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The Perfect Law Of Liberty

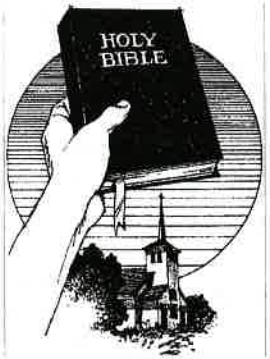
"*...the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this; not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it...he will be blessed in what he does.*" (James 1:25 NIV)

In these profound lines we find the duty of all Christians, without which no one can be blessed. God's blessing is predicated on the assumption that we address this "*perfect law*" in four ways.

- "look intently into it"
- "continue to do this"
- "not forgetting what we hear"
- "but doing this"

Apparently, James attached a great deal of importance to this "*law*". First he called it "*perfect*". Second if we read it and ignore it (not do what it says), we are shortsighted, cannot remember what is important, and become as one who cannot remember his resemblance after looking in the mirror.

In light of the importance placed on this "*law*", it is imperative that we determine exactly what constitutes a law in the scriptures. What do we look for when we search for authority and precedent in the scriptures?



Thou Shalt? Thou Shalt Not?

If one searches for commands of this type in the New Testament, it becomes quickly apparent that there is a scarcity of them. Does this mean that we have almost no absolute commands in the New Testament? Not at all!

There are many ways used by the Holy Spirit to convey God's will to man other than by a harsh "*thou shalt*" or "*thou shalt not*".

I like to compare this to the way we drive oxen in the yoke. One must deal harshly with cattle for they are not bright. We prod them with a goad, use a whip, etc. This is like the direct command. Do we need this? Indeed sometimes we do!

On the other hand, this is not the way our Father guides us most of the time. What follows is a look at several means by which we are guided by God's word.

"Charge"

When we are "*charged*" by Jesus or His apostles to some task, we are no less obligated to obey than when we read "*thou shalt*", etc.

Paul states, *"Of these things put them in remembrance, CHARGING them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers."*

Of the word "*charging*", Strong defines it as "diamarturomai" [*1263*] "to attest or protest earnestly, or [by impl.] hortatively (preaching-JDL):—charge, testify (unto), witness".

Paul directs Timothy, *"I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."* (I Tim. 5:21)

It is worthy of note that Paul had not used a solitary "*thou shalt not*", etc. in his entire first epistle to Timothy, yet charged his to keep it without partiality.

Paul charged Timothy, *"This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;".*

The word used in this verse is "paraggello" [*3853*-Strong] "to transmit a message, i.e. [by impl] to enjoin;—[give in] charge, [give] command, declare."

Several uses of this "*command*" word are as follows in brief:

- I Tim. 1:3, "*...that thou mightest CHARGE some that they teach no other doctrine...*"
- I Tim. 5:7, "*...these things give in charge, that they may be...*"
- I Tim. 6:13, "*I charge thee in the sight of God, ...keep this command...*"
- I Tim 6:17, "*Charge them that are rich in this world, that they...*"

But, more than this, the same word is rendered "*command*" in the following, and I will merely list them. The reader is advised to read them in their completeness to note the imperatives in them.

- Acts 16:18
- I Cor. 7:10
- II Thess. 3:4-6
- I Tim. 4:6
- Acts 10:42
- I Thess. 4:11
- II Thess. 3:10

We must recognize all the charges given by Jesus and the apostles as commands and put them in that "*perfect law*".

"Testimony"

Many references to "*testimony*" both of Jesus and the apostles are to be found in the New Testament. The word from which we derive this word is "maturion", Strong [*3142*] and is defined as "something evidential, i.e. (gen) evidence given or (spec) the Decalogue (in the sacred tabernacle): to be testified, testimony, witness."

Paul told the Corinthian church, *"That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:".* (I Cor. 1:5-6)

Further, we find Paul speaking in I Cor. 2:1, *"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God."*.

And in II Thess. 1:10, Paul says, *"...our* (apostle's) *testimony among you was believed..."*

Also, in II Tim. 1:8, *"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner:..."*

By these, we are persuaded that the "*testimonies*" of Christ and the Apostles are also part of that "*perfect law*".

"Traditions"

Some may object to the use of traditions in a study of the "*perfect law*". However, we should not dismiss this study out of hand for there is ample precedent for placing certain traditions in this "*perfect law*".

Paul teaches us in II Thess. 3:6, *"...withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."*

Also in II Thess. 2:15, *"Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."*

The word for tradition in these passages is "paradosis" Strong [*5862*], "transmission, a precept: ordinance, tradition."

With reference to the definition "*ordinance*" above, please note I Cor. 11:2, *"Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."*

From this we see that the "*traditions*" of the apostles were, in fact, ordinances and must of necessity be included in that "*perfect law*".

"Examples"

One cannot study the "*perfect law*" without considering the use of examples revealed to us in the scriptures. There are examples of Jesus, the apostles, and holy men and women of old. Also, there are examples of the early church that must not be ignored. There are sinful deeds held forth as negative examples that we should not follow. To note a few:

- John 13:15, *"For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."*
- James 5:10, *"Take... the prophets, ...for an example..."*
- Heb. 4:11, *"...lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."*

I have given these concisely for lack of space. I would urge all to read these in their completeness.

"*Examples*" is taken from the word "hupodeigma" which means "and exhibit for imitation or warning (fig. specimen, adumbration) en- (ex) - ample, pattern."

Peter points out the ultimate example: Jesus. *"...because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:"* I Pet. 2:21).

Another word that is used for "*example*" is "Tupos" [*5179]* Strong. It is defined as, among other meanings, "A die, as struck, a shape, type, i.e., (fig) a model (for imitation) or (for warning): en-(ex)-ample, fashion, figure, form, manner, pattern...".

The following are examples of this usage.

Example(s)

- I Tim. 4:12, *"...be thou an example of the believers..."*
- I Cor. 10:6, *"...these things were our examples..."*

Ensample(s)

- Phil. 3:17, *"...as ye have us for an ensample..."*
- II Thess. 3:9, *"...ourselves an ensample unto you..."*

Fashion

- Acts 7:44, *"...according to the fashion..."*

Figure

- Rom. 5:14, *"...the figure of him that was to come."*

Form

- Rom. 6:17, *"...that form of doctrine..."*

Pattern

- Titus 2:7, *"...a pattern of good works..."*
- Heb. 8:5, *"...according to the pattern shewed to..."*
- I Tim. 1:16, *"...for a pattern to them which..."*

From these passages we can see the necessity of the examples found in the New Testament. There are examples of the early church, without which we would have no knowledge of congregational worship. There are examples of personal conduct, both positive and negative for our admonition, while we are admonished to make ourselves examples of the believers.

In light of these, how can anyone doubt the inclusion of scriptural examples in the "*perfect law*"?

"Witness(es)"

In all facets of the human experience, one fact remains constant. To establish truth one must have a witness or witnesses to the fact.

Under Moses' Law, fact was established under two or more witnesses (Heb. 10:28).

Paul teaches us not to receive an accusation on the basis of less than two witnesses (I Tim. 5:19).

However, it is not necessary to have multiple witnesses to establish truth from a New Testament standpoint. Jesus taught, *"...man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."* (Matt. 4:4)

It seems that Jesus considered once said is enough: no need to search further (although corroborating utterances add force to the truth).

Jesus told Nicodemus, *"...We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness."* (John 3:11)

Many passages in the New Testament attest to the witness of Jesus to the gospel of the kingdom. (see John 5th chapter).

Jesus said to his apostles, *"And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning."* (John 15:27). The apostles are reliable witnesses to the truth.

At his conversion, Ananias told Paul, *"For thou shalt be his* (Jesus') *witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard."* (Acts 22:15). Paul elaborates on this in Acts 26:16, *"...to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;".*

It is obvious that Jesus continued to guide Paul through inspiration, and it is further obvious that Paul continued to function as guided in all that he taught and practiced.

When we observe the teachings and the practices of the apostles in the early church, we realize it is for our guidance. These witnesses are an integral part of that "*perfect law*".

"Words Of The Apostles"

Paul teaches. *"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."* (Phil. 4:9).

This is all encompassing. To analyze this, consider:

- Things learned from Paul.
- Things received (from Paul through others)
- Heard of Paul (conversation)
- Seen in me. (His manner of life and conduct in the church.)

In these four ways Paul taught all around him, and of these four he commanded "DO".

Read in the Acts of the apostles of the life of Paul after his conversion as he goes among his kinsmen, the Jews. Follow him as he goes among the pagans, teaching the gospel. See him as he labors, establishes congregations as he goes, then returns to see their progress. In all these things, he commanded, "DO".

It is no wonder, then, in the light of these facts that Paul would write. *"Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample."* (Phil. 3:17).

Also II Thess. 3:9, *"... but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us."*

In I Cor. 14:37, *"If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord."*

And II Pet. 1:3, *" According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness..."*

We are compelled to place all the words of the apostles in that "*perfect law*".

These, then, are the actual components of that "*perfect law*".

- Direct commands of Christ and His apostles
- Charges given by the same
- Testimony of Jesus and the apostles
- Traditions of the apostles
- Examples of the apostles and the early church
- The witness of divinely inspired men
- Words and acts of the apostles

In love of the truth,
JD Logan



Cards and Letters

Baron, OK

Greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters,

We are very thankful for the good health and many blessings most of us have. We are sorry to report that Sister Lectie Denny is not doing so good and has not been for some time. We request your prayers on her behalf.

We had a wonderful Gospel Meeting with Brother Otto Alvarez. He brought us some wonderful lessons with much to think about. We enjoyed him and his family very much, and appreciated his nephew, David, flying in from New York to interpret for us. We had many congregations represented in our meeting. We had brothers and sisters attend from Pleasant View, Adair County Church of Christ, Goshen, AR, Bohannon Mountain, AR, Broken Bow, OK, Northeast Church of Christ, Westville Church of Christ, and also Brother Frank Chadwick from near Austin, TX.

We appreciated all the visitors and thank everyone for their support. Brother Alvarez is doing some wonderful work for the Lord. We should all be working as hard and with the zeal that he has. We praise God for him.

We welcome visitors at any time.

Baron Church of Christ

Broken Bow, OK

Hello to all! You are invited to our gospel meeting on November 7th-9th, 2,003. This year we are having guest speakers. Our meeting will be on the same dates as the Folk Festival at Beaver's Bend State Park. Great food, Beautiful Fall Foliage & lots of fun activities and exhibits. We hope you can plan on being with us!

Our camp meeting was such a great success! We had so many terrific people who gave so much of themselves to make it work. Also, a big thanks to all who gave donations of any kind. They are much appreciated. I would like to list all of the visitors but I may leave some one out, so thanks so much to all who came! Next year's camp is July 10th-19th. Mark your calendars.

We have a new niece! Kylie Rae Lene Warford was born August 27th. She is the daughter of proud parents, Paul & Crystal Warford. She weighed 8lbs. 6oz. and was 20 inches long. Proud brother is Jack Warford. Grandparents are Doug & Phyllis Ferguson and Jack & Darlene Warford.

Bro. Floyd Camp was in the hospital for a while but is home now. He suffered a heart attack. Bro. Ray Queen has been having some health problems and Bro. Wayne Queen has been having some tests run. They need your prayers. Melinda Camp graduated from LPN school. She's working in Paris, TX. Ashlynn Clinton is also back with us for a while. We are glad to have her.

We hope to see you in the coming year. You are always in our prayers.

In Christian Love,
Charlie & Julie Fogg
Costilow St. Church of Christ
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Broken Bow, OK 74728

Comanche, OK

Hello to Everyone,

Want to let everyone know all the news from here. We have had two weekend meetings this summer. The first meeting held June 6, 7, and 8 with Brother Larry Wood. The second meeting was held July 18, 19, and 20 with Brother Willie Howe. We had very good attendance to the meetings, many attending both. Those attending one or both was: Larry, Vandra, and Bethany Wood from Lorenzo, Olene and Earl Howe, Sarah and Sheena Boling from Lorenzo, Oma Taylor from Velma, Jaetta and Jimmy Loftis from Lorenzo, Leroy and Darlene Mullins from Randlett, Andy, Darla, and Kolton Barnes from Randlett, Larry, Valerie and Cherly Pollan from Ringgold, Willie, Mary and Shane Howe from Duncanville, TX, Nora Elliott from Randlett, Linda Northrip from Randlett, AnnaBell Barnes from Randlett, Wade and Edwana Fikes from Newcastle, TX, Roy, Kim, Jace, Kade and Bodie Mullens from Randlett, Stephanie, Hunter, Maggie Elliott from Randlett, Ed and Francis Tate from Newcastle, TX, Stanley and Judy Goodwin from Newcastle. I hope we have not left anyone out or misspelled the name of anyone there.

We really enjoyed having all the people come out to hear the lessons and the opportunity to visit with them during their stay here.

We are hopeful everyone is on the mend here.

That is about all we have from here.

With love to all from the Comanche Church of Christ

Elkins, AR

Dear Brethren,

I appreciate you publishing my Aunt Reed's note on my condition. I would just like to give an update as to what it is now. I went for surgery in Memphis, TN, June 3rd. They had some technical problems with the MRI machine, which was integral to the operation, so it was late getting done. The doctor didn't get to look at the pictures until I was on the operating table, out cold, and had the steel pins in my skull. He found, on the other hand, that the lesion had gone from the size of a pinky knuckle to the size of a BB. Four doctors consulted and decided that going in was not necessary, that if they did, they would not be able to find it, so they kept me on medication and had me go in for MRI every three months to make sure that it would not get any larger, but reduce in size. Even the doctor said that I must have had a lot of prayers working for me. He was kind of baffled about the whole thing, such as brain tissue regenerating, and such.

I mainly just want to thank those who have kept me in their prayers and let the ones who helped my family and I out financially that it was greatly appreciated. We have it all under control, now, and financial help is no longer needed, but prayers are always appreciated.

I also read that Kresta Fouch of Cedaredge, CO, is going through something similar. I will remember her in my prayers, and if the Lord is willing, she may be as blessed as me.

Again, I thank everyone,

Bro. Mark Daniels
170 O'Neal Lane
Elkins, AR 72727

Glenwood, WA

What a Great Blessing, having the privilege of being with so many Brothers and Sisters, Friends and Family in June, July and August.

First we were at Bro. & Sis. Gene McKinney's in Yakima, WA 7th, 8th and 9th of June. Enjoyed two fishing trips with Gene & his nephew, Roger Lamb. Had a wonderful barbeque and homemade ice cream, Saturday with Sharon & Roger Lamb, Kathy & Jim Lamb, Gene & Pat. Sunday morning & evening worship with the congregation at the Gleed congregation, (formerly Selah).

Then secondly we left on a long trip, stopping at Yakima June 28th to July 1st with Brother & Sister Richard Johnston. Sunday morning and evening, Monday evening and Tuesday evening with the church at Yakima, with JD speaking. Sorry we had to leave Wednesday morning, driving to Stilwell, OK, staying with Bro. & Sis. Gerald Buckner July 6th to the 11th (very nice!) Worshipped with the congregation at Stilwell with JD doing the speaking nightly and very good meals in the dining hall each day. JD closed the meeting on Friday night. Next day we caravanned with the Buckner's of Stilwell, Jim & Jaetta Loftis of Lorenzo, TX, Dennis, Suzie & Willie Davis of Yuma, AZ; arriving at Beavers Bend Church Camp that afternoon. Many from different places were there for services, study and all around fellowship. A lot of young people, with a goodly number helping in the services daily. Air conditioning did not work the first Sunday morning so we moved outside for worship in the amphitheater (was so very nice!) Also happy JD did not speak too long, for a thunderstorm came up and it started to rain just at the dismissal. Wonderful meals again were prepared and served daily, and many nice trips planned during both meetings. We certainly enjoyed everyone and everything in all our trip

up to this point. Some came forward for prayers, so even though there were no baptisms, we feel much good was done for the Lord's body and for us. Sure gave us an uplift and good memories.

Monday, July 21st we left camp traveling from Broken Bow to Hugo, OK to see JD's three cousins. One is 93, one is 72. While there we learned JD's only brother left (80 years of age) was very ill in Fontana, CA, so we drove there arriving Wednesday, PM. We saw him, leaving late Thursday, driving north to our son Lloyd's place in Stockton where we spend the night, leaving early Saturday AM for home, arriving around 5:00 PM. We were tired but glad to have made a very long trip safely and to be home once more. Before we were able to do much JD's brother passed away August 4th. So the following Saturday AM our daughter, Patricia Bergman, and JD flew to Burbank, CA. Sunday they & Trisha's daughter, Christina Foundation, worshipped with the congregation in Bellflower. Was so nice to see loved ones there. Monday at 9:00 AM JD conducted his brother's services, which was doubly hard for he had never served his Maker as he should. Services and Memorial over, Trisha and JD flew home. Then the preparation really got under way for the Port Orchard-Seattle meeting.

Now at this point the meeting is history. What a Great Meeting! Too many visitors to list here. Some from the following places: Oregon, Waterford, CA, Yakima, WA, Seattle, WA, Selah, WA, Gleed, WA Burlington, WA, Gig Harbor, WA, Tacoma, WA, Eatonville, WA, Yuma, AZ, Port Orchard, WA, plus many not members form these and other places. Bro. Ken Williams and Bro. Bob Farley both did an excellent job. Best of all was the young men and boys helping with services, and brought three good lessons. The angels in Heaven, we're sure, are rejoicing for the birth of another child of God. Bro. Blake McKinney, son of Bro. John McKinney, Jr. of Gleed was baptized last Sunday AM. Right after his baptism, he read for Bro. Bob Farley and did an excellent job.

Many thanks to ALL who came, and ALL the help afforded us by visitors and our own congregations; without all and God we could not have done this so successfully. With no kitchen or dining hall we so appreciated all the help and donations. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!!!

We both wish to express our appreciation for all who came to our home each morning for breakfast and helped so wonderfully each day. About 14 to 18 were at our home daily. You all come see us any time. Just call ahead to be sure we're home, as being retired we might be gone.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Oren & Ruth Johnston and all their families in the loss of Oren's brother. Our prayers go for you and yours.

August 29th we traveled to Yakima, and spent the night with Gene & Pat McKinney. August 29th & 30th we helped celebrate John McKinney's 60th birthday at the church building, with a barbeque outside. August 31st, JD spoke at Gleed, very nice crowd. Right after worship Bro. Bob Farley baptized another young person into the Lord's Body, Jessica Ferris, daughter of Gary & Shelly Ferris. What a wonderful scene again. After witnessing this birth we and several others had lunch at a nice place. Immediately afterwards we traveled with Bro. & Sis. Farley up to Bob's parents' cabin in the beautiful mountains; enjoying it with Wilford & Marguerite Farley as host and hostess. A lovely place, even with homemade ice cream. Bob & Wilma took us on a wonderful sight-seeing trip Monday, a trip we'll not soon forget!

September 2nd we came home over a really pretty pass, going very close to Mount Rainier, arriving safely home once more.

May God richly bless all of you. Thanks again to God and all of you for a Most Wonderful Summer, one to REMEMBER!

With Christian love,

Fern & JD Logan

Randlett, OK

Greetings to all from the Randlett, OK, congregation. Hope this note finds everyone enjoying some of the rain and cooler weather that we are getting. At the present time, we all seem to be recovered from most of our ailments. Bro. Roy Mullens has recovered pretty well from his bronchial infection. Sis. Karla Blackwood's husband, Kenn, is out of the hospital and has recovered from pneumonia. Everything has been so dry that there have been a lot of respiratory problems in our area. Sis. Darla Barnes had surgery the first weekend of July. After the removal of her gall bladder and appendix, she has had no more abdominal pain. We praise God for all the blessings of recovery.

We are proud to announce that we have had another baptism at our small congregation. Sis. Stephanie Elliott was baptized July 13th. We pray that God will giver her strength and His blessings, as her and David's youngest daughter (Maggie) is scheduled for surgery this Thursday, (September 4th). Our thoughts and prayers are with the family for a successful surgery and rapid recovery. Please remember them in your prayers.

Several of our members were able to attend the weekend meeting at Comanche, OK, with Bro. Willie Howe. It was spiritually uplifting to spend time with Christian friends and to hear Bro. Willie present the Word of God. A few members were also able to attend the meeting in Lorenzo, TX. They advised that Bro. Don Taylor gave some very good lessons and is a very talented speaker. They also mentioned how very much they enjoyed the hospitality of the Lorenzo congregation.

That is about the extent of our news from Randlett. Please know that you are welcome to drop in and visit us in our homes and congregation anytime you are in our area. Remember us in your prayers.

In Christian love,

For the Randlett Congregation

Andy Barnes

580-439-5956

Sea-Tac, WA

To our dear ones in Christ,

We really enjoyed the meeting we shared with the Port Orchard congregation. Everyone who attended seemed uplifted and encouraged, more ready to serve the Lord. We wish to thank all who made it such a success. First of all, that would be our Lord for blessing all the effort put in. A big thanks to Bro. Ken Williams and to Bro. Bob Farley for the excellent lessons. A thank you to all our visitors, and to all who helped with services, meals, cleanup, pictures or any of the many other tasks to be done. We at Sea-Tac give a special thank you to the Port Orchard congregation for the use of their building during our portion of the meeting. The cooperation, fellowship and love shown was truly special. As reported by the Port Orchard letter, we did have one baptism, our new brother Blake McKinney being baptized the second Sunday of the meeting, August 24th. We heard more than one comment from people of various congregations hoping to have meetings of their own next year, Lord willing.

More good news! The Sunday following the meeting, August 31st, we gained a new sister at

Sea-Tac, as Hanna Orendorff was baptized before services. We are thrilled, and pray for God's blessing on her always.

Jeannean McSwane is still having Chemo for her cancer. Each day is a challenge, but she continues to persevere. Delphina Jackson is recovering from her surgery this past week. Jeanne Boroff continues to fight weakness and severe hip pain. All of these wonderful sisters remind us to be thankful for whatever health we have and fight the "good fight" on a daily basis.

We have had wonderful visitors the past two Sundays. Denise & Katrina Chapin, friends from school of Teri Sue and Kaylena Warford, have attended with them, sang and really listened to the lessons. We appreciate their interest, and hope it continues for many years to come. We really enjoy having them.

We've enjoyed a beautiful, but dry, summer here in the Northwest. The trees and ground are ready for our rainy season, even if we are not. We need to always remember that rain is a blessing from God also, and thank him for the rain as well as the sunshine.

On that note, we need to mention that Stephen Perigen, who will be 15 years old on October 19th, is fighting a very serious form of cancer in his leg. We want to include Stephen and his family in our daily prayers for his recovery, courage, comfort, and strength according to God's will that He would be glorified in the way we all handle the pain and suffering this life brings. In times like these, Satan diligently desires our faith and trust to become weak and to be replaced by doubt, anger, and spiritual weakness. Remember, we all need to pray for each other. Young people, and anyone else, if you so desire, you can write to Stephen at:

Stephen Perigen
1486 Tumbleweed Ct.
Oakdale, CA 95361

Or call Mark & Tammy Perigen at 209-847-0595.

With all our love,
The Church of Christ at Sea-Tac

Yuma, AZ

Greetings to all in the Brotherhood,

News from Yuma with hope and prayer all are able to be around. We are all doing fairly well. Sister Orendorff fell and had several stitches in her head. She seems to be improving and getting around with the help of a walker.

Our weather has made some change with the humidity much better, the temperatures ranging from below 100 degrees to the plus side.

Sister Verda Nelson was involved in a car accident near her summer home in Heber, AZ. Neither she nor her passenger was injured seriously, but the car was totaled. She returned home for the remainder of the summer.

We haven't announced our meeting yet, but plan, probably the same time as last year. Keep this in mind, and we will set a positive date in the near future.

Don't know if anyone has mentioned, but we have a new brother, his wife, daughter and granddaughter meeting with us, Melvin and Iris Stewart. We are all so happy to have them with us.

Can't think of much else to write, but everyone please send letters of news and lessons so the Courier can keep coming out to the churches.

We send our love and best wishes,
The Church in Yuma

Precious Memories

***Gospel News Courier*, September, 1963.** Elmer Hunt, Garden Grove, CA, & W. A. Nelson, Somerton, AZ, reported on the Delta Camp Meeting. L. E. Atchley, Stilwell, OK, announced they had purchased property just out of Baron, OK, & planned to build a new building on the site. F. H. Logan, Modesto, CA, reported that Emmett Stark was burned to death in a car accident & his wife, Mary, received burns in trying to rescue her husband. J. H. Lackey, Springfield, CO, announced a meeting in September with Lloyd Treat.

***Gospel News Courier*, October, 1963.** Don Dabbs, Phoenix, AZ, announced a meeting in October with guest speakers. Ken Baldwin, Cedaredge, CO, reported on the Camp Meeting.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1973.** Farrell Wilson, Broken Bow, OK, thanked others for their prayers and help during his heart attacks. Robert McCay, Glenwood, WA, reported on their meeting with Earl Howe. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, reported on their meeting with Jack Morris. Ken Harper, Grass Valley, CA, announced three baptisms: Mike DeVore, Eric Harper, and Jimmy Ford. Bill McCay, Yakima, WA, reported on their meeting with Al Way with three baptisms: Linde Howe, Wayne Hinkley, and Harry Jacobson. The Modesto, CA, congregation reported on their meeting with Sammy Boen. Also mentioned were the passings of Ed Stroud and Riley Morse.

***The Christian Courier*, October, 1973.** Earl Atchley, Elk City reported on their meeting with Jim Brown where Gene Barrett was baptized. Marion Warford, Baron, OK, reported on their meeting with Ken Baldwin and announced the next year's meeting with Jack Morris.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1983.** Troy Morse, Waterford, CA, reported on their meeting with Jerry Perigen where there two baptisms: Sheila Baker and Kathleen Brooks. Howard McCay, Selah, WA, announced the baptisms of Betty Roberts and Threasa McKinney. J. W. Bedingfield, Humble, TX, reported on their meeting with Howard Taylor and Earl Howe. Terry Warford, Baron, OK, wrote that John Brown & Lloyd Allgood were recently had heart problems. Gerald Buckner, Stilwell, OK, mentioned that John Brown had a heart attack. He also announced the birth of Samantha Jo to the Keith Boen's; Nathaniel Dean to Debbie Morris; and Jason William to the Bill Ross'. Paul Andrews, Goshen, AR, announced their meeting in October with Jerry Perigen. The Oklahoma City, OK, congregation wrote that Jaspen Pyle was hospitalized with back problems after an automobile accident. Robert McCay, Glenwood, WA, announced the baptism of Mike Boroff. Halo Serrano, La Habra, CA, mentioned that Sis. Nunnaly had a heart attack and that Bernice Cavin was in a rest home. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, thanked everyone for their cards and prayers for his wife Okja, who received a head injury in a fall.

***The Christian Courier*, October, 1983.** Troy Morse, Waterford, CA, announced the marriage of Dean Guyer and Kathleen Brooks September 10th. Paul Andrews, Goshen, AR, reported on their meeting with Jerry Perigen and mentioned that Paul Ferguson had been hospitalized for 3 days. Robert Morris, Yuma, AZ, announced the 50th wedding anniversary of Donny & Mary Long on September 30th. He also announced their camp meeting in November. The Chico, CA, congregation wrote of the 89th birthday celebration for Bro. C. M. Brockman.

***The Christian Courier*, September, 1993.** Gerald Brockman, Bellflower, CA, reported on their meeting with Eric Smith where Kim Guarnotta was baptized. He also announced the birth of Kayla Nicole to Mark and Tammy Perigen on August 4th. Chuck Garner, Keitzer, OR, wrote of J. L. Jared's occasional breathing problems.

Bulletin Board

Meetings

Nov. 7-9, 2003	Broken Bow, OK	Guest speakers
July 10-19, 2004	Beaver's Bend, OK	Camp Meeting

Baptisms

Stephanie Elliott	Randlett, OK	July 13, 2003
Blake McKinney	Gleed, WA	Aug. 24, 2003
Jessica Ferris	Gleed, WA	Aug. 31, 2003
Hanna Orendorff	Sea-Tac, WA	Aug. 31, 2003

Births

Kylie Rae Lene to Paul & Crystal Warford	Broken Bow, OK	Aug. 27, 2003
Jack William to Jason & Robin Cook	Denver, CO	Sept. 3, 2003
Jakalyn Jennifer to Brian & Jessica Dean	Yakima, WA	Oct. 3, 2003

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Duane Bixler	Aztec, NM	Alzheimer's disease
Lectie Denny	Baron, OK	Not doing good
Floyd Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Heart attack
Ray Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Health problems
Wayne Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Tests
Kresta Fouch	Cedaredge, CO	Brain tumor
Maysel Buchannon	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Letha Ferguson	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Mary Serrano	Goshen, AR	Terminal emphysema
Spephen Perigen	Oakdale, CA	Fighting cancer
Wilma Buckner	Pleasant View, OK	Heart attack, bypass surgery
Maggie Elliott	Randlett, OK	Surgery
Jeanne Boroff	Sea-Tac, WA	Severe hip pain & weakness
Delphina Jackson	Sea-Tac, WA	Surgery recovery
Jeannean McSwane	Sea-Tac, WA	Fighting cancer & diabetes
Jean Orendorff	Yuma, AZ	Head injury
Vivian Baker	Waterford, CA	Fighting cancer

Note - Since the Selah congregation has move to nearby Gleed, WA, they are changing their name to the Gleed Church of Christ