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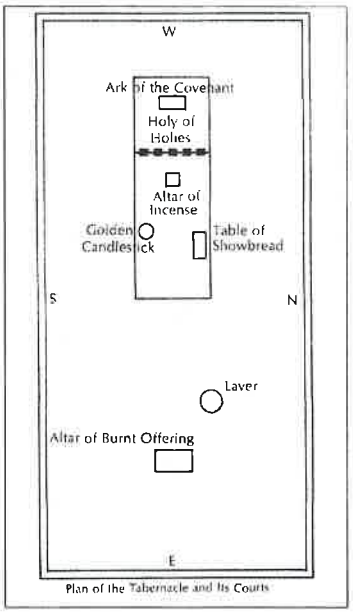
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Bezaleel and Aholiab

Let's look at one of the fun stories from the Old Testament, the story of Bezaleel and Aholiab. These two men aren't as well known as some of the other heroes of the Bible, (I'm not even sure how to pronounce their names), but their story is very important in the history of Israel.

They were not mighty warriors, at least as far as is recorded. They were not famous kings or judges or prophets. Instead they were craftsmen. They were the men who built the tabernacle in the wilderness and the items of its service to God; including the ark of the covenant, the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offerings, and many other things. When you consider that the building of the tabernacle takes up almost one third of the book of Exodus, it is an important story. It was an important task.



Plan of the Tabernacle and Its Courts

We are not going to look at all the details of the things they made. Instead we will concentrate on their story. There are four main points we want to consider that we can apply to our lives today to be stronger Christians and have a closer walk with God.

We will see first of all that God called them by name to build the tabernacle; second, that God blessed them with all the ability they would need to complete it; third, that they took the blessings of God and got to work; and finally that they made everything exactly as God commanded.

God called them by name.

In the 25th through the 30th chapters of Exodus, God instructed Moses in the mount that he wanted a tabernacle (tent of service to Him) built. He gave Moses all the details of how he wanted it built. Then in the 31st chapter, God named Bezaleel and Aholiab as the men who would build it. Other craftsmen would help them, but they were to be the leaders of the effort. Ex. 31:1-2, "*And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:*". And in verse 6 He added Aholiab, "*And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;*".

Notice that He didn't just call them by name for no purpose. He called them for a reason, to make all that He had commanded Moses. Read verses 7-11, "*The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot, And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.*"

In a similar way we are called to be God's people and serve Him today. I Pet 2:9-10, "*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*" We are called today by the Hearing of God's Word. Rom. 10:17, "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" Then after responding to that faith in repentance, confession, and baptism we are given a new name by God, that of Christian. Acts 11:26, "*...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.*"

Why did God have Bezaleel and Aholiab build Him a tabernacle? He certainly could have done it Himself. But throughout history He has given man tasks to be a part of His plan. He allowed Adam to care for the garden, He had David kill Goliath when He could have done it Himself, and He gave Bezaleel and Aholiab the opportunity to work with Him in the building of the tabernacle.

And today, He could save people without the involvement of Christians. And this is what many denominations claim, that God sends the Holy Spirit into a sinner's heart directly and saves them, without any work done by us. But in reality, that is not God's Plan. He involves us as Christians. He doesn't need us, but in His grace He gave us productive and important tasks to do in the saving of sinners. Notice II Cor. 4:7, "*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*" The treasure Paul is speaking of is the treasure of the gospel (see verses 3-6). And we are the earthen vessels that the gospel is put into.

In practical terms God has given us three tasks in this process: to teach sinners, to receive their confession of faith, and to baptize them. Matt. 28:19, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*". And in Matt. 10:32 Jesus said, "*Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.*"

While God has given us these tasks to allow us to contribute to His cause, He still saves the sinner and deserves all the glory. In I Cor. 3:6, when the Corinthians were fussing about who taught them and who baptized them, Paul made it clear that God deserved the glory: "*I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.*" He simply allows us to be a part of His plan.

God blessed them.

God did not send Bezaleel and Aholiab into their task with no ability. He blessed them with everything they needed to complete the job. Notice in Ex. 31:3 that he blessed them with five specific blessings in order to do the work: "*And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,*" A little later on in the story Moses introduced them to the children of Israel as having received these five blessings from God. And he added that God also gave them the ability to teach the other craftsmen who would help them. Ex. 35:34, "*And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.*"

God has blessed us with these same six blessings.

He has filled us with the Spirit of God. I Cor. 3:16, "*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*"

He has given us wisdom. Wisdom is defined by Jesus Himself as that ability to use the knowledge God has given us. Matt. 7:24, "*Therefore whosoever <u>heareth these sayings of mine</u>, and <u>doeth</u> them, I will liken him unto a <u>wise</u> man, which built his house upon a rock:*".

He gives us understanding. Eph. 3:17, "*Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*" His word is not unfathomable. We can understand it and apply it to our lives.

He gives knowledge through His Word. John 8:31-32, "*Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him,* (the same applies to us today), *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" Note: how do we know the truth so it can set us free? By continuing in His Word!

There is all manner of workmanship in his church. There are all kinds of tasks to do: from teaching and baptizing as mentioned earlier to helping and serving those in need, to attending and supporting worship services, and many other tasks. Some, such as attending and participating in worship, are for all. Some are more specialized, such as the leadership and speaking in service being limited to the men, or the elders requiring certain qualifications. Everything we can do, we should, and give God our best effort at it. It is all important to Him. Rom. 8:4-8, "*For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.*"

Just as Bezaleel and Aholiab were instructed to teach, so are we. Teaching can be in public worship assembly by men, or in private by men or women (Titus 2:1-7). Peter tells us, I Pet. 3:15, to be ready to teach and every opportunity: "*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man*

that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:".

So God has blessed us, just as He blessed Bezaleel and Aholiab.

They put God's blessings to work.

Ex. 36.1, "*Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded.*" They took God's blessings, put them to work, and did the job that God commanded them to do. In Ex. 38:22-23, we see that they made everything God had commanded: "*And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord commanded Moses. And with him was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.*"

What a great example that is for us to follow. While we realize that we are not saved by our works, once we are saved God does expect some works out of us. Eph. 2:10, "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*"

Works strengthen our faith and keep it from dying. Heb. 4:11, "*Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*" Notice labour keeps us from falling into unbelief. Jam. 2:26, "*For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*" We tend to think of faith as the spirit, the inward part, and works as the body, the outward part. But here James says it is the exact opposite of that. Works is the spirit that keeps our body of faith alive.

Serving God by doing good works should bring us great joy, according to Jesus in John 13:17, "*If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.*"

Good works will be rewarded in the end. I Cor. 15:58, "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*" Gal. 6:9-10, "*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*"

They made everything exactly as God commanded.

Again, Bezaleel and Aholiab provide us an excellent example of obedience. They not only made everything God told them to, they made it all in exactly the way God commanded.

The importance of this was stressed to Moses, Ex. 25:9, "*According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.*" Verse 40, "*And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.*"

They fulfilled God's commands. They made everything according to the pattern God showed Moses. Ex. 39:32, "*Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.*" Note verses 42-43, "*According to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the Lord had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.*"

Because of their obedience, God was pleased and dwelled in the tabernacle they had made. Ex. 40:34, "*Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.*"

Once we are saved by God's grace and become a Christian, obedience is important for us as well. Matt. 28:20, "*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*"

Often we in the church of Christ are accused of being legalistic, because we stress the necessity of obedience. But notice in the following, how much of our Christian life is blessed by obedience.

Jesus said very simply in John 14:15, "*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*" And not only do we show love to Jesus by our obedience, we are also blessed with His love. John 15:10, "*If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*" I John 2:3-5, "*And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*"

God works through us when we obey. Phil. 2:12-13, "*Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*"

We mentioned that good works will be rewarded. But they must be works that God says are good, not just that we think are good. Rev. 22:14, "*Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*"

Like Bezaleel and Aholiab, we've been called by God's Word to serve Him. God has blessed us with all we need to serve Him. And like them we need to be obedient, putting His blessings to work in the way He commands.

Offered in the name of Jesus,

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WHO IS RIGHT?

I have before me a book with this title on the front cover: "CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES", including all 50 states plus Puerto Rico & The Virgin Islands, 1997 Edition.

When I look inside, I find over thirteen thousand listed. Each congregation is listed, showing its established date, its character or practices, number of members and address. I will give you seven main divisions, some of them have divisions, showing the approximate number of congregations in each main division:

• Mainstream	9,968
• Non-institutional	2,053
• Non-class (2 types)	565
• One cup (3 types)	560
• Mutual edification	141
• Premillennial	81
• Other	11
• Total	13,379

In Matt. 4, we find that Christ began, after being baptized, to preach the gospel; so what he

preached and taught was the gospel. In I Cor. 1:10, Paul condemns divisions, he says we should all speak the same thing, be joined together in the same mind and same judgment. I am reminded of the seven churches of Asia, in Revelation, chapters 1,2, and 3. Only two God did not rebuke; the other five he did rebuke. Do you suppose that today there would be two out of seven churches found God would not rebuke?

The Bible is a book of instructions, telling us how to become Christians, (church members), telling us how to live our lives and how to carry out the worship service including the Communion, etc. It is regrettable that people will not follow these instructions, as written in the Bible. When we buy an article to be assembled, there are instructions with it telling how to assemble it. People read these instructions and all came to the same conclusion. Why do people, when the read the Bible, come to so many conclusions? I am reminded of Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25, "*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*"

Brethren, we know that there is only one right way. What is going to happen to all the others? It is time that we all read the instructions and come to the one true conclusion. When we read the instructions, we must concentrate on what they are saying. We are warned not to add or subtract from God's Word, Deuteronomy 12:32 and Rev. 22:19. In 2 Timothy 2:15 we are told to rightly divide the word of truth. Everyone should search the scriptures to see what they hear is right.

Most divisions in the church have happened in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Something will come along and someone will say "I like that, let's do that". They don't search the scriptures close enough to see if it is what the early church did.

Christ is our example. We need to do what he said. God told Moses to make the things after their pattern. Exodus 25:40 and Heb. 8:5.

It is time we got rid of all INNOVATIONS. We must follow the Bible.

Thank you for your time.

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In Memory of Bro. James Vanderpool

It is with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Brother James Vanderpool. He was a dear Brother in Christ, and a wonderful friend.

He was an excellent singer. We enjoyed many Sunday afternoons singing gospel songs together at his house.

He was a lover of hospitality. He was always happy to see you and to welcome you; to services or to his home. He stood for the truth, and cared for people. He led the congregation at Bohannan Mountain well. He was dedicated to worship services. I remember when he was gravely ill in the mid-80s. The doctors did not think he would survive then, but he ended up only missing services once.

The thing I remember most about Brother James is his kindness and gentleness, a wonderful example for us all.

Rest well, my friend. I look forward to the time we can be friends together forever.

Bro. Terry Warford



Cards and Letters

Bohanna Mt, AR (Feb.20)

Dear Brethren

Our sister Jewell Laney was in the hospital late January for a pacemaker. She is in her 90s. She is doing fair, but hasn't felt like coming to church yet. Please pray for her.

It seems that our small congregation has been sick all winter. Everyone present Sunday had colds & coughs. Our weather hasn't been helping either - cold & damp or very cold & windy.

Bro. James Vanderpool isn't doing very well. He is so weak. There are days he can hardly get up and walk without help.

Bro. Melvin Daniel's angio was good. He had a small blockage and most of his pain was angina, which is treatable with medication. Please remove his name from your pray list.

We are so sorry to hear about Stephen Perigen's ordeal. Our prayers are with Mark and Tammy. I know it is a scary thing.

Our son Mark goes March 2nd for his 6 months MRI to keep a check on the thing in his head. The doctors are still not sure of what it really is.

In Christian love,

Sis Rachel Daniels

Bohanna Mt., AR (Apr 10)

From the Bohannan Mt. Church of Christ,

Everyone here is about as usual. We are few in number, and due to health and age of the leaders, we decided to close services at this location and combine with the congregation at Goshen. We regretted having to do this, but decided that it was for the best for everyone. Bro. James Vanderpool, who did a lot to keep the church going for many years, had to step down about 8 or 10 months ago due to his health. That left only two of us, and due to our health and age, we didn't know how much longer we could continue.

At our last service one came forward and was restored.

The papers that you have been sending to Bro. James Vanderpool for the church at Bohannan Mt. Should now be included in the ones that are sent to Goshen.

Your brother in Christ,

Marvin Daniels

For Bohannan Mt. Church of Christ

Goshen, AR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We were saddened by the passing of our Bro. James Vanderpool on April 11, 2004. His life was an example for any young Christian to look at. He was faithful to his belief in God and his devotion to his family always showed. Even when he was so sick at the end, his thoughts and prayers were for their care and well being. He was a husband and father that can be remembered with love. All his friends will miss him. We will always remember him with love and respect. He and his wife were our best friends when we lived in Kansas in 1955. We have remained friends as well as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Written with Love in remembrance of Bro. James Vanderpool.

Melvin and Rachel Daniels

Goshen Congregation

Goshen, AR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a saddened heart that I write. On April 11th, Bro. James Vanderpool left us. He was loved by all that knew him. We do not grieve for him, but for the empty place it leaves in our lives. He fought a good fight, kept the faith, was pleasant, and did not brood over his condition. We will miss him so much.

Everyone else here is about as usual. Sis. Jewell Laney has her good days and bad days. Her son Euless has been diagnosed with colon cancer. We don't know yet when he will have surgery. We ask you to remember all of us in your prayers. We pray that all are is well with everyone.

Your brother in Christ,
Marvin Daniels
For the Goshen Church of Christ

Sea-Tac, WA

Our dear Brothers and Sisters,

Wow! It is hard to believe we have been putting out the Courier for 10 years. We still enjoy it, and desire to continue. What we do ask for is more material, more consistently.

Brother Ellis and Sister Lynell Forsman were gone visiting other congregations for four straight weeks. I don't know if that has ever happened before. They had a very good time visiting with everyone they were able to. They enjoyed the Yuma meeting, and were there from Sunday to Sunday. Sis. Nell McCay got to make that trip with them, and had a wonderful time. I think surprising Jerry may have been the most fun. Then Ellis and Lynell spent the following Sunday with the faithful in Oakdale, CA. Stephen Perigen and his family still need our constant prayers and support. Their last Sunday traveling was spent with the Springfield, OR congregation.

The congregation here managed to function while they were away. God still blessed us with enjoyable and edifying services and fellowship. We gained an even deeper appreciation for the job that Bro. Ellis does as the elder of the congregation. It takes quite a bit of time and work to keep a congregation going, from having the building ready, to having services lined out, to picking up people and taking them home afterward. When Jesus said "the greatest among you shall be servant of all" it really applies to the leaders of the congregations. We are very happy to have Ellis and Lynell home, and for their company as well as their work.

Bro. Richard Johnston came and spoke for us the second Sunday of April. It is always good to hear someone different, especially when short-handed. We thank Richard and Monica for their time and caring.

The past two Sunday afternoons we have been singing gospel songs for elderly people in one of the local assisted living facilities. They have a very nice facility (with wonderful acoustics for singing). It has been a lot of fun, and hopefully a blessing to all.

Our Sister Jeannean McSwane still needs a lot of prayers. She finished going through chemo, but still faces one surgery after another. Sister Jeannie Boroff is ill and her strength is declining, but still manages to make it to services most Sundays. Please pray for both of these dear ladies.

Thank you for the opportunity of serving you with the Courier. Please continue to send in news and articles so we may continue to do so.

In Christian love,
The Sea-Tac congregation.

Editor's Note:

We (Ellis & Lynell Forsman and the Matt & Kelly Shepherd's) met with the small group at Oakdale, CA, but learned that Stephen Perigen was back in the hospital in San Francisco for another intensive 5-day chemo treatment. We were heading to the coastal area to meet the Eric & Lori Harper family anyway, so we decided to detour and see the Perigen family. Driving in San Francisco is quite the harrowing experience, but we finally found the hospital.

It was our desire to say "Hi" to Mark, Tammy, Stephen and the 3 girls, let them know that we care about what they are going through, give them hugs for all of us (and you), and let them know a lot of prayers are going up for all of them daily.

When we left a short time later, we all agreed it was we who had been blessed. It was so uplifting to see Stephen and his family not giving up, but trusting entirely that God's will is going to be done. They truly believe that Stephen is in God's hands and that the trying of their faith will bring all kinds of blessings. They in turn sent their love and thanks to all of you who keep them in your prayers.

The next Sunday, we (Ellis & Lynell) were at Springfield, OR. It was so good to see all of them. Sis. Barbara Paseman & Sis. Shirley Severe were both able to be at church, but they continue to need prayers on behalf of their serious health problems.

Please continue to pray for all who are ill, hurting, grieving, and just fighting the good fight, which is all of us.

With love to all,

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman

Yuma, AZ

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

News from Yuma with hopes that all are well or healing. We are about as well as old people can be. Our prayers are always with the ill and injured.

We do have news that we wish to share with all. First, with news I didn't send from last month. Rose Ann Wingfield was baptized on January 21, 2004. She is the beautiful teenage granddaughter of Bro. Melvin & Sis. Iris Stewart.

Then on March 21-28 we had a great meeting. The attendance was good all week long. A few left early, but others came later. We had very good lessons by J. D. Logan, Ellis Forsman, Jerry McCay, Gene Boling, Rex Mickey, Bill McCay Sr., Gerald Buckner, and Doug Ferguson. Jerry McCay and Bill McCay spoke again on the last day. There were lots and lots of visiting, singing, good food prepared by the hard-working ladies. Some visited Mexico and did some shopping at the local swap meets. Some of the best news is that Bro. Frank Ridlon returned back to the church. I don't think the ladies were the only ones with moist eyes. The meeting was represented by brothers and sisters from Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Washington, and Oregon.

The publishers of both newspapers, Bill McCay & Ellis Forsman were with us. This gave us the opportunity to ask how the papers could be better supported. I'm sure we all notice some months we don't receive issues; the reason being they don't receive enough news or articles to afford printing and mailing. Even though they do not solicit financial support, there is a need for they must use from their own church funds to send out the newsletters. So, let's all make more

of an effort to send news, say "Hello, we are still keeping the faith", and give a report of illnesses so prayers can be made. It's also a great means of communication.

Bye for now. Take good care, keep the faith, and put to good use the talents God gave to each of us.

In Christian love,
The Church in Yuma

In Memory of Sis. Barbara Boen

Our dear Sister Barbara Boen has departed this life on March 26, 2004. She is resting now, awaiting judgment and Heaven.

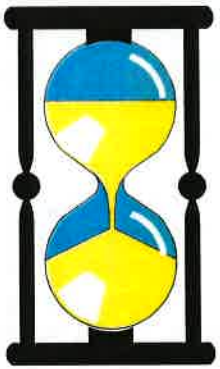
She lived a life of love, and good humor. She and Sam raised their boys in the Church. She was a caring and excellent mother and grandmother.

She loved not just her own kids, but all of us youngsters of the Baron and Pleasant View congregations growing up. We were always welcomed, even after my brother accidentally shot her refrigerator with a .22 pistol, and I scraped her car pulling into a gas station. We were glad of her sense of humor then.

We loved her so much, and were blessed to know her.

In loving memory,
Brother Terry Warford

Precious Memories



***It Is Written*, April, 1954.** Bro. S. D. Wallace, Abilene, TX, wrote that he and his wife cannot find a loyal church in Abilene, and that they have to travel to Crosbyton to worship. Bro. Paul Ferguson, Buena Park, CA, indicated that their new building will be finished in about three weeks.

***Gospel News Courier*, April, 1964.** Sis. Jaetta Loftis, Seymour, TX, wrote that their new building was almost completed and thanked all those who contributed to this effort. Bro. J. D. Logan, Modesto, CA, said his father had to be hospitalized with appendicitis and Bro. Lloyd Coleman had to be hospitalized for a brain operation after suffering a stroke. Bro. Ken Baldwin, Cedaredge, CO, invited all to attend their meeting in August. Bro. Claud Perigen, Bellflower, CA, announced the passing of Louis Gibbs. The La Habra, CA, congregation listed several recent visitors.

***Gospel News Courier*, May, 1964.** Bro. James Brown, Baron, OK, thanked everyone for their donations for their new building, which was almost completed. Bro. Clyde Couchman,

Carlsbad, NM, announced their gospel meeting in May with Bro. J. C. Spurlin. Bro. Harry Dye, Yuma, AZ, announced their meeting in May with Bro. Elmer Hunt. Sis. D. L. Grant, Texas City, TX, wrote that they needed help. There were only two men in their congregation. Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, wrote that Sis. Harry Queen underwent recent surgery. Bro. F. H. Logan, Modesto, CA, announced the baptism of Aszelee Jaco and Joyce McLain. Bro. Roy Snoderly, La Habra, CA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Paul Auslam.

***The Christian Courier*, May, 1974.** Bro. Earl Howe, Lorenzo, TX, announced their son, Willie, was discharged from the Navy and had married Sis. Mary Pollen, Jan. 19th. He also announced the baptism of James Cavin and the move of Bro. Evart & Sis. Becky Forsman to Lorenzo. Bro. J. C. Whitley, Furnish Canyon, OK, announced a meeting in August with Bro. Tom Broadway. Bro. Homer Bryant, San Pablo, CA, listed several recent visitors. Bro. Claud Perigen, Bellflower, CA, announced their meeting in July with Bro. Bill McCay Sr.

***The Christian Courier*, April, 1984.** Bro. Gerald Buckner, Stilwell, OK, announced the birth of Kenneth Randall to Kenneth & Debbie Buckner January 11th, but was baby born with kidney trouble that required surgery. Bro. Paul Andrews, Goshen, AR, wrote that Bro. Isaac Ferguson was in the hospital with a stroke. He also announced their meeting in June with Bro. Al Way. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, announced their meeting in July with Bro. Audley Barnes.

***The Christian Courier*, May, 1984.** Bro. Bobby Lamb, Yakima, WA, announced the birth of Ashley Leann April 9th to Bro. John & Sis. Carol Bauer. Bro. Tony Brister, Roll, AZ, wrote that they were now meeting in their new building. Bro. J. W. Bedingfield, Humble, TX, announced the baptism of Chris Casterline. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, listed several recent visitors.

***The Christian Courier*, April, 1994.** The Cedaredge, CO, congregation invited all to attend the Delta Camp Meeting in July. Bro. J. D. Logan. Sacramento, CA, announced the baptisms of Gary Johnson and his wife Paula. Bro. Adam Shepherd, Payson, AZ, announced the graduation of his brother, Matthew, at the University of Washington. Bro. Jack Cooper, San Pablo, CA, wrote that his granddaughter, Kathy Hull, was home from the hospital after being on life support with kidney problems. Bro. Al Burtis, Waterford, CA, said Bro. Paul Lucas had just recovered from blood vessels breaking around his brain and Sis. Melva Logan passed away after emergency gall bladder surgery.

***The Christian Courier*, May, 1994.** Bro. Chuck Garner, Aloha, OR, announced that Albert Crum moved there from Phoenix, AZ. Bro. Frank Ridlon, Aztec, NM, announced the birth of Samantha Laray in December to Bro. Duane and Sis. Siegenliede Bixler. The Cedaredge, CO, congregation announced the baptism of Brannan Berry. Bro. Homer Bryant, San Pablo, CA, asked for the continued prayers on behalf of Kathy Hull. The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation wrote that Sis. Maggie Forsman was in declining health. Bro. Harry Davis, Yuma, AZ, announced the birth of Joseph James on Feb. 9th to Bro. Joe & Sis. Diane Davis.

Bulletin Board

Meetings

June 4-6, 2004	Newcastle, TX	Bob Eldridge
July 2-5, 2004	Yakima, WA	Guest speakers & singing
July 10-19, 2004	Beaver's Bend, OK	Camp Meeting

Baptisms

Rose Ann Wingfield	Yuma, AZ	Jan. 21, 2004

Passings

Barbara Boen	Pleasantview, OK	Mar 26, 2004
James Vanderpool	Bohanna Mt., AR	Apr. 11, 2004

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Duane Bixler	Aztec, NM	Alzheimer's disease
Lectie Denny	Baron, OK	Not doing good
Mark Daniels	Bohanna Mt., AR	Recovering from tumor
Floyd Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Heart attack
Ray Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Health problems
Maysel Buchannon	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Letha Ferguson	Goshen, AR	Fighting cancer
Euless Laney	Goshen, AR	Fighting colon cancer
Jewell Laney	Goshen, AR	Pacemaker installed
Stephen Perigen	Oakdale, CA	Fighting cancer
Jeanne Boroff	Sea-Tac, WA	Severe hip pain & weakness
Jeannean McSwane	Sea-Tac, WA	Shoulder repair & severe arthritis
Barbara Paseman	Springfield, OR	Fighting cancer
Shirley Severe	Springfield, OR	Health problems
Vivian Baker	Waterford, CA	Fighting cancer