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**** NOTICE ****

The former "Honey Hill"-Church of Christ is moving their location to about I½ miles east of Stilwell,Oklahoma.,On Hiway 5I....
Their new name will be: Pleasent View--Church of Christ.....
See Bro.Brown's letter elsewhere in this paper for more details....

Church of Christ--Broken Bow,Okla.

Lord's Day June 2I,I959.,We closed our Gospel Meeting with one restored to the faith.,the Church was edified and strenghtened.....

Bro.Berkstresser of I400 Cotton Flat Road.,Midland,Texas. Donated $5.00 to support "Thus Saith The Lord"..Thank you Bro.Berkstresser.

"In thee,O Lord,do I put my trust;let me never be put to confusion. Deliver me in thy righteousness,and cause me to escape: Incline thine ear unto me,and save me. Be thou my strong habitation,whereunto I may continually resort:thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress. Deliver me, O my God,Out of the hands of the wicked;out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. For thou art my hope,Oh Lord God:thou art my trust from my youth.-----Psalm LXXI. Thou which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again,and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. Thou shalt increase my greatness,and comfort me on every side..Verses 2o,2I.

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Brethren: Have you had one or more Gospel Meetings this year? Summer is here, time is fleeting,like a passing breath, or a vapor that appears for a short time.. Fall will soon be here,then winters snow. A Summer meeting is good, but like all others, it should be preceeded by several weeks of personal work among the irreligious. Each congregation should have a "Spring" meeting, plus a "Summer" & "Fall " meetings,plural. The Lord respects an active church,willing workers in his vinyard. The Lord does NOT approve of the "Faith-Only" church. We must be Christ-like and obey the Master's Commands.. The lukewarn were told to repent. Rev.3:I9. The dead wood will be cast into the fire and burned. John I5:6. Let us all wake up, fire up and go to work for the Lord. Lets have more work & less talk. Procrastination & Yak,yakity,yak wont get the job done. Let us strainourselves and win some souls for Christ.....
"To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not,to him it is sin.."

A letter from Bro.Earl Atchley of Springdale,Ark..

June I5,I959.... Dear Bro.Morse: I have been intending to write you for a long time but some how I have never gotten around to it. I am glad that you have gotten a paper started again, I have enjoyed reading it. Hope you will get the full support of the brotherhood that you may continue to carry on. I realize what you have to do in keeping things going as I had several years experience with "It Is Written" - - - - - - - - -Bro.Morse I am sending $5.00 to help you in the printing of "Thus Saith The Lord". I hope the church here will be able to help some in the near future. We meet at what is called "The Bohannon Mountain"--Church of Christ. It is located 5 miles South-West of Huntsville,Ark. We invite all who may be in these parts to come worship the Lord with us at I0:00 A.M. Each Lord's Day. We can use about I0 copies of "Thus Saith The Lord". Our little congregation is doing good at present. We were all made happy a few Lord's Days back when one Sister returned to the Lord after having bein out of duty for some time. We also have some outside interest of late. Several who are not members are attending services pretty ,for which we are thankful. I must quit now. May the Lord contin -ue to help you in you in your labors for him is my prayer.
Yours In Christ. ## L.E.(Earl) Atchley.. .. ..
Thank You Bro.Atchley for your good letter, kind words,and donation to "Thus Saith The Lord". Your assistance is appreciated.....

A letter from Bro.F.H.Logan Modesto,California.

June I7,I959....Dear Bro.in Christ: I received your letter,was glad to hear from you.,and to hear that you were well and able to go to Broken Bow,Okla. To hold a meeting for the Church there.
This leaves me up,but not well,as I have high blood pressure and en-largement of the heart,and of course taking medicine all the time,and on a diet, so you can imagine just about how I feell.
I will write when I feel like it. Most of the sick folks in this congregation seems to be improving, except Sister Mae Morris, she has heart troubles,was pretty bad last week,but is some better at present. The Church here is fine,doing fine, working hard,trying to spread the Gospel. Bro.Morse, If you think it will do any good to publish Bro. Mickle's open letter to me,and my reply, You have my consent, go ahead .. - - - - I went and had a talk with Bro.Floyd Morse here of Modesto, Calif.,he spells his name the same as you do, just MORSE, He said he would like to see you,and talk some with you. He wants you to send a copy of your paper to his store.,To: Riley F.Morse I802 Spokane St, He sent $5.00 to help with the paper.,also others gave me $5.00.
Keep up the good work, it is truly a good work,if the brethren will just wake up and realize the fact,and contribute to the work as they should. I'm hoping that your health will improve,so you can contin-ue to publish the paper, and be able to do a lot of good Gospel prea-ching... I am sending you a money order for $I2.00 (My son gave $2.00) to help you on the paper,and may the Lord bless you in your work. I remain your Bro.in Christ,as ever. F.H.Logan.....
Thank you Bro.Logan & Bro.Morse,and Bro.J.D.Logan, and those others whose names you did not call.,Your assistance is deeply appreciated. Bro.F.H.Logan, Your good letter is likewise appreciated. Write again.

UNITY.
By Bro. W.E Daniels.

Eph.4:I-3.. "I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. With all lowliness and meekness with longsuffering,forbearing one another in love. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
The little word "Unity" at the top of this page is a small word indeed, but it covers a vast scope of thought. Also the three verses I have written above, takes in more volume of thought than I will be able to get in this one article without taking more space than I deserve. I wish to deal only with unity and stay as close to that thought as possible. Jesus prayed for unity among those that believe on him, John I7:20,2I. Neither pray I for these (His disciples) alone but for them also which shall believe on me through their word, that they all be one, as thou Father art in me and I in thee,that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me..
Brethren, If those two passages of scriptures I have cited were carried out to the letter what a mighty army of soldiers for the Lord they would be,and I am only speaking of the brotherhood. It looks like they could convert the world, and they would do far more than what is being done, but alas,alas! That unity is broken to shivers. WHY???? Whats the remedy?? In Amos #:3, we have this quotation. "Can two walk together,except they be agreed?" In Isaiah 55:8. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,neither are your ways my ways" Jer. I0:23 "O Lord I know that the way of man is not in himself, it not in man that walketh,to direct his steps". Psm. II9:33. "Order my steps in thy word" I John 5:6 It is the Spirit that beareth witness because the Spirit is truth". John I7:I7 "Sanctify them through thy truth,thy word is truth" Psm II9:I42 " Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and thy law is the truth" Psm.II9:I5I "Thou art near O Lord, and all thy commandments are truth.
The above scriptures shows plainly that the word, the law,the right-eousness of God.,God's commandments, the truth and the Spirit are one and the same. John 6:63. "The words that I speak unto you are spirit and they are life". We can't have one without having the other. Then to have the unity of the spirit and to be agreed, we must walk as our steps are directed in God's Word.,Let God's word direct our steps, for it is NOT in man to direct his steps. Then and only then will we have the unity of the spirit, where ever we find the unity broken, we find someone directing his own steps, following the dictations of his own thoughts, ordering his own steps.,For where all are walking in the order of steps as God ordered, they have the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Lets examine a Bible case. Matt.I6:I3 *I7. "When Jesus came into the coast of Cassarea Philippi. He ask his disciples,saying, whom do MEN say that I the Son of man am? And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptizer, some Elias and others Jeremias or one of the prophets, He said unto them, but whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ,the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him,Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jona.,for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee but my Father which is in heaven" When Peter confessed to Christ that he was the son of the living God, none of the other disciples took him to task, and by their silence gave their endorsement to Peter's statement, hence they had UNITY ... But on the other hand men were divided, had no unity. What made the difference??? (See page 4)

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What made the difference?? Men were speaking from mans wisdom, man's thoughts, directing their own steps, man's ways.,Hence couldent walk together. The disciples were speaking what God had revealed to them, walking as God had ordered their steps. God was directing their steps,hence they had unity of the Spirit, was agreed, could walk together;and so can we,if we only let God direct our steps. If we lay aside our thoughts and walk as God has ordered our steps. When ever man puts in his twobits worth and tries to walk by his own order of steps, you will find them just like the men of Matt.I6:I4. DIVIDED,and that is just what has spoiled the UNITY of the brotherhood today, man putting in his two bits worth and directing his own steps, Do you doubt it? Well if you do just show me one case where all are walking b by the order of steps God has ordered. Where God is directing their steps. Where all are acting by what God has revealed to them, that are divided, one case please. God's Word, God's ways, God's thoughts are unity of its self. And you have got to drift from that to be divided, to have dis-unity. Oho, but says I have liberty to do what I was doing and old fogie got puffed up and quit. Alright, Lets see how far your liberty goes. (I Cor.I0:32) "Give none offence neither to the Jew Nor to the Gentile,nor to the church of God"
(I Cor.8:I3) "Wherefore if meat makes my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend"
(Rom.I4:2I) "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbeleth or is offended or is made weak" Paul calls it sin when we let our liberties offend a brother and says we sin against Christ. I Cor 8:I2. Brethren: Let US each and everyone of us,beginning with myself examine ourselves to see whether we are in the faith and unity Jesus so earnestly prayed for, and to make sure, or double sure our liberties are not offending a brother and spoiling our unity of the Spirit. God's Word. God's commandments. God's truth. God's thoughts. God's ways are all unity of the Spirit of themselves, and where there is dis-unity we can be assured there is something wrong, something not in harmony with God's word. I beg and persuade every brother and sister in the body to sincerely and prayerfully put forth every effort possible to mantain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and to sacrifice every thought that might interrupt our unity.,and to if necessary, give our liberties .,and in exchange for our liberties have unity of the Spirit.
For it is a proven fact, beyond any shadow of a doubt that the Word of God is UNITY within its self. Brethren: I have been with quite a good many congregations in days gone by where it was easily seen that they were maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,& Oho,What joy existed there. Some of those congregations today have slowed the unity to broken shivers. Something had to creep in other than God's Word, or that unity would have still existed. Brethren: Lets cast aside our thoughts, our ways & humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and re-establish that unity of the Spirit in the bond of in the bond of peace.,through out the brotherhood. And that is my prayers. I hope every one who might read this piece of matter will do so in the same spirit it is being written.. In love of the truth & the brotherhood. Yours In Christ. W.E.Daniels.
Thank you Bro.Daniels.... Write again...The Editor.....

Pleasent View --Church of Christ....Stilwell,Okla.

Dear Bro.Morse: Good to hear from you and know you are having a good meeting. Here is hoping that much good was done. I would have enjoyed very much to have been there taking it in, but the way it was I am tied up and looks like it was impossible for me to get off at the present time. But we are always glad of hearing the gospel being preached, and to hear from other congregations. We feel like we know our Brothers & Sisters of whom we have never met because if we are Christians we can read of each other in the Bible.
I want to take this opportunity in advertizing what the Church here at this place is doing. We have purchased a building from Camp Chaffee which is 35'X 20',which is twice as big as our old building that we have been meeting in and we are completely remodeling it. And we think this will be a better location about I½ miles East of Stilwell,Oklahoma., On highway 5I. The building can be seen from the highway, but there will be a marker at the turnoff place on the Highway. Any one wishing to stop & worship with us, it can be very easily found and all will find a hearty welcome. The building may not be completed til about the middle of July. The Church here will be under some strain for quite awhile trying to pay for our new building ,but we intend to help support the paper,much as possible. The Church here is sending $5.oo to help the paper "Thus Saith The Lord" We would appreciate it very much if you will advertize our new Church location, The Pleasent View---Church of Christ, in your paper, which was formerly was in the Honey Hill Community. May the Lord bless you and all the brotherhood. Yours In Christ...James Brown..

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WILL GOD HEAR AND ANSWER A SINNER'S PRAYER?

BY J.C. SPURLIN

As a foreword, I want to say, there are only two spiritual realms,in which all folks are to be found. One is the kingdom of God, the (Church of Christ) (Col.I:I3-I8) The other is the realm of the god of this world; (2 Cor.4:4) In order for one to be able to approach the God of heaven, in prayer, they must have been born again. (John 3:5) Whereas: Those who are following the god of this world, must address their father the devil. At the close of this article, I have outlined a brief prayer, a sinner could be expected to pray. Now since the sinner cannot address the heavenly Father,in prayer,it is conclusive, they must address their father, which is the devil. (John 8:44) Now to the subject:

"Will God hear and answer a sinner's prayer??? "

To this all important subject-(Question) One has only to go to the word of God, to find the answer. In I Peter 3:I2 We find the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

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Will God hear and answer a sinner's prayer?? (Continued fron page 5)

But says one "Didnt Saul while under conviction at Damascus utter a prayer and was heard of God? 9th Chapter of Acts. Why no;God told Ananias where to find Saul (Paul) and what he would be doing, upon his arrival. Then in the 6th verse God told Saul that Ananias would tell him, what he MUST DO. And no where do we find Ananias telling Saul to keep on praying; but contrary to popular theory he told him to arise and be baptized, and wash away his sins. Well says one "The good book surely says Cornelius' prayers and alms came up before God". (Or was observed) Yes but did it ever occur to you dear reader, that the prayers and alms of Cornelius came up before God as a memorial ie, his prayers and alms served to remind God he had promised to incl -ude the Gentiles, (Cornelius was a Gentile) In his great theme of salvation, Acts I5:I3-I7. Then to;t Cornelius was not a sinner in the strictest sense,but,was a worshiper of God, under the Patriarchal law. Now;had he refused to do as Peter told him, he would at once been condemned, inasmuch as the Patriarchal law had been taken out of the way at the cross of Calvary, and replaced by the perfect law of liberty (Law of Christ) therefore, the salvation of all nations had beeome effective through Christ. Now back to the law and testimony (Of Christ) John 9:3I "Now WE KNOW THAT GOD HEARETH NOT SINNERS;but ,if any man be a worshiper of God and doeth his will him he heareth. Then;dear friends it is not enough to be a worshiper of God, (In order for his prayers to be heard,but must also do his will) Psalm I8:40,4I Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me-- They cried,but there was none to save them; even unto the Lord but he answered them not. Prov.I5:29."The Lord is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayers of the righteous" Thus we see that no where in God's Holy Writ do we have a record of God hearing and answering a sinner's prayer. Just why religious directors claiming to be guided by God's Holy Writ will insist on sinners praying is beyond me. Why not do as Paul and Barnabas did. Tell them to believe on the Lord Jesus,and thou shalt be saved. The word "Believe" here could mean but one thing,that is; that great system of faith as offered by the Son of God. Therefore; embodied in that system of faith is the conditions of salvation as set forth in the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation. (Rom.I:I6)

A SINNER'S PRAYER

Our father the devil, we are prompted to offer this prayer because thou are our adviser,our provider,and our sustainance, in every evil work. We realize that thou art ever ready to deceive the simple,pervert the ways of the God of heaven, destroying homes, by advocating divorce and re-marriage. O father devil as we continue our means of destruction, may we beseech thee to continue thy ways of irregularities by misleading people, with every means of lies, murder,hypocracies,and all evil communications. As you walk about seeking whom you may devour, may we as your servants wield an influence, over all with whom we are associated with, to thine honor and glory. Grant too;father that we may be able to successfully pervert the ways of righteousness, and thereby deceive the very elect, of the God of heaven. Knowing that his chosen people are CARELESS & INDIFFERENT,regarding their Christian duty, (Continued on page 7)

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 * A Sinner's Prayer*

"We believe we may some day completely destroy the Church of Christ. We are so thankful to you father devil that thou hast said "It was not intended that folks see alike" therefore with thy help, and ill advice we may be able to completely destroy the meaning of God's Holy Word. We are now able to see father devil, that through the deceptive practise of ball games, moving pictures, television, and all other worldly activities, we are gaining grounds daily, therefore;we bear thee record, that as the above practices gain momentum, our opportun-ities are multiplied many times. We assure you father devil that through thy help and our devotion, we can see a great gain of murder, fornication, juvenile delinquency, and divorce activities. It is indeed our pleasure father devil to remind folks, especially church going people, there is no harm in the above practices. We ask these favors in thy name and through thy power. As ever your servant,the Sinner..... Thank you Bro.Spurlin for both articles.,Write again.

A Letter From Bro.Robert E.McCay..Port Orchard,Washington.

May I3,I959. Dear Bro.Morse: I should have written you some time ago and let you know about the church in this part of the country We have been receiving your paper "Thus Saith The Lord" since you started publishing it. We sure need a paper so we can keep in touch with other members. I was sorry when Bro.Bedingfield wasnt able to keep on with his paper. It helped some of us up here get together, as we didnt know they were in this part of the state til they saw our address and looked us up. You have our old address. Our box was changed and is now 482-A, instead of 360.
There are only 6 members here that meet together all the time. Bro.& Sis.Wesley Orendorff meet with us when they can, they have a 70 mile drive each way when they meet with us at Shelton. We meet every other er at Bro.Don Smith's at Shelton. The other Sunday we meet here at my place. We live 42 miles apart..The other two members are my wife's mother and brother. Bro.Smith would like for you to send a paper to a Mr.James Daugherty, Star Rt.2.Shelton,Wash. Enclosed is a check to help you in your work, we will try to help more as time passes. The money is from all the members here. You will have our prayers with you in your work. I have two bro's that meet at Yakima, Wash,and my mother and two sisters and a bro. meet at Eugene,Oregon. I will try to keep you informed of the Church in this area.
Yours In Christ. Robert E.McCay..Thank you Bro.McCay., Write again.

Rambling Around In Broken Bow and Vincinity. By The Editor.....

Your editor enjoyed his work and visit in Broken Bow.,Having headquarters in Bro.& Sis.R.C.Clements home.. Visited with Bro.& Sis. Alvin Alexander north of Broken Bow. Sunday after the morning service ,your editor was taken on a sight seeing drive up past "Hairpin Bend" to the end of the pavement on new Hi-way 2I.,that afternoon Bro.& Sis. Alexander & myself went on a sight seeing trip to De Queen,Ark.,and saw what "Arkie" saw. I also enjoyed a trip into Beaver Bend Park with Bro.Clements grandson Ramond----------. Bro.& Sis.R.C.Clements and myself went on a sight seeing trip to the Old Governors Mansion about 6 miles east of Broken Bow, where we viewed many relics,and saw the giant cypress tree, 45 ft in circumference, 97 ft tall,and estim-

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Estimated to be 2000 years old...We went on a fishing trip to Mountain Fork River with Bro.Jim Bowers, and with Bro.Clements grandson Raymond _____. Later we fished in Yashau Creek, & in Glover River. I enjoyed my stay in Broken Bow, (McCurtain Co.) Oklahoma. Nice town,country,and friendly people. We left Broken Bow, Monday 8:00 A.M. with Bro.& Sis.Howard Studer of Lorenzo,Texas, and with Bro. & Sis.Jack White of Munday,Texas. We arrived in Waurika,Okla.,about I2;90 afternoon in a down pour of rain, where I boarded a bus for home. While in Broken Bow, I visited with Bro.& Sis.W.E.Daniels who took me to visit Brethren & Sisters Queen of the Tiner congregation, we also visited Bro.& Sis.Treat.,& Sis.Parks.,also Bro.Willie Doan of Tiner. Many thanks to Bro.A.H.Howell.,and Bro.W.H.Francis who brought me home from Elk City,Okla. I was to sleepy to be good company, which I regret. Bro.& Sis.Ed Atchley have been severely ill, and in a hos-pital, but are reported some better.,Bro.Earl Atchley of Springdale, Ark. were with Bro.& Sis.Ed Atchley during their confinement in the hospital.. It was reported that Bro.Earl Atchley visited some with the brethren in Colter Community. Sis.Francis was also reported ill. Brethren: I hope to publish "Thus Saith The Lord" on schedule after the Gospel Meeting season closes. Our many thanks to our Brethren who donated to support "Thus Saith The Lord". Recently, We purchased I-25 lb roll of white wrapping paper.,I0 Reams of Mimeo-paper, and I000 6"X 9" envelopes for paper mailing, at the cost of 27.20¢ The Church of Christ--Broken Bow,Okla. Donated $5.00 to support the paper. Thank you Brethren. The Church in Broken Bow has built a concrete walk part way around the meeting house,and wish to finish the project soon as possible.,they have an air conditioner installed and working. The Church of Christ of Broken Bow welcomes you to all of its services. We have an additional piece of printing equipment, a typewriter, thanks to Bro.R.C.Clements... We hope to add more equipment & be able to publish tracts,booklets and books. If the Lord wills,we want to add the following articles to our present equipment.. I- Long reach stapler.,I-Long carriage typewriter, I8"Carrage,or longer. I-Paper trimmer. I-Swingline 77-S Stapler or its equivelant.. Perhaps another Mimeo-machine to speed up publishing.

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Sunday July 5th, we have an appointment to preach in Reydon,Okla.

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In T.S.T.L. No.3. A statement was made" Gavest us the cup symbolic of thy blood" Change it to read."Symbolic of the N.T."

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BRETHREN: WE NEED ARTICLES TO PUBLISH, CHURCH NEWS, GOSPEL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHS, DEATHS, WEDDINGS...I CANNOT PUBLISH YOUR NEWS IF YOU DO NOT SEND IT TO ME.....SEND US SOME ARTICLES & NEWS TO PUBLISH....I WANT NEWS FROM TEXAS TO WASHINGTON, FROM COAST TO COAST,& IF THERE BE ANY BRETHREN ABROAD, I WANT TO HEAR FROM THEM ALSO..... WE ARE OUT OF NEWS, OUT OF BIBLE ARTICLES.....LETS HAVE ARTICLES & NEWS,& MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS SOON.....EMPTY SPACE MAKES POOR READING MATTER.... ALSO HOW MANY COPIES OF "THUS SAITH THE LORD" DO YOU NEED IN EACH CONGREGATION, THAT INFORMATION IS VERY BADLY NEEDED...IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ENOUGH COPIES,,,JUST BLAME YOURSELF FOR NOT WRITING & TELLING ME YOUR NEEDS. ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO..EVANGELIST JAMES S.L.MORSE..HAMMON,OKLAHOMA..RT#2...

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