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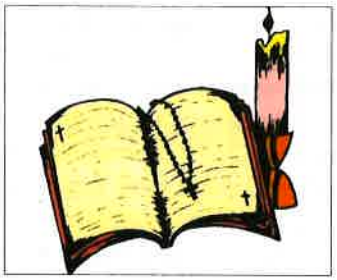
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The Apostles' Doctrine and Fellowship

Article 2 of 4: How?

We come to the second of our four articles about the apostles' doctrine and fellowship.



In the first we considered why it is important to continue stedfastly in it. We found that the apostles are important because they were chosen specially by God before the foundation of the world. They were chosen by God to be witnesses of Jesus Christ, to begin the church, and to deliver God's Word to mankind.

Since they are important, and thus what they taught was important, (it was God's Word after all), how do we continue in their doctrine and fellowship? That is the question we hope to answer in this article.

First, let's consider how we continue in their doctrine.

Their doctrine was simply their words, their teachings, which they wrote down in various letters and epistles which we still have with us in our Bibles today. And remember, they got their doctrine from Jesus (Acts 1:1-3) who received it from God (Heb. 1:1-2). So to continue in their doctrine is to simply continue following their words. Because their words are God's Word.

In James 1:21-22 we read. "*Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*" Notice a couple of things about this passage. We are to receive the engrafted word. In other words, receive it into our lives so it becomes a part of us.

And we are to do the things the word teaches, not just hear it. Do it, follow it, live it.

In I Tim. 4:13, Paul instructed Timothy. "*Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.*" Read the word of God, encourage each other with it, and pay attention to the doctrine it teaches. Why? Verse 16. "*Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*"

We find that love for Jesus, God, and each other is expressed by keeping God's commands which the apostles revealed to us.

In John 14:15, Jesus said. "*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*"

I John 5:3 says. "*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*"

And in II John 5-6 we find. "*And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.*"

We continue in the apostles' doctrine by not being ashamed of it. In Mark 8:38, Jesus said. "*Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.*" And in II Tim. 1:8, the apostle Paul wrote. "*Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*".

It is important to continue in their doctrine stedfastly. Don't neglect it, but keep on doing it every day. Heb. 2:3. "*How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;*".

So, we continue in the apostles' doctrine by following their words; by reading it, teaching it, and doing it. In so doing we walk in love of Jesus, of God, and of each other. Furthermore, we continue in the apostles' doctrine by not being ashamed of it, and by not neglecting it. We must continue in it stedfastly.

The second part of the question, then, is this. How do we continue in the apostles' fellowship?

This is a good question, because they are not with us today. They are dead, and have been for many centuries. I know of no scripture that teaches that they dwell in us like God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit do. We don't worship them, we worship God. We don't pray through them, we pray through Christ. So is fellowship with the apostles even possible today?

Yes it is. In the first chapter of the first epistle of John we find that we continue in the apostles' fellowship by continuing in the apostles' doctrine.

In the first two verses John brings to our mind that the apostles were witnesses of Jesus. They saw Him, touched Him, and heard His Word. He even refers to Jesus here, as in the first chapter of the gospel of John, as the Word of God. I John 1:1-2. "*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)*".

Then in the third verse, John tells us we have fellowship with the apostles through Jesus and His teachings as revealed by the apostles. "*That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and*

with his Son Jesus Christ." Let's be sure we understand. "*That which we have seen...*" refers to Jesus as we saw in verses 1 and 2. "*...And heard...*" then refers to what Jesus taught them, again see the foundation built in verses 1 and 2. John and the other apostles were declaring Jesus and His teachings to us. Why? So we could have fellowship with them, and with God and Jesus.

This should bring us great and abiding joy, as we see in verse 4. "*And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.*"

In verses 5-7 John continues the thought. He explains that we must continue in their teachings to have fellowship with God, with the apostles, and even with each other. "*This then is the message which we have heard of him, **and** declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*"

Our fellowship is not quite the same as it would be if the apostles were still alive. But we do still have a form of fellowship with them. We cannot ask them questions, but we can search their words, the scriptures, to find answers to our questions. We cannot sing with them, but we can praise the same God they revealed to us. We cannot shake their hands or give them a hug, but we can love one another in kindness and affection as they instructed us to. And we love one another by keeping the commands of God as we read earlier.

And we are still in the same church that Christ established through their efforts, if we continue stedfastly in their doctrine and fellowship.

II Pet. 1:1. "*Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:*" Our faith is precious, and it is the same as theirs, if we follow their words, which are God's.

In Jesus name,
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How To Kill An Enemy

The first impression one might receive from the title is "how inappropriate". The Christian is taught to "*Love your enemies*" (Matt. 5:43), so how could we even contemplate "killing" an enemy, if such we have?

I admit to the seeming contradiction of terms, but persist in my theme. Please bear with me.



This thought is, in reality, two thoughts in one. Thought number one is, "How to make an enemy", and thought number two is "How to kill an enemy".

How To Make An Enemy

Listed below are eleven ways one can employ in making an enemy. I am sure that if we really thought seriously, we could think

of many more ways to alienate our brothers and friends, but let this suffice for this study.

1. "Envyings" – defined as *zelos* … lit. jealousy. See 2 Cor. 12:20, "... *lest there be debates, envyings, etc. ...*".

Surely, this should never exist among brethren; Paul feared that it could happen.

I have seen "preacher jealousy" among brothers. For shame that it should happen in our midst. However, this is one way to make an enemy.

2. "Hatred" – defined as *miseo* … to detest, hate(ful). See Gal. 5:19-20, "... *the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; ...hatred, ...*"

No one would openly admit to hatred of his brother, but how about being "*angry without a cause*"? Are we <u>sure</u> when we are angry toward our brother that the cause is just? We might be guilty of sin and in danger of the judgment (Matt. 5:22. See also 1 John 2:9, 3:15, and 4:20). This is a good way to make an enemy!

3. "Strife" – *eritheia* … selfish, ambition, rivalry, selfishness. See Phil. 2:3, "*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; ... .*"

The motives of our heart are to be ruled by the better emotions: "*lowliness of mind*" (not haughty or proud), "*esteeming* (the) *other better than ourselves*". In so doing, we will avoid making an enemy. If we, however, indulge in this sort of behavior, we will certainly make an enemy, thereby.

4. "Rail(er, ing) – *loidos* … (mischief); abusive i.e. a blackguard. See 1 Cor. 5:11, "... *not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.*"

Railers are included by the apostle Paul in bad company. We should avoid them; surely we should not follow their bad example. Truly, we can make enemies in this manner.

5. Speaking evil – slander. See James 4:11, "*Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, ...*" Good way to make an enemy!

6. Not considering others higher than ourselves. See Rom. 12:3, "... *every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; ... .*" Also Phil 2:3, "... *in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*" It's easy to see how one could make an enemy this way.

7. Covenant breakers – rendered "not true to their word". See Rom. 1:30-31, "... *haters of God, ... inventors of evil things, ... without understanding, covenantbreakers, ...* ". Keeping one's word is the hallmark of a true Christian. If we fail is this, we can surely make an enemy.

8. False accusers – bearing false witness! To Israel, the command was to not bear false witness. It is no less to Christians today. See 2 Tim. 3:1-3, "*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be ... trucebreakers, false accusers, ... ,*" It's easy to see how one could make an enemy in this manner.

9. Backbiters (ing) – *katalaboi* … "speaking against … slander. See 2 Cor. 12:20, "*For I fear, ... lest there be debates* (quarrels), *envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, ... :*"

10. Wraths – *thymos* … boiling over; angry tempers, outbursts of anger. See 2 Cor. 12:20, "*For I fear, ... lest there be ... wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:*"

11. Unjust judgments. This is more difficult to define, but equally easy to fall prey to.

We often misjudge our brother for the things that he allows because it seems those actions are sinful according to our own estimates.

As an example, take Paul's discourse in Rom. 14:1-7. One man indulged in eating meat;

another (who was weaker) ate only herbs (he was a vegetarian). There was a dissension between them over this (vs. 3-7). Note Paul's words in verse 3, "*Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.*"

In this matter, the scriptures are silent (neither pro nor con), but the vegetarian, it seems, was criticizing (judging) the meat-eating brother.

This is a two-way street. In cases like this, we should stand back, make no judgment, and both should allow each other the same liberties. Judging unjustly, either way, could surely make an enemy.

We see how easily it is to make an enemy in so many ways. There is, however, one way that we should take special pains to avoid, at all costs. This should never be allowed to exist among brethren for it can affect an entire congregation, not just two or three.

An incident arose at biblical Antioch between two apostles; two great godly men wherein one (for traditional racial reasons) refused to eat with the Gentile brethren. Of course, this was Peter. Read of it in Gal. 2:11-14. It seems that Paul, arriving in Antioch, had upbraided Peter for this: "*withstood him to the face*" because of his "*dissimulation*" (hypocrisy).

One would think that this would create ill-feelings between the two, seeing how Peter had his feelings wounded by Paul's public upbraiding. (At least, that is probably how many "modern" Christians would feel about such a situation.)

But, contrary to our "up-to-date" sensitivities, such was not the case. Peter was to write at a later date of "*our beloved brother Paul*" (2 Pet. 3:16) in truly fraternal terms. No animosity here; no enemy created.

We should all receive reproof, given in the spirit of Christ, without rancor, considering that we can be wrong, as well as the other; and we all stand in need of the reproof of Christ.

How To Kill Your Enemy

I hope to be able to show how a Christian should go about to "kill" his enemy. The reason one should kill an enemy is to neutralize his ability to harm. The following will, I believe, provide instruction as to how we should do this.

1. Prov. 24:17-18, "*Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him ....*"

2. Prov. 25:21, "*If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:*" (See also Rom. 8:20).

3. Rom. 12:19, "*Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*"

4. Matt. 5:43-44, "*Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*"

What if we actually put these into effect? Would we not expel the anger and ill-feelings that goes with enemy-hood? Would we not replace ill-feelings with those gentler, more friendly feelings?

I guess I'm trying to say that if we make our enemy into our friend and brother, we have effectively "killed" our enemy.

Think about it, brethren!

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Scriptures



What are the characteristics of the scriptures? They are Holy: 2 Tim. 3:15, "*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*" Rom. 1:2, "*(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)*". Also, they cannot be broken: John 10:35, "*If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;*".

They are inspired: 2 Tim. 3:16, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*". They are foreseeing: Gal. 3:8, "*And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*".

Then, they are patient: Rom. 15:4, "*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*"

Next, what can be done with them? They can be known. Timothy knew them: 2 Tim. 3:15, "*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*" Acts 17:11, "*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*"

They can be taught or expounded: Luke 24:27, "*And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*" They should be read: Matt. 21:42, "*Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*"

In Luke we are told they can be fulfilled: Luke 4:21, "*And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*"

We find in John 2:22 that the disciples believed the scriptures, and we must do likewise, "*When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.*" But first the scriptures must be understood, as we find in Luke 24:45, "*Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,*"

They can be opened. Jesus opened them to the apostles, as we find in Luke 24:32, "*And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*"

Some things that can be done with them, but we should not do, is to wrest them: 2 Pet. 3:16, "*As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*" We should be as Apollos, and become mighty in the scriptures: Acts 18:24, "*And a certain Jew*

named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus." Then some of should do as Philip did in Acts 8:35, "*Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.*" We should preach the scriptures.

We can do these things with the scriptures, but what can they do for us?

They can make us wise: 2 Tim. 3:15, "*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*"

They can comfort us in time of need: Rom. 15:4, "*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*"

They bear witness to us of Christ: John 5:39, "*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*"

Also, the scriptures can keep us right, teach us, reprove us, make us complete, and completely furnish us unto all good works: 2 Tim. 3:16-17, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*"

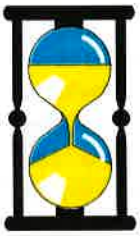
We read in the scriptures in James 2:20 that faith without works is dead, "*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*" So, let us be working.

Written in love,

Robert E. McCay, Glenwood, WA

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Precious Memories



***Gospel News Courier*, March, 1965.** Bro. Sammy Boen, Stilwell, OK, wrote that they get together for singing every 2nd Sunday of each month. Bro. J. D. Johnson, Lakeside, CA, reported that Bro. & Sis. Duane Bixler had moved to San Francisco. Bro. Elmer Hunt, announced he was invited to speak at a gospel meeting at Springfield, CO in April. Bro. J. C. Whitley, Kenton, OK, announced a gospel meeting in June with Bro. Claud Perigen.

***The Christian Courier*, March, 1975.** Bro. Gerald Buckner, Stilwell, OK, announced their meeting in July with Bro. Howard McCay. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, wrote that they are planning on a meeting in July with Bro. Clif Brockman. The Modesto, CA, congregation announced their meeting in March with Bro. Richard Johnston and the baptism of Edith Brown on February 23rd.

***The Christian Courier*, April, 1975.** The Yakima, WA, congregation announced the baptisms of Robert and Wilma Farley on January 12th and the birth of Brent to Bro. Jerry & Sis. Meg McCay on March 13th. The Kenton, OK, congregation announced the passing of Bro. J. C. Whitley in February. The Modesto, CA, congregation reported on their meeting with Bro. Richard Johnston and the passing of Sis. Luella Stark on March 16th.

***The Christian Courier*, April, 1985.** Bro. Paul Andrews, Goshen, AR, announced a meeting in July with Bro. Richard Johnston. Bro. Gerald Buckner, Stilwell, OK, announced their meeting in July with Bro. Tony Brister. Also listed was the passing of Bro. Eulon Taylor of the Yakima, WA, congregation.

***The Christian Courier*, March, 1995.** The North San Juan, CA, congregation announced the baptisms of Steven Sechrist, January 22nd and Elisha Barger, February 5th. The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation announced their meeting in August with Bro. Jim Brown. The Pleasant View, OK, congregation reported on the passing of Bro. Ralph Rhodes on February 20th. There was also a memorial notice on Bro. Paul Bruce of Carlsbad, NM, who passed away on January 23rd.

***The Christian Courier*, April, 1995.** The Baron, OK, congregation reported that Bro. Darryl Wilson required heart surgery and announced their meeting in May with guest speakers. Bro. Melvin Daniels, Bohanna Mt., AR, announced their meeting in May with Bro. Sirber Sinn. Bro. Al Way, Bellflower, CA, announced their meeting in July with Bro. Bob Eldridge. The Cedaredge, CO, congregation announced the baptism of Tina Baker. The Glenwood, WA, congregation reported on the passing of Bro. Robert McCay on March 4th. Bro. Homer Bryant, San Pablo, CA, reported on the passing of Sis. Lorene Bever on February 6th.



Cards and Letters

Baron, OK

To all the brethren in Christ:

Winter has passed, but not without its illnesses, colds, pneumonia, along with other illnesses. Thanks be to the Lord most are doing better now.

Bro. Bobby Wilson, son of Eugene and Debbie Wilson, is going to Memphis, TN for eye surgery. He has had several surgeries to his eye after a nail hit it. We request prayers for him for a successful operation. He is very much a help in church services. Our young ones need very much encouragement to deflect Satan and the world. We have several young ladies, but not many young men.

We pray this finds all other Christians doing well. We enjoy reading the news from far away brothers and sisters. Bro. Jim is doing some better and is still preaching for us. Bro. Jack Warford is back worshiping with us. We are certainly glad to have him back.

We hope and pray the meetings will produce many new Christians, as well as revive those that hear them this year.

This is about all for now here at Baron, OK. We pray for unity in the church always.

With Christian love from the Baron congregation,

Doyle Wilson

Cedaredge, CO

News from Cedaredge - The congregation here is befittingly in a sad state of mind. Brother Eddie Wilkerson passed away last night (This was received March 16th – editor) after a battle with cancer. He was never able to overcome the intensity of that illness as it ravaged major portions of his body. He had been comatose since last Friday and never regained consciousness. I'm glad to report that he became stronger in his faith and commitment to the Lord as each day passed. The Lord surely has a good friend in Eddie. John 15:14 "*Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*" Eddie's faith is an inspiration to this congregation because he did obey, as the scriptures taught. Eddie requested that there be no memorial services of any kind. He is to be cremated and his ashes scattered by the family at a date to be determined later. Please pass this information to other church members you may know as I don't have other e-mail addresses.

The remainder of the congregation is well at this time.

George Cowger, Cedaredge, CO

(Our hearts are grieved to hear of Bro. Eddie's passing. His faithful efforts and support of the Delta Camp Meetings along with Sis. Verlie Baldwin remain a loving, lasting memory for many who were blessed to be able to attend. Our love and prayers go to Sis. Movelle, Sis. Diane, his children, siblings, and many others, as well. – The editors)

Gleed, WA

News via phone from Gleed, WA:

Sis. Evelyn Lamb had a diabetic coma and mild heart attack while at home. She had been taken to the hospital, then moved to the Landmark Convalescent Center for recovery. She is in Room 206, pretty close to Sis. Dorothy Sage, who is in Room 201.

We have good news to report. Recently, there were three new members added to the Lord's church: Eileen Thrush, her son, Tom Thrush, and Crystal Catron.

Submitted by John McKinney
The Gleed, WA, congregation

Ringgold, TX

The Ringgold congregation is happy to announce the baptism of Nicole Blansett, wife of Clint Blansett, and Rachel Pollan. Both were added to the body of our Lord February 27, 2005 and we all rejoice in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Clint also is a church member, and he and Nicole live in Henrietta, TX. They have one child and are expecting another in July. Clint is a salesman for Patterson Auto in Wichita Falls, TX. They recently joined our congregation. We are very happy to have them. Nicole is the daughter of Randy and Kelly Womack.

Rachel is a sophomore at Ryan High, and the daughter of Raymond and Aundrea Pollan. We are very happy for Rachel and Nicole, and love them very much.

Any one passing through on Highway 81 or 82 please stop and visit and attend church with us.

In Christ,
Larry Pollan
Ringgold, TX

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear ones in Christ,

Not too much new news to report at this time.

Andy Orendorff (age 1) spent several days in the hospital with severe breathing problems. He is much better now.

Sis. Jeannean McSwane is still battling severe infection in her right knee area. She has a spacer instead of a knee, which means she is incapable of bending her leg. She is scheduled to have a new artificial knee put in after the middle of May.

Sis. Odessa Honorable is still suffering with arthritic pain.

Sis. Jeanne Boroff is still having a difficult time with severe hip pain and weakness. She is able to make it to services on occasion.

Sis. Tara Ross had abdominal surgery April 6th. She is now recovering at home.

Please keep these sisters in your prayers, as well as all of the others that need them, as well.

Sis. Mary Shepherd came by for a short time. We enjoyed seeing and visiting with her. She said 15 congregations were represented at the Yuma meeting, and how much she enjoyed being there.

Bro. Matt & Sis. Kelly Shepherd, & family were here at Easter time for services, potluck dinner, and fellowship with all who were able to stay.

One recent weekend, Bro. Terry Warford and daughter Kaylena rode along with Lynell Forsman to the Shepherds for the weekend. They then went down to the Springfield, OR congregation for worship Sunday morning. They had also heard of the passing of Sis. Shirley Severe a few days earlier. Terry had not seen Bro. Jim & Sis. Connie Bryant for over 30 years. So it was a real thrill to visit with them and the rest of the loved ones there as well.

In Christian love,

The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation

Yuma, AZ

Dear brothers and sisters,

Hope this message finds all well or healing. We are mostly doing well here. Sis. Iris Stewart has some great news concerning her treatment for cancer. Following her evaluation, her doctor told her that if he hadn't known she had cancer, he wouldn't believe she had cancer. It is my belief that prayer has all to do with these results.

Our meeting of March, 2005, has come and gone. It was a good meeting, attended by 15 congregations. Most plan to be back next year. It will be the same time, March 19th through the 26th. The weather was agreeable, and there was quite a lot of flowers yet on the desert. Everyone contributed so much to make it enjoyable.

Bro. Frank Ridlon bought acoustic tile for the kitchen ceiling and there was a large crew of installers. It does help muffle the noise.

The ladies did their usual great job preparing food and keeping everyone happy in that area. All that is left here are all the fond memories.

Sis. Joanne Boling fell on Friday evening and spent about four days in the hospital. She took a pretty hard bump to her head, rib cage, and shin. As of the last report, she is doing well.

Bro. Dennis Davis installed a speaker system in the church. It makes a big difference with all of us hard-of-hearing folks (and most of us are).

This is about all the news I can think of at this time. Let us all pray one for another and work hard in the service of the Lord.

Take good care.

The brothers and sisters of the church in Yuma, AZ

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Meetings

July 16-25, 2005	Beaver's Bend, OK	Camp Meeting
March 19-26, 2006	Yuma, AZ	Guest Speakers

Baptisms

Crystal Catron	Gleed, WA	March 2005
Eileen Thrush	Gleed, WA	March 2005
Tom Thrush	Gleed, WA	March 2005
Nicole Blansett	Ringgold, TX	February 27, 2005
Rachel Pollan	Ringgold, TX	February 27, 2005

Passings

Eddie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	March 15, 2005
Shirley Severe	Springfield, OR	March 2005

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Duane Bixler	Aztec, NM	Alzheimer's disease
Lectie Denny	Baron, OK	In nursing home
Bobbie Wilson	Baron, OK	Eye surgery
Darrell Wilson	Baron, OK	Pneumonia
Floyd Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Heart attack
Ray Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Health problems
Evelyn Lamb	Gleed, WA	Diabetes and heart attack
Dorothy Sage	Gleed, WA	Weak
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Pain
Joanne Boling	Lorenzo,TXZ	Recovering from fall
Stephen Perigen	Oakdale, CA	Fighting cancer
Jeanne Boroff	Sea-Tac, WA	Severe hip pain & weakness
Jeannean McSwane	Sea-Tac, WA	Knee replacement, infection, & arthritis
Odessa Honorable	Sea-Tac, WA	Arthritis pain
Tara Ross	Sea-Tac, WA	Abdominal surgery
Barbara Paseman	Springfield, OR	Fighting cancer
Vivian Baker	Waterford, CA	Fighting cancer
Kaye Guyer	Waterford, CA	Not doing good
Jean Orendorff	Yuma, AZ	Ill for some time
Iris Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Recovering from colon cancer