

Alexander Campbell makes it clear

In his book “The Christian System” the chapter entitled “Breaking the Loaf” in proposition 5, and I quote,

“We have said that the loaf must be broken before the saints partake of it. Jesus took a loaf from the paschal table and broke it before he gave it to his disciples. They received a broken loaf emblematic of his body once whole, but by his own consent broken for his disciples. In eating it we then remember that the Lord's body was by his own consent broken or wounded for us. Therefore he that gives thanks for the loaf should break it not as the representative of the Lord but after his example; and after

the disciples have partaken of this loaf, handing it one to another, or while they are partaking of it, the disciple who brake it partakes with them of the broken loaf: thus they have all communion with the Lord and with one another in eating the broken loaf. And thus they as priests feast upon his sacrifice. For the priest ate of the sacrifices and were thus partakers of the altar."

Under proposition 7 very near to the end of this chapter only 2 pages or maybe 2-1/2 from the back he stated this.

"But much depends upon the MANNER of celebrating the supper as well as upon the frequency."

About a page and a half later he makes this very specific quote

Thus having spoken he took a small loaf from the table, and in one or two periods gave thanks for it. After thanksgiving, he raised it in his hand and significantly break it, and handed it to the disciples on each side of him, who passed the broken loaf from one to another, until they all partook of it."

This definitely shows the **MANNER** of the breaking, it was significant, and it was in two pieces because he took a piece and handed it to the servers on each side of him. How could you hand something on each side of you if there were not two pieces? He also states that they passed the broken loaf from one to another. How could you pass a broken loaf if there was only one piece?

In Christian Love, Bro. Paul Warford

(from my booklet, Inventions of Man - ask me for a copy!)

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Notes & Letters

I hope all is well there in Oklahoma with you. Thank you for your continued efforts in printing the Christian Courier every month. I look forward to it coming out each month.

I thought I'd share our recent trip to Harlingen, TX. Brother Otto Alvarez continues in his labors in Central America and has no plans for stopping his work, on his own.

My brother Mike, and I had the privilege of meeting up with Brother Otto Alvarez and his wife, Mariela, last week in Harlingen, Texas. It was good to see them and to hear about the work they continue to do in Mexico and Central America. He has no plans on stopping the evangelical work he is doing, as long as the Lord allows. He said he and his wife have dedicated whatever time he has left on the Earth to furthering the Gospel and to strengthening the churches. He continues to work with Spanish-speaking congregations here in the US as well.

He asked for our continued financial support as it has become more costly to travel and to keep the schedule he needs. The pressure from other denominations and churches is constant on the brethren down there and requires the work of Brother Otto and the evangelists that have dedicated and set time aside every month to preach and teach the Gospel. Their work is paying off as the number of faithful churches continues to grow.

As always, Brother Otto encourages people to come with him on his travels to help in the work of the Lord and to see firsthand the need. He also mentions that the support that we give makes us a participant in the work being done. The need is there, and the workers are doing the best they can. They need our prayers and support so they can continue the Lord's Work.

In Love of the Truth,

Gerald Brockman

Thanks seem so small for what I received on Oct 15th! God bless everyone who came to my 98th birthday party! Thanks for the cards, flowers, gifts and love. Friendship most of all. Who did this for me? My beautiful daughter Anna! Thank you so much for surprising me! You really did! God still holds this world together as we travel to eternity. God help us all.

Sister in Christ, Tina Mickey

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Mom wanted the above info posted in the Courier! She wanted to thank everyone who came to her 98th birthday celebration!

Love to you always, Anna

Enclosed is a check to pay for the paper copies of The Christian Courier for our members and the postage associated with them. Please use any overage toward the other expenses of The Christian Courier.

May God bless

Andy Barnes on behalf of the Randlett congregation

News from Abroad

Dear brothers:

I greet you cordially in the name of the CHRIST hoping that when this letter arrives you may be enjoying good health.

I have desire to have communication with yours; please answer this letter.

I inform that during this month of September we had several activities. In the church of Padilla Mex had biblical studies (Friday to Sunday) and several people began to meet to study the gospel and the members continue very encourage making the evangelization work.

In the church in San Luis (district of the angeles) we also meet during 3 days (Friday - Sunday) to study and to make the evangelization work. This church has accepted the responsibility of evangelization and several people interested in the gospel.

Also the brothers in the church in Matamoros continue making the evangelization work in the streets the days Thursday of every week... In these cities on the frontier with it USA it is very dangerous to go preach in some areas but the brothers make the effort and they will preach in these areas and assist some peoples in study.

The brothers in church of River Green are working every week to the brothers in Cardenas City because in this congregation there are not brothers so that they preach.

Yours in Christ,

Otto and Mariela
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3814 64th Drive
Lubbock, TX 79413

BROTHER & SISTERS,

WE GREET YOU IN THE MIGHTY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE HAVE BEEN GOING IN DIFFERENT PLACES KNOCKING DOORS AND TEACHING THE LOST SOULS. WE DO THIS BY YOUR HELP AND SACRIFICE THAT MAKE US TO GO AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS THAT STRENGTHENING US DAILY. THIS MAKES US TO BE STRONG AND NOT DISCOURAGED.

THE BRETHREN HERE ARE THANKFUL FOR WHAT THE BODY OF CHRIST IS DOING IN MAKING SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY IS REACHED WITH THE WORD. ROMANS 10:14-15,

14How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15And how shall they preach, except they be sent?

THE PASSAGE IS TALKING ABOUT THE MEANS TO GO TO THE LOST. YES, WE CAN WALK BUT WHAT IF THEY ARE FAR OFF? THERE MUST BE TRANSPORT-TATION TO GET US THERE. THIS IS WHAT WE ALL DO AS THE BODY OF THE LORD.

THROUGH ALL THE EFFORTS WE DO, BOTH YOU AND US TWO SOULS OBEYED THE GOSPEL LAST WEDNESDAY. BROTHER, OTHMAN AND HIS WIFE HADIJA CAME FROM MUSLIM BACKGROUND. IN COUPLE OF WEEKS WE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH THEM FOR STUDY.

THANKS TO THE OAKDALE CONGREGATION, WE RECEIVED MONEY FOR BIBLES THROUGH BROTHER GERALD. THIS ADDED TOOLS AND EFFORT IN DOING EVANGELISM. MANY THIRST FOR THE WORD OF GOD BUT THEY DON'T HAVE IT AND SO WHEN THEY READ FOR THEMSELVES THEY UNDERSTAND IT BETTER

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND AMBITION OF HELPING THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY TO REACH ABOUT CHRIST AND HIS WILL.

PRAY FOR US AS WE DO THE SAME TO YOU.

YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST, SADAT.

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Does your congregation have an upcoming gospel meeting?

PLEASE let us know so we can announce it in future issues!

If not, why not???



Voices from the Past

Gospel News Courier, April 1964

LETTERS, NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SISTER JAETTA LOFTIS, Gen. Del., Seymour, Texas, Mar. 9, 1964.—It seems to fall my lot to do the writing for the church here at Seymour, as everyone else has a job. We have our new building about completed now, and we have met in it the past two Lord's days. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for their help and very much appreciated contributions. We are very proud of the building, and we pray the Lord will be pleased with our efforts. This past week-end we had a grand celebration on the occasion of the opening of the new building. We had preaching Saturday night and three services Lord's day, with lunch spread at the church building. Bro. Jack White did the preaching Saturday night, and we had Bro. Francis for two services Lord's day, then Jack again on Lord's day night. The lessons were very strengthening and encouraging to us all. Bro. Howard Taylor of Loco, Oklahoma was with us Lord's day a week ago March 1st and gave us a very good lesson. We had Bro. J. D. Studer to come back to the church, which accounted for much rejoicing. He has been a member many years, and is a very able teacher. I would like to make mention of all the visitors we had at our services this past week-end the 7th and 8th. Coming the greatest distance was Bro. Sammy Boen, and Sister Barbara and two sons from Ft. Smith, Arkansas; Bro. and Sister Francis, Mangum, Oklahoma; Bro. Howard Taylor and family, and Bro. Harold Don Taylor and family from Loco, Oklahoma; Bro. Earl Howe and family, Ralls, Texas; Bro. S. J. Wallace and family, their married daughters Mary Lightfoot and Shirley Ann Wise, and Bro. and Sister Jack Scott, all from Abilene, Texas; Bro. Jack White and family from Munday, Texas; Bro. and Sister Ray Bishop, and Bro. and Sister Ed Tate of New Castle, Texas. There were many visitors from here in Seymour. I believe there was 62 for the Lord's day morning service. We certainly appreciated every ones presence and enjoyed their company and fellowship very much. Please put Toodler Godwin, Ben Dixon, J. D. Studer, all of Seymour, Texas on your mailing list. The church here would like to send this small contribution to help out with the paper. I have been passing my copy around after we read it. They all enjoy it very much.



Milk of the Word

Remember in Prayer

God loves us and desires to have a relationship with each of us, and an important part of any relationship is communication. God has given us the ability to pray as a means for us to communicate with him.

Prayer is giving our attention to God. Prayer is like a child's conversation with their dad. It is natural for a child to ask their Dad for the things they need, or to ask for advice or guidance.

Through prayer, we can praise God, ask for forgiveness, thank God for all he's done, and let our requests be made known to him. Prayer allows us to let GOD know our innermost thoughts and desires.

It's common to pray before a meal and pray before bedtime. But, we can pray anytime to our Father in heaven. There are even times that we want to pray but it may be hard to find the words. One way we can remember how to pray is to use our five fingers to remind us of things we want to pray for.

Each finger on our hand can represent things that we want to remember to pray for. Our hands and fingers are always right there with us so we can always remember how to pray when we forget.

Jesus tells us in the book of Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them, and ye shall have them."*

We can pray with our eyes open or closed, whether our hands are folded or open, and whether our heads are up or down. These are all things we do out of respect for God and those around us, but we can most certainly pray whenever, wherever, and however works best for us.

THUMB

Pray for those closest to you, closest to your heart, your loved ones.

COLOSSIANS 4:2

When the hands are folded to pray, the thumb is the closest finger to us and our hearts. "Those closest to you" can be your parents, siblings, grandparents, classmates/friends, or the first person who comes to your mind. Pray for them first; they are the easiest ones to remember! We can begin our prayer by thanking God for these people.

POINTER FINGER

Pray for those who instruct/ teach you, the people who point the way.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:25

Just like our teachers and instructors use their pointer finger to show us things, we should use that same finger to remember to pray for them! Teaching is a big job, and the Bible tells us that they are judged more strictly as they are given more responsibility in this world. It is no easy job to teach people, so our

teachers and instructors need all the prayer they can get. Use this time to pray for preachers, teachers, and anyone who helps to educate, train, or teach them. Paul, as a teacher, writes to the people of Thessalonica, asking them to pray for him at the end of chapter 5 in 1 Thessalonians. Whoever is teaching you things in and throughout your life, pray for them.

TALLEST FINGER
Pray for those who stand tall for us and lead us.
1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

The tallest finger reminds us to pray for those who stand tall for us. This could be our presidents or our leaders in life, such as the police, military, or government leaders too. This could also refer to our supervisors or bosses at our jobs. In the book of 1 Timothy, Paul is writing to Timothy and giving him instruction on how to do the important work that he is doing. Chapter 2, Paul writes to pray for "kings and all those in authority…".

RING FINGER
Pray for those who are weak or in pain.
JAMES 5:15

The ring finger is known to be the weakest finger. Try to open a drawer handle with it, and it will be noticeably weaker than all the other fingers. This finger should us to pray for those we know who are sick, hurt, in trouble. As James, the brother of Jesus writes in his book in the Bible, James, chapter 5, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick," Having the faith that if our prayers are offered in faith can make a sick person well, is truly life-changing. It is important to understand that prayers are important and that they mean something to God. He wants us to believe that He can heal and change all of us, no matter what situation we are in.

LITTLE FINGER
Pray for ourselves.
PHILIPPIANS 4:6

The last and smallest finger of the Five Finger Prayer should remind us that we need to pray for ourselves too. We should be placing ourselves last before God and His greatness and others and their needs. After praying for everyone else before yourself, we should take a moment to recognize the good things we have and give thanks for those things. Paul writes a great and very well-known verse to the people of Philippi in the book in the Bible called Philippians. In Philippians 4:6, he says "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

We should pray about what is worrying us and what is on our hearts and give it to God, for He is in complete control.

Just like talking to your parents, God wants to hear from you. It doesn't matter if you are 3 or 100 years old, we are all God's children and he wants to hear from us.

Submitted by
Robert & Christina Fuson
Pleasant View, Stilwell, OK



Thought for the Month

The world celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in December. Does the thought of His birth even cross our mind at all? Are we thankful for him in prayer? Shouldn't the consideration of time in prayer be paramount during this hectic, chaotic, present giving season? Sadly, for some of us, including myself, prayer takes a back seat to other, seemingly more important, tasks and duties.

Please join me in being more mindful and diligent to put Jesus back in the front seat where He belongs! And tell Him 'Thank You' for his sacrifice!

Love & blessings
Jesse Warford

Anyone interested in publishing their Sunday Lessons here in the Christian Courier, please mail them to:

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We could sure use the help!!!



Congregation of the Month

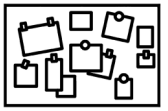


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Bulletin Board

Those in need of our prayers

Jon Rawlins	Ottawa, Canada	Needs heart transplant
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Wilkister Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Malaria
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Vicki Camp Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Carolyn Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Back pain
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Ilene Thrush	Gleed, WA	Several strokes & heart issues
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Lupus, recent loss of husband
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Parkinson's disease
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Fred Cummings	Yuma, AZ	Congestive heart failure
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues
Tom Core	Gleed, WA	Recovering from heart surgery
Jason Christianson	Gleed, WA	Healing from surgery
Hailey Christianson	Gleed, WA	Shoulder surgery Aug 10th

Gospel Meetings

Weekend Meeting	Broken Bow, OK	Postponed	TBA
Yuma Meeting	Yuma, AZ	Mar 10-17 '24	Assorted



Gospel Meeting

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March 10-17, 2024

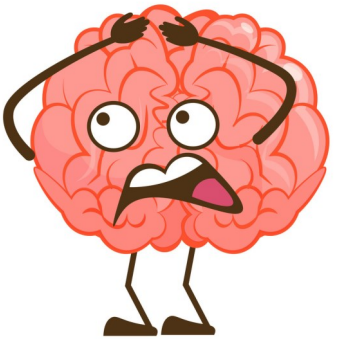
A Great-Big Shout-Out!

To our contributors this month!
Thank you very much!

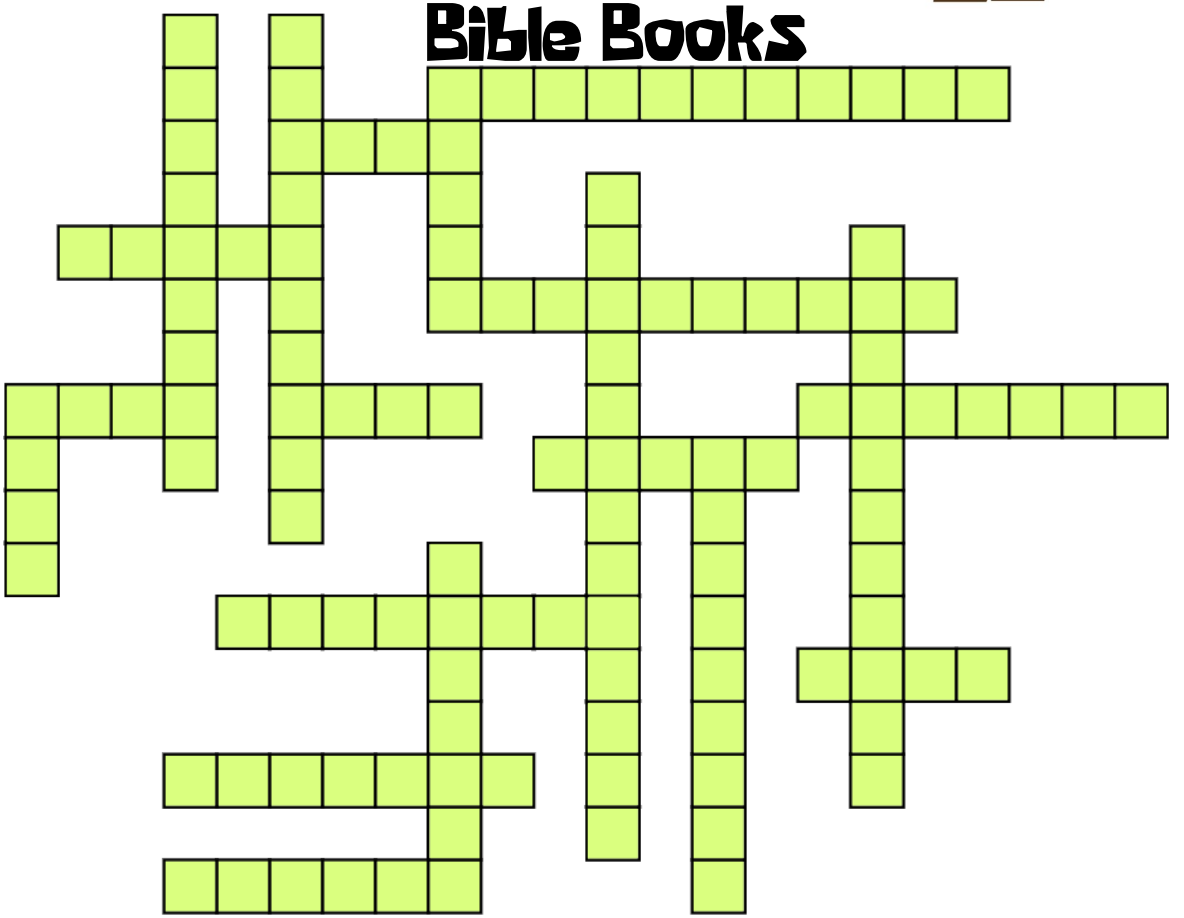
Roy Wright
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Aztec, NM

Pls remember the other congregations would love to hear how you're doing! Please write in and tell us how you're doing!

Brain Bruising BLIND Crossword Puzzle



Bible Books



Matthew	Romans	Colossians	Hebrews
Mark	Corinthians	Thessalonians	James
Luke	Galatians	Timothy	Peter
John	Ephesians	Titus	Jude
Acts	Philippians	Philemon	Revelation