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart."* One of the most anguished passages of scripture is Psa. 137:1-4, after the Israelites had been taken captive. *"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"* So we can't force comfort through song. But if it comes from within, songs can be a source of comfort. Psa. 77:6. *"I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune*

with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search."

Singing is a great way of having fellowship with each other. Psa. 34:3. *"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."* And, as we read before in Heb. 2:12. *"Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."*

Singing is also a great way of having fellowship with God. Psa. 100:4. *"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."* Psa. 22:3. *"But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel."*

So, we can fill our lives with song by singing in worship services, singing anytime, and every day. We sing for many reasons, including to praise God, out of thankfulness to Him, to teach one another, to teach the world, and to approach God's presence. Singing blesses our lives in many ways; with joy, and comfort in hard times, as long as comfort through song comes from within and is not forced. Singing is also a blessing in that it is a great way to fellowship with each other, and with God.

Let's close with two quick points.

First, we need to make sure that we sing scriptural songs. Psa. 47:7. *"For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding."* Col. 3:16. *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."* Psa. 119:54. *"Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage."*

Last, we need to make sure we build upon our Christian singing with Christian living. Don't make our songs empty hypocrisy. Live the way we sing. Notice how the Israelites failed to do this after being delivered by God from slavery in Egypt. Psa. 106:11-14. *"And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left. Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. They soon forgat his works; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert."* Let's not be like the Israelites. Instead let's build on our singing with Christian living. Heb. 13:15-16. *"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate* (share with others) *forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."*

In Christian love,
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"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." (Psa. 100:1-2)

THY WILL BE DONE

Bro. Terry Warford, 2002

Bro. Mark Staley, 2002





Cards and Letters

Adair, OK

Dear Brethren in Christ:

We hope this letter finds everyone in good spirits. For those who may not know, we have started a new congregation located at 15 North First Street, in Stilwell, Oklahoma. We hope to do much good and grow in love and spirit of truth. We welcome all to worship with us. We begin our worship service at 10:00 each Sunday. We have a fellowship dinner the 3rd Sunday of each month.

We have had 2 baptisms, Sarah Barrett, daughter of Brother William and Sister Violet Barrett, and Daniel Butler. We have as many as 25-30 worshiping at times.

We would like to express our thanks to the many congregations who have helped support us in various ways. We appreciate all the visitors and brethren who have stopped by to worship with us, especially those so far away as California, Texas, Indiana and Arkansas. Brother Paul Andrews and his mother Margie come once a month on our fellowship dinner day and Brother Paul provides a lesson, which we enjoy very much.

Brother Bill and Sister Ruth Brown who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary were surprised with an anniversary cake at our last fellowship dinner.

We are very happy to hear of the tremendous effort and report on Brother Otto Alvarez' work in Mexico and Central America. This is so uplifting to hear that there are so many eager to hear of the Word of God and willing to seek God on HIS terms. Our prayers are with all who are struggling to do God's will and we ask your prayers also.

We would like to receive 10 copies of The Christian Courier.

We leave all with this thought: Colossians 4:16-17.

From the congregation of Adair County Church of Christ

PO Box 1026, Stilwell, OK 74960

Broken Bow, OK

Dear Brothers & Sisters

We decided to write again (finally) and tell everyone that we are all still pretty much okay. We had a very good camp meeting this summer. We heard some very good lessons and enjoyed visiting with everyone who came. We missed everyone who could not attend. We wish you could have been there. We had a lot of activities and trips to keep us busy and in between we had lots of good food (thanks to the ladies in the kitchen) and good old fashion visiting. We had one scare, Sis. Wilma Buckner (of the Pleasant View Congregation) had a heart attack and had to have bypass surgery. She is doing much better but has had a slow uphill recovery. She and her family would appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers.

We would like to invite everyone to our weekend meeting in November. It is Nov. 8, 9 &10. We know this is late notice but hopefully not too late when the paper comes out. I'm sure we will have lots of fun at this one also.

I guess that is all for now and our prayers go out to everyone.

In Christian Love,
Broken Bow Church of Christ
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If you would like more info on our Nov. meeting or directions, you can call Bro. Doug Ferguson (580)-981-2243.

Cedaredge, CO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Reporting on our Delta Camp Meeting. We had a very good meeting with two baptisms, Jack Warford from Stilwell and Krista Fouch from Cedaredge Church. We would like to thank all that attended our meeting and the Christian fellowship we had with each and everyone, also the good uplifting sermons from Gods word and good singing. Thanks to the churches that donated and helped us with our yearly meeting, Thanks.

We would also like to report the baptism of Wendi Braslin of Cedaredge She was in Canton Georgia visiting the Berry family when she joined the family of God.

We welcome anyone coming this way to worship and visit with us.

In Christian Love,
Cedaredge Church of Christ
Cedaredge Colo.

Citrus City, AZ

Hello,

Thanks so much, we enjoy reading the Christian Courier and hearing the news from other congregations.

We do need to update our address. You currently send several *Christian Couriers* (we share these with the Church of Christ at Citrus City) to Billy Martin and then a separate copy to Karen Martin, both addressed to P.O. Box 596, Wellton, AZ. You can send them all in one envelope to:

Bill & Karen Martin
30611 Wellton Mohawk Dr
Wellton, AZ 85356

Thanks again, Bill & Karen

Douglasville, GA

My Mother, Edna Simpson Bearden celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday, July 7 with a big party given by her children. She still lives alone and does most of her housework and quilts every day. She has enjoyed quilting for 70 years; she says she learned when she was a newlywed in 1932. She and my Father farmed and raised 7 children; all are members of the church (one died in 1981 from cancer). My Father died in 1991. She took her first airplane ride at age 81, to Phoenix, AZ to see her brother. She says she enjoys life and loves everybody. We look forward to helping her celebrate as many more birthdays as the Lord gives her.

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Glenwood, WA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Just a quick note to let everyone know we are doing well here in Port Orchard. Some have been traveling to different meetings and others to friends and family. We miss them while they're gone and appreciate them so much when they get back. We are all doing fairly well health wise and pray that the Lord will continue to keep us that way.

We had the pleasure of going to the wedding of Traci Lamb to Todd Mouritsen on August 17th. It was a beautiful wedding and we are so excited to have him as part of our family. They are starting out a new life together with the Lord. What a wonderful thing!

We love to have visitors here at Glenwood, so please stop in anytime and worship with us.

With Love,
Rick and Barb Carter
Glenwood Church of Christ

Goshen, AR

Dear Brothers in Christ, I'm sending you short note to please pray for my dear wife Mary, continue pray for her until further notice. She has terminal Emphysema. Two and a half years ago her doctor gave her 6 months to live, but thanks to the prayers by the church she has lived two years longer, than she was told. Sisters in Christ we plead for your prayers also. My name is Marion Serrano. Mary and I attend the Church of Christ at Goshen, Arkansas. Our e-mail address is in lower case: giftideas@cox-internet.com.

We thank you all very much.
Marion Serrano
Goshen, Arkansas

Stockton, California

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We recently had the good pleasure of visiting with Brother Otto Alvarez from Harlingen, Texas. He passed through the middle of May and spent a couple days in the Oakdale area before heading farther north.

We were able to get together Christians from 5 congregations to hear him give a detailed description of his work in southern Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. Since he basically only speaks Spanish we hired an interpreter to translate for us.

Bro. Otto is truly one that has dedicated his life to spreading the gospel to others. To hear the details of his work is fascinating and so encouraging. To know that God's word can still make a difference in peoples lives and that they want to hear and accept it is so reassuring.

Anyone that can find a way to hear what he does and visit with him will not be disappointed. The success God has wrought through his labors is phenomenal. Since 1996 when he started his labors in these areas, he has established right at 100 churches. To date there are 95 faithful churches of Christ in Mexico, and Guatemala, and a couple in Honduras, and El Salvador. These are only the ones he has established and worked with; who knows what others may be out there?. He has established and financially supports monthly, 15 evangelists in the four countries. They work part time at a job, then they spend one to two weeks a month evangelizing to their areas.

One congregation has 200 members and many members walk several hours to get to church each Lords day. Some congregations are small but many are medium to large in numbers. Very

few have church buildings. At one area the group walked three hours to water so members could be baptized. Now that's dedication and zeal. To hear how the Word of the Lord works in these areas is so encouraging. Whole congregations have been converted to the way of the Lord.

This is one work we can all be a part of. Brother Otto has expressed appreciation to any that would like to take part in this labor for the Lord. The work he does takes money. He does not ask for any help with his own expenses, just help in the monthly help he sends the 15 evangelists. His schedule is such that he works two weeks a month at a job then spends the other two weeks a month working for the Lord in Mexico. Twice a year he will travel to the other countries and spend a month. He is currently planning to travel to Guatemala in the month of July.

I would certainly encourage any that can help Brother Otto Alvarez to do so. He needs a sizable sum of money each month so as to pay for the expenses and support of those evangelists that give their time to also spread the word. Those who care to help can contact him at the following:

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The congregation at Stockton, CA sends our love to the brotherhood.

In Love for the Lord,
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Sea-Tac, WA

Our beloved Brothers and Sisters,

All our love from the church of Christ at Sea-Tac.

We have had a busy summer and early fall.

We have had lots of visitors. Sis. Amy Orendorff has had family up a couple of times from Texas. Bro. Matt and Sis. Kelly Shepherd have been with us a couple of times. Bro. Richard and Sis. Monica Johnston were with us once. Bro. Richard gave us an excellent lesson on Leadership. Bro. Greg and Sis. Peggy Stacy were with us this past Sunday, Oct 20. Bro. Greg also blessed us with an excellent lesson, pointing out that when we strengthen ourselves we strengthen the church, to the praise and glory of God. We are looking forward to seeing Bro. Bill & Sis. Earlene Jared from Indiana this week.

Jeannean McSwane recently underwent a complete right knee replacement and is currently recovering at home. She is looking forward to full use of her legs.

One Sunday in September we had two sets of visitors from Japan. One was an American serviceman and his young family from Okinawa. The other was a Japanese family from Tokyo. The wife spoke little English, the children none. So in keeping with the instructions of I Cor. 14, we allowed the husband to interpret for them. They had great voices, and the singing blended very well, even with the language difference. It really was a unique, fun, and uplifting experience for all of us.

We have realized we aren't taking advantage of the fellowship available to us. So we are now trying to get together with the Glenwood congregation after services once a month. We will alternate locations. The first Sunday of October we had a potluck lunch here after

services. Following the terrific meal, we visited a while, and then enjoyed some singing.

In September, we had a surprise birthday party for Bro. Terry Warford. It was a lot of fun.

Thank you for all the letters and support.

In Christian love,

The Sea-Tac congregation

Yuma, AZ

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our hopes and prayers are for all to be well physically and spiritually. Some here are still on the sick list. Sister Bonny Schmidt had further surgeries in La Jolla, CA. I'm not sure how well she is doing. She hasn't returned home at this time. Sister Ruth Duncan had corrective surgery and a hernia repair in Scottsdale, AZ. She seems to be doing better. Sister Alice Davis still suffers with pain and discomfort with the problem she has with her mouth.

Most probably are already aware that on May 19, 2002, Sister Zelma Broadway passed away. She suffered for so long with Alzheimer's disease. I can't remember when I didn't know Zelma. Earl and Zelma were devout Christians all the years I knew them, but it is good they are at rest from the trials, pains and sorrows of this life.

Brenda Joyce Howard, daughter to Bro. Robert and Sis. Joyce Morris, passed away on June 18, 2002. Also Sister Mertyl Staggs passed away the first of this month.

Bro. Dennis Davis, his wife Sis. Susie, his mother Sis. Willie, and Mother in law Florence are away for the summer. We miss them already.

Summer is here big time. Temperatures: 110 + and humid. This will last until the latter part of September.

It is great to see all the letters of news from the congregations in the July edition of the Courier. Hope to see even more in the coming future.

This is about all the news from Yuma. All take care, pray for the sick and all others for strength and courage.

Bye for now,

The Yuma congregation

Yuma, AZ

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A few words to say Hi from Yuma, and hoping all is well in the brotherhood. We here are doing very well.

A young man by the name of Richard Wayne Hoke has been living with Alice and I while waiting to go into the Marine Corps. He has been attending services with us. On Sunday, July 14, 2002, he was baptized. What a wonderful way to begin life, now having hope of eternal life.

It appears the summer meetings are over; Cedaredge, CO, Yakima, WA, Broken Bow Beavers Bend, OK, Lorenzo, TX. Such scriptures as I Pet. 3:8 admonishing to all be of one mind, having compassion, to love as brethren, being pitiful and being courteous. What better way to accomplish this than by being together on these occasions?

This past Sunday, the 4th of August, Bro. Tony Brister from Citrus City was with us and had a good lesson. Being the first Sunday of the month, after services the ladies had a good dinner prepared, so we visited and had lunch together.

Our hot summer is about half past. Cooler weather is always welcome, and we look forward to it.

We will announce our meeting a bit later. All take care. Let us pray one for another.

In Christian love,

The Yuma, AZ, church

Precious Memories

***Gospel News Courier*, September, 1962.** Bro. Roy Dabbs, Aztec, NM, thanked everyone for their prayers concerning the death of their daughter Betty Thompson during heart surgery. He was pleased to announce the baptisms of Lahoma Owens (on the eve of Betty's funeral) and Ernest Greenstreet, while he was in Port Orchard, WA. Bro. Howard Studer, Lorenzo, TX, thanked all the visitors to their 5th Sunday meeting. Bro. Sammy Boen, Fort Smith, AR, reported on their meeting with Bro. Claud Perigen. Bro. James Wilkerson, Cedaredge, CO, wrote that they had a small congregation that met in their home and invited others to come and visit them. Bro. Paul Auslam, Hindsville, AR, listed several recent visitors and said they planned on having a meeting in the fall. Bro. Usrey, Sacramento, CA, wrote that they started a new congregation there four weeks prior. Bro. Harry Wegley, Grants Pass, OR, listed several recent visitors. Bro. Harry Dye, Yuma, AZ, gave a status of the Yuma congregation.

***Gospel News Courier*, October, 1962.** Bro. Ken Baldwin, Tucson, AZ, reported on the baptisms of his daughter, Janice, and her husband, Ronald Herbert. Bro. W. E. Daniels, Stilwell, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Claud Perigen. Bro. Claud Perigen, Bellflower, CA, wrote that they were doing a lot of maintenance on the church building. Bro. J. L. Jared, The Philippines, wrote on the living conditions there. He said they could find no loyal church, so they met in their home. Bro. Ralph Rhodes, Somerville, OH, reported on their meeting in which there were few visitors. Bro. W. R. Farrar, Carter, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Paul Ferguson. Bro. Melvin Lytle, Tacna, AZ, invited others to stop by and worship with them. Bro. Hayse Morris, Hamilton, OH, gave a status of their congregation in dealing with digressive brethren. The La Habra, CA, congregation listed several members who were away visiting other congregations.

***The Christian Courier*, October, 1972.** Bro. Jack Cooper, San Pablo, CA, thanked everyone for their prayers during his illness. He also announced the baptism of Janet Forbis and the birth of a baby girl to Bro. & Sis. David McAuthor. Bro. Jim Bryant, Akin, OK, mentioned they had four recent baptisms. Mrs. Jackie MacDonald, Aransas, TX, wrote that her father was going to come and baptize her and her husband, and she wanted to know if there was a loyal congregation near them where they could worship. Bro. Hugh Nunally, Fontana, CA, wrote that they had just started a new congregation there and were few in number. The Modesto, CA, congregation listed several recent illnesses. The Odessa, TX, congregation wrote that their new building was nearly completed. Bro. Mike McCay, Yakima, WA, announced a meeting in November with Bro. Claud Perigen.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1982.** The Baron, OK, congregation reported on their meeting with Bro. Ken Baldwin. Bro. L. E. Arnett, Waterford, CA, wrote that Bro. Dean Guyer had a hernia operation. Bro. J. D. Logan, Stockton, CA, reported on their meeting. The Furnish Canyon congregation also reported on their meeting during which Howard Layton was baptized. Bro. Donald

Dabbs, Humble, TX, reported on their meeting with Bro. Harry Dye. Bro. Claud Perigen, Bellflower, CA, gave a status of their congregation. Bro. Bill Nelson, Yuma, AZ, announced a camp meeting for November.

***The Christian Courier*, October, 1982.**

Bro. The Duncanville, TX, congregation listed several recent visitors and wrote of the passing of Bro. Curtis Teague. Bro. Robert Morris, Yuma, AZ, wrote about the provisions and planning for their up-coming camp meeting. Bro. Frank Ridlon, Aztec, NM, wrote about the passing of Bro. Bud Wilkerson. The San Pablo, CA, congregation reported on their meeting. The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation listed several recent visitors. * Bro. Jon Powless, Glenwood, WA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Dan Ross. Bro. Gerald Buckner, Pleasantville, OK, reported on the baptisms of Matt Padgett, Sue Caddie, and Debbie Hayes. He also announced the marriage of Kenneth Buckner and Debbie Hayes and the loss of Bro. Mack Buckner, Bro. Artie Burras, and Sis. Bonnie Rhodes. Bro. M. Serrano, La Habra, CA, listed several who were away visiting other congregations. The Happy Hollow, CO, congregation encouraged others to plan on being at the next year's camp meeting. Bro. Donald Dabbs, Humble, TX, encouraged others to support the paper better than has been done in the past. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, wrote that they had a good fellowship with the brethren at the La Habra congregation.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1992.**

Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, listed several meetings that he had attended during the summer. The Randlett, OK, congregation said they hoped for good attendance at the Valley View, OK, meeting. The Happy Hollow, CO, congregation reported on the Delta Camp Meeting during which Brent Berry was baptized. Sis. Ruth Duncan, Yuma, AZ, announced the baptism of Danielle Williams. Bro. Audley Barnes, Comanche, OK, reported on their new building and thanked all those who participated in the much needed work that was performed. He also reported on their meeting with Bro. Jerry Perigen. Bro. Melvin Daniels, Bohannan Mt., AR, reported on his visit to Bro. Jerry Perigen's meeting at Comanche, OK. Bro. Don Lewis, Valley View, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Bob Eldridge during which Carrie Iker was baptized. Sea-Tac, WA, congregation reported that Sis. Nell McCay had her right knee totally replaced. They also announced the birth of Teri Sue to Bro. Terry and Sis. Suzie Warford. The Bellflower, CA, congregation listed several members who were away visiting other congregations. Also reported: the birth of Benjamen Tanner to Bro. Ben and Sis. Krystal Scott.

Late announcement from Yuma:

Robert Davis married Debra Robles on the 12th of October. Sonny Boling performed the service.

Note -

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Bulletin Board

Meetings

Nov. 8-10, 2002	Broken Bow, OK	Guest speakers

Baptisms

Wendi Braslin	Cedaredge, CO	July, 2002
Jack Warford	Delta, CO, Camp	July, 2002
Krista Fouch	Delta, CO, Camp	July, 2002
Richard Hoke	Yuma, AZ	July 14, 2002
Sarah Barrett	Adair, OK	September, 2002
Daniel Butler	Adair, OK	September, 2002

Weddings

Todd Mouritsen & Traci Lamb	Yakima, WA	August 17, 2002
Robert Davis & Debra Robles	Yuma, AZ	October 12, 2002

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Hazel Harville	Broken Bow, OK	Heart condition & diabetes
Mike Bogue	Glenwood, WA	Back injury
Maysel Buchannon	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Letha Ferguson	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Mary Serrano	Goshen, AR	Terminal emphysema
Wilma Buckner	Pleasant View, OK	Heart attack, bypass surgery
Jeannean McSwane	Sea-Tac, WA	Knee replacement surgery
Vivian Baker	Waterford, CA	Cancer
Courtney Harrington	Yakima, WA	Fluid on lungs
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Mouth pain
Ruth Duncan	Yuma, AZ	Surgery
Bonnie Schmidt	Yuma, AZ	Back problems, surgery

Passings

Brenda Howard	Yuma, AZ	June 18, 2002
Mertyl Staggs	Yuma, AZ	July 1, 2002