LITTLE LOVE LETTER

(EARLY MAY I, 1973)

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CORRECTION

I MUST MAKE A CORRECTION; no, no one asked me of it to do so, but I want to live with my conscience a little bit longer, and with God's good grace, maybe a blessing to you. I can do it in time if I get an early start on this next Little Love Letter for May. So I start now on this Mar. 31.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose". The error to be corrected=YUMA MEETING dates.

I, for one, have always believed and taught thus, that Sunday is "the first day of the week". Thus Easter Sunday (first day) and all that week would be the Yuma meeting. I should never have presumed on my April I report to state the dates as April 22 to 29. MANY PEOPLE at an EMPTY HOUSE.

YUMA MEETING

THE YUMA, ARIZONA, MEETING, with Brother Roger Bixler as the speaker, begins on Sunday April 15. They plan, as God may will, to continue through that week, to end Apr.22. Each Lord's Day morning worship begins at 10:45. The eight evening meetings begin at 7:30. On both Sundays after the morning services there is to be a dinner-spread at Brother Orendorff's house, 1850 W. 14th St. AND (?) then singing. That ? mark, I guessed (don't remember it said); BUT many times in the past I've heard and seen much good singing then.

REMEMBER

APRIL 15 TO 22, EACH DAY; AND TRY to be there. "-God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us". "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages",-. My third line above at top, "God's good grace - a blessing to you".

LEADERS AND TEACHERS THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF.

"And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the jews. 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." (Acts 17: 10-11). Those people were described as noble because they were eager to know the truth. How many today read the truth and preach it the way they read it?

Here is something we don't hear preached much in the Church of Christ; Acts 14:23 says, "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed." What happened to those churches?

(Titus 1: 5) "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: - " Is there something that is wanting today? According to the scriptures there is. Some say no one is qualified to be ordained. I say that is a poor excuse for the Church of Christ, and God will not accept it. (Acts 16: 4-5) "And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." No where in the bible does it say the apostles and elders gave these decrees to any one that was not appointed or ordained.

Some say that any body can get into the pulpit of Christ's Church, but the bible does not say that. Ordained means to be appointed or chosen, this is for brothers that carry on the duties of worship in the services of the Lord. (I Tim. 5: 17) "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." That scripture is talking about a <u>chosen</u> man. Here is the scripture that many use for the use of any teacher, (I Tim. 5: 18) "For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward." But the next two verses tell of the ox that you can set down. Verses 19-20, "Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear."

There are many qualifications for the ox in the pulpit,

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in (I Tim. 3: 2) "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;- -". Paul didn't tell Timothy when, why, or how, he told him one wife, the same as he told Titus, (in Titus I: 6), "-: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly." - - (I Tim. 4: 12) "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." And in Titus 2: 15 it says, "These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee." Paul told Titus and Timothy both to teach the things he had told them about ordained speakers.

In I Tim. 4: 11 Paul says, "These things command and teach." (I Tim. 5: 21)- -"doing nothing by partiality." I Tim. 6: 3 says, "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; - -" I Tim. 4: 6 says, "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ,- -".

Can you deny the word of God? I Cor. 9: 14 says,"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

By the word of God, this does not mean any one can get in the pulpit.

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FROM BROTHER JACK MORRIS

It is my pleasure to have been invited to hold another meeting in Broken Bow, Okla. this year beginning June 17th for a week, if the Lord wills. The Church here at Peoria is doing pretty well, Bro. Abe Lobato's daughter obeyed the Gospel 2 weeks ago. And attendance of members and visitors and non-members has been great, I am sure that the seed being sown will spring forth soon. If people are exposed to the true word it will bring forth results. Truly wish that I had time to accept all the meeting engagements that have been extended but due to making a living I can not.

If in the west some where that I can get to in a couple of days want a meeting from,say,Dec. 26 to Jan. 1st or 2nd I could make that. What I lack in ability I shall try and make up for with effort. With Christian love and respect for your efforts. Jack Morris, 205 Ironwood Drive, Chandler, Arizona, 85224.

OBITUARY

BROTHER ERNEST ARTHUR PRINKE passed away suddenly on March 31, at the Church of Christ new property, South Ave. B in Yuma, Ariz. Memorial Services were Wednesday, April 4, 2:30 P. M. at Dixon's Yuma Mortuary, 551 16th St. with Bro. Horace Orendorff of Yuma Church of Christ officiating. Concluding Services and Burial at Desert Lawn Memorial Park. Bearers: Wm. Boling, Earl Broadway, Buddy Davis, Don Long, Robert Morris, Charlie Parson. Honorary Bearers: Tony Bristor, Dan Dye, Harry B. Dye, Bruce Hurt, Melvin Lytle, Bill Martin, Jerry Welcher, Mike Welcher.

Brother Prinke was born in Prussia on March 7, 1894 and deceased on March 31, 1973, at the age of 79 years. He and Sister Nora were married in Minnesota on December 16, 1920. They were baptized into Christ in Seattle, Washington on January 22, 1939. They resided at 1161 Ave. C, space 6, for several years prior to his death.

Survivors: His wife Nora; 2 sons, Lloyd Prinke of Longview, Wash. and Roy Prinke of Wellton, Ariz.; 2 daughters, Marion Grow of Hayden, Idaho, and Velma Metteer of Bend, Oregon; 1 brother, Gust Prinkle of Selah, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 11 great- grandchildren; besides many friends.

BROTHER PRINKE had had heart ailments for several years. That morning he had gone out to where other members of the Church of Christ were doing some work on the newly acquired property. Sister Prinke had warned him to be careful, and he had remarked that there could be no better place to pass on than on the church property. He was of a jolly good nature, and his words will remain with many. AND "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."

TWO NEW LISTINGS FOR MEETINGS

JUNE 17 to JUNE 24, at Broken Bow, Oklahoma, with Brother Jack Morris of Chandler, Arizona, as the speaker.

JULY 15 to 22, at Springfield, Oregon, corner of Kelley & Centenial (395 Centenial Blvd.) with Brother John D. (J.D.) Logan as the speaker.

FINALE

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure,then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy!