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This Do In Remembrance Of Me

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1 Cor 11:24-25

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it,* and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it,* in remembrance of me.

To fully understand what Jesus was saying I believe it imperative to break this phrase into 3, 2-word parts. This is part 1.

This Do

When we think about this part of the phrase, three fundamental questions must be asked.

"What" "When" "How"

"Why" also needs to be asked, but it will come a later time in the lesson.

So, let's take a look at the first one.

"What"

What was Jesus doing at this time? Was he instituting something new? Was he declaring something old?

Let's take a look at

Luke 22:7-20

7 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.

11 And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

12 And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves:

18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake ***it***, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

What Jesus was doing was partaking of the Passover with his disciples which was being obedient to Old Testament Law.

Then using the emblems from the Passover, he does something brand new. He institutes the Lords

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Supper.
Now let's take a look at how

"How"

There is a lot of division in the Lord's church on the "How" of the communion. I would venture to say that the Lords Table, and the "How" involved, has done more damage to the church than any other single thing, and that's sad because it is so simple if we only follow the divine example.

The Bread

Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it,* and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

He took the Loaf, he blessed the Loaf, he broke the Loaf, and he gave the Loaf to them. Then he gives the reason for this feature of the communion. He tells them that now this Loaf is his body.

Let's take a look at another passage that adds to what is being said and done.

1Cor 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it,* and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

This passage adds two very important parts to the breaking of bread.

First is the command to eat or partake of the Loaf

Second is the declaration that it is "Broken For You"

Unfortunately, it's these two parts that start adding the confusion on the Loaf.

There is a group within the Church that we affectionally call the "Non-Bread Breakers" and they believe that Jesus partook of the loaf in the communion.

Let's look at the scriptures that relate to this.

Luke 22:14-19

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves:

18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it,* and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Notice if you will that there are two rituals being carried out.

The first is the Passover and the second is the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Jesus partook of the Passover in vs. 15 then declares in vs. 16

16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

And the Kingdom of God was NOT on this earth until the day of Pentecost approximately 50 days later!!!!

The Passover was the shadow of the Lord's Table and Jesus declared he WOULD NOT PARTAKE until the Kingdom was established.

So if Jesus partook of the communion then he lied.

The Non-Bread Breakers also want to remove the part of the scripture that declares "Broken For You".

They claim, and righty so, that some of the manuscripts do not have this phrase in them, and that is true.

BUT most of them do contain this

phrase.
From the website "Institute for Creation Research" it says this

"The New Testament was written in first century A.D. There are some 25,000 early manuscripts in existence, almost 6,000 of which (many being only recognizable fragments) are Greek texts and the others being early translations of the Greek New Testament. The earliest textual evidence we have was copied not long after the original."

So how many of these leave out "Broken for You"? I don't really know. But this I do know. Even without the phrase "Broken for You", it does not change what Jesus did when he instituted the communion.

1st – He took the Loaf
2nd – He gave thanks
3rd – He brake
4th – He told them to eat

History tells us that this practice, of not breaking the bread, did not start until the early 19 hundreds.

The second part of the communion is also where a lot of confusion comes in.

The Cup

Luke 22:17-18

17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves:

18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

The Non-Bread Breakers also affirm that Jesus partook of the cup. But the scriptures do not confirm this, in fact they deny it.

Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves:

He did not say "Let's share this me and you"

He said divide it among yourselves. Plain English for Plain believers!

Also in contention is the number of cups allowed on the table.

It wasn't until the second or third century that more than one cup was put into the communion practice. Then in 1893 individual communion cups were introduced.

An article written by Ronnnie Wade from the Non-Bread Breakers says, Their first use occurred in the Vaughnsville Congregational Church located in Putnam Co., Ohio sometime during the year of 1893.

Although the Thomas Communion Service Co., which is the company that invented and started the practice, says the first service using individual cups was a Presbyterian Church in Lima Ohio in 1894.

G.C. Brewer in his book "40 Years on the Firing Line" on pages 12 and 13 of the introduction, admit and defend that he was the first Church of Christ preacher to get individual cups in the communion service in the churches of Christ.

Now the practice is widely accepted among the brotherhood and one - cuppers are often thought of as trouble makers.

The Apostle Paul tells us which cup of the Passover that Jesus used. Did you know there between 4 and 6 cups on the Passover table. The third cup is commonly called the Cup of Blessing. It is also called the Cup of Redemption by some.

1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

So if Christ wanted to he could have used more cups but chose not to. Can we today use more than one cup? It's a legitimate question. What we have to do is go to what

the Bible teaches.

Let's ask the question – Do I have authority to use more than one cup?

Php 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

That took away my ability to introduce anything into the Lord's church.

"When"

Sometimes it amazes me that the Churches of Christ are still unified on this (or so I thought. I just left a Church of Christ facebook group that was pushing to partake of the Lord's table anytime we want!) Although the "Christian" world is not. Many denominations only have the communion service monthly, quarterly, bi-yearly or yearly.

What does the Bible say?

Acts 20:7 And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

I have found out in all my years that I have lived on this earth that there is one first day in every week (at age 54 it comes to over 2800). That's amazing seeing how the Christian world must not think so.

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Voices from the Past

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W. A. Nelson, Somerton Church News

The first week-end in December, Bro Roy Dabbs and Bro John Sheppard from Phoenix came over. They went to California and Bro Roy talked in Yuma. Bro Don in Somerton. Sister Smith visited here with Sis Long--- Bro and Sis Smith lived here in the late 1920's and 30's.

The 2nd Sunday we had our first try at a week end meeting-- Bro and Sis Perigen came from Bellflower. Bro and Sis Hayes Morris and daughter and their daughter-in-law, Retha and her two children, from Kingman, Arizona. Retha is also Bro and Sis Johnson's daughter and Bro Harry Dye's niece; some did not get to come due to illness. It was nice to have them and all the speakers and good singing. Sis Long, Edwards and Hunter have been sick. Bro Earl Broadway and his wife have just returned from Ark. after a visit with her parents and other relatives.

Notes & Letters

Greetings to all of the Christian Brothers and Sisters of the Church of Christ across this country. It has been a trying year I believe for most people across this country that are suffering from the economy and the lawlessness that is so rampant these days. This will be a short message to let everyone know how things are here at the congregation here in Yuma. We have a few that are having health problems and would appreciate prayers for them. Our brother Bruce Cuming, is having some concerns health wise with heart problems that the doctors are looking into and hopefully can remedy soon. Our brother Robert Davis is going through some issues concerning his kidneys, prayers for them and for all that are in need of God's healing hand. Our meeting back in March went very well and we would like to thank all that attended, and to thank the brothers that brought lessons for us to think on and live our lives by. We are looking forward to next year's meeting, the dates will be probably at about the same time as this years.

We have some good news that happened recently, baptisms. Our Grand-son-in-law, Keith Kerwin, was baptized. He is married to our Grand daughter, Jennifer and they are both attending services regularly now and they are a wonderful addition to our congregation. Keith is stepping up and helping out with services, leading songs and even taking part in reading scripture at the evening services, I'm a very proud Grandpa to have them with us. We also had baptism of my son Jeff Davis and his girlfriend Missy Scallon. Jeff and Missy are of those that participate in services via our telephone church group, we don't get to see them in person but so proud of their choice to be able to join us from Albuquerque, NM. Joe and Teressa Davis are planning on attending the meeting in Cedaredge and will be gone a few days during that meeting. Nothing much else is happening here right now but please keep our congregation in your prayers. We love and miss being able to see and visit with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. We keep you all in our prayers.

Denny and Susie Davis
for the Yuma Congregation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are doing well here at Pleasant View Church of Christ in Stilwell, OK. We were blessed with a new kitchen and it is almost finished! Thank you to all that have helped in any way to make this happen. We had several volunteers to work, bring food on work days, pick up supplies, and take workers to and from the building. We are moved in as we continue to finish up and look forward to fellowshipping in it for years to come.

We will be having our Labor Day Meeting on Friday-Sunday, August 30-September 1 with Brother Duane Bixler from the Aztec congregation. We will be having dinner on Friday and Saturday nights at 6 followed by service at 7:30. Sunday morning service will be at 10 with lunch served immediately afterward. We invite all who can to please join us in fellowship.

Brother Gerald Buckner
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Milk of the Word

Simon/(Whom he also named Peter)

In Luke 6:12-17 we read about Jesus going to the mountain to pray all night to God and when it was day, he called his disciples and he chose twelve of them and called them apostles.

The first apostle that we will learn about was Simon (whom he also named Peter). Simon Peter, also known as Cephas (John 1:42). He was an outspoken disciple, one of Jesus' closest friends. Peter was enthusiastic, strong-willed, and impulsive. But for all his strengths, Peter had several failings in his life. Still, the Lord who chose him continued to mold him into exactly who He intended Peter to be.

Simon met Jesus through his brother Andrew. Later, Jesus officially called Peter to follow Him, producing a miraculous catch of fish (Luke 5:1-7). Immediately, Peter left everything behind to follow the Lord (verse 11).

For the next three years, Peter lived as a disciple of the Lord Jesus. Peter became the spokesman for the Twelve (Matthew 15:15, 18:21, 19:27; Mark 11:21; Luke 8:45, 12:41; John 6:68, 13:6-9, 36). It was Peter who first confessed Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God," a truth which Jesus said was divinely revealed to Peter (Matthew 16:16-17).

Only Peter, James, and John were present when Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5:37) and when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain (Matthew 17:1). Peter and John were given the special task of preparing the final Passover meal (Luke 22:8).

It was Peter who left the boat to walk on the water to Jesus (Matthew 14:28-29)—and promptly took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink (verse 30). It was Peter who took Jesus aside to rebuke Him for speaking of His death (Matthew 16:22)—and was swiftly corrected by the Lord (verse 23). It was Peter who suggested erecting three tabernacles to honor Moses, Elijah, and Jesus (Matthew 17:4)—and fell to the ground in fearful silence at God's glory (verses 5-6). It was Peter who drew his sword and attacked the servant of the high priest (John 18:10)—and was immediately told to sheath his weapon (verse 11). It was Peter who boasted that he would never forsake the Lord, even if everyone else did (Matthew 26:33)—and later denied three times that he even knew the Lord (verses 70-74).

Through all of Peter's ups and downs, the Lord Jesus remained his loving Lord and faithful Guide.

Even arrest, beatings, and threats could not dampen Peter's resolve to preach the risen Christ (Acts 5).

Peter wrote two inspired epistles, 1 and 2 Peter. Jesus said that Peter would die a martyr's death (John 21:18-19) Peter was said to have been crucified upside down in Rome. There is no scriptural or historical witness to the particulars of Peter's death.

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Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 1:9-10

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Vision of the Son of Man

Rev 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

I John

Here's the third time that John is mentioned in the book of Revelation but this time it is to reveal to the audience some qualifications about him, as we shall see.

who also am your brother

One of the things that John wanted the church to know is that he was part of the church, he was their brother.

and companion in tribulation

He also wanted to know that they were not the only ones suffering that he also was suffering because the word of God.

and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ

Here he reaffirms what he had said earlier; that he was a brother in Christ, that he was part of the Kingdom that Jesus established.

was in the isle that is called Patmos

Here's a brief description of the Isle of Patmos that I found.

A Turkish island of the group of Sporades southwest of Samos. The island is 10 miles long and about 6 broad along the northern coast. It is for the most part rocky. The highest part is mount Elias, which rises us to a height of over 800 feet. As in Greece, and in the adjacent mainland of Asia minor, the land is treeless. Near the city of Patmos there is a good harbor. In Roman times Patmos was one of the many places to which Rome banished her exiles. In 95 AD, according to a tradition preserved by Irenaeus, Eusebius, Jerome and others, John was exiled here in the 14th year of the reign of Domitian, hence he returned to Ephesus under

Nerva in 96AD.

for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Although most commentators seem to take the view that they're not sure whether John was here because of an exile, or whether God had just put him here by some other manner, they do agree that it was because this Revelation was to be given here. I believe that since John mentioned "tribulation" earlier in this verse, that he was exiled here because of his preaching the gospel of Christ as a punishment.

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

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I was in the Spirit

Commentators seem to agree that this was where a prophet or man of God would be taken consciously, spiritually, out of his own body to a place of spiritualness so he could receive a revelation, understand it, to be able to record it.

on the Lord's day

B.W. Johnson says it best.

"The day of the Lord's Resurrection, the first day of the week. In the earlier apostolic writings the day was called "the first day of the week," but by the close of the century it began to be called "the Lord's day," as here. Epistles of Barnabas, Ignatius and Dionysius, written near this time, so style it, and the name is of common occurrence from this time onward, and is confined to Sunday. It is not confounded with the "Sabbath day" of many centuries."

and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Since John has announced that he was "in the spirit", I believe that we can take that to mean that when he heard this great voice, that it was in the same room or same common area with him. He calls it a great voice and then describes it like the sound of a trumpet, this was a voice that simply could not be ignored. But we must remember, that at this time he has not seen it, he has only heard it.

In Christian Love,
Bro. Paul Warford

News from Abroad

May 2024 Report and Update

Hello everyone,

It is pleasure to have this opportunity to share with you all what is taking place this side of the world as far as the church is concerned.

We thank God always for the life he has given us and the work of stewardship that he has bestowed on us.

When I was away the brethren here worked hard in visiting and teaching the prospects. As I have been told by brother Edward and Deus, three people were immersed in water. There is more work to be done in the field because there are those thirsting and want to hear the good news of the kingdom of God.



For the last two weeks we were visited by brother Gerald Brockman who came to see orphans that we help. It was a great pleasure to have him here and talk to the Orphans. As we are aware each one have got his work in the kingdom and brother Gerald is fulfilling what our Lord through James 1:27 commanded. Through this we are going to have a strong congregation in the future. But this will be so if we teach and direct these children in the way that pleasing to God. They will becomes good ambassadors for the kingdom.

Big thanks to brother Ellis Forsman who had this great vision to come and teach us the right ways of partaking of the Lord's Supper. Through him God broaden our mind and saw that what he taught us was according to the Bible. Above that we received the word with all readiness of mind and we searched the scriptures to see what he taught us were so. Just like those we read in Acts 17:11.

All the glories be to God who has done all these for his kingdom. And as his stewards we shall stand by him. May God bless all those who in one way or the other involving themselves in the work of spreading the gospel.

Pray for us and for the work we do always. Again thank you for your support.

In Christ's love,
Sadat.

Our Brother Sadat has been assisting Brother Ellis Forsman for years, converting the lessons and articles on his website, www.ChurchOfChristOneCup.org to the African language of Swahili, which we now host on our history repository website 1CupHistory.Church. He works tirelessly, and often when he is ill, to establish and nurture Church Of Christ congregations and convert lost souls to the true Word of God. Thank you Brother Sadat, and all the tireless ministers in our Foreign Missions for spreading The Gospel. –Ed

June 2024 Report and Update

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We have been busy the last two weeks. Going different places to reach people with the gospel. We have a congregation in Tabora I which was from the many cups group and I got their contacts from brother Fabian who is from the sister congregation in that area. We managed to visit with them and according to these group; they were left alone and some of them backslide.

Talked to them and they were willing to change and work together in this journey to heaven. They are in need of the emblems for the Lord's Supper. We taught them on how to make it because they did not know.

There is Bible classes that are going on around Geita region and we hope that these people change and follow Christ. I got a word from brother Joshua in Murusugamba that they had two baptisms last week. According to him, they had hard time to get water for baptism because of the drought that we now have. All the places we have or where we attend the worship there is no Baptistry because those places can be under the tree of someone among us offer a room for worship but all of us cannot go in because of the size of it. We hope that one time we shall be considered and have a plot and build a house for worship.

In the DRC Congo the brethren there are doing good and I got a word from brother Ebamba that they had one baptism and God be glorified. They have five six congregation in Baraka area and they are working hard to accomplish the great commission as it is everywhere to those who struggle to teach and edify people.

We need your prayes. Especially me and my house we don't feel well and also keep the house of brother Deus in your prayers his wife Merina and their daughter Veronica have malaria. But also pray for the orphans that are with us here; most of these kids have no parent and some of them live with their aunt or uncle who are not able to provide for them. In this case you finds that they leave their home and school and go work in the mine which is just around Katoro area.

May our good God bless you all abundantly.

Your brother in Christ, Sadat.

Donations and requests for information may be sent to:

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Matundu Church of Christ Orphanage

Praise God!! The orphanage is now open. We opened the Matundu, Kenya orphanage on Saturday May 18, 2024 with a celebration put on by the Matundu Orphanage Committee. Local political leaders and many from the surrounding community came out to support and share in the celebration. With speeches, singing and local tribal performances the celebration lasted most of the day ending with the ribbon cutting, cake cutting and a meal. Brother Laban and the Committee did a great job in designing and bringing the orphanage all together. It certainly exceeded my expectations.

After 4 years of preparation, it was rewarding to see the dream come to fruition. I was able to spend time with the children and listen to and answer many questions they had. The highlight was when I brought out 3 soccer balls, or footballs as they call them. Their eyes lit up and from then on it was nonstop football!!! I have to say that I can still remember the looks on these kids faces 4 years ago and now the smiles and hope you can see in them. Very rewarding and for this I say again, Praise God!!

Another highlight of the trip here was on Friday there were 23 people baptized in the local creek. They ranged from young to older. There had to be great rejoicing in Heaven that day. On Sunday there were 8 new people in attendance at church. Many were from the community and had come to the celebration the day before. Brother Laban and Brother John indicated they will be following up with them and hopefully will keep coming.

We still have work ahead of us here as we still need to install a water tower, and permanent electricity. We are researching areas and ideas to help sustain the orphanage long term.

On our way to Matundu, Brother John lined up a couple stops where we met local Christians and had some good discussions. It was heartwarming to see and feel the zeal these brothers and sisters had for the Lord.

On Monday morning we left Matundu, Kenya and headed to Geita, Tanzania where Brother Sadat lives. He had met us at Nairobi airport and had traveled with us to Matundu as well.

Here I was able to meet and visit with the 22 orphans that are under the care of the committee here in Tanzania. They have decided to call the orphanage here, Kotoro Church of Christ Orphanage (KCOCO). Lord willing, we will be exploring ways that we can help support the work the brethren here are doing to care for these children.

Thank you for the prayers and support we have received.

In Christian Love,
Gerald Brockman
Oakdale Church of Christ
Orphanage

REPORT: BROTHER GERALD VISIT TO KENYA AND TANZANIA FROM 14TH MAY, 2024 TO 24TH MAY 2024

We the Brethren in Kenya wish to thank God our Father in heaven and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We are more grateful to the visit of our Brother Gerald. The visit bore so much fruits. We thank God for his safe journey from US to Nairobi airport.

On Tuesday, 14th May 2024. I, John, Charles and Brother Simon Omwansa left Nakuru heading to Nairobi to meet Brother Gerald Brockman at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. We met Brother Alex Sadat who had travelled from Tanzania at Nairobi waiting for us. Together we were at the airport waiting for the plane carrying our Brother to touch down. The plane arrived at 11 pm East African time. We were happy to meet him and indeed welcomed him in Kenya.

From Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Nairobi we travelled by road to Nakuru arriving at 2 pm. We decided to take our dear Brethren Gerald and Sadat to a hotel in order for Brother Gerald to have a rest. In the morning I and Charles the driver went to collect them and brought them to Barut where I live with my family. He was welcomed by members of Barut church of Christ where I preach. They had requested to meet him and thank him for the Bibles. Brother Gerald and Brother Sadat spent two nights at Nakuru.

On Thursday 16th May 2024 at about 10.00 pm we left Nakuru heading to Kakamega Matundu Orphanage. But again we had to stop at Londian Total Junction where Christians were waiting, with the same reason to meet Brother Gerald to greet and thank him for the Bibles he purchased for them. We stayed here for about 3 hrs and left to Kakamega, arriving there at 6.00 pm. We were met by many people singing and shouting "welcome! Welcome! Brother Gerald! They were some members of the community Brother Laban and his wife were singing a traditional Luhya song called "Mwana wa mberi! Meaning the first born child. To them Brother Gerald was the first son. He had done something great. They were therefore so much grateful to him. Brother Laban and I come from Luhya community in Western Kenya, Kakamega County.

After prayer from Brother Joel Kizito we proceeded to evaluate and see the work done by going round. They are 2 dormitories and one dining room already finished and furnished ready to be occupied by orphaned children. We were served with tea then supper after which we went to sleep and rest till next day. The next day on Friday Brother Laban told us that we shall go for baptism at the nearest river. After breakfast we all headed to the river where about 23 souls were immersed. We left the river rejoicing together with the new converted members of the church of the Lord. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ. This is just one of the impacts that the orphanage has toward the Church in Kenya.

Come Saturday. This was the great day. It was an important event and reason why Brother Gerald came to visit with us, the opening of the orphanage doors. We had all waited for this day to come.

We had prayed to God, Brother Gerald had prayed, Brother Laban and the orphanage committee had prayed too, and God had heard and answered our prayers. As it is we should always give credit where it is due. Let us likewise give credit to all who were involved for the good work done.

Now, on Saturday morning visitors started arriving, they included government officials. When all had arrived, the meeting or celebration started by songs, after songs came time to plant trees, where Brother Gerald had an opportunity to plant one. Then followed speeches and hearing the word of God. Then the contractor led us to the opening the doors of the orphanage for it to start its operations. He handed the keys over to the committee. We concluded by prayers then food and drinks were served. The ceremony ended peacefully and everyone left at his own pleasure. We thank God for everything that happened. His hand was upon us. Amen.

Next day on Sunday were had worship service in one of the orphanage buildings. I John Kombo was requested to speak. I spoke about "Doing good to others (Galatians 6:2).

On Monday 19th May 2024 we left in the morning heading to Tanzania. In his schedule, Gerald had a plan to meet orphans in Tanzania as requested by Brother Sadat, at his place in Geita. We arrived at the border in the evening and then crossed after being cleared as far as passports are concerned. The journey to Mwanza was very long and tiresome. Having traveled for more than 15 hrs we had to rest and spent the night at Mwanza. Next day, we crossed on a ferry to Geita arriving there in the afternoon. We stayed at Geita for two days. Brother Gerald met and spoke to orphans children that Sadat had gathered together. However, we could not meet Christians, may be due to short time we stayed here.

After having done with orphans at Geita we left on Thursday 23rd May 2024 heading to Arusha, arriving there late at night we had to spend the night there till next day Friday 24th, May 2024 when we headed to Namanga border. We were cleared and headed to Nairobi. We arrived in Nairobi late at 5.00 P.M. We took our Brother to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for him to take his flight back U.S.

God bless Brother Gerald and his family. God bless the church. God bless everyone who took part in every plan to enable Brother Gerald to travel safe. It was difficult, tiresome, especially in Tanzania. But God was in our company throughout. He gave us more strength and good health to accomplish the journey. The Bible says "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Maccdonia was standing and pleading to him, and saying, "Come over to Macadomia and help us". In Troas Paul saw a vision. Through the vision God called Paul to go into Macedonia without having to explain to him, that he could not go into Beithynia or Asia. (Acts 16:9). Therefore we could correctly say "God called Gerald to come to Kenya and Tanzania to help us. God! Oh God our Father thank you for sending, Gerald to us! Amen.

Brother n Christ,
John Kombo



Thought for the Month

Although I generally avoid including personal details and circumstances in this column, I feel compelled to do so this month to help drive a point home. If you know me, you know I struggle with my only vehicle, my black Ford pickup truck. This vehicle has cost me more money than the law should allow, seriously, and continues to this day to do so. Remember the column from last December, themed "God will provide"? That was about that truck costing me literally thousands of dollars for a transmission rebuild, and how an unexpected gift from above helped me get past it. Now the engine has stopped running due to faulty valve-train components. The repair cost? Even more than the transmission rebuild. And even with some generous help from those close to me, I was not prepared emotionally or financially for the bad news. Faithfully, I didn't worry. I knew God would provide. And he did, in a very unexpected way. I received a random spam text message that turned out to be legit. It was an offer to mortgage my once paid-off tiny home in exchange for more than enough funds to make the repairs. The extra monthly obligation is going to squeeze very hard, but I will be ok. Had that 'Out of the blue' offer not come my way, I've no idea what I would have done.

<u>In no way is this a plea for help</u>!

To the contrary, I am ok now, praise The Lord!! The point I wanted to drive home is simply that while yes, The Lord will provide that which we need, it may not come as expected, and it may even sting a little.

Love and blessings
Bro. Jesse Warford

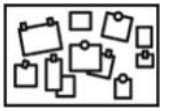
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Almost every email, letter and call we receive compliments us on how we're doing with this newsletter. Many, many thanks! We are truly humbled...
Want to help us make it better?
Write in every now and then, and share your news with us and others!!!

<u>Donations and requests for information may be sent to</u>

Church of Christ
Mexico Mission
3814 64th Drive
Lubbock, TX 79413



Bulletin Board

Those in need of our prayers

Boen Families	Everywhere	Passing of Mick
Bro. Joseph	Katesh, Africa	Malaria & U.T.I.
Jon Rawlins	Ottawa, Canada	Needs heart transplant
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
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
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex - nerve tumors
Beason Family	Broken Bow, OK	Unexpected loss of wife - mother
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting 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
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Lupus, recent loss of husband
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Parkinson's disease
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Bruce Cumming	Yuma, AZ	Heart Issues
Fred Cummings	Yuma, AZ	Congestive heart failure
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues - Kidney trouble
Tom Stratton	Gleed, WA	Very ill
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Cancer surgery

Baptisms

Keith Kerwin	Yuma, AZ	Recently
Jeff Davis	Yuma, AZ	Recently
Missy Scallon	Yuma, AZ	Recently

Gospel Meetings

Big Spruce Camp	Cedaredge, CO	Jul 6-14 '24	Assorted
Lorenzo Meeting	Lorenzo, TX	Jul 17-21 '24	K.Lamb/P.Warford
Labor Day Meeting	Stilwell, OK	Aug 30 - Sep 1	Duane Bixler



The children at Matundu, Kenya Orphanage



Brothers Deus, David, Gerald, and Sadat
3 of the 5 Tanzania Orphanage Committee Members



Meeting with orphan children in Tanzania



Tanzania orphan children showing some of their gifts



Feeding some of the children in Tanzania



Boys dorm, Dining Hall, Girl's dorm
at Matundu Orphanage



Bro. Gerald handing out candy to the children



Bro. Gerald with Patrick Chibukosia in front of the Matundu Orphanage — We are raising funds for a new electric wheelchair so he may attend college

Word Search

Generations of The Christ

From Abraham to David to Babylon to Jesus

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JACOB
JOSEPH
JESUS

(as outlined in Matthew chapter 1)

Church of Christ Family Camp

July 6-14, 2024

Big Spruce Campground, 24862 Ute Trail Rd, Cedaredge, CO 81413

- Big Spruce Campground is near the town of Cedaredge Co. The town has a General Dollar, a grocery store, laundry mat, gas station, banks, and many other shops. The nearest Wal-Mart would be in Delta, Co about 20 minutes away.
- Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a leash, as well as picked up after. Dogs are NOT allowed in the kitchen/ dining hall.
- Smoking/Vaping is only allowed in the designated spot on the grounds. Please do not smoke/vape outside by the cabins, as we have several people that cannot be in or around it.
- The lodging nearest the bathhouse will be limited to elderly and handicapped loved ones. The bathhouse is the only bathroom at camp.
- As we are trying to place people in lodging, we will post a link to a google form for you to fill out letting us know what your needs are. We also need to know if you plan to bring a trailer. There are limited spaces for trailers.
- We will be having the auction that helps fund the camp. We are asking each congregation to come up with a themed basket for the online portion of the auction. We also will need items for the actual auction.
- If possible, we ask that each congregation have a fundraiser or make a donation before camp to help with expenses. Some ideas are yard sales, pizza kits, suckers, laundry soap, and car washes. Any amount will help with our future endeavors to keep the camp going.

Camp donations may be sent to:

Mike and Melissa Harcrow

1737 Sweet Home Rd.

For More Information

Please Contact:

Mike and Melissa Harcrow

1-580-584-7597

Robert and Christina Fuson

1-918-696-3944

Kevin and Hayley Lamb

1-509-969-6881

Visit us on Facebook:

Church of Christ Family Camp

See You There!

Things To Pack For Camp

- Loveable, flexible, attitude with a willingness to help us make this a great camp! :-)
- Bible/Notebook/Pen
- Towels/Washcloths
- Toiletries (Body soap, shampoo...)
- Bedding (Sheets, pillows, blanket)
- Jacket (Some nights can be cool.)
- Daily Meds
- Clothing

Optional

- Washing Detergent/Softener (if you think you will need to wash any clothing)
- Air Mattress (Bunks can be put together to make full beds. They are more comfortable when you put an air mattress on top.)
- Collapsible Hamper
- Sunscreen
- Fan
- Snacks
- Air Freshener
- Allergy Meds
- Bug Spray
- Hangers
- Trashbag
- Flashlights

Congregation of the Month

Newcastle Church of Christ
203 Lubbock Street
Newcastle, TX 76372
GPS: 33.196323, -98.740964

Contact: Steve Fikes
(940) 873-3267

Worship: Sunday, 10:30 AM

