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ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

Matthew 24:15, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)"

This is a mystery, for in Daniel 12: 9,10, "And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."

Read I Corinthians 2:5-14, "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are

freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which mans wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Men of the world will not understand, but those who are spiritual will understand. The Holy Ghost teaches us to compare spiritual things with spiritual. (Verse 13)

In Matthew 23:38, Christ told those in Jerusalem, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."

In Daniel 8:11, his prayer was his sanctuary. That is, desolate. "Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down."

King Nebuchadnezzar had torn down Solomon's temple, completely destroying it and hauling away all of its riches and left the house of the Jews, desolate.

In I Kings 8:10, it was called the house of the Lord. "And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord," That is the place that was left desolate. Kin Herod, before Christ was born, started building another temple. This is the one that Christ was speaking of in Matthew. It was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70 the place was left with not one stone on another; left desolate.

Then, in AD 637, the followers of Mohammad built upon this, the Holy Place, a mosque that is what we see today in Jerusalem with its golden dome. This is the Abomination of Desolation also spoken of by Mark 13:14, as standing where it ought not. "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:" In Matthew it was called the Holy Place on that rock where the Temple of God built by Solomon stood.

In Daniel 11:31, "And arms shall stand on his part, and

they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, ***and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate."***

Again in Daniel 12:11, it is described as being set up, "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days."

In Hebrews 9:6-7, the priests would offer the daily sacrifice, but the High Priest went into the Holy place alone, once a year, to offer a sacrifice for himself and also for the sins of the people. "Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went alway into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:" This they are unable to do since AD 637 for the Abomination stands where the Temple stood on the Holy place. So, there is no way the Jews who profess to believe the Law of Moses can practice it.

Christ took away the old Jewish law and gave us something far greater. For our building to worship God in is not made with hands. Ours is a greater and more perfect tabernacle. Hebrews 9:11, "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;"

We are baptized into Christ, Galatians 3:26,27, "ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

We are baptized into His body, I Corinthians 12:13, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

That body becomes the Church, Ephesians 1:22-23, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."

The Church is the house of the Lord, I Timothy 3:15, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

If we are faithful, we are translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son. We are kings and Priests unto God. Revelation 1:6, "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Each of us rules over our own body, which is the Temple of God. I Corinthians 6:19, 20, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are Gods."

Each of our bodies becomes the Tabernacle of God, II Corinthians 5:1-4 "For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life."

In speaking of this Abomination, Daniel said that the King who built this mosque on the Holy Place was a follower of a strange god. Daniel 11:39 "Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain." For in the 38th verse, he honors a god of Forces. "But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. "

Today, his followers are still fighting the Jews, killing innocent men, women, and children with suicide bombings.

Doing all this while thinking that they will receive eternal life as a reward for killing and maiming school children!

The Jews are also fighting for the site of the Holy Place. Both are hating each other and killing the innocent as well as the guilty.

In Matthew 23:37, they stoned and killed the righteous, and even crucified the Son of God. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." So, their house is still left desolate and will continue to be until they confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

We know that the time of the end is near, for Daniel prophesied in Daniel 12:12, "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." Adding that to 637, we have the date of 1972, which brings us to the conclusion that we must be living in the end of time.

Remember that (I John 3:15) "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." And, we are to "follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14.

If we do not have charity, we are nothing.

Submitted in love,

Rex Mickey

PLEASANT VIEW, OKLAHOMA

Greetings to all, from Pleasant View Church of Christ:

Our granddaughter, Alesha Jackson, was baptized on August 10, 2003 by her grandpa, (George Morris). We also would like to say, that we enjoyed being at the Beavers Bend meeting with a wonderful group of Christians. We plan on being there next year, and hope and pray everyone had a good trip home.

We also have a grandson in the hospital with a swollen leg caused by a spider bite, a fiddle back. He has been very sick but is recovering slowly in Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, OK. He is not out of the hospital so please keep him in your prayers.

We hope that you all are well, and had a good summer.

With all our love and prayers to all.

George and Retha Morris

BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA

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
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FLORA VISTA, NEW MEXICO

Dear Brethren;

Our summer turned out to be hotter and drier than usual. However, in the latter part of August, we began to have thunderstorms and a little bit of rain. Lately, we have had some good rains, which were badly needed.

The church building in Aztec was hit by lightning one weekend, and knocked out the breaker box and lights, and spread a black dust all over. Their inconvenience turned out to be a blessing for us, as most of the members there came over and worshipped with us. It was truly a special day for us, as our building was full.

This last Sunday, we were blessed again, with the presence of Bill and Veda McCay and Al and Charlotte Burtis. We were also happy to have Dennis, Susie, and Willie Davis, and Bruce and Diane Cuming, who came up from Alpine, Arizona to be with us. Also Jo Johnson. So our building was full again.

We had a picnic after services and Frank and Doris Ridlon joined us for that. It is such a great comfort and blessing to worship God and visit with all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We have truly been blessed by God, and are very thankful.

We want to thank each of those who drove so far to come and worship with us. We pray that each of us may be ready, watching, and waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Written in love,
Rex and Tina Mickey

HARLINGEN, TEXAS

Dear Brethren in Christ;

On reading my letter, I hope you are all well, along with our esteemed brethren in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I comment that from July 28th to the 3rd of August, I traveled to preach in the area of Huasteca, Mexico between Catholic persons that during some time were studying the scriptures by means of study bibles (booklets and tracts) that I send by mail to many religious persons. This group of persons (approximately 10) has much interest in knowing the truth and 5 of these persons obeyed the gospel and were baptized, thus establishing a congregation in this area of Huasteca.

In this area of Mexico, and also in other regions we have many doors opened to preach the truth between evangelical and catholic religious people, but the principal problem is the necessary time to visit all these places.

I have confidence that in the next visit to this place, others will obey the gospel.

I want to express to you my gratitude for your collaboration and participation in the work of the Lord in Mexico and Central America. You are an important part in this work of the Lord to preach the pure gospel and to help others to find the salvation of their souls. God blesses them by this effort.

The month of July, I sent a report of the work in Guatemala and Honduras. I hope you have received that report and the photos of the new congregations. If you need some information, please writ me at my address.

I also comment that many brothers in Mexico are very poor and need used clothes. If you can send some clothes for children, and adult sizes small or medium, I thank you in the name of the Lord.

Your Brother in Christ,
Otto Alvarez

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Brethren;

We have been somewhat out of touch for a while but will try to remedy that. Our trip to the McCay reunion in Indiana and then on farther east was great. Al and Charlotte Burtis flew in to Portland and Veda and I picked them up there as planned. We left on Monday morning, August 11th, and Veda and I got home September 12th, after dropping Al and Charlotte off in Modesto. All in all, it was a great trip. We saw some beautiful country, (and some not so beautiful) but the best part of all was visiting with loved ones along the way. We were happy to meet with the brethren in Canton, Georgia, Duncanville, Texas, and Flora Vista, New Mexico. It is such a privilege to go about the country and know that we can meet together with Brethren of like precious faith. Our granddaughter Kim and her husband Jason Wintersteller met us in Rochester, Indiana for the McCay reunion and then we spent a couple of days with them before heading on East. It was great to visit with Skip and Pam Berry and family, along with Movelle Wilkerson and Steve Bedingfield with family and friends in Canton, Georgia. We also visited Charlotte's cousin, Howard and Karen Key while in the area.

It was great to be able to visit and worship with Dan and Mary Teague and the rest of the Brethren there in Duncanville, Texas. It is always such a pleasure to be with them.

We got to visit with Barbara Boen and her family in Van Buren, Arkansas but didn't have time to stay over and meet with the Brethren in Stilwell. Maybe next time, as we always enjoy being with them.

We were in Flora Vista, New Mexico for the next weekend and were pleasantly surprised when Bruce and Diane Cuming and Dennis, Susie, and Willie came up from Alpine, Arizona for the weekend. Veda and I spent the nights with Richard and Anna, and Al and Charlotte slept at Rex and Tina's. We had a good visit with the Brethren there, along with Jo Johnson and Frank and Doris

Ridlon who came over to visit. We had a potluck lunch in Anna's back yard Sunday afternoon. And then the bunch from Alpine talked us into coming down their way on our way back west. We followed them home and spent a delightful 2 days with them.

As you probably know by now, Al and Charlotte are such great traveling companions and it was so wonderful to be with them and to visit with so many along the way. The Lord is truly so good to us. Excepting for a couple of days, the weather was fantastic for the 9041 miles and 33 days that we were gone. Now it is back to the old grind and catching up with things here. These travels make such beautiful memories. It is a shame that so many Brethren can't seem to find the time to visit other congregations. It is so uplifting to our spirits and builds up our determination to press on to that goal of a Heavenly Home. Once again, we want to thank all of you along the way who made our trip such a wonderful experience!

Oh yes, Al drove all the way and I navigated. Charlotte and Veda kept the food coming.

On the home front, Sister Eva Roby is not doing very well. Her Parkinson's and broken hip really took its toll.

Jeanie finally got over her pneumonia and is back in her flower gardens. Her yard is beautiful.

Brady is settled in at Wenatchee community College and Brandon is now "Professor Brandon Lamb" as he is teaching a drama class at Central Washington University, while taking a drama class, working towards his Masters. Brady's baseball team took third place in the regional playoffs.

Kelly and Kate are almost settled in to their new (for them) home and Mike and Kay's house, being built in Selah, is coming along nicely with all the sheeting in place and the roofing about to start.

Please remember all the sick and hurting, as well as us, in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Bill McCay Sr.

Editors note: We just received word that Stephen Perigen, son of Mark and Tammy Perigen has been diagnosed with bone cancer in his knee. Please remember him especially in your prayers.

ALPINE / YUMA, ARIZONA

Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The summer is over and the year is now over for the Church meetings across the country. I mentioned in my last letter that it was a pleasure for my family and me to be able to attend several meetings this year. Our summer began in Stilwell, OK for a week of lessons from one of the finest teachers of Christ's Word, Brother J D Logan. We were then blessed with some well-devised and beautifully expressed sermons at the Broken Bow meeting there in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. We were able to attend the meeting in Port Orchard, Washington and were able to hear the Word of God preached by two brothers that I had never heard before; Brother Ken Williams and Brother Bob Farley and both did an excellent job. There were other meetings that we were unable to attend and that I personally would have loved to have been there to witness. The point that I would make here is that there are so many brothers, and sisters, out there that do such a great job in the service of God and spreading of His Word. It makes my heart proud to know that there will always be these learned men faithfully doing the job by following in the footsteps of Jesus and His apostles teaching this all important message of Christ. People from one side of this country to the other, always in contact with one another, sharing views, and discussing scriptures. People living different lives and life styles but performing the same function as Christians. It is great to see these faithful and likeminded people that will never let this carnal world interfere with the keeping of God's Word and teaching it to others. I have seen some rather large congregations and some very small, but all working toward the same goal. This fellowshipping and traveling

between congregations is what helps to keep our numbers from dying out. Our strength "must be" increased by this fellowshipping with others of Christ's Church. We can't live without others and still gain every possible bit of strength that God has to offer without fellowship with our brothers and sisters. The love we have to give is so much more meaningful when it's given in person. I know that it isn't always feasible or even possible to travel to all congregations, but the uplifting in spirit for me has always been worth the time. We know that Paul was always traveling to visit various congregations. His visits always seemed to be spiritually uplifting for him too. Paul visited Churches to make sure that false teachers hadn't infiltrated the Church or to solve problems that had arisen within congregations. Our authority isn't in the same category as Paul's was, but we should remain in touch with brothers and sisters to assure that other congregations don't falter and die. It would be truly a shame to lose one soul if it could have been salvaged.

I haven't been home in Yuma, AZ where we live since some time in June but I have been in contact with them. Everyone seems to be in reasonably good health. Our Sister Jean Orendorff recently fell and was injured but I'm told that she is back at Church. Sister Ruth Duncan is getting around better since her knee surgery. To those in Yuma, hello and we love and miss you and we will be home soon. Save us a place for Sunday morning October 5th.

Denny and Susie Davis
For the Yuma Congregation

GLENWOOD, WASHINGTON

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 Brother and Sister Gene McKinney's in

Yakima on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of June. We enjoyed two fishing trips with Gene and his nephew Rodger Lamb. We had a wonderful barbecue and home made ice cream on Saturday, with Rodger, Sharon, Kathy, and Jim Lamb, and Gene and Pat McKinney. We also met with them for Sunday morning and evening services.

Then secondly, we left on a long trip, stopping in Yakima June 28th to July 1st and staying with Richard and Monica Johnston.

J. D. started off the Yakima meeting by speaking twice on Sunday, and then on Monday and Tuesday. There were wonderful meals at the church building daily. We were sorry to have to leave on Wednesday morning, but we had to get to Stilwell, OK for J. D.'s meeting starting the next Sunday. While in Stilwell, we stayed with Gerald and Wilma Buckner July 6th to the 11th (very nice). We worshipped with the congregation there every night with J. D. speaking each night. We also had very good meals in the dining hall each day.

J. D. closed the meeting Friday night and the next day we caravanned to the Beaver's Bend camp meeting with the Buckner's of Stilwell, Jim and Jaetta Loftis of Lorenzo, TX, and Dennis, Susie, and Willie Davis of Yuma, AZ, arriving at the camp that afternoon. Many from different places were there for services, study, and all around fellowship. There were a lot of young people with a goodly number helping in the services daily.

The air conditioning didn't work the first Sunday morning so we moved outside for worship in the amphitheater. It was so very nice. It was also nice that J. D. didn't speak too long, as a thunderstorm came up and it started to rain just as we were being dismissed.

Again, wonderful meals were prepared and served daily and many nice trips planned for both meetings. We certainly enjoyed everyone and everything in our entire trip up to this point

Some came forward requesting prayer, so although there were no baptisms, we feel that much good was accomplished for the Lord's Body, as well as for us. It surely gave us an uplift and good memories.

Monday, July 21st, we left the camp, travelling from Broken Bow to Hugo OK, to visit with J. D.'s three cousins there. One is 93, one is 91, and one is 72. While we were there, we learned that J. D.'s only living brother was very ill. He is 80 years old and lives in Fontana, CA. We left Hugo and drove to Fontana, arriving there Wednesday evening. After seeing him, we left there late Thursday evening and headed for our son Lloyd's home in Stockton, CA where we spent the night. We left early Saturday morning for home, arriving there around 5 PM. We were tired, but glad to have made the long trip safely and to be home once again.

Before we were able to do much, we received word that J. D.'s brother had passed away on August 4th, so the following Saturday morning, our daughter Patricia Bergman and J. D. flew to Burbank, CA. Sunday, they along with Patricia's daughter, Christina Foundation, worshipped with the brethren in Bell-flower. It was so nice to see the loved ones there.

Monday at 9 AM, J. D. conducted his brother's funeral, which was very hard because he had never served his Maker as he should. With the services and memorial over, J. D. and Trisha flew home and the preparations really began for the Port Orchard-Sea-Tac meeting.

Now, at this point, the meeting is history. What a great meeting! There were too many visitors to list here but there were some from the following places: Oregon, Waterford, Ca, Yakima, WA, Seattle, WA, Selah, WA, Burlington, WA, Gig Harbor, WA, Tacoma, WA, Yuma, AZ, and Port Orchard, WA, plus many who were not members from these and other places. Brother Ken Williams and Brother Bob Farley both did excellent jobs. Best of all was the young men and boys who helped with the services and brought 3 good lessons. The angels in heaven are surely rejoicing over the birth of another child of God. Blake McKinney, the son of Brother John McKinney Jr. of Selah, was baptized last Sunday morning and right after his baptism, he read for Brother Bob Farley and did an excellent job.

Many thanks to All who came and All the help afforded us

by visitors and those in our own congregation. Without the help from these as well as the help of God, we could not have done this so successfully. With no kitchen or dining hall, we so appreciated all the help and donations. May 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 and see us anytime. Just call ahead to make sure that we are home. Since we are retired, we are not always at home.

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

August 29th, we traveled to Yakima, and spent the night with Gene and Pat McKinney, August 29th and 30th to help celebrate John McKinney's 60th birthday at the church building, with a barbecue outside.

August 31st, J. D. spoke at Selah. There was a very nice crowd and right after the services, Bob Farley baptized another young person into the lord's body. Jessica Ferris is the daughter of Gary and Shelly Ferris. What a wonderful scene again. After witnessing this rebirth, we and several others had lunch at a nice place and then traveled with Brother and Sister Farley, up to Bob's parent's cabin in the beautiful mountains; enjoying it with Wilfred and Marguerite Farley as host and hostess. It is a lovely place and we even had homemade ice cream. On Monday, Bob and Wilma took us on a wonderful sightseeing trip. A trip we will never forget. September 2nd, we came home over a very pretty pass, getting very close to Mount Rainier and 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 and J. D. Logan

EDITORS NOTE: We would like to hear from you if you are getting too many papers for your congregation, or not enough. We will send as many as you need, but don't want to send too many, as postage is a large expense for us. Thank you.

MEETINGS

Nov. 7-9, 2003	Broken Bow, OK	Guest Speakers
July 10-19-'04	Beavers Bend	Camp meeting

BAPTISMS

Alesha Jackson	Stilwell, OK
Blake McKinney	Selah, WA
Jessica Ferris	Selah, WA

BIRTHS

Kylie Rae Lene Warford, to Paul and Crystal Warford,

Stilwell, OK

DEATHS

Clarence Logan	Fontana, CA
Earl Johnston	Tacoma, WA