

THE CHRISTIAN COURIER

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In Great Appreciation



As many of you know, Bro. Ellis Foresman has been the editor and publisher of "The Christian Courier" for the last 30 years. The amount of labor he has put into this paper cannot be properly appreciated by mere words alone. Not only has he sacrificed his time, energy and finances, but also many other opportunities he has undoubtedly missed in order to bring the Church this information. We also want to thank his family, friends and the Lorenzo congregation for their sacrifices and contributions as well.

This publication has become so integral to Ellis and Lynell's daily lives that she tearfully remarked that passing the torch to us "has been like watching a child pack up and leave the nest."

Ellis… Lynell… We will forever be grateful for all that you've done for us, the Church. Because of your sacrifices, this paper has helped keep the Church unified and given us the ability to keep in touch with likeminded saints. Thank you both so very much!

Passing the Torch

As a runner in a race must eventually pass the baton to a teammate, to keep the speed and momentum of the race as efficient as possible, so this publication, The Christian Courier, is now changing hands. After 30 years, Bro. Ellis and Sis. Lynell Foresman are passing this torch to us, the Paul Warford family. Editing, publishing, printing and distributing this paper is something we are blessed to have the ability to do, and we accept this challenge with all the care and love our Heavenly Father has blessed us with.

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Our email address has changed! It is now ChristianCourier1Cup@gmail.com. Please send all correspondence there. Bro. Ellis still monitors the old address, but submissions sent there may not reach us in time for publication!

We are also gathering historical information for our new Church of Christ history website. We urge the leaders of each congregation to send the following information:

Congregation name
Physical address
Mailing address (if any)
Land line phone # (if any)
GPS location
Contact info (Preacher name, address, ph#)
Picture of church building
Preachers names and pictures
Members names and pictures

Thank you!

Growing Pains

This is our very first attempt at publishing this wonderful newsletter. Trying to coax Microsoft Word to format things exactly the way we see it in our minds is very frustrating, and already we've had to change our column layout because it just won't behave the way we want it to.

So please forgive us. It isn't going to be exactly perfect, or exactly the way it was. But we're trying. And we'll be getting the important information out there to all of you.

If you have any questions, comments or news, please don't hesitate to send us a quick note! Please remember the email address for the Christian Courier has changed to ChristianCourier1Cup@gmail.com.

Also, some of the letters or articles in this issue may be from several months ago, so please be patient while we catch up.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support!

The Paul Warford family and Pleasant View congregation in Stilwell, OK.

Always be Diligent and Alert!

In our daily lives, we will always be tested and tempted by the snake in the garden and his minions. While editing this newsletter, I have come across a few email letters wanting information or perhaps a discussion about our one cup beliefs and congregations. Some of these inquiries may seem innocent at first, but after earnestly thinking about them, we see they may be tests in disguise, and may be attempts to start a truly innocent dialog where further tests and temptations may be slipped in unknowingly and/or unwittingly.

Or they may be genuine inquiries for information which may in time give us the opportunity to help them and others realign their core beliefs to match the scriptures more accurately. Only by prayer and studying the scriptures may we become knowledgeable enough to discern the difference and act accordingly. Those of us who are still babes in Christ, like myself, should probably hand these situations to a Church elder. Much can be learned by watching how they are handled by those wiser than ourselves.

Love and blessings - Jesse Warford

Voices From The Past - Saved Without Faith

If one can be saved without faith, why did Paul say that it was impossible to please God without it? (Heb. 11:6).

If God promised to give faith when we asked for it, why are we told that faith comes by hearing the word of God? (Rom. 10:17).

If faith only is a very wholesome doctrine, and full of comfort, why did James say that we are not justified by faith only? (James 2:24).

If God has promised to save man regardless of the kind of faith he has, why did Paul make it so plain, that there is one faith? (Eph. 4:5).

If one becomes a Christian the moment he believes, as most denominations teach, why was not King Agrippa, a Christian? (Acts 26:27-28).

If one can be saved with whole-heart obedience to the Lord, why did Paul say, obey from the heart? (Rom. 6:17).

If the Lord will save us without baptism, why did he command us to be baptized? (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, 10:48).

If the Lord has promised us salvation without baptism, as most denominations teach, why did Peter say *baptism doth now also save us*? (1 Pet. 3:21).

If instrumental music is to be used in connection with the Christian worship service, why did Paul omit it? (Col. 3:16).

If man can be saved by obeying the doctrines and commandments of men, why did Christ say it was vain worship to follow them? (Matt 15:9; Mark 7:7).

If the word of God is perfect and furnishes us to all good works, how can we make it better by adding to it or taking from it? (Eccl. 3:14; Rev. 22:17-18; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

If all churches are right, why does the Bible make it so plain that there is but one? (Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 1:18-24; Eph. 1:22-23).

If you are in doubt about any of the above Bible subjects, will you not take enough interest in your soul's welfare, that you will search the scriptures to see whether these things are true?

Written in love,

Bro. Elza Loveland
Yakima, Washington
[Reprinted from "*It Is Written*", April 1955]

Cards and Letters

Gleed, WA

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gleed congregation is happy to say that we are back meeting at the church building Sundays ,with communion. Covid has been hard on our congregation but we have been blessed not to have lost anyone from it. It's been nice to meet in person to see and hug all of those who are here again.

There are a few church members who will be leaving to attend the church family camp this year in New Mexico. We will be praying for everyone to have safes travels and wonderful fellowship.

The Gleed Church of Christ is holding a young mens gospel meeting. Sunday July 31st -August 3 2022. Our speakers will be Christopher Mouritson, Kody Lamb, Tanner McKinney, Colton McKinney and Tyler King. We would like to invite everyone to come support these young Christian men.

Thank you
Threasa King

Mt Manzano Camp Info

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We would like to take this opportunity to share the events and happenings of Mt. Manzano Camp 2022. The facilities at Mt. Manzano provided us with nice accommodations, beautiful scenery, and perfect weather. Approximately 65+ campers enjoyed great fellowship, daily Bible studies, activities, good food, wonderful singing, and edifying lessons. Congregations from Washington, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas attended the weeklong camp meeting.

It was such a huge blessing to see the Lord add three souls to His church at this year's camp! The baptisms of Gage Cochran, Andrew Burris, and Savanna Lamb brought great joy to those attending. We know there was rejoicing

in heaven over their decisions to obey the Gospel of Christ!

Several excellent lessons were brought to those attending. Each containing a strong message, with Biblical truth. The lessons were given by the following men: Duane Bixler (Checking the Boxes), Kevin Lamb (The Red Letters), Austin Bryant (Forgiveness), Jerry McCay (Walking, Leaping, and Praising God), Mike Harcrow (Being a Cross Bearer), Troy Soloman (Lucky or Blessed), Paul Warford (Follow Me), and Larry Wood (I Have More to Give). Ellis Forsman presented multiple training sessions on evangelism. Other studies included "Is the Bible Reliable?" and "Why are there So Many Churches?" Teen and young campers also studied Bible lessons and enjoyed fun games, compliments of Kevin Lamb, Troy Soloman, Hayley Lamb, Julie Littledeer, Gage and Kachleigh Cochran, and Austin and Rose Bryant. Campers also experienced the Albuquerque Zoo and traveled to Salinas Pueblo Mission to tour the remains.

So many wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ, volunteered to make camp run smoothly. The kitchen could not have operated, if not for the guidance and daily help of Debbie Wilkerson, Patty Wilkerson, Charlie and Kathy Burt, Robert Fuson, Casey Dover, Mike Harcrow, and so many others, including our young campers. Thank you!

The Mt. Manzano, New Mexico location was offered to our congregations at a one-time reduced rate for 2022. The board chose the New Mexico location, due to restrictions in place at Big Spruce Campground in Cedaredge, Colorado. All expenses for the Mt. Manzano facility were paid for up front with funds held over from the last camp held at Big Spruce in 2019. A huge "Thank you" to John and Betty McKinney for maintaining the funds for us to use in 2022! Donations, fundraiser funds, and auction proceeds acquired in 2022 at Mt. Manzano will be a great starting point for camp 2023. Members of the board are actively seeking possible facilities for 2023. A viable facility should be centrally located, accommodate approximately 100 individuals, have relatively level terrain, be handicap accessible, lower elevation, nice weather, commercial kitchen, multiple shower/restroom facilities, and be cost effective, in order to be considered. Any help locating a facility would be greatly appreciated. Please send suggestions to heavenblessed3@yahoo.com, hayleytravis@yahoo.com, or mac.harcrow@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you in 2023! Robert and Chris Fuson, Kevin and Hayley Lamb, Mike and Melissa Harcrow

Don't forget!

The Mexico and Africa missions need our support! If every congregation gives just a little, the good our efforts do out there will be magnified many times over and allow the light and grace of God the Father to shine much brighter! Please consider contributing. Contact us here at the Christian Courier to find out how! -Thank you

Broken Bow, OK

Hello!

We hope this letter finds our brothers and sisters in Christ doing well. The congregation at Broken Bow would like to announce the baptisms of Gage Cochran (7-17-22), Andrew Burris (7/18/2022), Heather Berryhill (7-19-22), and Jeffrey Buront (11/18/2022). It is such an encouragement and blessing to witness a soul obeying the Gospel and being added to the body of Christ. Acts 2:47 "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." We are thankful for their decisions and look forward to serving Christ side-by-side.

November 11, 12, and 13 was the weekend of Broken Bow's fall meeting. The congregation enjoyed great sermons and fellowship. Bro. Jerry McCay spoke Friday (The Contentment Shirt) and Saturday (When the Books Were Opened) evenings. Bro. Paul Warford spoke during Sunday's service (This Do in Remembrance of Me). A huge "Thank You" goes out to the speakers, volunteers, and all who attended. We were certainly uplifted and encouraged by this year's meeting.

In an earlier edition of the Courier, we requested prayers for Tammy Smith and Tim Bartlett, members of the community. Both had cancer and both are now in remission. (Answered prayers!) Tammy is now scheduled for surgery to remove a portion of her intestine. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. Bro. James Camp had a heart valve replacement surgery and pacemaker implanted recently. He is home but could use prayers for healing and regained strength. Also, one of our littles (Everly Speligene, daughter of Bro. Alan and Sis. Kachton Speligene) has been experiencing health issues and could use prayers for complete healing.

Thank you all for your continued prayers! If you are in the Broken Bow, Oklahoma area, we would love to have you stop by for a visit and worship with us at 508 North Costilow. The congregation meets Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for service and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for Bible study. 2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Love to all,

The church of Christ congregation in Broken Bow.

One thing we've noticed and are dealing with now that we've taken the Courier over is the cost of expenses. We offer our time voluntarily, but there are still costs associated with printing, mailing, equipment procurement and service contracts, supplies, a computer with software subscriptions, etc. Please keep us in mind and help us bear this burden. Your financial support is very much appreciated!

News from Abroad

Report From Kenya

Brethren,

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

It is 2:19 p.m. East Africa time. I have just finished praying for this country. The worst has hit this country, (although we have also heard of other countries). Draught, famine, floods, and other calamities are with us, now in Kenya. Domestic animals are dying because of the draught. No food, no water for those living in most of the counties affected. About 27 counties out of 47 are totally affected. Human being, old men and women are hungry and almost dying. They can't walk, just lying on the floor waiting for the worst to happen, death! Children don't go to school because they are hungry. They can't learn with empty stomachs. Nakuru, where I live is also affected. There was not enough rain in the last season, therefore we never harvested enough.

Yesterday, as I watched and listened to news bulletins, I saw a man lying on the ground dying. He had not eaten for several days. I wish he was near to my home; we could share with him the supper with my family. We had little, but at least we were eating.

Brother John Mbithi called today, to inform me what was the situation in Machakos. He explained that the situation or condition is more critical. People are hungry and almost dying. There was no rain also in the last season. Brother Ellis knows about this place, how there is scarcity of food because there is always not enough rain. People depend on and wait for the Kenya Red Cross Society who are now distributing food to the affected communities in the affected countries.

Brethren have called and asked me to write to you. They recall once when there was an equal problem of famine. Brother Ellis, during that time sent some money which was used to buy food for the Christians who were affected.

However, we know and are aware of the economic situation globally which was brought about by covid- 19 pandemic. But it is also biblical to share the bad news with you. Whoever will be touched in his or her heart will do what the Bible says, "On the first day of the week let each one of you put something aside as he may prosper so that there be no collections when I come. And when I come, whoever you may approve by letters these will I send to carry your gifts to Jerusalem. (1 Cor. 16: 2,3). These were special contributions. There was a great famine in the area of Judea during the reign of Caesar Claudius.

Your Brother in Christ. - John Kombo

Report From Liberia

Brethren, I would like to take this time to extend all of you our brotherly hands of greeting in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and hope you are all doing fine.

I write to have you informed that most of us are doing fine in the ministry of the Lord's Church in Liberia. Thank you very much for the missionaries' support for the months of June and July of this year.

Special Request: I would like to take this time earnestly to ask you brethren to help us with some song books because we have gone out of song books in many congregations here. We will sincerely appreciate your consideration in your willingness to help us with our need.

I would like to extend the many thanks to you brethren from the James Town Congregation, for their financial assistance you sent that enabled them to successfully carry on the Gospel Meetings as was planned from December 12-18, 2021.

I would like to take this time earnestly to inform all of you that our Gospel Meetings will be held at the Nyonben Town Church of Christ, from December 5-11, 2022. Brethren are invited to be there from all congregations of the Lord's Church in the Republic of Liberia. The General Topic to be taught is: "The False Teachers". From the text of Matthew 24:24.

In Christian Love - Brother James A. Suahgba

Report From Tanzania

July 7, 2022 - Brethren, This how Bro. Edward and Bro. Deus traveled around in villages. In some places they were going by foot. Through these efforts of knocking doors and through the Bibles which we provided, God worked through us and gained us church.

We still need your prayers. I'm not stable physically. We also need a special prayer for my wife who is about to bring a child on earth. - Sadat.

July 22, 2022 - My wife had another daughter. They are both doing well! Yes, we have another daughter. We have three children now. - Sadat

July 22, 2022 - Hello everyone. I hope that you all are doing well, but I would like to ask for your prayers for the baby that God gave us last week. She is sick of pneumonia, and she has been admitted in the hospital since yesterday. Pray for us as we do for you. - Sadat.

Sept. 14, 2022 - Greetings, I hope you are doing well with yours. Here is not bad except that we have much rain, and it will be until November.

We are planing of visiting our brethren in Tabora. This is a young congregation that were converted a year ago. Therefore, on the $300 you send for spreading the gospel. We ask that you add $200 so that we can go see them.

Your brother in Christ - Sadat.

Nov. 17, 2022 - I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank the God that He has been with us since the beginning of this year, guiding us, protecting us, and helping us to achieve our goals of bringing people to him especially the lost.

I would like to share with you the report concerning the work which is going on here in Tanzania. Since January this year to November we have seen the progression on the work of teaching and preaching the lost. God working with us as he provide the understanding to the minds of those we teach. God helped us to restore a Pentecostal group in Lulembela town this was due to the efforts made by brother Deusi. Through prayers and hard work these has been possible. We thank you all for the time you have given, financial support and other. We ask you to continue praying for us as we do the same to you.

Your brother in Christ - Sadat

We Need Your Help!

An effort is being made to locate congregations both past and present, across the US and elsewhere. The goal is to compile a history of the one cup churches of Christ. If you know of a congregation that once worshipped in an area, please relay that information to the Courier. Congregations that are currently active and worshipping according to the New Testament example are encouraged to share their information with the Courier as well. Please send an email or letter with the following information to us at ChristianCourier1Cup@gmail.org or

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INFORMATION NEEDED: Congregations name? Physical Address/GPS Location? Mailing address and land line phone# if they have one. Is congregation currently active? What year was it organized? Who were the original members? Did congregation separate to form another congregation? If, yes, please give the name of the original congregation. Did congregation join with another congregation? If, yes, please give the names of both congregations.

Please feel free to provide a narrative of the history of this congregation, additional stories pertinent to the congregation, newspaper articles and pictures are also welcome. Also, any lessons, articles, pictures, interviews, etc. from the members would be awesome.

Also, if you know of other congregations worshipping in the same manner as the New Testament example, please reach out to them with this questionnaire or let the Courier know and we'll reach out to them.

Thank you for your help!

Bulletin Board

Those in need of prayer

John Rawlins	Ottawa, Canada	Needs heart transplant
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, enlarged heart, heart attacks
Wilkister Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Malaria
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Vicki Camp Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Carolyn Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Back pain
Brent Berry	Canton, GA	Heart problems
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Mike Wilcher	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Ilene Thrush	Gleed, WA	Several strokes & heart issues
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, two angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Jackie McCay	Via Lorenzo, TX	Recovery from gall bladder removal
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Lupus
Russell Morris	Stilwell, OK	Effects of stroke
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Fighting Parkinson's disease
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Tony Brister	Yuma, AZ	Chemo & fighting cancer
Fred Cummings	Yuma, AZ	Congestive heart failure
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues

Baptisms

Gage Cochran	Broken Bow, OK	July 17, 2022
Andrew Burris	Broken Bow, OK	July 18, 2022
Heather Berryhill	Broken Bow, OK	July 19, 2022
Jeffrey Bruton	Broken Bow, OK	November 18, 2022

Meetings

Young Mens Gospel Meeting	July 31, 2022 – August 3, 2022	Gleed, WA	Christopher Mouritson Kody Lamb Tanner McKinney Colton McKinney Tyler King
Fall Meeting	November 11-13, 2022	Broken Bow, OK	Jerry McCay Paul Warford

In Loving Memory of Sis. Carrie Rachel Daniels Traxler



Carrie Rachel Daniels Traxler, age 83 of Elkins, died Wednesday, July 13, 2022. She was born November 14, 1938, in Gilham, Arkansas, to Robert J. and Carrie Venus (McCulley) Robertson.

Rachel, the name she was known by, lived a mostly happy life with its ups and downs, but always knew things were in God's hands. She became a Christian in December of 1956. It was a frigid Sunday in Kansas and ice had to be broken in a pond for her baptism. She never retired as a follower of Christ. Rachel was a cook with Springdale Schools for several years and then worked for 21 years cleaning homes in Fayetteville. Her last and most enjoyable was as an aide and monitor on the special needs school bus in Elkins. Rachel met Norman Traxler in the fall of 2010. They married in September of 2012 and made many enjoyable trips together. They enjoyed hiking and finding waterfalls, the most memorable one at Mount Rushmore.

She is survived by her son, Mark Daniels of Elkins; one brother, Edward Roberson of Toledo Washington; a sister-in-law, Flora Goldsmith of Fayetteville; one brother-in-law, Edward Daniels of Sacramento, California; several nieces and nephews; many brothers and sisters in the Church of Christ; and two special friends of many years, Sue McDonald of Olive Branch, Mississippi and friend since the 6th grade, and Joan Roberts of Sanford, Colorado, her rock and go-to friend in many a bad times.

She was preceded in death by her first husband of 56 years Melvin G. Daniels; her second husband, Norman Traxler; one brother, Clifton Roberson; one sister, Pat Reed including her husband, Doug.

In Loving Memory of Bro. Stanley Leroy Goodwin



Stanley Leroy Goodwin was born June 1, 1945, in Lawton, Oklahoma, and was adopted at birth by Toodler and Frankie Joe Goodwin. He passed peacefully from this life into his Heavenly home on June 15, 2022, at his home in Graham, Texas, with his family by his side. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ and attended faithfully in Newcastle, Texas.

Stanley lived many places during his childhood, with his father taking jobs all over the US. He attended 19 different public schools before his graduation from Seymour High School in 1963. He then graduated from Draughon's Business College and was employed as a draftsman at Texas Reinforced Plastics. He also became certified as an Architect and taught classes at Draughon's Business College. He later went to work in the oil field as a chemical salesman and worked in the oil industry for over 40 years. He believed strongly in passing on knowledge and taught a class in Oil Field Services at NCTC in Graham.

Stanley married the love of his life, Judith Ane Striegel, on June 24, 1966, in Wichita Falls. TX. Stanley and Judy were married for almost 56 years. Judy faithfully followed him all over Texas and even to North Dakota while raising their family. Wherever they were making a home together for their children wherever dad's job took them was their priority. They settled in Graham, Texas for the last time the summer of 1984.

Stanley was proceeded in death by his parents, Toodler Goodwin in 1992, and Frankie Joe Goodwin in 1997. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judy Goodwin, and their children, Mary Beth Wray and husband Rick of Graham, Texas; Amanda Hammons and husband Roger of Graham, Texas; Scott Stanley Goodwin, of Mineral Wells, Texas; and Jennifer Wharton and husband Casey, of Keller, Texas.

One of the greatest joys of his life was his family. Stanley loved his children dearly, but his grandchildren and great grandchildren held a special place in his heart.

Please help us keep our bulletin board updated!

Keep us informed of your Meetings, Baptisms, Weddings, Births and Passings and those in need of prayer

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In Loving Memory of Sis. Carol Ann Houchin

Carol Ann Houchin, age 66, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2022, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born November 14, 1955, in Atwater, California to James and Eunice (Rogers) Jared. She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister Janet Wentzel.