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YOUR WORK OF FAITH

1 Thess. 1:1-4, "*Paul and Silvanus, and Timotheus unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God, the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father. Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.*"

We notice here that Paul gives thanks to God for the church of the Thessalonians. He also remembers their work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope. Paul is pleased with the church of the Thessalonians. We can use the same word that they had and if we will do what the word says, the church will still be pleasing.

Paul says in 1 Cor. 11:1, "*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*" The things that are pleasing to Christ are pleasing to Paul. Therefore when Paul is pleased with the Church of Thessalonians, we can be sure, if we do the same things, Christ will also be pleased with us. In Matt. 3:16-17, "*And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.*"

It was after that righteousness was fulfilled that God said, "*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*". Reading verse 15, Jesus says, "*Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness.*"

Remember brethren: Without faith it is impossible to please God. (reprinted from *The Christian Courier*, October, 1984)

Homer Bryant,



News from Abroad

African Update October 15, 2013

The evangelist meeting in Kenya that was scheduled for August was postponed because of a death in Sadat's family. His sister's husband (they were just married in July) was killed in a car accident in August.

There was an evangelist meeting in Tanzania in the end of September and beginning of October to discuss some church issues. On Sunday October 6th, Brothers Sadat, Mabaya, and Peter worshiped at Ramadi, Tanzania, while Brothers Molel, Musa, Kimani, and Kachege, went to the Bitaraguru congregation and Brothers Peter Esa and Ibrahim Kisinza worshiped at the Bunda Town congregation.

Peter has been spending time in Dar es Salaam trying to get the church registered in Tanzania; Kenya and Uganda have already been registered.

There are orphans in many African countries. The governments in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda require religious groups to help in some humanitarian way, such as supporting an orphanage or taking care of the elderly. One good thing about Matundu, Kenya, having an orphanage, these children are attending church services and are prospective future church members.

Please consider their request for financial assistance to make this possible as this would satisfy the legal requirement in in Kenya. All three countries must have its own effort. We need an orphanage in Tanzania and Uganda, too and the help to sustain them!

Everyone was saddened about the passing of Brother Dickson on September 30th in Uganda. Sadat plans to go to Uganda to discuss some church issues with the brethren there.

Please, all of those working in East Africa need your prayers; and please keep the financial support going for them. There is limited personal revenue for travel expenses for church business and there are very few computers available for church business; a few people rent time at computer offices designed for public usage, but these are not found except in larger cities. Only a couple of people own a camera to be able to send pictures to us in the United States.

In Christian love,

Ellis Forsman

Lawanda Durham	Tiner, OK	Serious health issues
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's & stomach surgery
Bill McCay, Sr.	Yakima, WA	Recovering from Mini Strokes
Kay McCay	Yakima, WA	Knee surgery.
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer, diabetes, & Alzheimer's
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Lower back pain
Ruth Duncan	Yuma, AZ	Broken hip

And all those in nursing homes.

Baptisms

Janona Rutherford	Sept. 26	Carlsbad, NM
Dena Jenkins	Sept. 26	Carlsbad, NM
Billi Williams	Sept. 26	Carlsbad, NM
Brent Rutherford	Sept. 26	Carlsbad, NM
Shelby Jenkins	Sept. 26	Carlsbad, NM
Heithe Rutherford	Sept. 26	Carlsbad, NM
Mathue Rutherford	Sept. 26	Carlsbad, NM
Brycen Williams	Sept. 26	Carlsbad, NM

Deaths

Bro. Daniel Irvin Shirey	Aug. 25th, 2013	Gabelsville, PA
Sis. Rose Nettie Vandenbergh	Sept. 12th, 2013	Lexington, OK
Sis. Verta Moville "Mae" Wilkerson	Sept. 19th, 2013	Canton, GA
Bro. Willie "Gene" Barrett	Sept. 20th, 2013	Ft. Smith, AR
Sis. Beulah Mae Vanderpool	Sept. 30th, 2013	Fayetteville, AR
Bro. Ouma Dickson	Sept. 30th, 2013	Bubo, Uganda
Bro. James Fredrick Brown	Oct. 13th, 2013	Stilwell, OK

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BULLETIN BOARD

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Sue Bixler	Aztec, NM	Stroke(2), Heart Attack & Diabetes
Tina Mickey	Aztec, NM	Extreme Dizziness & blood clots
Nina Bixler	Aztec, NM	Esophagus repair, serious complications from surgery
Linda Wilson	Aztec, NM	Extreme anxiety
Jackie Brown	Baron, OK	Serious lung problems
Synda Swain	Bellflower, CA	Stroke, now in rehab
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
Margie Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Parkinson and Alzheimer's
Wayne Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Health issues
Pam Berry	Canton, GA	Severe headaches
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Lynn Iker	Duncan, OK	Heart surgery & financial need
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Fighting cancer (in remission)
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Diabetes & heart problems
Ola McKinney	Gleed WA	Tumor removal & age.
Ellen McCay	Glenwood, WA	Severe aching joints - age
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, & blood clots, falls
Fern Logan	Glenwood, WA	Recovering from Stroke
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & financial hardship
Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel & spinal problems
Robert Lane	Hillsboro, OR	Recovering from stroke
Eunice Jared	Hillsboro, OR	Bad fall
Gary Calhoun	Hillsboro, OR	Brain tumor
Wynetta McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Severe neck and back pain (undergoing treatment)
Jerry McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eye treatments for Macular Degeneration
Gene Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Broken ribs from fall
Angela Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Minor injuries from car Accident
Olene Howe	Lorenzo, TX	Removal of skin cancer on the right side of her face
Joseph Davis	Mesa, AZ	Thyroid surgery & radiation treatments
Bo Forsman	Pine Mountain, AR	Heart Attack — still recovering
Renee Seaton	Stilwell, OK	Blindness—auto accident related & eye surgery
Vickie Ferguson	Springdale, AR	Needs prayers of Strength
Nene Harper	Sacramento, CA	Broken knee cap (getting around with walker now)
Ken Harper	Sacramento, CA	Recovering from stroke and paralysis
Gerald Buckner	Stilwell, OK	Stage III Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Scheduled for heart surgery

Nandwa, Kenya

Brethren,

Happy to greet you once again in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

On September 21st the terrorist attacked the Westgate, the business premises in our capital city Nairobi, killing innocent citizens of this country. This is very bad news from this end. We are all aggrieved towards attack. The al-shabaab terrorists have claimed responsibility forthis unfortunate act.

We may ask again and again, "Why! Why!" They claim to have committed the act in the name of God. Do they believe in the same God as Christians? The answer is, God cannot be manufactured from the minds of those who are set on destroying their fellow man through violent means. God must not be shaped to fit man; man must be shaped to fit God.

Christians believe in a loving and merciful God who is just, and thus deals with man without respect of persons. His primary means is to encourage man to do right in His character of Love. For this reason the apostle John wrote, "God is Love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him (1st John 4:16). Religions, therefore, that justify that which is unloving simply cannot be founded on the revelation of a God of Love. The Bible is the only "Book" that contains the revelation of the God of Love.

We are now planning to meet and discuss the future ahead of us as far as the Lord's work here in Africa is concerned. Meanwhile we continue to communicate the news from Nakuru, Kakamega, Machakos and Busia.

From Barut Church of Christ

John Kombo Nandwa.

Matundu, Kenya

Dear brethren,

Ref. - Request for assistance to orphans and vulnerable children.

We the undersigned members of the church of Christ at Matundu, Kenya, kindly wish to request for assistance to the children as mentioned above. This congregation undertook the problem after carefully observing the situation of the children who belong to members of the church and others from the same community, i.e. how they were suffering. Some had lost their parents who died from HIV/AIDS. They are now living with their grandparents who are very old and the cannot afford to feed them, take them to school, buy them clothes, and take them to the Hospital when they get sick.

We started gathering them together, counseling and giving them some little food that the members of the congregation were able to bring. We do now contribute old clothes and take them to hospital when they are sick. We decided to grow some crops on a small piece of land contributed by a member of the church so that we can get enough food since the number of OVC's (orphaned & vulnerable children) is increasing from day to day.

At time moves on, we find the burden growing in large scale and that's why we are looking for well-wishers, particularly from the members of the Lord's church to help where they are able

We currently have 27 children in our care ranging in ages from 4 to 13.

Matundu Church of Christ

P.O BOX 731

Kakamega, Kenya

[Note] Brethren,

When I was visiting this congregation in Matundu, Kenya, several months ago, Sadat and I stayed at a guest house in Kakamega. One morning, as I stood in front of a shop waiting for Sadat to appear with a couple of motorcycle taxis to take us to the church at Matundu, two young boys approached me, speaking in Swahili. I did not understand what they were saying to me, but I assumed they were on the street begging (I saw this a lot). As I had been instructed, I scolded them for this, but they did not understand English. Tears started coming down their face; they knew they were being scolded, but didn't understand why. A woman from the shop behind me came out and wanted to know what was going on. I explained to her that I scolded them for begging, but they didn't understand me. She questioned the two boys, then said to me, "They weren't begging, they wanted a home like other children." She said, "I know these two boys; their parents are dead and they live on the street, but they are good boys. They are not like other children on the street who rob others to exist, they come to me and I see that they get fed, but I have no room for them to stay, so they sleep on the street." With tears in my own eyes, I put my arms around them and asked their ages (the woman translated). These two boys were brothers, ages 10 and 9. They watch out for each other, but all they wanted was a home!!

After church services in Matundu, I told them about these two boys. One of the men said he would try to find them. One month later, I revisited this congregation and found they had started an orphanage and had 27 children in it. One brother went to Kakamega and tried finding these two boys, but was unsuccessful on this first trip. The woman at the shop had that day off, so he couldn't ask her where he could find them. He told me he planned to go back and try again.

There are orphans in many African countries. The governments in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda require religious groups to help in some humanitarian way, such as supporting an orphanage or taking care of the elderly. One good thing about Matundu, Kenya, having an orphanage, these children are attending church services and are prospective future church members.

Please consider their request for financial assistance to make this possible as this would satisfy the legal requirement in in Kenya. All three countries must have its own effort. We need two more orphanages and help to sustain them!

Your brother in Christ, Ellis Forsman

Donation information:

Remember, a bank account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for your support (Account number 8891458054). Checks can be made out to "African Mission" (the bank's name designation for this project of working with groups of people in Africa for account purposes) and sent to % Ellis Forsman, 6718 Santa Fe Dr., Lubbock, TX, 79407, or deposited directly at your nearest Wells Fargo Bank.

other descendants, including1 brother; 1 sister; 30 grandchildren; and a host of great and great-great grandchildren; as well as other relatives, friends, and loved ones.

"Your life may be the only Bible some will ever read" was on his 90th birthday cake. This saying so aptly summed up his life. He believed it and he lived it.

Bro. Jim began working in his early years in the fields raising and picking berries, beans and other crops after attending Agricultural school. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy stationed in Guam. He worked for many years before retiring from the Campbell Soup Company in Arkansas, later he went to work for Baldor Electric in Westville, OK and retired from there also. After that retirement, he received training in Tahlequah at Bill Willis in May 1986 for Small Engine Repair. He worked and retired three times from three different jobs.

At the age of 80, he received his high school diploma some 60 years after leaving school early to serve in the war.

He devoted his life to his faith and teachings as a preacher of the Baron Church of Christ, in Baron, Oklahoma, where he loved his church family. He loved to travel and hold revival meetings in churches throughout the United States; visit with church members and friends in fellowship and take part in gospel singings. He preached the Sunday previous to his death. What a faithful legacy he leaves us.

Funeral service was on Thursday, October 17, 2013 with Bro. Jack Warford and Bro. Doyle Wilson officiating.

"*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away*." Revelation 21:4

Survivors are dear wife Patsy, 1 daughter and 3 sons and their spouses, 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 3 nieces, 1 nephew, and other relatives and friends

Sister Beulah Mae Vanderpool

Sis. Beulah Mae Vanderpool, 83, of Goshen, Arkansas, passed away September 30, 2013 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born July 3, 1930. She was a faithful member of the Goshen Church of Christ. She was the widow of Bro. James Olen Vanderpool who had passed away in 2004.

Survivors include: one son, three daughters & spouses, two brothers, five sisters, seven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

It was said of Sis. Beulah that she was a beautiful, kind, gentle soul, and her giggle was precious, and more importantly, that she was a faithful Christian who was greatly beloved..

Funeral services were held at October 3 near Hindsville, Arkansas.

Brother Ouma Dickson



Bro. Dickson passed away on Sunday, September 30th; he was born on April 23rd, 1964. He was 49 years of age. His first wife died in 1994 and he married Anna in 2000. He left Anna with four children: one daughter and three sons ages as follows 12, 9, 7, and 5 years

Bro. Dickson became a Christian in 1993 in the Church of Christ many cups. In 2011, after Bro. Boas Agutu came to east Uganda, he became a member of Church of Christ which partakes of the Lord's supper with one cup and he has been a faithful member of the church as well as a gospel preacher who has been riding a bicycle about 17 km (10 ½ miles) from his home to the congregation were he preached - Bubo Church of Christ

His work, besides preaching, was farming, usually growing crops for his home consumption and sometimes helping the church with his crops

He has suffered with sickness from time to time with malaria, TB, and other sicknesses. We took him for medical testing and found that he had many viruses.

[Editor's Note: I met Bro. Dickson in 2011 when I first went to Uganda. I found him to be a very dedicated Christian leader who wanted to be positive he was leading his congregation in the truth. He often spent time in my room discussing the scriptures when he traveled with me through portions of Kenya. Bro. Dickson was our primary leader when we scheduled our meetings in Uganda. It is true that he rode his bicycle from his home to the congregation he supported, even enduring his sickness because he cared for them greatly. Bro. Dickson will be greatly missed & rewarded for his work. Ellis Forsman]

Brother James Fredrick Brown



James Frederick Brown was born on January 29, 1923 in Stilwell, OK and departed this life on October 13, 2013 in Stilwell, OK., at the age of 90.

He was survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Sis. Ruby Naomi Brown; and 11 children and their spouses; and about 100

Harlingen, TX

Dear brethren in Christ,

We wish that all of you brethren are well.

We thank you for your support of the evangelists in Mexico and Central America and we express our gratefulness in the name of the Lord for your effort by participation in this work of evangelization.

I comment that during this month (September) some brothers in Mexico have been affected by the rains and hurricanes, but thanks to the Lord all are well.

The new congregation in Southern Mexico (Chiapas) is meeting 3 times each week to study the scriptures and continue evangelizing in those areas.

The brothers in Guatemala report that the churches there continue working in the evangelization and edification and each day have studies with new people.

The evangelists in Colombia inform that new brethren continue firm in the truth and the meeting of the churches have new people that listen to the gospel. The brethren in Colombia need new songs books and Bibles. We are sending in this month sufficient Bible Study books and CD's for the people that are interested of listening to the scriptures.

In Brownsville, TX, we baptized a person and we have another person that is studying the scriptures.

We plan to work during the first week of October with the brethren in Fernandez City and Rio Verde, Mexico.

Again, we give thanks in the name of the Lord for your important help to extend the gospel of Christ and to save many people (Eph. 3:10, Matt. 28:19-20).

I am sending a photo of a baptism and a study meeting.

Your brother in Christ,

Otto and Mariela Alvarez



Cards and Letters

Carlsbad, NM

We received word of a new congregation at Carlsbad, NM. The following (4 males, 4 females) were baptized on September 26th: Janona Rutherford, Dena Jenkins, Billi Williams, Brent Rutherford, Shelby Jenkins, Heithe Rutherford, Mathue Rutherford, and Brycen Williams. All were baptized by Frank Chadwick with the exception of Mathue Rutherford who was baptized by Brent Rutherford. Congratulations and a hearty welcome to the our new brothers and sisters!

Springdale, AR

Greetings to all Christian brothers and sisters! It has been a long time since we are writing to The Christian Courier. It has been very hot this summer in Springdale, Arkansas. We are all doing ok. We give all the glory and honor and praises to God. We hope every body is doing alright. As the last few true Christians let us hang in there and pray that we grow in faith and in numbers. When Jesus asked the twelve, "Will you also go away"? Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life".

As per the state laws, recently we incorporated this location with State of Arkansas as 'Springdale Area Church Of Christ' as of July 22nd of 2013.

As you all know we were meeting on Sundays at my house in Springdale nearly the four years. For a while we have been looking for another place to meet. But because of lack of funding, we could not afford to rent a place anywhere in the city. In my experience when we invite someone to come to church, they hesitate to come to someone's house for worship services. Most people still think a church is a building. They forget a church is an assembly. As we have been praying for a long time, the good Lord smiled upon us. Now we found a room (it is not us but the Lord) at a local Community Center called The Jones Center for Families where we meet for Sunday Services. Our mailing address is still unchanged.

We invite everyone to come and visit us. As for as lodging everyone is welcome at my house. If anyone wants to visit us call us at (479) 789-5878 (Paul Andrews) or (479) 756-9521 (Subir and Pamela Sen).

With Christian love,

Springdale Area Church Of Christ

Lorenzo, TX

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Most everyone at Lorenzo, TX, is doing well; with only a few problems and/or the usual seasonal sore throats, etc. Bro. Jerry McCay is still having to undergo shots in his right eye for macular degeneration. Bro. Gene Boling recently fell and broke a couple of ribs. Sis. Angela Boling received minor injuries in an automobile accident; Bro. Gene was in the car with her. The car was totaled but all are doing well at time.

Sis. Olene Howe had a long cancerous growth removed from the right side of her face. They believe they got it all, now she has 25 stitches.

We received word that Sis. Jessica Chastain of Stilwell, OK, is scheduled for heart surgery on October 25th.

The following brothers and sisters traveled to Pennsylvania to meet and visit with a congregation there: Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay, Bro. Gene & Sis. Joan Boling and their daughter Sis. Angela Boling, Bro. Richard & Sis. Monica Johnston. They expect their trip will take about 3 weeks.

Bro. Corey Hatter moved back to Lubbock, TX, where he is teaching school and coaching.

Sister Rose Nettie Vandenbergh



Rose Nettie Vandenbergh was born September 24, 1946, in Mt. Vernon, KY, and departed this life on September 12, 2013, in Lexington, OK, at almost 68 years.

Rose enjoyed gardening, whether it was her flowers, which she loved, or her vegetable garden. She always took the time to be in the garden working. She loved canning and enjoyed preserving the harvest that her hard work had provided to feed her family throughout the year. She enjoyed going to yard sales and was kind of a yard sale queen because she could always find the best deals. Rose enjoyed fishing and spending time outside. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. Rose touched many lives and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Rosie was a long-time member of Christ's body, faithfully serving her Lord.

She is survived by a loving family which includes her husband John, 3 children & their spouses, 2 brothers (including her twin brother Russell Morris who described her as the other half of himself.), 1 sister, 10 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren, plus many nieces, nephews, friends, and other family members.



Sister Verta Movelle "Mae" Wilkerson

Long time Cedaredge resident Verta Movelle (Mae) Wilkerson passed away Sept 19, 2013, at 92 years of age in Canton, GA. Mae, as she was known, was born on Sept 16, 192, and she grew up in Yuma, AZ. She was baptized in the Yuma Canal. Mae married James (Bud) Edward Wilkerson in 1940. The family moved to Cedaredge, CO, in 1957. Mae was a long-time member of the Happy Hollow Church of Christ in Cedaredge. She loved to quilt, crochet, sew, travel, play games, and being around her family and friends.

She is survived by 3 sons and, 1 daughter & their spouses, 11 grandchildren & their spouses, and 22 great-grandchildren, all of whom were precious to Movelle.

Sis. Movelle along with her husband Bro. Bud, and brother-in-law Ken Baldwin, and sister Verlie Baldwin were instrumental in starting the Delta Family Camp Meeting on the Grand Mesa near Delta, CO, in 1964. This lasted for many years and was responsible for changing the dynamics of Christ's church all over the United States. Bonds were formed and relationships (including several marriages) that are still enduring are the direct result of the effort put forth by these four faithful Christians. Many, many lives have been impacted by this beautiful Christian lady.

Brother Willie "Gene" Barrett



Bro. Willie "Gene" Barrett was born. October 25, 1943, in Sallisaw, OK. He married Patsy Brown in 1963. He was a faithful member of the Baron Church of Christ. Mr. Barrett passed from this life on September 20, 2013, in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, at the age of 69 years.

Editor's Note:

Our hearts are sorely grieved at the loss of 4 dear brothers and 3 sisters. In a very short period of time the sense of so much loss is overwhelming and hard to comprehend, yet we as Christians know this is the end for each of us in our time according to God's will. These are ranging in age from 49 to 92 years. We are reminded that we never know the end of our days and we need to remember to live our lives as if each day is to be the last. James 4:14, "*Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*" We are also comforted in knowing that each of these dear ones knew like Paul as in 2 Tim. 4:7-8, "*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*"

If we, like these dear ones, are faithful to the end, we too will be similarly blessed. As John promised in Rev. 14:13, "*And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*" Finally, we are comforted as found in 1 Thess. 4:13-18, "*But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*"

Our love and prayers for comfort go out to all the loved ones of these that are now gone from our

In Loving Memory Of The Following:

Brother Daniel Irvin Shirey



Daniel Irvin Shirey of Amity Township, PA, died on August 25th at the age of 84 years following injuries sustained when a vehicle hit him as he was working alongside a road on his property on the 23rd. He was the husband of Mary Ruth (Cyphers) Shirey, with whom he shared 55 years of marriage.

Bro. Shirey was a third generation farmer; he was a partner in Shirey Brothers Orchards where he grew apples, peaches, pears, and sweet corn.

He was an avid small game and deer hunter. Bro. Shirey was an active life-long member of the Church of Christ in Gabelsville, PA.

His survivors include his wife, 1 brother, 7 sons & spouses, 13 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

We had a visit from Sis. Aimee Stisher. She was in the process of moving from Yakima, WA, to McCalla, AL.

Sis. Teri Sue Warford from the Glenwood\, WA, congregation is here visiting. She plans to return home in a few days.

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman & Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay went to the meeting at Stilwell, OK; Bro. Stanley Goodwin was the guest speaker. On the way there and back they visited Sis. Rosie Vandenbergh at the hospital in Oklahoma City before she passed away. Rosie is the twin sister of Bro. Russell Morris.

Sis. Becky Forsman went to Albuquerque, NM, for a couple of weeks to help her daughter Kamie & family move from Amarillo, TX.

Bro. Larry Wood is spending a few days in Washington State visiting with family and fishing.

We are in process of remodeling the front porch of the church building. The entry way was bricked in with quarry rock and the portico cover is framed in, but not yet finished.

The weather has turned much colder lately and we have had a considerable amount of rain. There is concern about the condition of the cotton crops because of the rain when harvest is so near.

In Christian love, the Lorenzo, TX, congregation

Pleasant View, Stilwell, OK

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Things around here have been torn up with the passing of our Sister Rosie Vandenburgh. We were all in unbelief; it was so fast. The Lord has a better plan, Rose.

Bro. Gerald Buckner is recovering slowly, but he's showing strength and vigilance. He gave a lesson Sunday and his strength was showing.

Sis. Nettie is getting along very well with her children's help. That shows the dedication of a Christian family's duty.

The pear tree in our yard was over-bearing and we passed out buckets after services and still had a lot left.

We have a dinner the 1st Sunday of every month, and we all look forward to the meal and the sharing of each other.

Tina Dale's daughter had a granddaughter. The mom and baby girl are doing fine.

I'm still fighting Parkinson's and Rheumatoid Arthritis that plague my life and body. But the Lord has plans that are not always what we expect.

Sis. Jessica Chastain is having heart surgery the 25th of October. It's good to keep her in all our prayers. She's a precious lady and sister in Christ.

Also, Bro. Gene Barrett lost his fight for this life; his funeral was September 23rd after Rosie's on September 14th. Our prayers go out to all the families that have lost loved ones around this country.

It's hard to give thanks to everyone that's helped in the food, etc., so just a hug. It's so appreciated.

Enclosed is an article that you may consider putting in the paper. [Because of it's length we will consider using it in a future issue of *The Courier* — Editor]. It's a heart-breaking subject, but needs to be brought for consideration.

Thanks from the Pleasant View congregation in Stilwell, OK







Above, Study meeting; above right, Baptism in Brownsville, TX.

Below, Congregation at Matundu, Kenya. Since this picture they have started an orphanage that numbers at least 30 children more.



The pictures to the right are from services at Ramadi, Tanzania; Top, Sadat leading singing (also spoke that Sunday; The person on the left of the bottom picture is Peter Boaz.

Note: they got the poles and we provided the tarps so they can get out of the weather during services.





