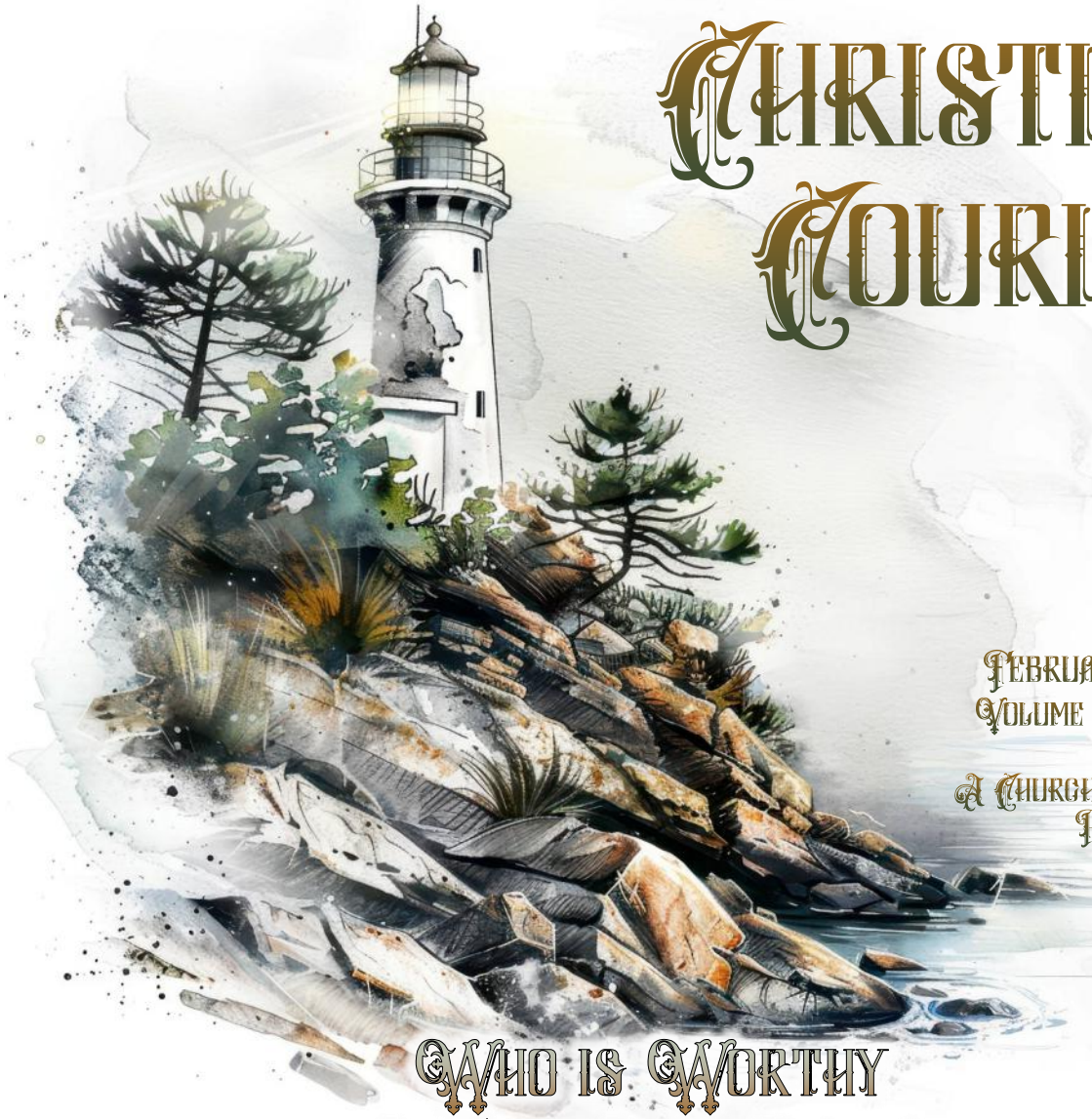
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Who is Worthy

Bro. Larry Pollan - Pt 1 of 2

In today's society it is said to have as many ten thousand different religions throughout the world. Some are similar in many ways. Some have several or many gods often with statues, paintings, and figurines of people, animals, or other objects. In the process of these the Glory of God becomes difficult to see. Acts 17:29, ***Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.*** Feeling content is enough to satisfy those in the world away from the Light of Jesus.

In Revelation 3:6 Jesus said, ***He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.*** We read of Churches in plural form but in what context is the Spirit speaking? Also read Ephesians 4:4 -6, ***[4]There is one Body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; [5]One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, [6]One God and Father of all, and through all, and in you all.***

Mathew 16:17-18, ***[17]And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in Heaven. [18]And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*** Jesus is speaking from the standpoint that He is the Son of God and all Glory and Truth are in Him.

Without ***Studying to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth***, in 2 Timothy 2:15 we cannot grasp the message of the gospel and our faith has no foundation in Jesus's name. Also in 2 Timothy 2:16, ***But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*** In 2 Timothy 3:5, ***Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.***

In John 14:5-6 it is written, ***[5]Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest: how can we know the way? [6]Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.*** To say the words " I accept Jesus as my Saviour and ask Him to come into my heart" is very popular in the world. This is among the thousands of religions in the world. However it has no place in the Glory of God.

The Gospel is a blueprint for the salvation of our souls and is confined to the commandments of God and needs no changes or modifications of any kind, for the most part society is very educated and intelligent. Very often great amounts of money is used to build large buildings called churches by

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the world. The focus of the world is to look at these and pick one that is most desirable. Money and education are not the problem but often the use of them is. In his effort to tempt Jesus in Matthew 4:8-9, ***[8]Again, the devil taketh Him up in an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; [9]And saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.*** Jesus said to the Pharisees in John 8:44, ***Ye are of your father the devil; and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the Truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.***"

In Christ to all
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Thought for the Month

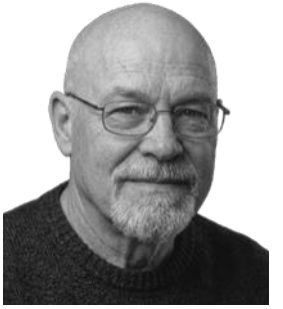
Separation is one of the quietest and most lethal threats to a Christian's spiritual life. If you could put a name on it, it would be FRED: Fear, Resentment, Ego, and Dishonesty.

Fear separates us from the Light of the Spirit by flooding our hearts with worry and distrust. Resentment separates us from others by hardening our hearts and replaying wrongs in our minds. Ego separates us from God Himself by convincing us that we don't need His grace — or that we'll never be worthy of it. And Dishonesty separates us from Truth by intentionally—repeat, INTENTIONALLY—hiding our wrongs from ourselves and others.

These four not only work together, they <u>feed</u> each other, slowly extinguishing the light within us.

How do we as Christians combat these spiritual toxins? By taking our spiritual antibiotics, of course! We replace Fear with Trust — *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart … and he shall direct thy paths - Prov 3:5-6.* We counter Resentment with Forgiveness — *… if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye - Col 3:13.* We silence Ego through Humility and Prayer — *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you - James 4:6-8.* Finally, we defeat Dishonesty with humble, honest, and often painful, Confession — *Confess your faults one to another … <u>that ye may be healed</u>. - James 5:16.*

Love & Blessings
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Milk of the Word

The Bible often uses numbers not symbolically for doctrine, but illustratively to emphasize a spiritual truth. Certain numbers help us understand degree, intensity, or magnitude. The number One Hundred frequently appears in Scripture to describe: a large quantity, a long or complete measure, a full or overwhelming amount, or something that leaves a strong impression. The wise man wrote: Proverbs 17:10. Here, One Hundred is not merely arithmetic — it represents many, repeated, or intense correction.

Let us examine how Scripture uses the number One Hundred to teach spiritual lessons. Luke 15:4 — The Hundred Sheep parable proves that though the Lord may have many following, he still cares for the individual. Here it is used to show quantity and proof that each soul is important. 2 Peter 3:9: even among many, no soul is insignificant.

Back in Proverbs, it was used for severity. Mentioning after 100 times, a fool would not learn, but after one the wise do. As well as in Deuteronomy 32:30, represents the magnitude of things, not mathematics. These lessons prove that spiritual understanding matters more than repeated hardship. Work smarter, not harder.

Jesus teaches that when the Word finds a faithful heart, results are great and overflowing. Matthew 13:8 and Luke 8:15, patiently growing faith is key. You can't expect to plant an acorn and have a 24-foot oak tree in three days. But it does grow faster with the right heart.

Whether describing sheep, years, stripes, or blessings, the number 100 reminds us that God's dealings with mankind are extensive and far-reaching. Brethren, the question is not how much God has given — He has given abundantly. The question is whether we respond wisely.



In Christian Love
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Reminder: Some members have requested a **map**, or **set of pins** for Google Maps, for our congregations. That functionality *is already built-in* using our website, 1CupHistory.church. When looking at a congregation on a PC, cell phone or tablet, if we have a location for that congregation, its **GPS coordinates** will be displayed with a red pin under the main photo of the building. If you click or touch those **GPS coordinates**, you will be taken to that congregations location in Google Maps automatically! It really is that easy!!

Notes & Letters

Hello from Cedaredge. Enclosed is some help to cover some of the expenses for the publication of The Courier. Everyone here does enjoy the monthly editions that are sent to us and we wanted to help cover a little bit of the expenses that it takes to do.

Wishing everyone a great new year and hope to see you at summer Church Camp here in Cedaredge.

Warren Hill
Happy Hollow Church of Christ

Dear Brothers in Christ,

We are sending this to help with the costs printing The Christian Courier paper. Thank you for your efforts, we enjoy reading the paper each month. May God bless you.

In Christian Love
Stephen Shirey

<u>Correction</u>: January 2026 Issue:

Bro. ***Harold Don Taylor*** attended and participated in services at the Northwest congregation in Comanche, Oklahoma. His last six months were spent worshipping in Nicoma Park (OKC) with his daughter.

Thanks for all the hard work put into The Courier.

We have colds & a few bugs going around the church. But doing ok. Traci Mouritsen is recovering well after her ankle surgery. Also Tracy's mom (Sharon) is doing great from her **two** hip surgeries. Please keep all the members of our churches in our prayers.

Keep the Word of God always in our hearts.

Jim Lamb
Gleed Church of Christ

We have acquired **Bro. Ellis Foresman's** Study of Revelation and have reproduced it in book form. Please let us know if you'd like one. We will be happy to mail you one! It is also on **<u>1CupHistory.Church</u>** as a PDF!

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Hello!

We hope all are warm and well during this time of year. Southeast Oklahoma is experiencing unusually cold weather, with single digits near zero and slick roads due to thicker than normal ice. There have been many business and school closings, but we know seasons change and Spring will be here before we know it.

After many hours of day and evening work on the building at the Broken Bow congregation's new location, the doors are finally open, and the building is in use. We were fortunate to be moved into the new location at 1201 Second St & Currence Rd for the fall meeting last November. We would like to extend a huge "Thank you" to all who attended the meeting. Your love and support were greatly uplifting and appreciated. Bro. Joe Bixler, from the Aztec congregation, was the first speaker in Broken Bow's new building. He blessed listeners with a great, thought-provoking sermon over 23 Psalm. Bro. Micah Harcrow spoke on Saturday afternoon and brought great ideas to consider concerning Sacrifice. Bro. Draven Littledeer gave Saturday evenings lesson which urged listeners to consider the idea that God Loves You! How Do We Show God, We Love Him? Bro Paul Warford ended the weekend meeting Sunday morning with an important and informational sermon concerning the Sabbath Day. These men did an outstanding job bringing the Word of God to listeners and we are extremely grateful for their efforts! We were able to provide a Live Facebook feed for all four sermons and will share those with the Courier's Youtube channel soon. The speakers, all who attended, and all who worked behind the scenes to prepare the building, food, etc., are immensely appreciated!

In December, Broken Bow's congregation worked to gather and bag lotion, tissues, lip balm, calendars, pens, notebooks, crossword puzzles, etc. for area nursing homes and was able to deliver 130 nursing home bags to residents at Broken Bow Health & Rehab and Hill's Nursing Home. Thank you to Heath, Heather and Tessa Berryhill, Rita Queen, Linda Camp, Melissa Harcrow, and Micah Harcrow for gathering, bagging, and delivering the items. It was very humbling and gratifying to be told by one resident, "You come every year and bring us things. I love when you come and bring us things." Our plan is to visit and craft with the residents in the near future.

As the new year progresses, please remember those who are experiencing health issues (physical, mental, and spiritual), those who have lost loved ones, those in need, along with those who have not obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Prayer is our most powerful tool. When we are united in our petitions to the Father, much good can be accomplished. (Philippians 4:6-7, Matthew 21:22, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 5:16, Mark 11:24, 1 John 5:14, Romans 12:12, Colossians 4:2)

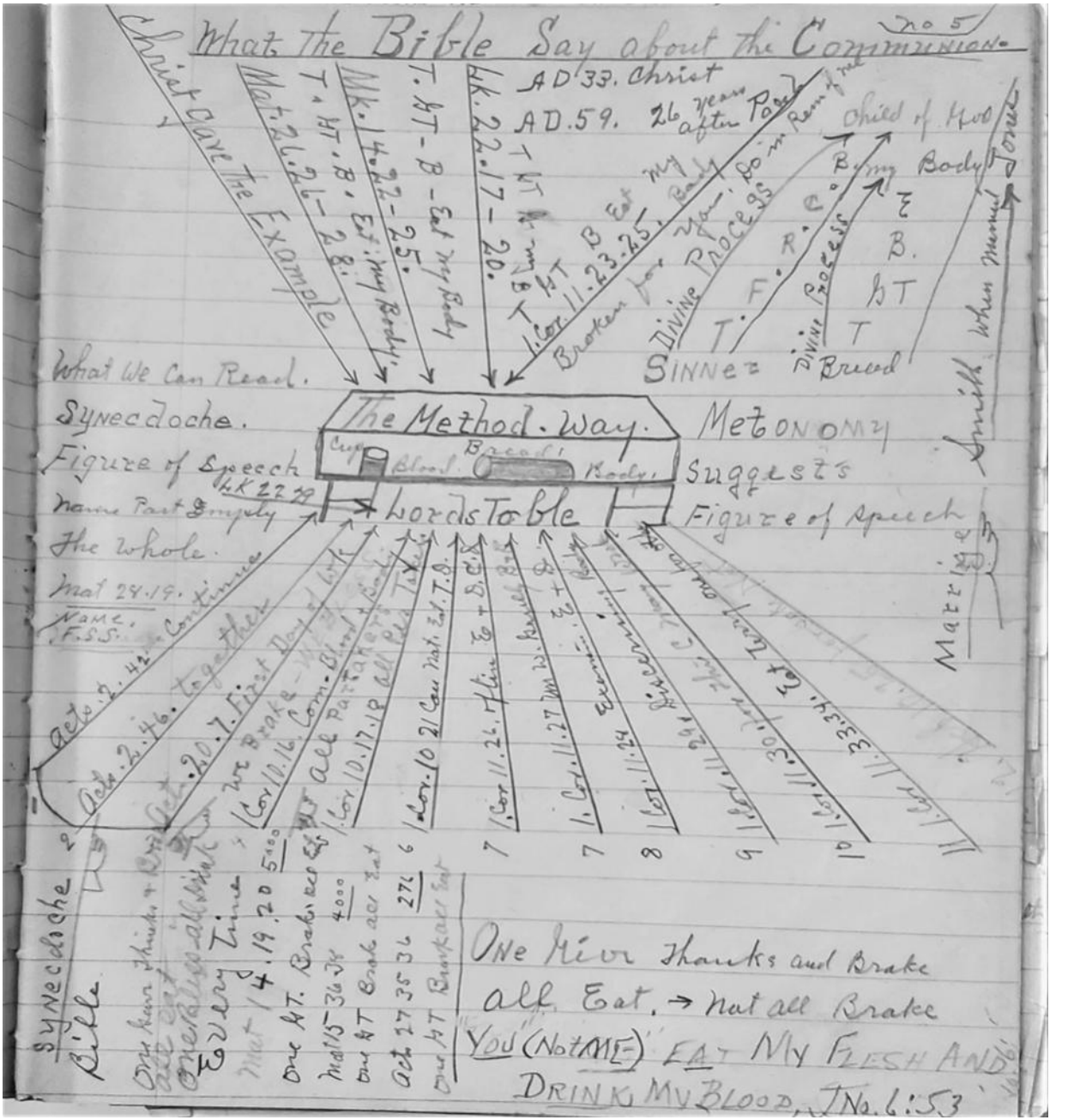
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Remember When?



Bro. Lloyd Treat & Bro. James (Jim) Brown with kids...

Voices from the Past



— Bro. Bob Musgrave

News from Abroad

Dear brothers in the Lord:

Thank you for your important participation in the work of the Lord. Through the publication of The Christian Courier, you share information about the work of the Lord in different places and countries.

I would like to report that during this month we had the opportunity to visit some congregations in Mexico to support the work of evangelism and the edification of the brothers. During this new year, with the help of the Lord and also with the support of other local evangelists, we have plans to evangelize in other cities and to take advantage of the contacts we have to study with new people. We will also continue the edification work in the congregations.

We ask you to pray to the Lord for these plans, because in the regions of Mexico, Guatemala and Colombia it is difficult to carry out the evangelism work, and at times we have have faced persecution for teaching the truth of the scriptures.



I am sending pictures of the congregations in Matamoros and Brownsville. I would like to mention that very few congregations have their own meeting place, and almost all meet in the houses of the members. Thanks to the Lord, and the collaboration and participation of the brethren and the churches, over these years a good number of congregations have been established.



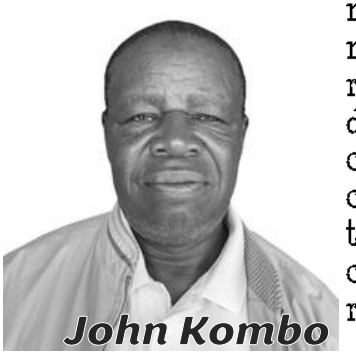
Otto & Mariela Alvarez
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KENYA UPDATE

Brethren,

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

In the month of January, 2026, three Sisters in Christ visited our church at Barut Church of Christ - Nakuru. They came from Mauche Church of Christ congregation. They brought some food items which included maize, potatoes, cabbages, onions and tomatoes. We had very good moment to share with them about the Christian family and the role of women in the church.


John Kombo

They asked questions: For example, why women are not allowed to preach or lead in the church of Christ. Here we studied with the Bible (1 Corinthians 14: 34-37) and added to it (1 Timothy 2: 13-15). They were satisfied and wondered why there are pastors and bishops in denominations. Finally we studied with them the book of Ephesians 5: 22-25; 6: 1-4), in reference to Christian Families. Have sent some pictures to you.

On the third Sunday of January 2026, we had Baptism Event, where four souls surrendered to Jesus Christ and were Baptized. We have had Baptismal events monthly for the past months since last year but the main problem is that the rivers we use sometimes are dry and extremely polluted/ contaminated with industrial chemicals and sewerage (all the drainage pipes empty the chemicals and sewerage in the river).

Attached herewith are the photos taken during Baptism and those of the three sisters who visited for the Bible study on "why women are not allowed to preach or lead in the church of Christ"

God's blessings to you all.

Your Brothers in Christ.
Bro. John Kombo, Bro. Robert Keiyo
and Bro. Simon Omwansa







Brothers and Sisters,

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus. We thank God for another opportunity he has given us to live today.

Evangelism work is going on well, we had the opportunity to knock on the door of Hamisi who was a Muslim, and later on changed his religion, and moved a denomination called "The Light of the World Church". I asked him where did this church come from? We never heard of this denomination and his wife responded by saying, Somebody went to Mexico to study Theology and came to spread the teachings. We asked him to bear with us and allow us to study about the New Testament Church. Which is one of the most foundational truth in the New Testament is also one of the most overlooked. We told him and his household that the church of the New Testa-ment was founded by Christ Himself and it began in Jerusalem. In fact, Jesus did not leave the establishment of the church to human beings. I told them to read Matt. 16:18; and I asked them what did it say? "I will build my Church" If Jesus promised to Build his church, Where do you get the authority of making another church which is not mentioned in the Bible. To this point, they begin to look at themselves. Before his ascension in Luke 24:46-49, Jesus told his apostles to remain in Jerusalem where this church would be established. In Acts 1:8 He tells us that the gospel would go forth beginning from Jerusalem, not Mexico. We see in Acts 2 the promise in being fulfilled, and the first gospel was preached, and souls were added to the church, not joined to the church, because the Bible does not mention anywhere that they joined the church, but they were added — Acts 2:38-47. This was a very good class we had.



They promised us to follow what the Bible says and not what they have been told in "The Light of the World church" they still need more teachings and we promised to go back again. We left by giving them these passages; 1 Cor. 1:13, where Paul warned against division. Eph. 4:4, There was one body, one faith, one baptism and one Lord. Acts 11:26; 2:42. Our allegiance must be to Christ not any human being.

As brother Deusi and I were teaching this group, brother Edward and Lazarus were also teaching a Pentecostal group at Runzewe. The world needs Christ the most and we shall continue proclaiming him as we are still on this earth.

The family of brother Lazarus are sick of Malaria and they ask for prayers of believers. May God bless you all.

Your brother in Christ,
Sadat

ORPHANAGE UPDATE 2016

I greet you in the name of the Lord.

Matundu, Kenya

The completion and initiation of the Matundu, Kenya orphanage is nearing its two-year anniversary. All the facilities have been completed with full electrical and plumbing to all buildings. We have added a little more land to the complex which will allow for future orphanage related projects.

The children are well taken care of and shown love and compassion. They are all attending school and being taught God's Word. They are studying the Bible daily, memorizing Bible verses and learning the way of the Lord. We are also keeping them supplied with footballs [soccer balls] which is their favorite pastime.

The orphanage is being run by the Matundu Orphanage Committee and under the direct daily supervision of Brother Laban. He is assisted by his wife Josephine and son Emmanuel. They are also assisted by many volunteers that work tirelessly for the good of the children. Their labor and efforts certainly are matching James's instructions of pure and undefiled religion of visiting the widows and the orphans in their affliction.

We have started the next phase of work here at the orphanage complex. The group here has started Bible Studies, inviting the local community to come study the Bible.

They have also reached out to contacts and traveled for mini-gospel meetings. So far, they have started 2 separate congregations and baptized many.

On my last trip there, we discussed how to train and help the many eager, young Christians to be evangelists. Brother John Kombo and Brother Laban both had young men that they were working with who were eager to start evangelizing. Brother Otto Alvarez, who has been evangelizing in Central America for years and has trained and guided many evangelists, offered to share his abundant library of material he has written for them. We are taking this material and translating it from Spanish into English. In Africa they will then be able to translate as needed.

Praise God for his work
Katoro, Tanzania

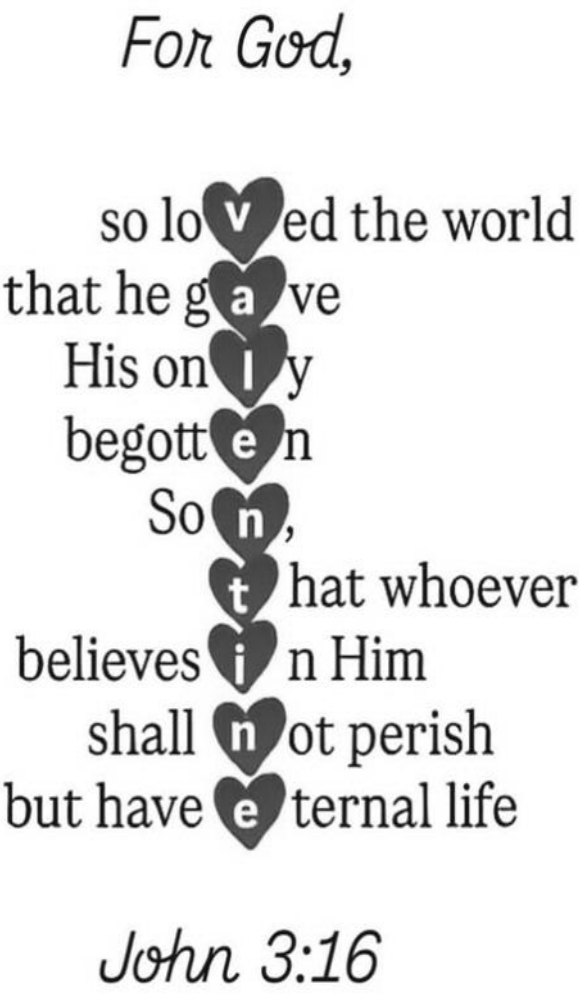
We have finally secured property in Katoro, Tanzania. Lord willing, we hope to duplicate what we did in Matundu, Kenya here, but on a smaller scale. The property is a little under 4 US acres and is located adjoining to where Brother Sadat lives. There is currently a house on it that we will convert into a dorm. We will then need to add an additional dorm and kitchen/dining hall. There is electricity at the property line, but a well will need to be dug to provide running water.

We face many challenges ahead as we embark on this next adventure. We trust God will be with us and guide us as He knows best. We glorify His holy name and praise Him for every-thing!!

I thank those who have contributed and supported this work in Africa. I ask for your continued prayers and support. God bless.

In love of the Lord,

Gerald Brockman
Oakdale Church of Christ
Orphanage



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Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 3:4-6
Bro. Paul Warford

Rev 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments

As it is with congregations today, so it was back then. Not all the people are good, but neither are all the people bad. We must "watch" to keep the pure gospel in our own individual lives, the lives of our families and the lives of our congregations.

and they shall walk with me in white:

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Rev 19:7-8 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

From these verses, and our understanding of baptism, we know that we were made white and given a white robe on the day that we were baptized. We are the bride of the Christ and for her Christ only wants a perfect beautiful garment that has no stains on it. So, he shed his blood so that all our stains could be removed.

for they are worthy.

Have you ever asked yourself "why are we worthy?"

Rom 6:17-18 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

He that overcometh

As this phrase has been in most, if not all of the churches so far, I want to give you maybe a new thought on it.

Joh 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in **ME** ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Christ, for our sake, was the first one that ever overcome the world. In him, and him alone, we have the opportunity to overcome the world also.

In Rev. 3:5, Christ makes a promise, a threefold promise, to those that overcome.

What do we overcome? The world! The same thing Jesus did!

1Jn 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

the same shall be clothed in white raiment – *The first Promise*

In the last verse, we just got through talking about those that shall "walk in white" and here again a verse talks about being clothed in white raiment. Let's take a look at a couple more verses that talk about being white.

Psa 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Notice if you will that both of these verses talk about being washed. If you wash something it makes it clean and white, doesn't it. Notice in Acts that it's talking about being baptized and washing away our sins. Imagine, if you will, that your life is full of sin, and you are spiritually dirty. But when you are baptized and washed in the blood of Christ, all your sins are removed, and spiritually you wear a white robe, clean and pure. This is the first of three promises that we receive when we overcome, what we overcome is sin through Jesus Christ and his shed blood.

and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life – *The second Promise*

The first time that I could find a record for the book of life is in Exodus.

Moses and God were speaking to each other after Moses had come down from Mount Sinai and found the people of Israel worshipping the golden calf.

Exo 32:31-33 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

Exo 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

Exo 32:33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

From this we can understand that when our sins are washed away, and we're given a white robe that the promise of God continues of not being blotted out of his book. It's only those who sin against him that are blotted out of the book so when our sins are removed our names are put in.

Php 4:3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, whose names *are* in the book of life.

Notice if you will that the people that Paul mentions are all fellow laborers in spreading the gospel of Christ. That tells me that they are baptized believers and because of that their names are in the book of life.

Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a

lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Here John is describing the holy city the heavenly Jerusalem and tells us that nothing can enter into this beautiful city that is sinful but only those that have washed their robes and made them white can be written in the lambs book of life.

but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. – ***The third Promise***

What a beautiful promise this is that as we stand before God Jesus will tell God on our behalf that we are his bride that we are owned by him. But this shouldn't come as a surprise to us because this isn't the first time that Christ made this promise to us.

Mat 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

So the question now begs, how and when does this confession of mine take place so that Christ will confess me before God.

Act 8:34-38 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Act 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Act 8:36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Act 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Act 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

What a beautiful story is told here in Acts the 8th chapter. The story of Phillip and the eunuch. This story helps to explain why our confession is so important and because of it, Christ will confess us before God. It all ties together with our baptism and our white robe because our sin is washed in the blood of Christ, and we've overcome sin which is of the world. And if we remain faithful from this time forward, our names will never be taken out of the book of life.

Rev 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Here again the admonition is for us to listen, be still and know he is God.



In Christian Love

Bro. Paul Warford

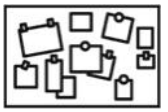
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FAITH	FORGIVENESS	PERSEVERANCE	INTEGRITY	MODERATION
LOVE	GRATITUDE	HOPE	PRAYERFULNESS	RESPECT
JOY	MERCY	FAITHFULNESS	HOSPITALITY	BROTHERLYLOVE
PEACE	OBEDIENCE	SERVANTHOOD	SINCERITY	ZEAL
PATIENCE	HONESTY	REVERENCE	DEVOTION	ENDURANCE
KINDNESS	PURITY	COURAGE	STEADFASTNESS	REDEMPTION
GOODNESS	GENEROSITY	MEEKNESS	CHARITY	HOLINESS
GENTLENESS	DILIGENCE	WISDOM	UNITY	JUSTICE
SELFCONTROL	COMPASSION	DISCERNMENT	TRUTHFULNESS	GRACE
HUMILITY	CONTENTMENT	THANKFULNESS	SACRIFICE	TRUST



Bulletin Board

Prayer List

John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Sandra Hughes	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex - nerve tumors
Morgan McIntosh	Broken Bow, OK	Beginning cancer treatments
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Louise Brister	Citrus City, AZ	Melanoma Cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Larry Pollan	Ringgold, TX	Heart attack & surgeries
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Battling Parkinson's
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Bruce Cuming	Yuma, AZ	Heart Issues, back & leg pain
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues
Susie Davis	Yuma, AZ	Kidney trouble
Suzie Warford	Port Orchard, WA	Cancer
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Cancer surgery
Lavonne Walk	Gleed, WA	Health Problems
Betty McKinney	Gleed, WA	Back surgery
Troy Solomon	Gleed, WA	Health Issues

Gospel Meetings

Yuma Meeting	Yuma, AZ	Mar 15 - 22	Guest Speakers
Lower Ahtanum	Yakima, WA	Jun 28 - Jul 1	TBA
Gleed Meeting	Yakima, WA	Jul 2 - 5	TBA
Family Camp	Cedaredge, CO	Jul 11 - 19	Guest Speakers
Aztec Meeting	Aztec, NM	Jul 24 - 26	Terry Warford
Lorenzo Meeting	Lorenzo, TX	Jul 30 - Aug 2	TBA
Labor Day Wkend	Stilwell, OK	Sep 4 - 6	TBA
Broken Bow Mtg	Broken Bow, OK	Nov 13 - 15	TBA

Passings

Mike Schell	Montrose, CO	January 26, 2026
Brian Ross	Tulsa, OK	February 5, 2026

Baptisms

Allie McCay	Feb 19, 2026	Lower Ahtanum - Yakima, WA



In Loving Memory

Brian Jason Ross

October 31, 1969 — February 5, 2026

Brian Jason Ross, 56, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed from this life into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

Born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Felix and Beverly Ross of Stilwell, Oklahoma, Brian was an obedient and loving child who brought immense joy to his parents. From an early age, he was studious and demonstrated a strong work ethic. He attended Stilwell Schools, where he enjoyed working out, playing football, studying science, and participating in speech and drama. Brian took part in numerous school productions and also loved fishing and hunting.

Following high school, Brian attended the University of Oklahoma, where he studied pre-med, before transferring to Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He graduated in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a minor in Public Speaking. During his time at NSU, Brian excelled in public speaking and served as the Lieutenant Governor for the Mock Oklahoma Collegiate Legislature.

After college, Brian's love for acting grew from a hobby into a true passion. He packed everything he owned into his little red Pontiac Firebird and followed his dreams to Los Angeles. There, he landed roles in national commercials for Sprite, Taco Bell, and Toyota, as well as appearances on well-known television shows including Unsolved Mysteries and The Young and the Restless. These opportunities earned him membership in the Screen Actors Guild. He also appeared as an extra in several motion pictures, starred in local and regional commercials, acted in independent short films, and received a Best Actor award for the short film Life's Little Gaps.

While Brian cherished his time in Los Angeles, he missed home and desired the opportunities of a growing city. He settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he began working as a recruiter for the University of Tulsa. He soon discovered a talent for financial education and wealth management, leading him to a brief career as a financial advisor with Prudential. Throughout this time, Brian continued to pursue acting, participating in local community theater and earning the lead role of Tony in the hit production Tony & Tina's Wedding with Theatre Tulsa. It was there that he met his wife, Michele. They were married in 2000 and later that year welcomed their wonderful son, Christian, whom he adored.

As the financial services industry expanded, Brian left Prudential to establish his own business, J. Ross Financial, Inc. He later served as a financial literacy coordinator for Native American tribes through the Bureau of Indian Affairs within the Department of the Interior. In this role, he implemented financial literacy programs to help tribal members manage and grow their assets and resource royalties, earning a public service award for his dedication and impact. Brian also worked for the Department of Defense, providing financial counseling to service members and their families.

A man of deep faith, Brian was a loving husband and father who worked diligently to provide for his family.

Brian is survived by his son, Christian Alexander Ross; his parents, Felix Ross Jr. and Beverly Ross; his sister, Angela Kohl, and her husband, Michael; his niece, Juleá Kendal Merriott, her husband, Matthew, and their daughters, Milena and Madalyn; his nephew, Jackie Dylan Martin, and Samantha, and their daughters, Paxtyn and Kolsyn; his former wife and best friend, Michele Ross; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Lottie Pritchett; his maternal grandparents, James and Ruby Brown; and his nephew, James Edward Drake Martin.



In Loving Memory

Michael Ray Schell

January 8, 1950 — January 26, 2026

Michael Ray Schell passed from this life on January 26, 2026. He was born in Perryton, Tx on January 8, 1950 to Bob and Earline Schell.

The family moved to Montrose in 1960 where Michael spent his childhood and graduated from Montrose High School in 1968. He married his first wife, Betty Harbath in 1968 and they had a daughter, Tannah and a son, Tony. He attended CU in Denver attaining a degree in electrical engineering. He then worked in sales and service of xray equipment in Grand Junction.

He later met Lynda Downing and they married in 1980. Together they worked hand in hand through 45 years of marriage in various entrepreneurial businesses from owning and operating cable television systems, owning a dude ranch in Wyoming, to building homes, hard rock gold mining and most recently dirt and excavation business working mainly with the forest service.

Family was very important to Michael and he worked and played with them always. Hunting was a very big love of his life. He loved the mountains, camping, fishing and boating. He loved the Lord dearly.

Michael is survived by his wife, Lynda, daughter Tannah Snow (Brian), son Tony (Jamie), son Randall Marlatt (Jessica) and adopted daughter, Leslie Ruiz, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Earline Schell.