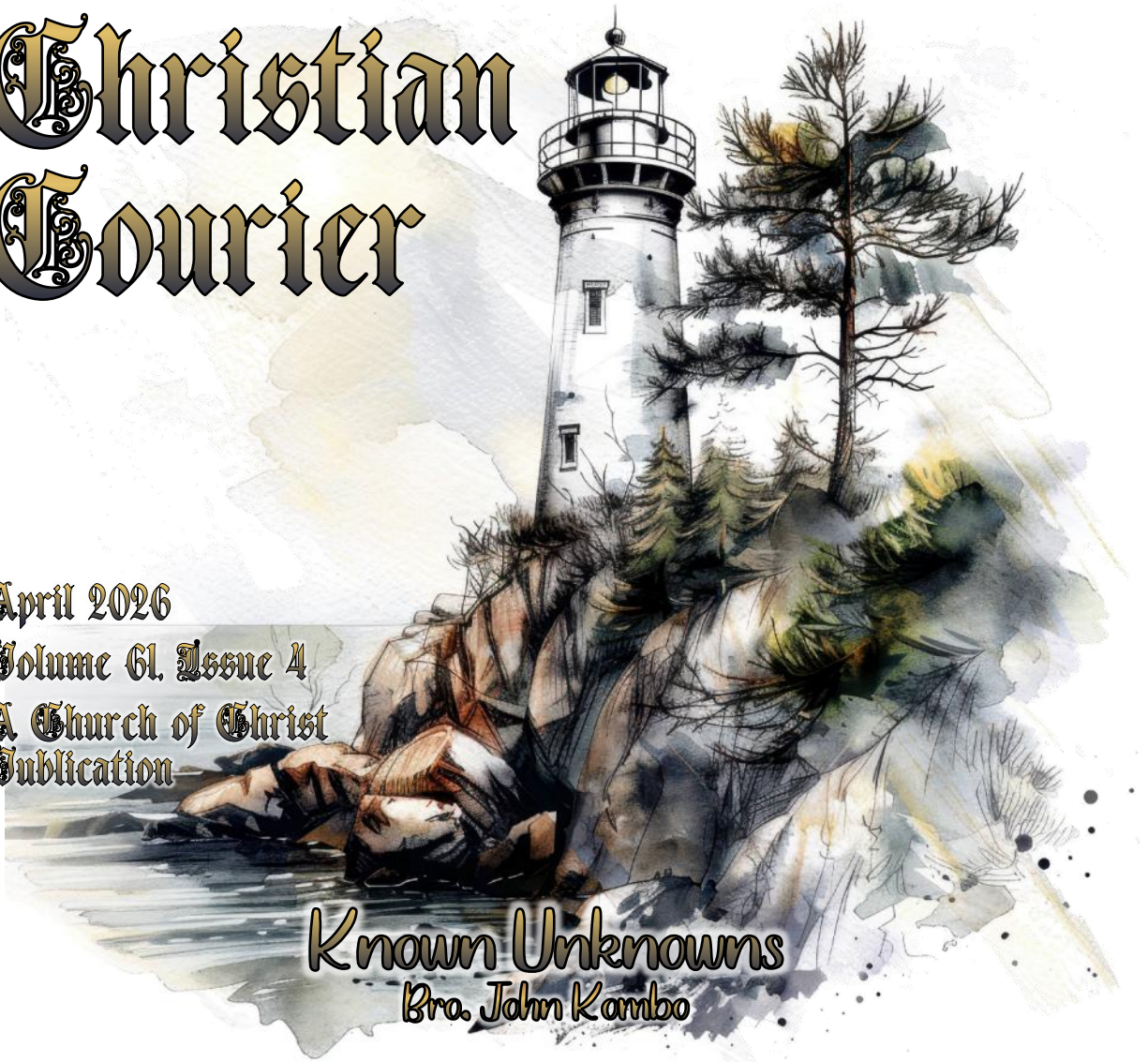
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Known Unknowns

Bro. John Kambo

"There are known unknowns, we know there are some things we don't know. But there are also unknown unknowns — the ones we don't know we don't know". It is indeed very interesting, don't you think so? Even from the standpoint of Scripture; it is true that there are things we know we know. Just as the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork". He also wrote, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God' (Psalm 14:1). We know that God is the Creator of the whole universe. It is evident. But then, there are things we know are there, for the Bible tells us about them, but we do not know where they are. Such as Hades, and Heaven, and Hell. These are

known unknowns. Also, scripturally speaking, there are unknown unknowns, the ones we don't know we don't know, as Moses wrote in Deuteronomy 29:29. The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law".

The apostle John exhorted Christians with these words: "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:1-2).

The apostle is saying that now, at present, we know that we are children of God. We know this, first, because what God in Christ has done for us, making Him the propitiation for our sins through His death on the cross (1 John 1:10).

Secondly, because we have believed in Him and have obeyed His command to be saved (Mark 16:16). But it has not yet been revealed to us what we shall be in the future, after the resurrection of the body (1 Corinthians 15:50-53). Yet, when Christ is revealed, we shall see Him as He is.

Men have always been curious about what form we will have in eternity. But God has not revealed that to us yet. And there must be a good reason for Him not to have done that. What we know, however, from the Bible is only this, that when our Lord Jesus Christ will be revealed from heaven, He will transform our lowly earthly bodies that they may be conformed to His glorious body (Philippians 3:21). Isn't it a wonderful thought!

God's blessing to you all.

Your brother in Christ,

Bro. John Kombo

Barut Church of Christ

Nakuru, Kenya Africa



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Notes & Letters

Good morning brothers and Sisters,

Today is the 20th of April, so I don't know if it will make the April edition or not. Just want to mention a few things. First, our meeting for this year has come and gone, It was a very good meeting where the lessons from all of the brothers were great as usual. Brother Jesse Warford mentioned the lessons by titles in last months edition and they all brought out many points of how we are to live our lives by and a lot of points how not to live by. I would think that there were many toes that were stepped on and were sore throughout the meeting, mine certainly were. They reminded me of so many things that seem to slip from the mind. It is always necessary to be reminded "often" as we are human and we can and do let the truth of the meanings of scripture slip a bit from time to time. It was a pleasure to see all of those coming to be with us again and missing those that simply couldn't make for whatever reason was in their way. We had some days that were over a hundred degrees and others that were nice and comfortable. I want to thank our brothers and sisters from the Citrus City that are about 35 or 40 miles from us in here in Yuma that travelled to be with us nightly, they are truly a part of Yuma's congregation, just miles between us all that separates us. We are going to try and start our next meeting towards the first of March next year so if you can, make plans to be with us. I mentioned Brother Jesse Warford and it was nice to meet him face to face and get to know each other somewhat, He and his brother Paul do a great job on the Courier and should be commended for all of their hard work, thank you guys.

It is a sadness that we lost our cousin and friend in Christ Maxine Pollan from the Ringgold ,Texas congregation. She will be missed by us that grew up with her and I know that she will be missed in Ringgold. I was blessed to be at her and Larry's wedding. Larry travelled down with his daughter shortly after our meeting to have a celebration of Life ceremony here in her Yuma, her birthplace. We all went through many memories of her life here and the transition to life in Terral, Oklahoma. Larry even under the circumstances treated us to a lesson as is his calling that next Sunday. His lesson was appropriate, it was on the 23rd Psalm. That Psalm is a beautiful Psalm used often at funerals and his point I believe was to show that it is as much for the living as it is for those that have passed.

Not much is going on here but the yearly swap to hot weather. Don't let that hinder your traveling in our direction, We all have air conditioners in our homes and cars. As for the general health, we are doing pretty good continuing to get older and that's a good thing. Always good to hear from all the different congregations in the Courier. Hope all of you are well and may God be with you and keep you safe and healthy.

Denny and Susie Davis
for the Yuma congregation

April 2, 2026

Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been a while since we updated you on what has been going on with our congregation. We have been blessed with a growing congregation.

On Sunday, March 29, 2026, we had a double baptism with Teagan and Sierra Gardenhire. They are the daughters of Felisha (Gardenhire) Israel, granddaughters of Bobby Gardenhire, and great-grand-daughters of Bonnie Remington.

Mikah and Makayla Walters welcomed a new baby girl, Anastasia Walters, on October 24, 2025. Anastasia is the granddaughter of Steve and Cheryl Baird, and the great-granddaughter of the late Jack and Darlene Warford. Jacob and Anna Fuson welcomed a new baby girl on December 8, 2025. Scarlett Fuson is the granddaughter of Robert and Christina Fuson and the great-granddaughter of Gerald and the late Wilma Buckner. We are so thankful for these new additions! We also have another addition on the way, Draven and Julie Littledeer are expecting a baby boy near the end of July 2026. Please keep them in your prayers as Julie has rheumatoid arthritis, and we are praying for no complications.

Also, please keep Darletta Spencer in your prayers. She is taking treatments for cancer, and they can get very hard on her. George and Retha Morris could also use your prayers. It is getting more difficult for them to attend services due to Mrs. Retha's health condition. Jennifer Gardenhire had a hard time after her heart surgery, but appears to finally be on the mend. The rest of us have our day-to-day aches and pains, but are thankful to have another day to serve the Lord.

We would like to invite everyone to our Labor Day Meeting, September 4-6, 2026. Our speaker this year is Casey Dover from the Broken Bow, OK congregation. We will have dinner at 6 pm and services at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday morning, we will have a pancake breakfast at the church kitchen at 9am, followed by games. Lunch on Saturday will be sandwiches and chips at noon, followed by a singing at 1:00. The meeting will end with a dinner after services on Sunday. All are welcome to join us! If you need a place to stay, please let us know.

Please join us anytime you are in the area. You are always welcome!

Gerald Buckner
Pleasant View Church of Christ
Stilwell, OK

Remember When?



Earl Broadway, Horace Orendorff, W.A. Nelson, Jerry Orendorff, Harry Dye, & Bessie Dye

September 4 - 6

Labor Day Meeting

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

Speaker: Bro. Casey Dover

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

Broken Bow Meeting

November 13–15

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

Contact: Mike Hargrow
(580) 212–4588

Speaker to be announced...



Milk of the Word

Numbered by man or by God?

All of our studies leading to this proves that we see numbers throughout the bible. 7 days of creation, 12 tribes of Israel, 40 days of testing, 3 days in the tomb, etc. Because of this, some people develop what is called "numerology" — the idea that numbers carry hidden or mystical meanings. So we must ask, Did God intend numbers to have meaning? Or is this something man has added? The answer requires careful, scriptural balance.

First, we must recognize that numbers in the Bible are not random. 1 Corinthians 14:40. God uses structure and order in Creation. Genesis 1–2 → 7-day creation pattern. Worship, Exodus 25–27 → precise measurements in the tabernacle. Time and Organization. Numbers 1 → organized tribes of Israel. These show that numbers are part of God's design and communication.

While God uses numbers, the Bible never teaches numerology as a system of interpretation. In fact, Scripture warns against adding ideas not revealed by God. Deuteronomy 29:29. We must stay with what is revealed, not speculate about hidden meanings. Colossians 2:8. Many numerology systems come from Human philosophy, Pagan traditions, Mystical interpretations. These go beyond Scripture. 1 Corinthians 4:6.

Let's make a clear distinction, the biblical use of numbers is used for counting, time, organization, emphasis or patterns, and is always understandable in context. While Unbiblical Numerology assigns hidden meanings not stated in scripture, treats numbers as mystical or magical, and builds doctrine on speculation. The Bible never says "The number 7 always means this", "The number 13 always means that". Those are man-made systems, not inspired teaching.

From a Church of Christ perspective, we should Recognize patterns, Learn from context, Avoid speculation, Never build doctrine on numbers alone. 2 Timothy 2:15. Yes,

I have made a series on the numbers in the bible. And I do believe the use of numbers is fascinating. But through my studies I've realized that God uses numbers for our benefit. It allows him to communicate clearly, making verses memorable through repetition of numbers, shows order and important themes.

So, is "numerology" in the Bible from God or man? The answer, God used numbers to teach, mystical numerology is by man's design. Brethren, the Bible is not a hidden codebook, it is a revealed message. John 20:31. So instead of asking what hidden truths these numbers hide, we should ask. What is God trying to clearly show me?

In Christian Love

Bro. Jacob Fuson

Pleasant View Church of Christ

Stilwell, OK



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 **1CupHistory.Church** as a PDF!

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Thought for the Month

Just a brain teaser this month to lighten the mood: **How do we grow?**

And the answer??? **Many Men Love Jesus, Although Righteous Christians Grow Eating Potato Chips Together, Today & Tomorrow, Patiently Holding Jars of Pickles, Juggling Jellybeans, & Rejoicing.**

I'll leave it right here for you to figure out. If you come up with the answer, please let me know at: **ChristianCourier1Cup@gmail.com**, or on the Contact Us page of our website: **https://1CupHistory.church.**

I look forward to hearing from you! I hope I didn't make this too easy =)

Love & Blessings

Bro. Jesse Warford

Pleasant View Church of Christ

Stilwell, OK



The answer will be in next months column!

News from Abroad

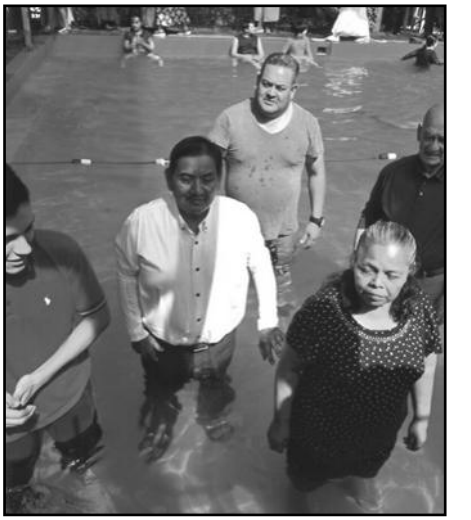
Appreciated brothers,

I pray that the Lord bless you, and that your work in the Lord is a blessing to all who receive this publication with information from many congregations.

News from Mexico : During this month of March, in the area of the Huasteca Potosina, we were able to see four people converted and baptized. We thank the Lord because several brothers are involved in the work in this area.

We are also working in other areas, and we have hope that more people will obey the Gospel.

In Christ's Love
Bro. Otto & Mariela Alvarez
Church of Christ
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Harlingen, TX 78550







TANZANIA UPDATE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We would like to greet you all in the name of our beloved Jesus Christ. We are doing well in the vineyard. God has blessed us with life and for this reason we are able to go into the field and harvest the crops which are ready.


Alex Sadat

Brothers Edward, Deusi, Lazarus, and I went to different places teaching and preaching to the lost. It happened that Brother Lazarus and I knocked the door of a multiple cup member. He allowed us to stay with him and his family for three hours and we taught them the word. Basically, we talked about the Lord's Supper. He claim to have gone to a Bible school and they were taught that when Jesus talked about the cup, he was talking about what was in the cup and not the container. We took him back in Matthew 26:26-28, where Jesus himself instituted it and said the cup is his blood of the covenant. Told him to read Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 which says it is the cup of blessing. Reading each passage and each talks about the cup.

We concluded with 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, this was the passage that hit them to the ground. They had nothing to defend themselves instead they agreed with what the Bible teaches on the Lord's Supper and said they are one of us. They will be breaking bread like we do. We have gained this congregation.

I got two different reports; one from brother Embaba from Congo saying they will be having a gospel meeting on May 5th. And brother John from Nakwa is reporting that they have gained three congregations which were Pentecost's.

We plan on having a two day gospel meeting in May 20. And Caleb in Arusha also asked if we can go over there and teach a two day seminar. We still discuss and see how we can do it. However, we shall inform you how it is going.

Thank you all for your support and prayers may God bless you.

Katoro church of Christ
Your brother in Christ,
Sadat

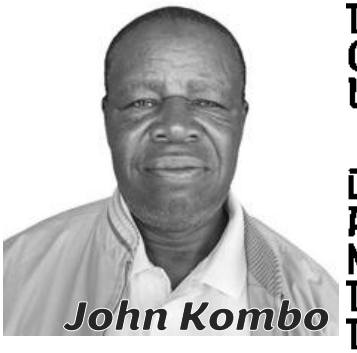
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KENYA UPDATE

DEAR BRETHREN,

THIS IS A TRUE STORY OF THE PERSON IN THE PICTURE ATTACHED. HE IS CRIPPLED JUST AS YOU CAN SEE. HIS NAME IS JOHN KOECH. KOECH'S BOTH PARENTS WERE KILLED DURING ELECTIONS DISPUTES CLASHES IN 2007-2009. HE IS NOW LIVING WITH MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER AGED 90 YEARS.


John Kombo

HE JOINED A GROUP OF THE CHURCH CALLED "THE REPENTANCE CHURCH" FOUNDED BY PROPHET OWUOR. HE CLAIMS TO PERFORM MIRACLES AND HEALING. KOECH JOINED THE MOVEMENT EXPECTING A MIRACLE TO HAPPEN TO HIM AND REGAIN THE ABILITY TO WALK AGAIN. BUT EVERY TIME HE WENT TO THE MEETING WHICH IS HELD HERE IN NAKURU ANNUALLY, HE CAME BACK HOME UNHEALED.

THEREFORE, ON SATURDAY EVENING ON MARCH 28, 2026 HE CAME TO SEE ME IN MY HOME SO THAT HE MAY GET TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT MIRACLES AND HEALING.

THE DEFINITION OF TRUE MIRACLES IS THAT: IT MUST BE PERCEIVED BY THE SENSES OF MAN. (ACTS 4:14-16: 28:26), THE SUPER-NATURAL IS UNQUESTIONABLE SEEN IN THE EVENT OF A MIRACLE. (EX. 14: 13, 1 KINGS 18:17-46: MK. 16:20: JOHN 3:2), A MIRACLE IS NOT THE ORDINARY OCCURRENCE OF NATURAL LAW (MT. 8:23-27: MK 4:35-41), A MIRACLE IS AN INSTANTANEOUS EVENT (ACTS 3:6-8), A MIRACLE CANNOT BE DENIED BY UNBELIEVERS (1 KINGS 18: 30-40: JOHN 11:45,46: ACTS 4: 14-16) AND THE TRUE MIRACLES ARE CLEARLY SEEN BY UNBELIEVERS.

WE HAD A LONG DISCUSSION TRYING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO COMPARE THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE BIBLE AND THE ONES THAT THE LATER DAY PROPHETS CLAIM TO PERFORM. WE PRAYED FOR HIM AS HE REQUESTED BEFORE. HE PROMISED TO COME BACK. (PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE ----->)

PRAISE THE LORD FOR WHAT HE IS DOING BY BRINGING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO STUDY THE WORD OF TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE. ATTACHED HEREWITH ARE THE PHOTOS TAKEN DURING BIBLE STUDY. (PG. 11 --->)

GOD BLESS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. GOD BLESS YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE RESTORATION WORK OF THE CHURCH.

YOUR BROTHERS IN CHRIST.

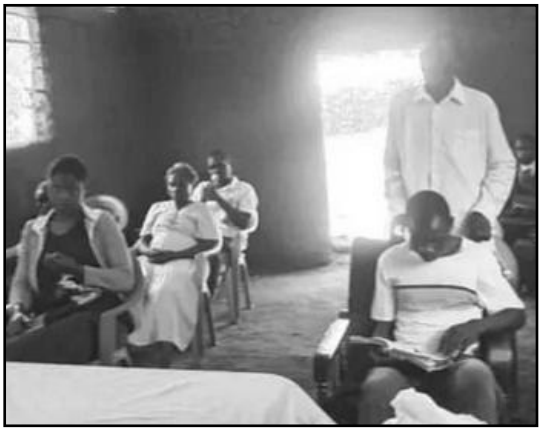
BRO. JOHN KOMBO, BRO. ROBERT KEIYO AND BRO. SIMION OMWANSA



KENYA UPDATE







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

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LORENZO, TEXAS

JUL 30 - AUG 2

SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED...

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JERRY MCCAY
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GOSPEL NEWS COURIER

LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 1962

O U R D E P A R T E D

Funeral services for Daniel Edward Atchley, 1518 W. Broadway, Elk City, Oklahoma was held at 3:30 P. M. monday, July 23 in the Martin Funeral Home chapel.

Born March 16, 1872, Bro. Atchley died at a local nursing home July 20, 1962.

Bro. Atchley was married to Arabella Jernigan in 1894. He came to Oklahoma in 1914 from Texas. He moved to Martha in 1938 and was in the grocery business there with his son. He moved to Elk City in 1941 and had lived here since that time.

He is survived by his wife of the home address, three sons, F. E. of Santa Ana, Calif., Earl of Westville, Okla., and Paul of Lawton, Okla., one daughter Mrs. Jess Kent of Pueblo, Colorado, a half-brother, Isaac Atchley of Dallas, Texas, 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Bro. Coy Garrison of Grand Prairie, Texas preached the funeral sermon. Burial was in Fairlawn cemetery under the direction of Martin Funeral Home, Elk City.

Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 3:8-9

Bro. Paul Warford

Rev 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

I know thy works:

How many times in our lives when our children are growing up, did we tell them "I'm watching you" "I see all the good things and all the bad things that you do." It's amazing that our minds and God minds are so similar because he is constantly reminding us "I know thy works."

I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it

Several commentators mention that the door that was open was the door to spread the gospel throughout their region. Seeing how this letter is to one of the seven churches which means the whole, complete, or perfect church we understand that this letter is to us and all the congregations throughout time. It tells us that we have an open door to tell the world about the gospel of Christ and how his shed blood and obedience to the gospel can save them and put them on a path to heaven.

for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

For this part of the scripture, I believe I will quote John T Hines for you

"The words "thou hast little power" may mean that the Lord noted their weakness, poverty, and few members. But in spite of such drawbacks, they are complemented as resisting temptations to the extent that they had kept God's word and had not denied their faith in Christ. For that reason, God opened to them doors of opportunities for greater service."

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

To break this down into small sections as we have done thus far would actually be an injustice to this verse. There is a story that needs to be told from this verse and that is that the Jews are no longer God's chosen people. He actually says that they're the synagogue of Satan and liars because they falsely claim they are Jews. The apostle Paul says in scripture that circumcision is of the heart and not of the flesh and those that have had their heart circumcised are the true Jews.

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Rom 2:29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

But in the end of time the Jews that have not come to Christ will know that God loved the church.

In Christian Love

Bro. Paul Warford

Pleasant View Church of Christ

Stilwell, OK



THE CHRISTIAN COURIER IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR CHURCH OF CHRIST HISTORY WEBSITE HAS STARTED HOSTING FACEBOOK VIDEOS OF LIVE STREAMED VIDEO SERMONS - SUNDAY AM AS WELL AS THOSE FROM MEETINGS - FROM THE YUMA, BROKEN BOW AND GLEED CONGREGATION GROUPS ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND OUR WEBSITE ICUPHISTORY.CHURCH. WE CAN HOST YOURS TOO!!

PLEASE ALLOW US A MONTH OR TWO TO GET ALL CAUGHT UP :]

WASHINGTON MEETING

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JUNE 28 - JULY 1

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SPEAKER: BRO. RICK CARTER

GLEED

JULY 2 - 5

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SPEAKER: BRO. PAUL WARFORD

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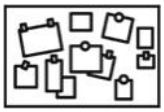
JULY 24 - 26

PARK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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CONTACT: CHARLIE JOHNSON (505) 436-6267

SPEAKER: BRO. TERRY WARFORD



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

Teagan Gardenhire	Mar 29, 2026	Pleasant View, Stilwell, OK
Sierra Gardenhire	Mar 29, 2026	Pleasant View, Stilwell, OK

Gospel Meetings

Lower Ahtanum	Yakima, WA	Jun 28 - Jul 1	Rick Carter
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

Births

Anastasia Walters	Mikah and Makayla Walters	Stilwell, OK	October 24, 2025
Scarlett Fuson	Jacob and Anna Fuson	Stilwell, OK	December 8, 2025

Spring is in the air



Across:

3. Mark 4:8
4. John 4:14
7. Acts 12:4
8. Matthew 13:3
9. Matthew 13:5
11. John 15:5
14. Matthew 13:31
19. Mark 1:35
21. Matthew 13:38
22. Matthew 13:5
23. John 3:8
24. John 15:5
27. Matthew 10:29
28. James 1:10

Down:

1. Matthew 9:37
2. Matthew 6:30
5. Matthew 24:32
6. Matthew 12:33
10. Matthew 13:6
12. Matthew 7:17
13. James 1:10
15. John 4:14
16. Matthew 5:45
17. Luke 21:27
18. Matthew 6:28
20. John 19:41
25. John 7:38
26. Matthew 8:20
27. Matthew 5:45
29. Matthew 13:31