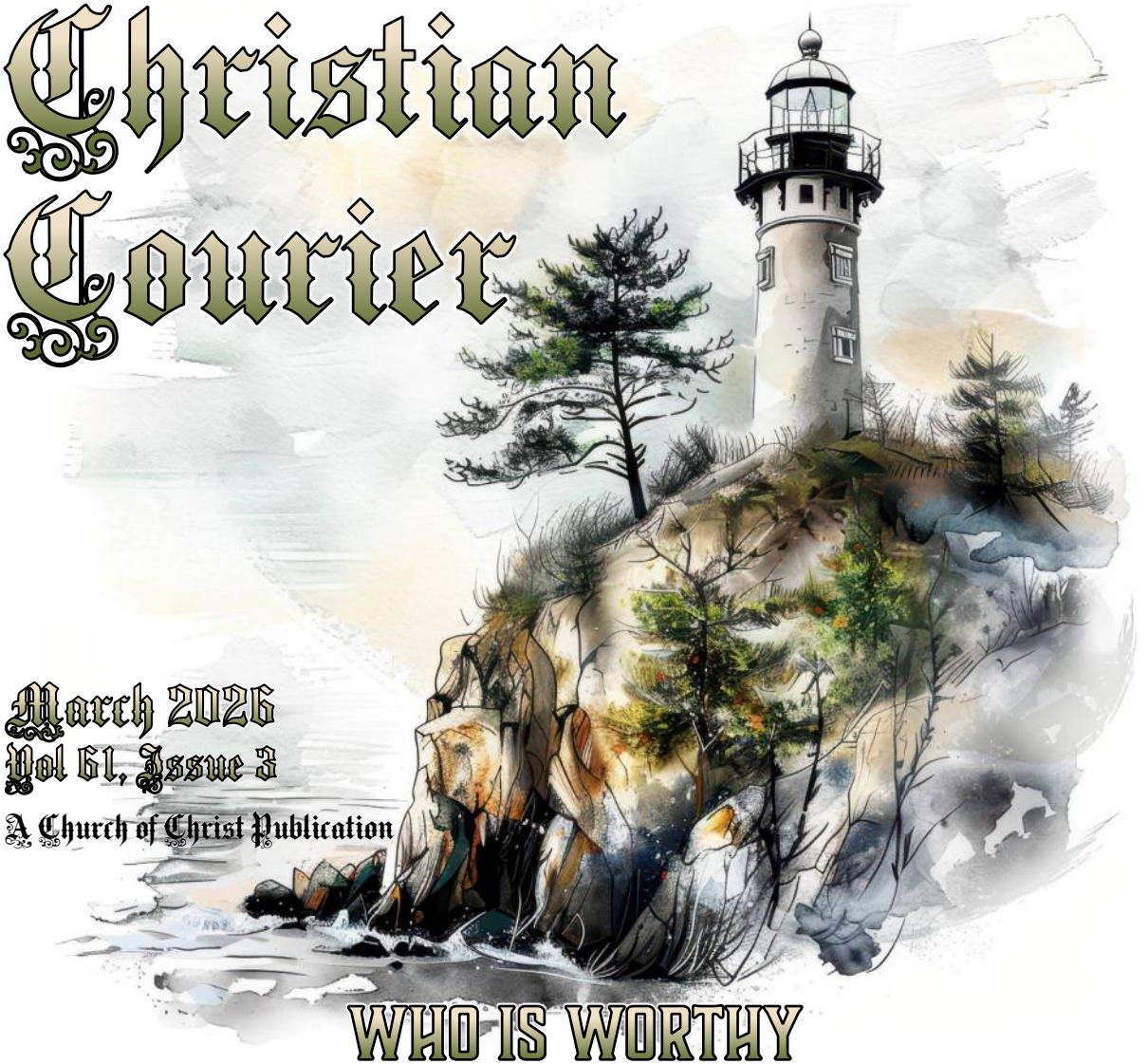
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WHO IS WORTHY

BRO. LARRY POLLAN – PT 2 OF 2

In John 10:1 Jesus said, ***Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the Door into the Sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*** The Sheepfold is the Church and has the glory God gave to His Son. Ephesians 1:20, ***Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the Heavenly places.*** If we do not accept the Gospel as we are commanded we cannot accept Jesus as our Saviour.

In Matthew 13:47-50 Jesus said, ***47Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: 48Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. 49So shall it be at the end of the world: the Angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from the just, 50And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*** In Matthew 25:31-32, ***31When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the Holy Angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the Throne of His Glory: 32And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his his sheep from the goats.***

Revelation 3:5, ***Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*** The command to repent appears at least 100 times in the Bible with seven times in Revelation. The command to hear appears at least 1000 times in the Bible with seven times in Revelation.

As the invitation song goes, *"There's a great day coming by and by. Are you ready for that day to come?"*

To close we need to read & remember Romans 14:11-12, ***11For it is written, "As I live," saith the Lord, "Every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." 12So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.***

In Christ to all

Larrry Pollan

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Notes & Letters

Hello brothers and Sisters,

Taking just a moment to send in a letter to the Courier to let everyone know how we are doing down here in Yuma. It is the time of year that we enjoy the most in this area, the weather is the best it can be right now. Today's date is December 27, 2025 and everyone has celebrated Christmas and looking forward to the new year that's just days away. We always pray for a better year than the last and we certainly are going to ask our Father for that to be the case again. Our congregation is for the most part doing fairly well at the moment and as I say every year we are just getting older and that is a good thing. I said that we are doing fine health wise and we are, at the moment, but we did have some scary situations as far as health goes and we are working our way through them. I had that scare of cancer from the doctor in Springerville but after going through numerous tests at the cancer center in Loma Linda, Ca. they found no cancer. I returned to Yuma and was tested again and confirmed no cancer, so I would like to thank everyone for the prayers that were given for all of us here in Yuma. We had some baptisms here a couple of Sundays ago and proud to announce that my grandson Zach and his fiancée made the decision to follow Christ and are attending services now. Every addition to our Church is welcomed greatly and the youth is always necessary for the future. Terry and Debbie Wilkerson have arrived and are set up here next to the church, we always look forward to them getting here, such a blessing to have them with us.

Next, I would like to mention that we have settled on March 15th through the 22nd of March of 2026 for our meeting this year. We have a few that have already expressed their intent to be here. We are looking forward to the days when we can visit with our brothers and sisters from all of the different congregations. If at all possible, plan to visit us during those days. Looking forward to hear all of the lessons that our brothers bring and the visiting and the added voices to our singing. My phone number is 928-503-3709, if you can make plans to come and be with us let us know so we have an idea of the number of people that will be here. If you have questions or ideas let us know. Our prayers will be with you always.

In Christian Love,
Denny and Susie Davis
for the Yuma Congregation

(Apologies for missing this last month)

Milk of the Word

Lucky Number 13?

The belief that the number 13 brings bad luck can be traced back to several historical events and cultural beliefs. One of the earliest references is found in the Code of Hammurabi, one of the oldest known legal codes, which notably omitted a 13th law. While some argue this was a clerical error, it contributed to the perception of 13 as an unlucky number. As well as in Christianity the 13th guest at the last supper was Judas.

The fear of the number 13, known as triskaidekaphobia, is so ingrained in modern society that it influences architecture and design. Many buildings skip the 13th floor, and airlines often avoid having row 13 on their planes. This superstition is reflected in the financial impact of Friday the 13th, where it is estimated that significant amounts of money are lost due to people avoiding travel, work, or significant events on this day. But what does this have to do with its appearance in the bible?

The number 13's appearance in the bible is one of rebellion, disruption of God's plan, and disorder. Genesis 14:4. Here, the thirteenth year is marked by rebellion against authority. This is the first clear mention connected to the number and sets a tone for how it is often viewed — as a point of turning away or uprising.

While not always stated directly as "thirteen," we see related patterns. Mark 7:21–23 lists a series of sins that proceed from the heart. There are thirteen items listed, showing the fullness of man's sinful condition apart from God. This reminds us that when man departs from God, sin multiplies.

Throughout scripture, when people reject God's authority, the result is confusion and disorder. Judges 21:25. Though the number thirteen is not stated in this verse, it reflects the same principle often associated with it — rebellion leading to chaos.

Brethren, we must be careful not to become superstitious about numbers. The Bible does not teach that the number thirteen itself is cursed or inherently evil. Instead, it shows through examples that: Rebellion against God leads to trouble, Sin grows when man departs from God, Disorder follows when authority is rejected, The lesson is not about the number itself, but about the spiritual condition it sometimes highlights. Ecclesiastes 12:13. Remember, for us Christians, we know there is no such thing as good or bad luck. Just God's providence.

In Christian Love,

Bro. Jacob Fuson

Pleasant View
Church of Christ

Stilwell, OK



YUMA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Yuma meeting was held March 15-22 and was a great success! The Yuma congregation, including Terry and Debbie Wilkerson visiting from Cedaredge, and those from the Citrus City congregation, made sure we all felt at home with lots of home cooked meals, Domino's & games, Fellowship, and outings to visit the local sights and sounds. All the facilities were exceptionally clean and serviceable (thanks Debbie!) Special thanks to Robert Davis and his wife Debra for their wonderful hospitality.

The weather was **very hot** all week, with most days scorching over 100° and one day hitting 110°. One of my favorite things was the ice cream at The Lemon Grove. The raspberry swirl "Dole Whip" is the best!!! And the dates (the fruit) are phenomenal as well.

Day trips were planned to see the old Yuma Prison, and the 'Border Wall'. Other trips included an easy hike to see & smell a local Elephant Tree, from which frankincense—the gift for the Infant Jesus from the three wise men—is derived.

The lessons were all *marvelous* and are listed below. With help from Keith & Jenn Kerwin, assuming I can get them processed reliably, they'll be available in a week or two on our YouTube channel: **@1CupHistory**, as well as our website: **https://1CupHistory.Church**. I am eagerly looking forward to next year's visit! - Bro. Jesse Warford



Sun AM: Joe Bixler — Commitment
Sun PM: Troy Mooney — How to walk
Mon: Tony Brister — Take no thought
Tue: Paul Warford — Saved!
Wed: Keith Kerwin — Fellowship
Thurs: Billy Martin — Continue in love
Fri: Jesse Warford — Cutaway
Sat: Fred Cuming — Salt & Light
Sun AM: Terry Wilkerson — 5 R's of Repentance
Sun PM: Paul Warford — What is the "Gift" of the Holy Spirit?

WASHINGTON MEETING –

LOWER AHTANUM

JUNE 28 - JULY 1
4303 AHTANUM RD, YAKIMA, WA 98903
CONTACT: RICHARD JOHNSTON (509) 697-4961
SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED...

GLEED

JULY 2 - 5
140 DONELSON LANE, GLEED, WA 98908
CONTACT: JIM LAMB (509) 961-1900
SPEAKER: BRO. PAUL WARFORD

AZTEC MEETING

JULY 24 - 26

PARK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

**416 S. PARK AVE.
AZTEC, NM 87410**

**CONTACT:
CHARLIE JOHNSON
(505) 436-6267**

**SPEAKER:
BRO. TERRY WARFORD**

Church of Christ Family Camp
Cedaredge, Co - July 11-19

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LORENZO MEETING

LORENZO CHURCH OF CHRIST
407 4TH ST (4TH & MONROE)
LORENZO, TEXAS
JUL 30 - AUG 2
SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED...

CONTACT:
JERRY MCCAY
(806) 549-0355



Thought for the Month

The Yuma meeting was simply fantastic! That was the first away meeting I can remember attending, and I look forward to many more.

While I was there, Bro. Robert Davis spoke to me about how our worlds change as we grow and mature, not only in years, but in spirituality as well. When we are born, our world is very small, including only our mother and immediate caretakers.

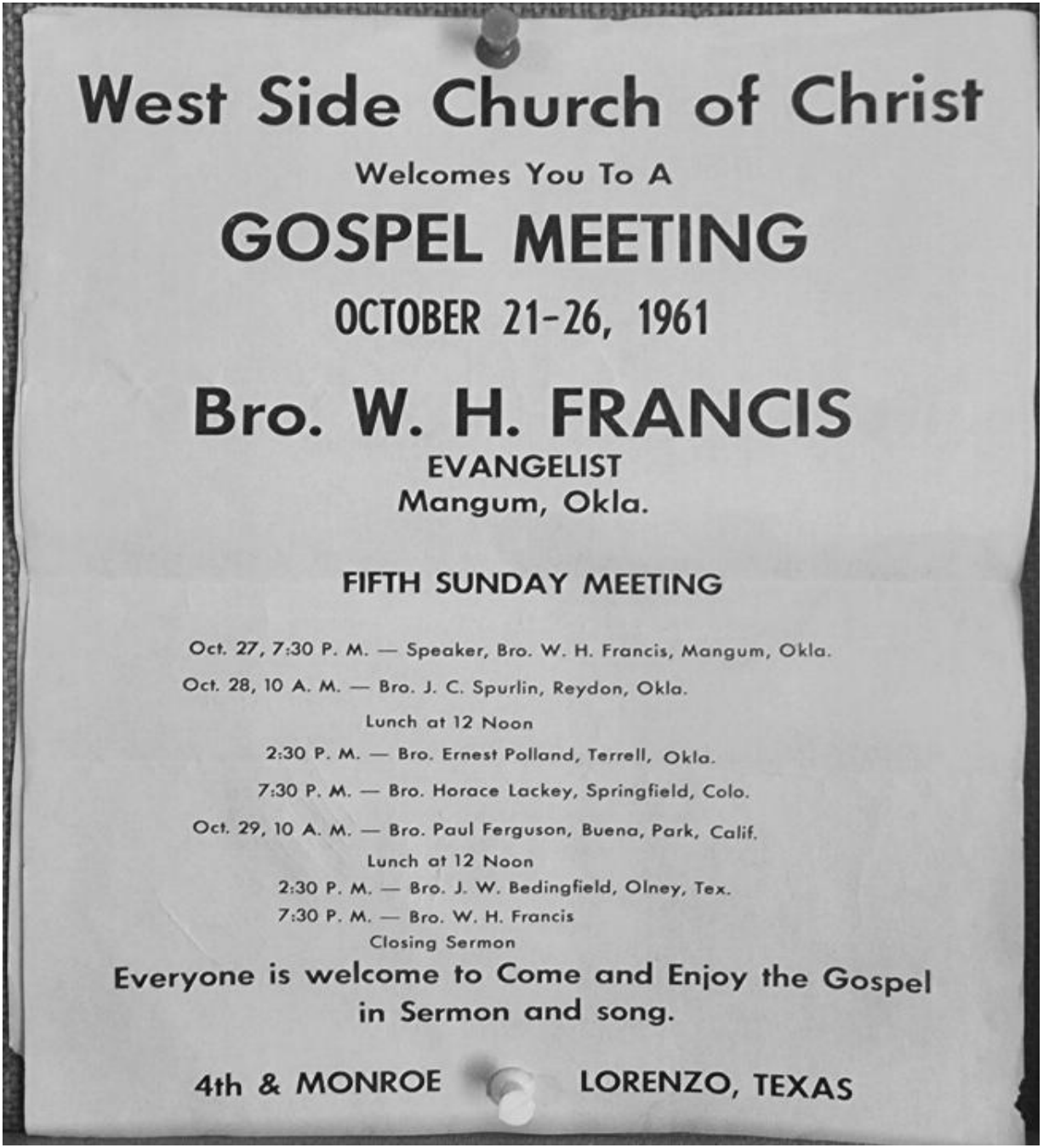
As children, our world expands to include a much broader circle of family and friends. It continues to grow as we mature into our teens & adulthood, until one day, our world shrinks by a single soul. We are shaken to our core the first time someone in our world is called home to the Lord. Then sadly another... and then another... And so it goes...

This first loss happens sooner for some and later for others, but it does happen. We simply can't escape it, nor do we ever get used to the shock or pain.

Sadly, we find our world growing smaller and smaller until, once again, only immediate family and caretakers remain. Then, in an instant, our world shrinks to just us and the Lord, walking hand in hand. We shouldn't wait until then to consider just how large and obedient our spiritual life has grown. Now is a great time to begin thinking about that...

Love & Blessings
Bro. Jesse Warford
Pleasant View
Church of Christ
Stilwell, OK





West Side Church of Christ

Welcomes You To A

GOSPEL MEETING

OCTOBER 21-26, 1961

Bro. W. H. FRANCIS

EVANGELIST

Mangum, Okla.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Oct. 27, 7:30 P. M. — Speaker, Bro. W. H. Francis, Mangum, Okla.

Oct. 28, 10 A. M. — Bro. J. C. Spurlin, Reydon, Okla.

Lunch at 12 Noon

2:30 P. M. — Bro. Ernest Polland, Terrell, Okla.

7:30 P. M. — Bro. Horace Lackey, Springfield, Colo.

Oct. 29, 10 A. M. — Bro. Paul Ferguson, Buena, Park, Calif.

Lunch at 12 Noon

2:30 P. M. — Bro. J. W. Bedingfield, Olney, Tex.

7:30 P. M. — Bro. W. H. Francis

Closing Sermon

Everyone is welcome to Come and Enjoy the Gospel in Sermon and song.

4th & MONROE LORENZO, TEXAS

News from Abroad

Appreciated brothers,

I greet them affectionately in the name of the LORD and I want that the work that your make permit all the brothers to have information on the churches.

I send information on the part of work in one area in Mexico during February.

New people's learning on the gospel (salvation plan)

Church in Palmilla

Preacher and your family in the South of Mexico

During March we have plans for visit center of Mexico for visit churches and preach new groups of the persons.









Your brother
in Christ
Otto Alvarez

KENYA UPDATE

Brethren,

We thank God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior for you and his grace given to you to serve His Kingdom. We are all here, serving together.

However, although we are all committed to preaching the gospel, we have no hesitation to loving one another and helping the vulnerable within the communities where we live and serve. Benevolent is one's good will toward his fellow man without expecting repayment. One manifests his brotherhood toward humanity by showing benevolent mercy to others.


John Kombo

We have more congregations that have been added to "One Cup" Church of Christ in Kenya. We need, all of us, to pray for peace in the world. The Bible says, "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (1 Chronicles 7:14).

We have received new members to our church through our weekly cell group/fellowship meetings. Your prayers and support towards evangelism is bearing fruit. Attached herewith find the photos of our new members.

God's blessing to you all.
Your Brothers in Christ,

Bro. John Kombo,
Bro. Robert Keiyo and
Bro. Simion Omwansa

Barut Church of Christ
Nakuru, Kenya





TANZANIA UPDATE

Dear Brothers & Sister

We would like to greet you in the name of our Lord. Thanks be to God who has enabled us to live again today. The life we live is for Christ and we lean on Him because he is everything to us. All the blessings both spiritual and physical comes from him.

In the month of February was tremendous, Brothers, Lazarus, Deus and I had four main Bible studies with the prospects. One of them was good, we met a teacher who is from the Lutheran church his name is Aweda. Talking to him about the way and steps of salvation of which he did not know. He said that he need more teachings about salvation. And we had to plan for the next visit.

After we were done by the steps of salvation, we taught him about the establishment of the church. It's shocking that many people in the world today don't study God's word. And for this reason they don't know that Christ promised to build His church (Matt. 16:18 - 19). I took him all the way from where Christ promised to build His church to the establishment of the Church in the day of Pentecost. As we were teaching this man, brother Edward was also teaching his cousin and he will be baptized next week Lord willing.


Alex Sadat

This is Aweda and I. We ask that we pray that God may change his heart so that he can obey the gospel.

Lastly, thank you for your prayers for the mission work in Africa. And the efforts you do to make it possible. Our goal is that many people may come to obey the gospel of our Lord.

Your brother in Christ,
Sadat



Fruits of Our Prayers and Support





To Gods Glory three new souls who have been added to the Church of Christ - Bro. Wilson - Lake Navasha, Kenya, Africa

Donations and requests for information may be sent to:

Church of Christ
Foreign Missions
3814 64th Drive
Lubbock, TX 79413

If you feel led to support our foreign missions and our work for the Lord, we invite you to consider contributing.

Broken Bow Meeting

November 13–15

Broken Bow Church of Christ
1201 E. Second St.
Broken Bow, OK

Contact: Mike Harcrow
(580) 212-4588

Speakers to be announced...

September 4 - 6

Labor Day Meeting

Pleasant View Church of Christ
83996 S. 4717 Rd., Stilwell, OK

Contact: Robert Fuson
(918) 696-3944 - (918) 797-0363

Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 3:7

Bro. Paul Warford

To the Church in Philadelphia

Rev 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write;

As with all the letters to the churches, Christ is reaffirming that he is speaking to the Angel or messenger, (can be translated either way), of the church at Philadelphia.

The city of Philadelphia dates back to about 159 BC. It was founded as a center for the spreading of the Greek language culture and manner of life. The city was located 25 to 30 miles southeast of Sardis on an important highway joining the regions of Lydia, Mysia and Phrygia thus establishing it as an important commercial success.

These things saith he that is holy,

Heb 7:26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

It is very important that we understand that Christ is holy because that's what he wants us to be, holy like him.

he that is true

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Jesus is the very pinnacle of truth. He never told a lie or an untruth of any kind about anyone or anything. He was lied about, especially during his crucifixion, but no ill words ever proceeded from his lips.

he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth

The only other reference I could find to the "key of David" in the scriptures was in Isaiah the 22nd chapter. Pay particular attention to the 22nd verse.

Isa 22:15-25 Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, *even* unto Shebna, which *is* over the house, *and say,* **16**What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, *as* he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, *and* that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock? **17**Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee. **18**He will surely violently turn and toss thee *like* a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory

shall be the shame of thy lord's house. **19**And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down. **20**And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: **21**And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. **22**And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. **23**And I will fasten him *as* a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. **24**And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. **25**In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that *was* upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken *it.*

Notice the striking similarities of this story to the time of Jesus's life and death. The priesthood, especially the high priest, had taken such control of the people and had made their own commandments and own doctrines that God removed their authority and replaced it with authority of Jesus.

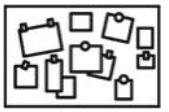
We now live in the Christian dispensation which lives under the authority of Christ, so he has the key or authority to open the door and let people into the Kingdom or to close the door. He does this by the divine law that he set down through the Holy Spirit unto the apostles in the rules that govern the church today.

Tom Wacaster made several observations that I want to take note of here.

1. For one thing it implies that Judaism has been replaced by Christianity.
2. It also implies the absolute and complete the authority of our Lord.
3. It implies that the promises God made with regard to the House of David were never intended to be taken in a material sense.
4. He opens the door of opportunity for his churches.
5. He opens the heart through the teaching and preaching of the gospel.
6. He opens a door of admission into his church, laying down the terms of entrance and fellowship.
7. He also shuts the door when he pleases.
8. He shuts the door of heaven against the foolish virgins who have slept away their day of grace.

In Christian Love
Bro. Paul Warford
Pleasant View
Church of Christ
Stilwell, OK





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
Jesse Locke	Aztec, NM	Health issues from Strokes
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	Dementia
Lavonne Walk	Gleed, WA	Health Problems
Betty McKinney	Gleed, WA	Back surgery
Troy Solomon	Gleed, WA	Health Issues

Baptisms

Jaden Locke	Sept 2024	San Antonio, TX
3 Souls (see pg. 11)	Feb 2026	Lake Navasha, Kenya, Africa

Gospel Meetings

Lower Ahtanum	Yakima, WA	Jun 28 - Jul 1	TBA
Gleed Meeting	Gleed, WA	Jul 2 - 5	Paul Warford
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

Maxine Pollan	Terral, OK	March 22, 2026
Jenifer Anyango	Nakuru, Africa	March 21, 2026
Javan Wood	Lubbock, TX	March 15, 2026

Jenifer Anyango Obare



Sister Jenifer was born September 24th, 1982 in Alego, Siaya County. She passed from this life on March 21st , 2026 at the age of 44 years.

Jenifer was very polite and kind to everyone in the church. She was baptized and became a member of the Lord's Church when she got married to Brother Charles Obare at Nakuru, Ronda Church of Christ 18 years ago. At the time of her death they had 4 children, two sons and two daughters.

She attended ladies Bible Studies regularly. Whenever the brethren visited her home she was so welcoming and very supportive to Brother Charles in his work as an evangelist at Ronda Church of Christ. She was very active in all church activities and local community volunteer activities. She used to cook and feed the street children who live around the Ronda Church of Christ.

In Loving Memory...

Javan Jerrell Wood



Javan passed away March 15, 2026, at the age of 44. He was born Oct 13, 1981 in Lubbock, TX. He is survived by his children Vera, Caspian, Jaesh, Traven, and Vincent; parents, Larry and Vandra Wood; loving coparents of his children, Carrie, Trish, and Emily; sisters, Bethany and Cedra; and a long list of beloved band mates, friends, and family.

Those who knew him will remember him for his love of spirited debate, music, feeding others, the power of language, and above all, his children.



In Loving Memory…

Maxine Pollan

Maxine Pollan was born on September 28, 1945, in Yuma, Arizona, to Mack and Lola (Edwards) Davis. She passed away peacefully at her home in Terral, Oklahoma, on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at the age of 80.

Maxine spent her early years in both Phoenix and Yuma, Arizona, where she was raised and educated. Following her graduation from high school and the completion of several college courses, she began a long and dedicated career with Arizona State Compensation. She served as a claims clerk for 30 years, demonstrating professionalism, diligence, and a strong work ethic throughout her tenure.

In her younger years, she enjoyed fishing and camping, activities that reflected her appreciation for the outdoors. She also found joy in traveling and attending church camp, where she formed lasting friendships and strengthened her faith. On December 10, 2010, Maxine married Larry Grant Pollan, with whom she shared a meaningful and cherished companionship. They were married at the EastSide Church of Christ in Ringgold, Texas, by Stanley Goodwin.



Preceded in death by her parents and sister, Margaret Brown, Maxine is survived by her husband, Larry; son, Stacey Mack Courrier of Arizona; and nephews: Terry Brown and Jerry Brown.