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Within us there's possible beauty of soul

Revealed by the chisel that hews toward a goal;  
Though painful the instrument, worthy its aim  
To transform the image, make loss our gain.

Each stroke of the hammer will bring to the view  
The plan of the Master for me and for you;  
And one day endurance, its race duly run,  
Will glitter in glory - its task now "well done."

May the Hand that has guided the course of the spheres,  
Lead safely your footsteps through pain and through tears;  
When evening and night time their courses have run  
May our vigor of triumph arise with the sun.

**THE MASTER'S PLAN**

BY

A.C. WILLIAMS

**HEART THOUGHTS**

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

**STATISTICS**

Those who are with us are more than those who are with them. (2 Kings 6:16)

Thanks to your contribution we're continuing to expand the Lord's kingdom.

	Average 1988	December 24, 1989	Average 1989
Sunday am. Bible Study	359	285	334
Sunday am. Worship	459	418	439
Sunday pm. Worship	319	n/a	259
Wednesday Bible Study	374	226	335
Contribution	\$8,270.04	\$5431.04	\$7942.90
First to the Lord		\$1234.67	
Total Contribution		\$6665.71	

JANUARY 7, 1990

# Messenger

## Northland Church of Christ

January 7, 1990

4581 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43231

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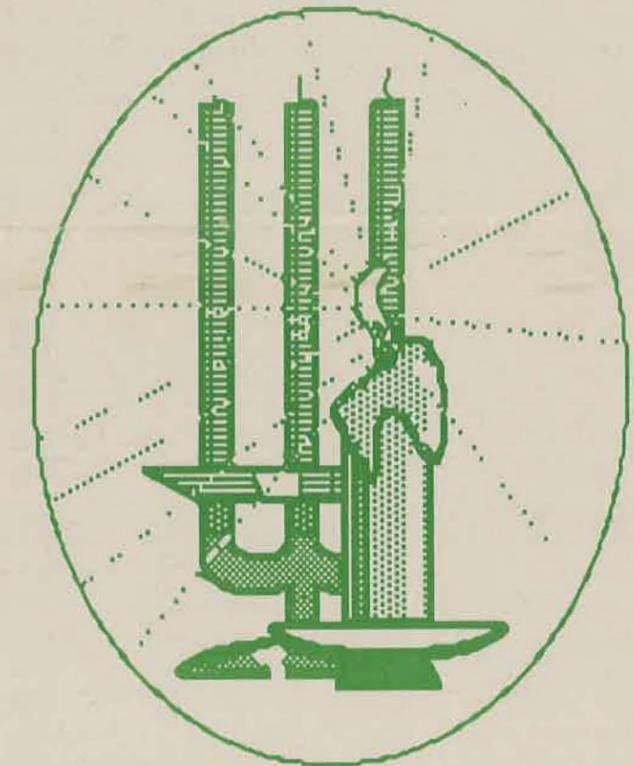
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9:30 am.  
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10:30 am. & 6:00 pm.  
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# Happy Holidays!



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### OUR UNSEEN GOD

She came in off the street and it was immediately obvious that she was "bombed out of her skull" on something. Her eyes, her speech, her actions revealed her condition.

"I want to pray!" Her voice was edged with panic. "Is it okay to pray in your church?" I assured her that she was welcome to come in and pray. She rushed into the auditorium and looked around in confusion. "You don't have any Gods here! Where is your God? I can't pray without a God. How do they expect me to pray in a church with no God?"

Since that incident, I have thought many times of the young woman; once wondered what became of her. Obviously, I observed only of a few tragic moments of her life. But, in some ways, she's not much different from the rest of us. We claim to believe in an invisible God, but we have difficulty accepting what we can't really see. If we are honest with ourselves and everyone else, we want to see our gods.

How do I know that God really loves me if he doesn't bless my life with lots of tangible things? Can I be sure he hears my prayers if he doesn't provide the answer I am praying for? How do I know he is guiding my life if he doesn't give me tangible signs, telling me where to go and what to do? Maybe I am willing to walk by faith as long as I have a comfortable house, a nice car, a good job, and money in the bank. Of course, my trust is in God, but there are just certain things I need to see.

With our faith in God, Northland can accomplish great things...so long as we meet our budget and have a fine meeting place. Yes, we have faith that God can do far more than we can ask or imagine...but there's nothing like a budget surplus to give us confidence!

Where life comes unglued...it's the San Francisco earthquake again, but in my personal world. I search for answers, I cannot readily find...and I cry out "Where is God?" How different am I from that young woman who came in for off the street?

Northland...as a congregation and as individual Christians...let's truly believe in God; let's love him and serve him, as well as loving and serving each other and the lost...without insisting on walking by sight. Jesus told Thomas in John 20:29..."...because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe".

Adapted from an article in the  
Newark, Delaware Bulletin by Charles Moore  
By Bailey Barton

### YOUR BODY

"Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price; glorify God therefore in your body". (I Cor. 6:19,20)

Your body is a creation of God. It is a purchase of God, the precious blood of Jesus being the purchase price. More than that, it is the temple in which dwells the Holy Spirit. As we realize this precious nature, we become very careful as to how we use our body. We make sure that they are used for the glory of God and not the flesh.

"Glorify God therefore in your body". God is glorified when we devote our bodies to His service. We glorify God when our bodies are brought into complete subjection to his divine will. When we keep our bodies free for sensuality and sexual impurity.

When we come to understand that God can not dwell in this world, but through our bodies, we will approach the use of the body, with a seriousness which can be noticed. We will not go places which will tarnish our spiritual appearance. We will take nothing into our bodies which will endanger our free expression of our spiritual nature. We will not dress our bodies in a way which will identify us with the world. (Rom. 12:1,2)

God will dwell in those who are ready for his presence. He will use those who are open to his opportunities. He will bless those who allow his presence to be seen in them. It is our prayer that the members at Northland will be the temple of the Holy Spirit.

"Do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?...but seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."  
Matt. 6:25-33

"Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are."  
I Cor. 3:16,17

And we know that in all things  
God works for the good of those  
who love Him who have been  
called according to His purpose.  
(Romans 8:28)

### NEEDING A PRAYER

The following members are in constant need of your prayers:

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It was announced by the elders last Sunday Evening that the entire congregation will meet together for the Sunday Evening Worship Service for the next several weeks. The reason for this decision is to assist the congregation in drawing closer together as a body. It is felt that the congregation needs more body life. Though we will be open to other changes in the future realizing that these will be considered carefully and prayerfully.

It was also announced last Sunday that effective March 1, 1990, Neal Milligan will be leaving Northland to assume the pulpit responsibilities for a new congregation in Kingsport, Tennessee. He leaves Northland with our blessings, realizing that his heart is directed to a mission effort. Northland is considering ways in which we can participate in his new work.

Beginning January 7, 1990, the elders, with the assistance of the deacons and other members will be involved in a special fellowship and communication activity. Within the first four months of 1990 the elders will endeavor to meet and communicate with every member of the congregation. Brother Dan Zeigler has been asked to coordinate this work. Be ready for his call.

We express our deepest sympathy to Sister Kathrine Smith and Pam Estep, upon the death of Bill Smith, December 17. His funeral was December 21.

Mike Porter is in the Coast Guard and has been assigned to a permanent duty in Kodiak, Alaska...Address P.O. Box 190338, Kodiak, AK. 99619  
Steve Harrison's address: 37 Oswell St. RockDale, N.S.W. 2216 Australia

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

...and new things I declare,  
before they spring into being I  
announce them to you.  
(Isalah 42:9)

### PRAYER REQUESTS BY THE BODY:

Bryan Franc  
Gretchen Gallucci  
Betty Hinty  
Laurie Josephs  
Jennifer Katona  
Michelle Lilly  
John Reifers  
Connie Williams

My parents were in an auto accident...Mother...a crushed vertebrae.  
Strength to meet all my responsibilities.  
Michael said he needed and wanted God in his life.  
For growing and continuous faith in Jesus.  
For my mother...to develop her own faith in Jesus and his love.  
For Peggy Lane...As she adjusts to the death of her husband.  
For my sister who is very ill.  
For my son and his wife that they will have patience and forgiveness

### THANKSGIVING:

Connie Lilly  
Shawn Whitby

Thank you very much for the prayers for Charles Lane.  
Thank God for blessing with the things that I need.

### ELDER VISITATION AND COMMUNICATION

The elders will be hosting fellowship meals and communication sessions each week between January 7 and April 29. Each member of the congregation will be invited into an elder's home sometime during this period. Members will meet in groups of 15-17 people, including children, with an elder. One person from each group will be designed to coordinate food and babysitting for the meeting. You will be invited several weeks before the fellowship time. You will be responsible of keep the schedule as the elders will not be informed as to who will attend until the last minute so please do not call the elders to confirm your participation. We will make every effort to schedule you at a time that will be convenient for your schedule. Come prepared to fellowship, communicate, and have fun! Dan Zeigler will coordinate the effort.

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THE SIN OF THE DIVISIVE (Rom. 16:17; Prov. 6:16-19)

Division comes in many forms. It can be the teaching of false doctrine. It could be the tension created between two individuals as they fail to deal with disagreements. It may be the result of people who knowingly or unknowingly discredit the feelings of a family or church. It may also be the sowing of doubt and discontentment. It can come in the form of outside influence by well meaning individuals.

It is possible for the devout believer to become divisive in his attempt to promote his particular understanding of Scriptures. It is often, a matter of approach as much as content. Sometimes the very one who is attempting to correct an undesirable practice, becomes divisive in his attempt to improve the situation.

According to the Scriptures, the divisive must be warned and quickly corrected. Yet

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Sunday am. Bible Study	338	348	352
Sunday am. Worship	444	469	475
Sunday pm. Worship	259	237	246
Wednesday Bible Study	345	336	281
Contribution	\$7,989.36	\$9,121.08	\$8,165.75

JANUARY 21, 1990

STATISTICS

And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common: Acts 2:44



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1990: YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR

When Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, he said "find out what pleases the Lord" (Eph. 5:10). We spend a lot of time and energy trying to find out what pleases our spouse, parents, children, and especially ourselves. But 1990 needs to be a year that each of us individually will make it our number one resolution to find out what pleases the Lord, and truly make 1990 the year of the Lord's favor.

As we look at Jesus' life, we find it one that constantly found favor in the Lord's eyes. God was pleased to send Jesus to come to this earth. At His birth, God chose a woman, Mary, who had found favor in His eyes to be the mother of the Son of God. As Jesus was growing up, the Scriptures says that he grew in favor with God and man. At his baptism, God said, "This is my son in whom I am well pleased". Even at the cross, God was pleased with His son, and exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name. On a couple of occasions, Jesus said "He didn't seek to please himself, but him who sent me" and that "he always does what pleases God". He accomplished the task and at the same time set forth an example for us to follow.

My prayer for my life and the life of this congregation is that 1990 will be the year of the Lord's favor. Let's live our lives in such a way that no matter what day it is, whether, in January, June, or December, that God could look down and say "This is my child in whom I am well pleased. I don't know what the details of the year will be, but I do know it must be a year of faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

In that great faith chapter of the Bible (Heb. 11), there is a special verse that speaks of the favor and pleasing that we've been talking about. In verse 16, it says "Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them." These people have so lived their lives that God was not ashamed to be called their God. These people were living by faith and not by sight and I think they were not ashamed to call God - their God.

Let's seek out the Lord's favor and find out what pleases him. And after much prayer and fasting, let's only do what pleases him. 1990: The year of the Lord's favor. Let's seek it. Let's find it. Let's enjoy it. Bryant Myers

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**FAITHFULNESS**

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"...Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"  
Rev. 2:10

"His Lord said to him, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord'  
Matthew 25:21



It was an unnatural combination. Why, everyone who saw the old dog and the kitten together talked about it. No one had ever seen anything quite like it before!

Boots was a large shaggy farm dog who belonged to the elderly couple who lived down the road from us. The kitten had been given to the couple as a gift. When they received the young cat they worried about how Boots would respond to this new addition. Why, any normal dog would want to see the cat turned into shredded meat! Everyone knows that dogs and cats are natural enemies, right? Well, that was not the case with Boots and the kitten.

Boots was about ten years of age when the kitten came on the scene. Strangely, he put aside his natural prejudice against cats and he adopted the kitten as his own. He was very gentle and kind to the cat and he seemed to believe that it was his responsibility to guard and protect the small bundle of fur. To top things off, he even had the young cat sleep with him! As the kitten grew and matured the relationship between the two continued to develop. They became inseparable -- where ever you saw one the other was not far behind. They were faithful friends.

A few years later old age caught up with Boots and he died. He was buried behind the storm cellar in the Hamilton's back yard. It was then that we realized more fully the extent of the love and devotion between the two animals. The cat didn't eat or drink for a long time after Boots death but faithfully lingered night and day by the grave. We feared that the cat herself might die. But eventually she began to eat and act normal again. However, she was frequently seen walking out to where Boots was buried and she continued to sleep on top of the grave at night. The devotion and faithfulness shown by this animal was impressive.

I must admit that the actions of this cat for Boots has often challenged and inspired me to be more committed in my faithfulness to God. As I see things, God has adopted me even though I am His enemy. He has taken me and given me His protection, love and care. God has always been there for me. He is a friend who deserves my devotion and faithfulness. An amazingly, this is really all that He desires from me. (Rev. 2:10)

Neal Milligan

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

**BODY LIFE:**

"...the members should have the same care one for another."  
I Cor. 12:25b



**THANKSGIVING:**

- |                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Kevin Brown           | For Teresa and Kevin  |
| Ruth Dickeson         | For my health to improve...that my family will live closer to the Lord.   |
| Becky Farmer          | My father has been ill and is beginning therapy.  |
| Sue Frederick         | For Bud - he is not feeling very well.  |
| Betty Hinty           | God can teach us how to serve Him.  |
| Jennifer Katona       | For opportunities for my mother to fellowship with God's family.  |
| Greg Orall            | That my relationship with Jesus is what God wants it to be.   |
| Lorretta Pack         | I need prayer in my home.   |
| John Reifers          | My sister is still ill.   |
| Linda Fisher          | For her father, Richard Fischer.  |
| Rebecca Notstine      | Thank you for your prayers during my surgery and recovery.  |
| Kris & Carol Seitz    | "God blesses those who love him" Northland is a wonderful family.   |
| Elwin & Carol Bachman | To all of you who reached our to the Kevin and Elwin Bachman family through our recent tragedy. We way Thank you. The warmth of a strange face brings Christ ever in our presence and what a gracious gift that is, that you should share His love with us. |
| Kristi Boon           | I would like be place my membership with the Northland congregation. I come from Woodbridge, VA.  |

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(Isaiah 42:9)



**THE LORDS KINGDOM.**

Those who requested special prayer are:  
Mark Binkley                      John Reifers                      John Kenyon  
Becky Farmer

Let's honor these family members this week by praying for them.

**NEEDING A PRAYER**

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Carol Zeigler's father, Bob Ruhl is in Riverside Hospital, Room 3010

Jane Martin's father, Dwight Warner is in Riverside Hospital, Room 1284

**Parents:** A reminder to please be aware of the increase in colds and flu this winter. Be considerate and leave toddlers and nursery children home when ill. Let's not expose other children and teachers unnecessarily.

Thank You, Nursery workers.

**Food Pantry needs:**

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|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Dry Milk     | Spaghetti Sauce  | Mayonnaise (small jars) |
| Jelly        | Peanut Butter    | Applesauce              |
| Ravioli      | Chili            | cookies                 |
| Muffin mixes | Instant Puddings | Cereal                  |
| Crackers     | Bathroom Tissue  | Paper Towels            |
| Toothpaste   | Egg Noodles      |                         |

Here is a ministry in which each of us can participate.

**NO TIME**

I knelt to pray, but not for long,

I had too much to do,  
Must hurry off and get to work,  
For bills would soon be due.

And so I said a hurried prayer,  
Jumped up from off my knees;  
My Christian duty now was done,  
My soul could be at ease.

All through the day I had no time  
to speak a word of cheer,  
No time to speak of Christ to  
friends-

No time, no time, too much to do-  
That was my constant cry;  
No time to give to those in need -  
At last 'twas time to die.

And when before the Lord I came,  
I stood with downcast eyes.  
Within His hands He held a Book,  
It was the "Book of Life".

God looked into His book and said,  
"Your name I cannot find  
I once was going to write it down,  
But never found the time."

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**DIFFICULTIES**

Difficulties are often blessings in disguise. When a boy I once found a little chick that seemed to have more trouble than its fellows in obtaining its freedom. With more zeal and sympathy than understanding I peeled it out of its shell and expected it would show its gratitude by hopping about enjoying its freedom, but it was my disappointment to find that it remained helplessly weak and soon died!

I didn't know then as I do now that the exertions of gradually breaking our of the shell were necessary stages in its proper development. Thus we are exhorted to look upon difficulties, trials, and temptations as necessary stages in the upbuilding of our Christian character and to count them all joy.

**HEART THOUGHTS**

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

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The pioneers of the restoration movement developed a plan to fulfill the mandates of scripture for unity. They would seek to be christians only, but not the only Christians. They would seek to become the "least comon denominator" of Christianity and to consider all who had genuinely obeyed the Biblical requirements of salvation to be their brothers. The concept is a hard one to grasp in our denominationally divided world. Lets put it this way. When a person becomes a Baptist, they do not become a Methodist. Nor does becoming a Presbyterian make one a Catholic. But when a person becomes a Christian, they become a member of the church which belongs to Christ. They may also attempt to become a member of a man made religious group, but what makes anyone a Christian is precisely the same thing that made the early disciples part of the Lord's church. In this sense we are the only Christians because everyone who is a Christian is a part of the church of Christ, even if they do not realize it. Some may feel they belong to two churches: one God ordained (the Lord's Church) and the other man made (denomination). That is not to say that this is right, just to point out that they are still part of the Lord's church, and thus, in this sense our brethren. They just need to be taught that they do not have to be Christians and Baptist, nor Presbyterian Christians, but Christians only. In fact, God wants them to be a part of just one church; His.

This is not meant in the least to take away from the requirements that God has set to be part of His church. Indeed, there are probably many who are members of the man made churches who are not Christians. But we need to realize that not all of those who worship in buildings with "church of Christ" painted over the door have fulfilled God's requirements for salvation.

Let us therefore guard against religious bigotry or any kind of party spirit. Let us simply seek to bring men into a right relationship with God: those who are lost into a saved condition and those worshipping in error into a more correct knowledge of the truth.

If you are interested in learning more about this subject, the Bookstore has several books available on the subject.

Jim Robbins (Adapted bh)

**VICTORY IN JESUS**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

**THE LORDS KINGDOM.**

Those who requested special prayer are:  
Mark Binkley                      John Reifers                      John Kenyon  
Becky Farmer

*Let's honor these family members this week by praying for them.*

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**Food Pantry needs:**

Dry Milk                      Spaghetti Sause                      Mayonnaise (small jars)  
Jelly                      Peanut Butter                      Applesauce  
Ravioli                      Chili                      cookies  
Muffin mixes                      Instant Puddings                      Cereal  
Crackers                      Bathroom Tissue                      Paper Towels  
Toothpaste                      Egg Noodles

Here is a ministry in which each of us can participate.

Eric Myers has won first prize in art contest in Springfield, Ohio.. His painting will be displayed at the State Office Building in Columbus, from February 4 through 20. Congratulations are in order for a job well done.

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**The uncovering and searching power of the Word of God.**

"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account"

Hebrews 4:12-13

**"Every Scripture is inspired of God and is profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be completely furnished unto every good work" II Tim. 3:16,17**

Last spring Phil Stafa and I took a trip into Canada. On our way back into the country we were stopped at the border by the U. S. Custom agents. They had us pull the car into the garage where five people searched it inch by inch. While this was going on Phil was taken to another room while I was questioned and searched. (I know what you are thinking but you're wrong--Phil and I don't look like drug dealers!)

During the search of the car the men found things under the seat and in the trunk that I had forgotten about having. In fact I was amazed at all of the things they dug up!

I believe that the word of God is a lot like those customs agents. It searches and uncovers everything in my life. Some of the things that it reveals are good and some are bad; some of the things I have chosen to ignore, others I have forgotten about. This searching of my soul needs to happen because just as the custom agents wanted to protect the United States from bad things God wants to protect the purity of His kingdom.

So the next time you are having your Bible study time remember that the word of God is living and active and it will uncover all sort of things in your life. This searching may be embarrassing and a bit uncomfortable at times but remember it's for your good and the good of the church.

Neal Milligan

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

Kim Bachman                      That I may be more sympathetic and less judgmental in relationships.  
Bud Frederick                      For sue to get the job she is trying for.  
Betty Hinty                      Edith Letner - flu and her heart and Ruth Gordon - very ill with cancer.  
John Lindsay                      I've had a warped view of God for too long...To know God in the right way.  
Laura Bradley                      For Carol Petry that God's will may be clear to her and that her heart will return to him.  
Tom Whitehead                      I need to deepen my trust in God.  
Rita Young                      For me to put all my worries and troubles in God's hands.

**BODY LIFE:**

"...the members should have the same care one for another." I Cor. 12:25b

Bob & Sunnie Bauer                      We thank God for seven great years of marriage. Anni versary date: January 21.  
Connie Williams                      My mother is doing fine...Thank you for your prayers.  
Shawn Whitby                      Thank God for helping me to understand things better.

**THANKSGIVING:**

Mike McDowell graduated from Sunset School of Preaching, Lubbock, Texas, on January 19, 1990. He will be teaching in the Adventures In Missions (A.I.M.) program for the next two months and then will be home to assist the work at Northland. We are excited about his success and are looking forward to his work with us.

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**I'D RATHER**

I would rather be a "has been"	I would rather have a record
Who had fought for noble cause	On an honest, humble name
Although I had lost the battle-	Than to win success and honor
That be a "never was."	That had caused distress or shame.

**HEART THOUGHTS**

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I would rather toil and labor  
For a principle of right  
Than to ride to easy riches  
Won by mailed fist of might.

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**THE WISDOM OF OBEDIENCE**

In Matthew 7:24-27, in His conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord set forth a powerful argument for obedience. He stresses the responsibility of those who hear the word of God. He warns that hearing His words and giving mental assent thereto is not sufficient – that such is useless unless we put them into practice. Jesus knew so well that many would hear with minds wandering fruitlessly; he knew that many would go on their way with little or no intention of changing their lives in compliance to His will; he knew that Satan would come and take the word out of their hearts "that they may not believe and be saved" (Luke 8:12) James emphasized the same truth in his mirror illustration; "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror; for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But he that looketh into the perfect law... being not a hearer that forgetteth, but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing."

Receiving the blessing of God is a major goal of each Christian. Yet, our Lord is saying that the only ones who will receive these blessings are those who accept the responsibility which are clearly described in the New Testament. Jesus said that unless our righteousness exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees, we will not be able to enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:20) As we realize that the doctrine of the Pharisees was pretty much on tract, their obedience and practice left much to be desired. (Matthew 23:2,3)

The person who hears the word of God and for some reason fails to be obedient is much like the man who builds a house, without digging a proper foundation. The house may on the surface, look very similar to the other houses, but it will not stand the test of time, because it has nothing which will sustain it when the storms of life comes.

The person who hears the word and continues to surrender his life in obedience will stand no matter what the crisis may be.

The application is obvious to all. Each of us are house builders. If that house is built properly, it will stand. If corners are cut, it will fall. In each of our lives, we must give attention to the complete will of God. If that house is our lives, the message is very clear. God will not accept the disobedient.

Bill Hopkins

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Do you know what an orrery is? Sometimes you find them in schools- it's a model of the solar system that illustrates how the planets move around the sun. Planets are represented by round balls made of wood or metal in the correct ratios of diameters, and it operates using rods and gears so that the planets move at the current proportional rates. An interesting gadget.

This story concerns an orrery that was bought one time by Henry Ward Beecher, a well known 19th century preacher. [By the way, his sister Harriet Beecher Stone wrote the famous anti-slavery novel Uncle Tom's Cabin.] Beecher bought and took home a very nice and elaborate orrery. Some time later his friend Robert Ingersoll, a prominent politician and well-known atheist, came to visit. He saw the complicated orrery and as he admired it, he asked Beecher where he had bought it. "I didn't buy it," said Beecher, "it just kind of happened one day when conditions were risky." At first Ingersoll was annoyed by this flippant reply, but then he understood his friend's point: if its so obvious that a small replica of the solar system had to have a designer and builder, isn't it that much more obvious that atheists like Ingersoll are wrong in not believing that the real solar system has a designer and builder?

You know, sometimes its just too obvious that there is a God! Even Christians, not just atheists, are not nearly as aware as we could be of God's prescence. It's worth it to take a minute [or more!] to consider the wonder and complexity of God's creation. All of us want our faith to grow- realizing the vastness and splendor of God's creation builds faith!

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge." [Psalms 19: 1 - 2]

Mark Garner

Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

Rom. 1:19,20

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

Cindy Albers  
Tom Barnhardt  
Michael Bauch  
Mary Barbour  
Greg Fisher

For me to put my trust in God...that I will rely on God.  
That I may not be lazy, undisciplined, and selfish.  
Prayers to solve problems on the job.  
Pray that my faith in God will not waver.  
For Linda's father, Richard Fischer...He now has cancer.  
For her uncle Jack...He has had a heart attack.  
For Mary Mika-Delgarn...comfort in personal struggles.  
That I can make the changes to get God back into my life.  
For my father...he has liver problems.  
For my roommate, Catol, that she will trust god, seek Him first.  
That my heart will soften and that I will allow God's love to motivate me to obedience and trust.  
For my family that we may stay strong in the Lord.  
Confidence in God.  
For my sister Trudy...for her to know God's love under trying circumstances.

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Thank you for your prayers...Jesus loves me.  
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Thank you for making my 30th birthday special. I didn't know that getting old could be so much fun.  
Neal Milligan

**THE BIG THINGS:**

The really good things, the big things, are inside and not outside the man. The big thing is not luxury, but contentment; not a big house, but a big satisfaction; not accumulated art treasures, but a fine art appreciation; not a big library, but a serene studiousness; not a big estate, but a large vision. The big things are not the things that are seen, but the things that are not seen. Seek peace and pursue it. Seek the things that are above. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and righteousness. Such are goodly pearls.



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**WORKING BY LOVE**

We have a duty to every human being under heaven. We are to love him, and to do all we possibly can for him. If we find our neighbor fallen by the wayside, hurt, we are to stop--no matter how busy we are, how hurried, nor how many other duties we have in hand--and relieve him. If he is thirsty, we are to give him drink. If we come upon him sick and do not minister unto him, if he comes to our door as a stranger and we turn him away, we have failed in our duty to love him.

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### CONVERSION AND THE CHRISTIAN

In Acts 2:41-47 we have the conversion record of the early Christians. They had heard the preaching of Peter and being convicted of their sinful condition, they earnestly sought the forgiveness of their sins. Peter instructed them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of their sins and the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit was given them. The amazing fact is that this promise of salvation is not only given to those gathered in Jerusalem, but for those who are afar off, even as many as the Lord shall call, of course through the gospel message.

From the very beginning, we learn that these disciples... "were continually devoting themselves to the apostles's teachings and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer." (Acts 2:42) The implication of this conversion record is that these people were affected to the point of making an entire life change. They may have been the same people, with the same occupations, with the same handicaps, but they were so different that the world stood back and watched in amazement, because it was evident that these people had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13)

It is easy for us the assume that the changes were possible because they were in some way assisted by the miraculous operation of the Holy Spirit. But, since we do not have the miraculous power, we are not expected to make such a change. God allows us to accept conversion in our own way, and will accept us even though we do not make such a change. This is simply not so, we have the same resources that they had. God did not make exceptions for them, but gives to all equally.

Conversion has been described in terms of a young man falling in love with a lovely lady. The moment the bug hits him, he is different. He does not hang out with his old friends, spent his money as before, or maybe even his dress changes. He offers no excuses for his new behavior, nor is he offended when his associates brings it to his attention. He knows that things have changed and accepts it joyfully. His entire life is now centered around his relationship with the young lady, with whom he has fallen in love.

Surely we can see the connection between this young man and the early christians. They had fallen in love with Jesus and gave to him with the same intensity. Nothing else mattered to them. It is thus understandable why they were willing to sell all their possessions and give to the poor and needy. These things had no meaning to them. Their lives were totally devoted to Jesus.

It is possible that we have been converted to a system or a doctrine, rather than to Jesus. We do not for a moment want to minimize the need for a correct doctrine, but we must remember that we are converted to Jesus. When we become a Christian, every thing changes. Our every action is for the purpose of honoring our Lord. It is impossible to seperate us from the one we love. We truly can say, "...my life is hid in Christ..."

**BILL HOPKINS**

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**LEADING GOD'S PEOPLE**

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Becoming a Bible talk leader is like becoming a Father for the first time. At first the excitement and joy fills our mind and heart. What a thrill! We look solemnly at the task, but not realistically. The waiting is over, I've finally reached this fantastic level in my life. Nothing will stop me now...then comes the work. The ups and downs keep popping into your mind. What's expected of me? Why is there so much crying? What should I be doing? Why isn't everything going fantastic? Why didn't I get an instruction book? Why are there so many demands? At times we want to crawl in a hole and hide...

Both through all the times, we see the one thing that motivates us, growth! Everything started so weak, but it's getting stronger. A relationship is developing where once there wasn't. There are problems and I don't have all the answers, but it seems a trust, even a bonding is happening and I can see a vision of maturity, for both of us. And above all this a love, like I've never realized is happening.

Have you loved your Bible talk leader today. Tell them how special they are and how you appreciate their efforts and grow together.

*Mike Hallabrin*



Even though we are very hesitant to mention it, we need to remind every member at Northland of their responsibility to accept their share of the financial load. It is evident that several are allowing themselves to get so obligated to the world that they have nothing left for the Lord and His work. What if the Lord would have used the same reasoning when it came time for Jesus to die on the Cross? He was willing to give everything to save us, and certainly He deserves a share of our prosperity.

We just cannot continue to operate with a \$1000 deficit each week. Each family must reflect on our individual responsibility and be willing to sacrifice accordingly. Remember, we are not giving to man, but to the Lord. The Elders

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

**BODY LIFE:**

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- Sue Barton For my dad, Wesley Hibbs...He is starting a new chemotherapy.
- Michael Bauch For a situation on my job to be resolved...
- Teresa Childress For the health of my grandmother...may God restore life & joy to her body.
- Sharon Krouse That my spiritual growth will continue to grow in Christ. Sharon is in University Hospital Room 1137.
- Loretta Pack For Willima E. Field, Tory, Nitia, Teara Pack and myself.
- Betty Seibert Help me to turn away from the sinful ways and closer of God.
- Monty Spencer That I may commit myself to God and become a Christian.

**THANKSGIVING:**

The family of Allen Ray Specht acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Michael Bauch I want to say how grateful I am for your prayers in the past. Thank you so much.



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- Instant Coffee
- Canned Fruit

- Hot Chocolate
- Jellies & Jams

There is a need for a refrigerator/freezer to be donated to store perishable items. The Food Pantry committee would like to thank the congregation for their response for this great ministry.

**THE SOUL WINNER**

He is wise: for he sits at the feet of his Master. (Prov. 11: 30; 2 Tim. 3: 15). He takes heed to himself, that he may take the truth to others. (1 Tim 4: 16a).

He recognizes his own fallibility, that he may restore a fallen brother. (Gal. 6: 1).

He saves his own soul in the service of saving other souls. (1 Tim. 4: 16b). He is determined to save some, even though he cannot save all. (Rom. 11: 14).

His reward will be glittering and glorious: for he will be a part of eternity's firmamental starry, sparry gloryland. (Dan. 12:3; Matt. 13: 43).



**Calender of Events**



**Weddings**

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- Dawn Johnson and Rick Wright May 19
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**HEART THOUGHTS**

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

**LOVE IS:**

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<i>Slow to offend --</i>	<i>quick to defend,</i>
<i>Slow to expose --</i>	<i>quick to shield,</i>
<i>Slow to reprimand --</i>	<i>quick to appreciate,</i>
<i>Slow to belittle --</i>	<i>quick to encourage,</i>
<i>Slow to demand --</i>	<i>quick to give,</i>
<i>Slow to provoke --</i>	<i>quick to help,</i>
<i>Slow to resent --</i>	<i>quick to forgive.</i>
	<i>selected</i>

Thanks to your contribution we're continuing to expand the Lords kingdom.

**STATISTICS**

And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common. (Acts 2:44)

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FEBRUARY 18, 1990



# Messenger

## Northland Church of Christ

February 18, 1990

4581 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43231

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**DEVOTION VS. MEDIOCRITY**

"...they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer..." (Acts 2:42) "And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ" (Acts 5:42) "...those who had been scattered went about preaching Jesus" (Acts 8:4)

We do not need to read long before we are impressed with the devotion of the early Christians. These people who had been converted to Jesus, immediately began to make serious changes in their lives. Their Christianity was not something they participated in on a special day of the week, but it became a way of life. It was unthinkable for them to live apart from Jesus. Every where they went people took note that they had been with Jesus. (Acts. 4:13)

Yet we live in a world that has become departmentalized. We reserve Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm for earning a living. We reserve Sunday and maybe Wednesday evening for the Lord. But, we resist the thought that the remaining hours should also be used for the Lord and to serve others. We are accustomed to hearing people refer to Saturday and Sunday as time to spend for ourselves. To guarantee this leisure time we have purchased boats, recreational vehicles, golf clubs, etc which places us in a pressured situation to use them as often as we can.

In all this mad rush to become prosperous and to enjoy life to its fullest, Christ is often pushed into the background. It becomes very easy to give Jesus second place in our lives. We resist the suggestion that Christ deserves more than we are giving.

God has promised us victory (I John 5:4); an abundant life (John 10:10); peace (John 14:27); and all the other blessings which makes our lives meaningful (Eph. 1:3). For the person who will abide in Christ, the Scriptures emphasize that God will give to him all the support and guidance necessary to make him a well developed spiritual person. To guarantee this life we must continually abide in Christ (John 15:1-6). This passage says that without Christ we can accomplish nothing. Our life will be a vain effort.

Realizing this we conclude that the greatest challenge to the Christian is to enable Christ to live within us. We do this by spending time each day reading and studying the Word of God. (II Tim 2:15) We are regularly associating with and being encouraged by other devoted Christians. Daily we spend time confessing our sins to our heavenly Father, and requesting his assistance in our lives, as we are habitually involved in prayer. In all this we keep our eyes and mind fixed on Jesus and his will (Heb. 12:2)

To be a devoted Christian is more than being baptized. It is more than attending a few worship services. It is more than being good. It is the process of becoming more like Jesus.

BILL HOPKINS



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### PRAYER REQUEST:

Linda Baden	For my friend Jennifer...that she will continue to seek the Lord.
Mary Barbour	That my son, Eric will recover from an operation.
Caryn Conant	My husband's grandmother is close to death...
Megan Haver	For Linda Fisher's father, Richard Fischer, He had surgery last Monday and is in Riverside Hospital, room 7003.

### BODY LIFE:

"...the members should have the same care one for another."  
I Cor. 12:25b

Diane Heise	That I can have more self-control in all areas of my life.
Laurie Josephs	For God to bless my heart...
Jennifer Katona	For me to be a pure vessel & get all the sin out of my life.
Loyrane Kitts	For strength to meet my responsibilities and to make changes in my life.
Sharon Krouse	That God will bless my body and enable it to be healed.
Patricia Stevens	For my brother and his family.
David Rickets	For discouragement, lack of trusting God, lack of commitment.
Todd Tenney	As I move to Arizona.
Robert Thorne	That I may love my brothers and sister more... That I may sanctify Christ as Lord...and submit to God...totally
Francis Tibbs	That I may have more understanding of God and more discipline.
C.J. Williams	For my brother, Jeffrey..That I may learn more about God's Word.
Rita Young	That I may be more Christ like...have better self-control.
	That I may open up to new relationships....For my grand mother who is in a coma.



There will be a pot Luck Fellowship to honor Neal Milligan, Vickie Thomas, and Dan Resanovich in the annex on February 25 at 1:30 pm. Sign up sheets are in the foyer for the meal.

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"I am only one,  
Yet, I am one  
I cannot do everything.  
What I can do,  
I ought to do,  
And by the grace of God,  
I will."

### PRAYER



Prayer is the answer to every problem in life. It puts us in tune with divine wisdom which knows how to adjust everything perfectly. So often we do not pray in certain situations, because from our standpoint the outlook is hopeless; but nothing is impossible with God. Nothing is so entangled that it cannot be remedied. No human relationship is too strained for God to bring about reconciliation and understanding. No habit so deep-rooted that it cannot be overcome. No one is so weak that he cannot be strong. No one is so ill that he cannot be healed. No mind is so dull that it cannot be made brilliant. Whatever we need, if we trust God, He will supply it. If anything is causing worry or anxiety, let us stop rehearsing the difficulty and trust God for healing, love and power.

Submitted by Betty Hinty

"...Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, rather, rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

### REJOICE THAT YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN IN HEAVEN

Mark Twain, author of "Huckleberry Finn" and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" said this of life:

"A myriad of men are born; they labor, sweat and struggle for bread; they squabble, scold, fight, scramble and steal for little meager advantages over one another..."

The apostle Paul said this:

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry...I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

Twain: "Age creeps upon them, infirmities follow, shames and humiliations bring down all their pride and vanity..."

Paul: "...the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness..."

Twain: "Those they love are taken away from them, and the joy of life is turned into aching grief. The burden of pain, care and misery grows heavier year after year. At length, all ambition is dead, pride is dead, vanity is dead; a longing for relief comes in their place."

Jesus: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!"

Twain: "At last relief comes, the only inpoisoned gift the earth ever had for them. They vanish from a world where they were of no consequence; where they achieved; where they were a mistake, a failure and foolish. Where they left no sign that they ever existed, a world which will lament them for a day, and forget them forever."

Jesus: "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I'm in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Twain: "Then another myriad takes their place, copies all that they did, and goes along the same profitless road, only to vanish and make room for another and another and a million other myriads to follow the same arid path, through the same desert of the lack of accomplishment the went before."

John: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Twain: "Life is a meaningless nothing."

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BOB IRVIN



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**A DISCIPLE OR A CHURCH MEMBER**

"...the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

The descriptive name "Christian" was given the early disciples because the community of people saw in the believers a close resemblance of Jesus. Earlier the scriptures record, "...they...began to recognize them as having been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13) The Apostle Paul could honestly say "...we...always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body..." (II Cor. 4:10) and "...I bear on my body the brand-marks of Jesus..." (Gal. 6:17) It is evident that these followers displayed before the world a quality that was unmistakably tied to the Lord.

In the church today this same quality must be seen. We cannot be satisfied with just being a member of the church. We cannot allow ourselves to believe that the non-believing world will see in us the crucified Lord if we only attend a few worship services each week. It is evident to the casual observer that the church often is not that "...light to the world. A city set on a hill which cannot be hidden" (Matt. 5:14) Not only is the light dimmed, but it may have nearly lost its glow.

I am reminded of the seven letters to the churches in Revelation, chapter two and three. On each occasion the Lord, when he saw the church losing its saving influence, called for a general repentance and renewal. His prescription was always the same, and the result of non-compliance equally devastating; "Remember from whence you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your lampstand out of its place -- unless you repent" (Rev. 2:5)

I am also aware of the fact that the church is made up of people. Believers like you and me. When each individual commits his life to Jesus and lives for him, accepting seriously the responsibilities of discipleship, Jesus has promised to make him fruitful. (John 15:1-6) You see, there is no possibility of being unfruitful in Christ. That is like a person being alive and dead at the same time. The problem is that we have allowed ourselves to conclude that half-hearted allegiance to Jesus is alright. Not only does Jesus deserve more than this, but we know it is based upon what He has given us. He did not go half way in His sacrifice for us. He gave His very life's blood. Surely, He deserves more than we often give!

The challenge before us is: "...love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind..." (Matt. 22:37) "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you: (Matt. 6:33)

*Bill Hopkins*

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**THE LONG  
NIGHT  
DREARY**

With the first gray days of winter, there begins a strange but very real phenomenon called the "S.A.D.S." It is a depression syndrome that strikes us because of the short hours of sunlight and the long dark evenings.

When the "S.A.D.S." come, we hibernate and put all chores on "hold" until we feel more like doing them.

We watch more television, and feel guilty that we aren't doing anything constructive. We sit and sigh. Our spirits grow as gray as the days.

The church suffers, too. Very few visitors come to worship, few Bible studies are set up, and the brethren stay home. Enthusiasm suffers, and people don't know what's wrong. It is not until the sunlight comes to linger longer and we awake to some clear and cloudless days that the lethargy lifts and our spirits revive.

A Christian, however, can avoid the "S.A.D.S.." Understand the syndrome, and you are better able to overcome it.

Discipline yourself as never before; force yourself to do things you should do - even if you "don't feel like" doing them. Stay close to the fellowship of the saints so that they can lift you up and encourage you. Plan the time you are forced inside so that constructive work is done. It is a good time to catch up on reading. Pursue a hobby or visit people. (Usually, they aren't going anywhere either.)

Faith for all seasons (2 Tim. 4: 1-4) producing fruit all year round. Doing this, "The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon." (Psalms 92: 12, 13)

Just image sitting at home alone on a cold, gray afternoon singing, "There is sunshine in my soul today..."

*SUBMITTED BY RICK BRUNO*



**THE CHURCH  
AND  
THE KINGDOM  
HAVE THE  
SAME MARKS  
OF  
IDENTITY**

IDENTIFYING MARK	KINGDOM	CHURCH
1. Beginning Date and Place	Isaiah 2: 23	Acts 2: 1-47
2. Boundary of Territory	Daniel 2: 44	Mark 16:15
3. Owner of Institution	John 18: 36	Matthew 16: 18
4. Ruler Over Its Inhabitants	1 Timothy 6: 15	Ephesians 5: 23
5. Governing Law in Realm	Isaiah 2: 3	Acts 2: 38-47
6. Christ Gave the Keys	Matthew 16: 19	Matthew 16: 18
7. The Terms of Entrance	John 3: 5	Acts 2: 38-47
8. Those Holding Membership	Colassians 1: 13	Colassians 1: 2
9. The Memorial Supper Set	Matthew 26: 29	1 Corinthians 11: 20-27
10. Its Glory and Exaltation	Isaiah 2: 2-3	Ephesians 3: 21
11. Reward for the Faithful	Matthew 25: 31-34	1 Corinthians 15: 58
12. Time of Deliverance	1 Cor. 15: 24	1 Thess. 4: 16-17



**VICTORY IN JESUS**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

**THE LORDS KINGDOM.**

Souls added to the Lords kingdom this week: Steve Rosar 2/18

Also coming forward are:

John Reifers	Sharon Krouse	Tanya Hutcherson
Mark Bentley	Amy Pick	John Lindsay
Grace Shaffer	Jamie Bolden	Ron Fudge
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Ohio Valley College Lectureship Series will be held April 2-5, 1990. Schedule is on the bulletin board.

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The Brecheen/Faulkner Marriage Enrichment Seminar will be held April 20-21, 1990. Schedule is on the bulletin board.

A Ladies Inspiration Day will be held on March 24, 1990 at the Steele Avenue Church of Christ in Ashland, Ohio. See bulletin board for more details.

Everyone is invited to the ceremonial groundbreaking for Willow Brook Christian Village at 1 pm. on Saturday, March 10, 1990, at the Delaware County Cultural Arts Center, 190 West Winter Street, Delaware, Ohio.

Gospel Meeting - March 18 - 21 at Pataskala Church of Christ - G. P. Holt, speaking

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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J. and Megan Haver	For Linda Fisher's father, Richard Fischer who is recovering from cancer surgery.
John Lindsay	I will hate sin and realize its destruction.
Cindy Vansickle	Myson Christopher, my daughter Penny, my husband Rick.
David Douglas	For strength, patience, and understanding in my job.
Jeremy Levesque	To be strong...remember to put God first.
Frances Tibbs	My brother Jeffrey...for his understanding of God's word.

**THANKSGIVING**

Sharon Krouse	For prayers, cards, and calls...my grandmother's surgery went well
Shawn Whitby	Thank God for everything.

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 To win a Championship  
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 To earn a million dollars  
 Is to become a Millionaire.  
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To Obtain all the World's Treasures:  
 Power, Fame, and Wealth.  
 By all the World's Ways:  
 To fight, to Win, to Earn.  
 Is worth far less than the Greatest GIFT  
 Of God's Love and God Himself.

Michael Hallabrin



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**UNITED VS. UNTIED**

"...and all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common..." (Acts 2:44) "...So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another..." (Rom. 12:5) "...And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it..." (1 Cor. 12:26)

It is recorded in history that the early Christians were so united in their love for one another, that when the persecution came and the Christians were being killed as a result of their faith, the world saw the love they had for one another and sat back in amazement. The unbeliever just could not understand how people could be so united and concerned for people who were not physically related to them. Evidently, these disciples had learned well the message of Jesus, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another..." (John 13:35)

While we may have difficulty in understanding how Christians could be so committed to the Church that they would sell their very property and give the entire proceeds to support the work of the local congregation, we know well what it means to sacrifice all for those we love. This love was so pronounced that even though we do not read of a command which demanded a sacrifice to this extent, Ananias and Sapphira were compelled to follow the example of the group, even though their heart was evidently not right in the matter. (Acts 5:1-11)

The message is clear to every sincere follower of Jesus. Our relationship to the family of God is so keen that it influences everything we think, say, or do. If that love is so strong that we would sell that for which we have spend a life time to collect, surely it is much more important than any earthly achievement or possession. Surely, this body of believers are known for the daily expression of our love for each other. It is not important what happens to us, just how it affects the body.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UNITED AND UNTIED IS WHERE WE PLACE "I".

Bill Hopkins

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Our Sympathy is expressed to John Gandee upon the death of his Grandmother, Mrs. Doris Johnston. The funeral was in Parkersburg, WV. last week.

Bud Frederick remains in Grant Hospital, Room 901. He would enjoy visits and cards. Remember to pray for Bud's condition.

There will be a bridal shower for Barbara Jones on March 18th from 2:30-4:30 pm. at the home of Doni Hallabrin 6775 Gafford drive. See Doni for directions and Suzanne Merritt for gift ideas.

Deanna Preece who was raised in this congregation and who is now a student at Abilene Christian University, is making plans to be part of a mission group working in Germany this Summer. She needs to raise about \$3000. If you can assist this fine work see Gene Prince. We need to raise these funds quickly.

Thank you very much for the gifts you send and the constant remembrance of me. Having such a dynamic, enthusiastic family (as you) to back me up helps so much.

Please pray that God will increase my service continually. I love you all very much, and I eagerly await the day that we'll meet again hopefully soon.

(Tim Laing)

Therefore we do not loose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, our inner man is been renew day by day. (II Corinthians 4:16-18)

### LORD, GIVE ME

### PATIENCE

Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

And I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" (Genesis 17: 15-17)

We live in an "instant" age. We want everything, and we want it now! No waiting! Our impatience has given rise to instant coffee, instant pudding, instant jello, instant service, etc.

That was Abraham's problem. God had made a promise, but Abraham was impatient. Wasn't there another way? Couldn't God speed kup the process a little? Perhaps Ishmael could be used. But, God said no. In essence, He told Abraham to patient. Isaac, which Sarah would bear, would be the one. In him, God's promise would be fulfilled. And, in time, God kept His word!

Patience is one of the great attributes of God, and one of the characteristics of His people. The apostle Peter said that we should add to our faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience. We respond: "Lord, give me patience, and do it right now!" We are like the little girl, who, after a few minutes of unsuccessful fishing, threw her pole down and started to pout. "What's wrong?" her father asked. "I can't seem to get waited on," she said!

James wrote that the trying of our faith develops patience (James 1: 3). As Joe Barnett has written: "The impatient person views every accident as a catastrophe. It maybe nothing more than a dropped dish, a knee torn out of a kid's trousers or a hole punched in a sock by a growing toe. But it's all calamity. Impatience is his dish, and he licks it clean." But, from the scriptures we learn that the trying of our faith should develop patience (James 1: 3).

An old adage says that "all things come to him who waits." In Abraham's case it was true. It's still true today! Ben Franklin said it this way, "He that can have patience can have what he will."

ROGER RUSH  
Marietta, Ohio



### PRAYER REQUESTS

"...the members should have the same care one for another." (I Cor. 12:25b)

Bill Hargrove  
J. and Megan Haver

Frances Tibbs  
John Lindsay  
Barb Jones

Brenda Stokes

Michael Bauch

Eric Hopkins  
Michael Graves  
William Bosley

To put my will aside and put God first. Keep Linda Fisher's father, Richard Fischer in your prayers.

To be a better mother.

To really know and cherish Jesus.

To keep my focus on God and not let my upcoming wedding overwhelm me.

For my grandparents health, Ira and Lorraine Baker

For Tony Latella...tumor and myself...problems on job.

For Janet and I regarding our marriage.

For Mike & Betty Whaley

To be more humble and faithful to my obligation. to family and church.



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- I'll be loyal to the Church because I love its People.
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**TRUTH AND SALVATION**

"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32)  
 "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6)  
 "...the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak..." (John 16:13)  
 "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth" (John 17:17)

Jesus was a champion of salvation. He came into a world filled with hate and sin. He knew well what this had cost the people He loved. The world had drawn them into its domain and all was chaos. Man had lost his respect for religion and every other cause initiated be mankind to deal with the terrible problem.

Jesus came to give man something he need desperately. Something for which man had been searching for a long time. Something that many had lost hope of ever finding. Of course, with man it was impossible, but with God it was not only possible, but inevitable.

Jesus was aware of the fact that there were many false systems claiming to offer salvation to its followers. He knew well that His system must be different. It could not be centered in man nor devised to promote a human point of view. It must totally be centered in God and His truth. It had to be so different that all who were exposed could at once see the distinction.

Truth is of God. It is not of man. It is available to those who honestly seek God. For those who seek God through the colored glasses of the world, truth will continue to escape them. The moment they think they have found truth, they will discover that they have been misled. They will continue as the Apoostle Paul described; "be tossed here and there by every wind of doctrine". ( Eph. 4:14) As James puts it, "they are unstable in all their ways" (James 1:8) This person will never learn the truth required to give a full and abundant life.

The Challenge to each of us is to seek God with all our hearts, soul, and mind, (Matt. 22:37) We cannot be satisfied with partial or even colored truth. Such is no truth at all. We cannot afford to be fooled be error. We must continue till we know that we are enlightened by the truth revealed in Sacred Sriptures. (Eph. 1:18)

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## LOUIS LAWRENCE THE WELDER

Louis Lawrence, known to his co-workers as "Louie", is COTA's only... Chief Welder. He isn't new to COTA. As a matter of fact, he has been employed with the transit authority now for over 36 years. With that comes the prestigious honor of holding the fourth position in total years of service with COTA.

Louie began his years in the transit industry with Columbus Transit Company in 1953 as a trolley coach cleaner. "When I first interviewed for the position, CTC wanted me to start work that evening," Louie reminisced. "I came to CTC because a good friend of mine said it was an excellent place to work. But, I never dreamed I would make a lifelong career out of it." He worked as a trolley coach cleaner for one week and was promoted to service man where he remained for 28 years.

"In 1980 I had the opportunity to move to the welding position," Louie said. "In 1944, I had worked as a welder at a logging company in Canon Beach, Oregon, so welding wasn't so new to me. After doing the same job for 28 years, you just get tired of overhauling engines. I was ready for a change and a new challenge."

...One thing that keeps him going as a welder, beside the bike he pedals from job to job, is the constant change in his work. "One day I might be welding a large piece of metal to the side of a bus and the next day I might be welding brackets onto the new gas bus."

"Often times, I'm called out of the shop on various assignments such as repairing bus stop signs that have been damaged." Louie's latest work project is helping to build a lineup desk enclosure in the McKinley Transportation area. This particular job has challenged him because of the opportunity to lay out the designs.

While the tools of the trade are few, they can be dangerous. There's always the element of risk in any profession, but it's magnified when a flame from a blow torch is involved. "I wear goggles to protect my eyes from the glowing burn of the torch, but it isn't always easy to keep from being burned or even getting a hot foot! I am still recovering from a piece of molten metal that fell inside my boots. Each time I moved, the burning sensation got worse."

At the End of each day, Louie punches his time card and heads for home, wondering what new welding job his family of friends will have waiting for him.

One problem Louie faces is that he has never learned to say "no". People are prone to take advantage of a servant like Louie. We are fortunate to have such a man as one of our deacons at Northland. We are proud of Louis Lawrence and his wife Helen. (BH)

Adapted from COTA LINES, The official publication of the Central Ohio Transit Authority. EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Mr and Mrs John Hare and Mr and Mrs John Hendrix invite you to share in the joy of the marriage uniting their children Dana Jo and John Carey on Saturday the seventh of April 1990 at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Northland Church of Christ...Reception immediately following in the Church Annex.

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All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will worship before Thee. (Psalm 22:7)

## VICTORY IN JESUS

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

## THE LORDS KINGDOM.

Souls added to the Lords kingdom this week: Rob Brown 3/1/90

Let's rejoice over the fact that these have decided to make a commitment to follow Jesus and obey Him in baptism.

Also coming forward are:

Gretchen Gallucci	Mike Hallabrin	Darik Allen	John Barringer
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Jodi Bridge's grandmother has cancer. Desperately need to find suitable employment. That my mother learns to find strength in the Lord. For Jan and our Marriage. That my sister Cherrie will continue to fellowship with us.. For my family and their medical and other problems. My Father is having surgery Thursday. That Deanna Preece will raise the money she needs. That I desire eagerly to please God in stewardship and talents. For Scott VanKamecke as he starts his now job. For my mother as she has surgery tomorrow.

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Amos Chute passed away last Wednesday. The Funeral was last Friday, with the burrial in Lowell, Ohio.

Roy Estep had hip replacement surgery last Monday at Riverside hospital. He is in room 5024

Tom Owens, Tamara Kaiser's father had a stroke last Sunday. He is in room 852 at Riversid Hospital.

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"We're not quarreling," one replied, "we're playing pop and mom."



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"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" Luke 9:23.

We all have good intentions, but far too often it doesn't last. We start out with burning enthusiasm only to cool down to apathy. Why? Why do our New Years Resolutions only last a few weeks? Why do 'once committed' members quit? Why don't we finish what we begin? Why do we teach "commitment, commitment, commitment" yet this does not characterize us? Why?

Because "surrender" must precede commitment. There must be a dying of self before any commitment. Even Jesus taught denial and cross bearing before following him. There will be no real commitment if there is no surrender of self. Jesus must be our personal Lord as well as our personal Savior. We must be careful not to deceive ourselves. The truth is: If Jesus is not Lord, he is not Savior. There must be a surrender before a commitment.

This is true even in other areas of our lives. The problem in difficult marriages is usually the couple have "committed" without a surrender to each other. When commitment ought to really shine, it doesn't because self is still too much in the picture. Love, respect and submission to each other will be hard to find if surrender didn't precede the commitment.

In many aspects of life we "start and stop", "stop and go", "renew then quit", "off again/on again." It goes without saying that commitment is necessary. But commitment without surrender fails.

Let me encourage you to consider the commitments that you've been called to: a/ To God b/ To this congregation c/ To your spouse d/ To the lost. For any commitment to last their must be surrender.

All to Jesus I surrender.

BRYANT MYERS

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Central Ohio Christian School's annual spaghetti dinner will be March 24th from 4-8 pm in the annex. Tickets will be on sale after services today in the foyer. The cost is \$3.50 in advance or \$4.00 at the door. Children age 2-12 are \$2.00 and under 2 are free.

Listings for the new directory for Northland are on the hall bulletin board by the telephone. Please make needed corrections or initial as "OK". Be sure and let us know if we have missed anyone. Thanks, Jack Mauersberg.

Thanks to all of you who have remembered my dad with cards of encouragement and in your prayers. He is now home. Please continue to pray for his health to improve. Jane Martin.

Darrell Bohl passed away last week. The funeral was last Wednesday.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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THANKSGIVING

Bob & Kerry Irvin We will be studying the Bible with our parents.
LaShell Ramsey I'm able to see that God is the way.
J. & Megan Haver Keep Richard Fischer and Tom Owens in your prayers.
Laurie Josephs For my grandmother who is hospitalized.
Kevin Brown For us as a whole to be a living sacrifice.
Linda Baden That I may always remain firm in my convictions about the Lord.
Carl Miller To be closer to God and to trust Him.
John Reifers For my sister to gain weight and be healthy...she has barr-virus disease.
Cheryl Helsel For Pat & Dean Gordon...direction for their lives.
Mark & Paula Bentley For the family of Jim Gray...his wife died of cancer leaving him behind with two young children.
Kevin Chivington For Neal and all those traveling with him...for Laura Cree.
Tina Rizer That I am disciplined to keep my eyes on Christ.
Margie McCarty I want to praise God because he is so good.
LaShell Ramsey I'm thankful for all of the people who were there for me in my time of need.
Betty Hinty Happy to live for Jesus...for the many blessings I've received.
Sharon Krouse I have located a roommate to live with me.

HOW SURE IS YOUR FOUNDATION?

by Bill Hopkins



As I was reading an article written by a friend of mine, Boyd Williams, who preaches in Florida, I felt that it contained a valuable message which was worth sharing.

The words of the song our children sing goes something like this: "The foolish man built his house upon the sand...And the house came tumbling down...The wise man built his house upon the rock... And the house stood firm..." The words of the song expresses exactly the words of Christ in Matthew 7:24-17, and clearly indicates the need for people to build a proper and lasting foundation for their lives.

There is ample teaching in the Scriptures for the Christian to give some serious thought to this foundation. It seems to me that we have only two choices in life. Either we will build that foundation on Jesus and his word or we will build it on the world. It is far too easy to allow things to happen without giving adequate thought to the will of God.

It makes little difference as to how I may feel about a certain matter. I have found that most people will defend the Scriptures as long as it applies to other people, but the moment we become actively involved, we are prone to make every effort to find reasons why the principles and commands of the New Testament do not apply to us nor our particular situation.

Unless we are willing to accept the Scriptures at face value, we will find ourselves running into all kinds of difficulties. It means that we have the right to pick and choose whenever it is convenient, often disregarding God and His will. This is exactly the same reasoning which has led the denominational world to decide that they can change and alter the plan of Salvation at will. They have decided that baptism is alright for some people under some circumstances, but it may not be right nor recommended for others. Thus, they have gone about establishing their own system of righteousness and salvation.

When we fall into the same trap, we reduce the church to the level of a man made organization, controlled and operated by human beings, who in essence has little respect and reverence for the will of God.

The only remedy is a renewed sense of dedication and commitment to God and His Word. Whatever it teaches is right regardless to how I may think or feel about the matter. I am determined to obey every command and meet every condition according to the words of our Lord and I will not insert my thoughts or will at any time.



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**WHY CHRIST DIED**



**HEART THOUGHTS**

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

- That we might become righteous in Him (II Cor. 5:21)
- That we might die to sin in Him. (I Peter 2:24)
- That we might no longer live unto ourselves. (II Cor. 5:15)
- That we might be delivered from the world. (Gal. 1:4)
- That we might become the Sons of God. (Gal. 4:4,5)
- That we might be sanctified unto Himself. (Eph. 5:25-27)
- That we might become His possession. (Titus 2:14)
- That we might receive the Holy Spirit. (Gal. 3:13,14)
- That He might take us back to God. (I Peter 3:18)



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*"Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son." (II John 9)*

*"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gosepl of Christ. But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed? (Gal. 1:6-8)*

Jesus taught his disciples that His true followers would abide or continue in His word. (John 8:31,32) It is evident from the teachings of the Apostles and other early teachers, that they took this instruction very seriously. The Apostle John even emphasized that the wrath of God would come upon the person who would add or subtract from the Scriptures. (Rev. 22:18,19)

Problems arise as the result of several factors: 1) We are not as knowledgeable as we should be. Most of us have not spent enough time studying the scriptures to insure us the ability of differentiating the truth from error. 2) We are usually solution oriented people. We are often able to see a problem and immediately begin to look for a solution. This solution is so important that we can forget the need to carefully critique it with the New Testament. 3) We are emotional people. It is so easy to look at some situations in view of what we feel should be done rather than what God has ordained. Thus, we find ourselves relying on the wisdom of man which eliminates God.

Abiding in the teachings of Christ is more than having a loving attitude. It is more than verbally honoring God. (Matt. 15:8,9) It is more than being extremely active religiously. It is more than worshipping God. It is the surrender of our will to His. It is the acceptance of His instructions as final authority. It is making sure that everything we do in word or deed is done under the total direction of God as outlined in the New Testament. (Col 3:17)

The implications of these passages are very important to the church. It means that we are only the church of the Lord, if we abide in His teachings. The moment we begin to practice things which are not directed by the scriptures we cease to be in Christ. A responsibility of the elders and staff is to critique every idea

*Bill Hopkins*

VICTORY IN JESUS

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THE LORDS KINGDOM.

Those requesting public prayer are:

Sharon Krouse, Becky Farmer, Teresa Childress, La Chelle Bass, Jennifer Katona, Haydee dela Cruz

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Marcena and I wish to thank all of our brothers and sisters for your many prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, and hospital visits. Thanks to the good Lord and you-all, I am on my road to recovery. With His love and all of ours. Al and Marcena Coate

I wish to thank everyone for the visits, cards, and prayers during my recent surgery and stay in the hospital. Roy Estep

It was brought to our attention that NBC-TV is planning to air a gay soap opera entitled: "Forbidden Passions" We are urging that each Christian send a note to Mr. Robert Wright, President, NBC-TV stating our disapproval. The following is an example of a possible letter. You can either write yourself or pick up a copy of this letter from the office.

I have taken a pledge to boycott any products which help to sponsor the new gay soap opera entitled: "FORBIDDEN PASSIONS" or any other similar perverted shows. My community standards will not support the content of this show and I do not want my family exposed to it. Please do not allow this prime time perversion on your network.

The address is: Mr. Robert Wright, President NBC-TV 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10112



CLEAN UP TV

Submitted by Reba Day



PRAYER REQUEST:

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Mary Barbour, John Barringer, Robert Henry, Sharon Krouse, Lauretta Lee, Loretta Pack, Deanna Preece, John Reifers, Betty Whaley. That I will not have a lot of migrane headaches. For Marilyn Stewart for a recovery from a stroke and surgery. For strength in my left arm. That I may put my faith in God and not myself. For Tony Pack, Nitia Pack, Tearer Pack, Willina E. Filed That God will give me the support I need for my mission trip. My sister Mariane has taken a turn for the worst. For my unsaved kids and my granddaughter who had surgery.

SOCIETAL CHANGES

borrowed from the Mesquite Messenger, Mesquite, Texas

Have you contemplated the changes that have taken place during the past 50 years? Fifty years ago...

Abortionists were sent to prison. Pregnancy out of wedlock was thought of as scandalous. Homosexuals were considered queer. Pornography was despised as a sickness. Marriage was sacred. Living together was taboo. Divorce was a disgrace. Homemaking was honored and day care was provided by mothers in their homes. Ladies did not smoke or curse. "Damn" was considered flagrant language in a movie. Houses and autos were never locked. A man's word was his honor. Drugs were something you bought at a pharmacy (or "drug store") Popular music was devoid of demonic beats and words. Eastern religion was still in the East. Child abuse was almost unheard of. Schools were in the neighborhood, and students prayed and read the Bible. High School graduates could read their diplomas. Creation could still be taught as an alternative to evolution. Aids was a gift of the Spirit. (I Cor. 12:28 - KJV) Our governments - local, state, and national - still promoted Judeo-Christian values rather than lotteries, horse racing, and casino gambling. Christian teaching focused on sacrificing for Christ rather than confessing materialistic success. Governmental authority was respected. Police were held in high esteem. Socialism and Communism were considered a curse. Social Security was a job. Living on welfare was a disgrace. As the Virginia Slims cigarette ad once put it, "We've come a long way, baby!" Yes, we have, and most of it has been in the wrong direction!



All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will worship before Thee. (Psalm 22:7)

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This is a statement from the young people and they should know.

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### THE CHURCH AND EVANGELISM

Several gospel papers come across my desk regularly which are very useful. One such paper is the World Radio News out of West Monroe, Louisiana. It gives a detailed account of the spread of the gospel throughout the world. It is very spiritually uplifting to know that souls are being won to Christ all over the world. Following are some excerpts from the paper: "Radio listener obey gospel" in American Samoa; "28 souls saved in Portugal"; Soul brought to Christ in Buenos Aires"; "Five Souls saved in Baguio City, Philippines"; "Eighty-six converted in Nigeria"; "Two baptized in Manila, Philippines"; "31 baptisms in Zambia"; "Entire village of Garikuka converted"; "55 respond to gospel in Surinam campaign"; "687 baptisms in Nairobi"; "Romanians mob us for the Word of God"; "Gospel going well in Ethiopia"; "more than 900 become believers in China"; and on and on!

You see the church is not asleep in every area of the world. Of course we are never satisfied with the progress we are making, but it helps to know that there are sincere Christians all over the world who are totally committed to the spread of the gospel.

Another paper which I receive regularly is a report of the World Bible School. This is an effort begun by the late Jimmy Lovell to use the mail to carry the gospel to the world. From this effort alone there are thousands who are teaching the Bible by mail to the lost all over the world. Christians like you and I, many of them senior citizens, correspond with Bible students, usually in foreign countries, sending them correspondence courses and other material as well as answering their questions about the Bible and salvation. Thousands are won to Christ each year by this effort alone. There are numerous congregations in existence today, solely as the results of this work. They are constantly looking for Christians who will become involved in the World Bible School as they spend a few minutes a day in their home grading lessons and writing letters to these students. You see, each of us can become a foreign missionary and never leave home.

Yet, of what value are these efforts to win the lost over the world, if you and I do not become deadly serious about the lost in Columbus? Surely, it is time for each of us to return to our first love!

Bill Hopkins

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SYMPATHY

We want to express our sympathy to Harry Grafton at the death of his father.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

Jelly Tuna Helper Jiffy Muffin Mix
Cold Cereal Instant Coffee Syrup
Pancake Mix Powdered Milk Toilet Paper

THANK YOU

We want you to know how much your sympathy and kindness have meant to us. With Heartfelt Thanks, The Family of Darrell Bohl

Thank you so very much for the very pretty flowers that were sent at Amos death. I and my family appreciated the caring attitude extended during this trauma. I thank the members that were able to attend the service. Bill Hopkins gave an inspiring eulogy of Amos Vernon Chute.

ENCOURAGEMENT

I would like to say thank you for the planter I received at the death of my sister. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. I especially am thankful to the many sisters and brothers who expressed their love and sympathy personally with their words and cards. Love to you all. Helen Lawrence

MIDWEST GOSPEL CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Midwest Gospel Conference is May 17-19. The theme is "The Way of The Cross" with Lynn Anderson, Rick Atchley and Rubel Shelly as theme speakers. Pre-register before May 1. Forms are available from Tom Yoakum or Jim Robbins.

FLUTE RECITAL

Susan Iames will be giving a flute recital on Thursday, April 6th at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend. A reception will follow the recital. The location of the recital is Hughes Hall Auditorium, 1899 College Road on the Ohio State University Campus.

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, our inner man is being renewed day by day. (II Corinthians 4:16-18)

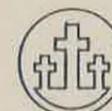
THE CHALLENGE OF CHRIST

To say, "Life is a challenge" would be the under statement of the year. Life is filled with challenges, some big and some small. Without these challenges life would become dull and meaningless. They add a spark to our existence which enables us to go on to greater heights. Jesus did not come to make us comfortable and stagnant, but to challenge us and give us a keen sense of responsibility.

THE CHALLENGE OF CHRIST

by

Bill Hopkins



1. Jesus challenges us to live as He lived. He has left us an example that we should follow in His steps (I Peter 2:21). Jesus lived with purpose and meaning. He lived to serve others (Matt. 20:28; Luke 19:10). He lived to do His Father's will. In the garden of Gethsemane he prayed, "Not my will but thine be done." (Luke 22:42)

2. Jesus challenges us to grow as He grew. Jesus increased in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man. (Luke 2:52) To say that Jesus grew intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually is to understand that His growth was well-balanced. We meet this challenge when we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (II Peter 3:18)

3. Jesus challenges us to think as Christ thought. Realizing that God's thoughts are not our thoughts (Isa. 55:9) we are very careful to bring every thought in captivity. (II Cor. 10:5) Since the Bible is God's message to man, it is extremely important to fill our minds with His message, allowing the Holy Spirit to use the word to strengthen our faith and give us wisdom. Remember, "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he" (Prov. 23:7)

The challenge of Jesus is that each of us could become a light to the world in the way we live, grow, and think in Christ.

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Donna Wolfe

That things go well in my contractual dealings with Warner Bros.
Mike & Betty and their marriage plans.
For my friend, Devon Fernander.
My grandfather has cancer.
Doris Williams - heart troubles.
A Friend, Kay Pyles, is in Mt. Carmel.
My grandmother is very sick.

Gregory Orall

Thank God for His unlimited love and for showing me what I need to learn.



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**THIS IS MY CHURCH**



**HEART THOUGHTS**

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

It is composed of people just like me.  
It will be friendly if I am.  
It will do a great work if I work.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am generous.  
It will bring others into its fellowship if I bring them.  
Its seats will be filled if I fill them.  
It will be a Church of Loyalty and Love, of Faith and Service.  
If I who make it what it is, am filled with these.  
Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of being  
All these things I want my church to be.



**STATISTICS**

Those who are with us are more than those who are with them. (2 Kings 6:16)

Thanks to your contribution we're continuing to expand the Lords kingdom.

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Sunday am. Bible Study	338	252	325
Sunday am. Worship	444	420	437
Sunday pm. Worship	259	261	237
Wednesday Bible Study	345	324	306
Contribution	\$7,989.36	\$8,179.60	\$8,378.91

April 8, 1990



*Messenger*

**Northland Church of Christ**

April 8, 1990

4581 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43231 475-0161

**THE STORY OF OUR FAITH**

Whenever we speak of what we believe most deeply, we are revealing our purpose for living. For some it is the desire for riches and fame, for others it is an education and all that goes with scholarship, but for the Christian it is the story of the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord. The Apostle Paul puts it this way;

*Now I want you to remember the Good News that I proclaim to you, which you accepted, and in which your faith is firmly rooted. That is the gospel through which you are saved, if you hold it strongly in memory--unless you have believed for naught. For I passed on to you what is most important in that which I also accepted: that Christ died for our sins as the scripture tells us; that Christ was buried and rasied to life again in three days as Scripture tells us..." I Cor. 15:1-4*

Jesus Christ is the center of our story of faith. He is the action and heart of the creation which is now dwelling within us. He is God's covenant with us, His gurantee of our salvation. His life is the unfolding drama of God's continuing love. His story renews the precious promises of God and the assurance that each will be fulfilled. His story reminds us that we can be transformed into the image of God's children.

In order to remember the entire story of our faith, the Scriptures takes us all the way back to the creation. God shares with us the purpose and plan of action which brought all things into existence. He reminds us that mankind was the focal point of everything God was about to do. As someone had amply described; there is a silver thread running all the way through the Bible, tracing God's love and concern for the man whom He had created.

Our story includes many accounts of human rebellion and unfaithfulness against the great Creator. It even required the prophets to denounce the unfaithfulness of God's people. Yet, throughout the story we are reminded of God's unfailing faithfulness to the covenant and its promises. Every time we see a baptism or partake of the Lord's supper we are drawn back to the crowning event of history, as God reenacts and participates in the remaking of the covenant of salvation.

With Jesus as center and focus, our story of faith is enlarged to include those around us. We find ourselves sharing this message of hope and love with our friends and neighbors; a lost and dying world. In fact there is something in this story that will not let us go. It has a firm grip on our hearts which compells us to speak loudly and boldly about the one who has made it all possible.

When we gather together for a period of worship, we find ourselves singing and praising the Lord for making it possible for us to enjoy that spiritual demension, available only in the Lord. Each of these experiences draws us nearer the conclusion of life and the supreme fulfillment of a life filled with faith, hope and love. It makes us long for the day when we can leave this world and go home to the beautiful mansion prepared for us by the one who loves us and died to save us.

Bill Hopkins

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Every Member

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Wilbur Allen  
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Joe Barozzini  
Bailey Barton  
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VICTORY IN JESUS

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

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The following members are in constant need of your prayers: Gertrude Fenn Barb Sims Bud Frederick Mabel Pickens Tom Owens Al Coate Amy VanCleave Arlene Poston Roy Estep Wilma Martin Doris Stone Richard Seymour Richard Fischer John Fenn

All of these people are in need of our encouragement and prayers.



Church of Christ, Ashland, Ohio will be conducting a Gospel Meeting, April 29 through May 2, with Frank Higginbotham, of Chester, WV. doing the preaching. (Details on the bulletin board)

Church of Christ, Lancaster, Ohio will have the following free seminars: April 10 - 7:00 pm. "EATING HABITS & WEIGHT CONTROL" June 5 - 7:00 pm. "DEFEATING PEER PRESSURE" (See the bulletin board)

Ohio Valley College, Parkersburg, WV. will hold the 16th annual Gospel Quartet Concert featuring two groups from Columbus. Our own Inspiration and Joyful Noise, along with two other groups, on May 11,12. (See the bulletin board)

Church of Christ, Delaware, Ohio invites us to hear Jack Exum in a "Three unusual days" meeting on May 25 through May 27. (See the bulletin board)

Many thanks to the Northland congregation for supporting C.O.C.S. Our spaghetti dinner last week was successful and some of you stopped by to enjoy dinner with us.

The Apple computer has arrived and will be set up by the Apple technician for use by the older students. Six software programs are on order. Nearly \$120,000 in Big Bear tapes was contributed. Six thousand seven hundred Campbell labels were sent in for a tape player and two record players. Campbell labels are saved year round.

I especially want to thank several people for their invaluable service to C.O.C.S. Don and Pat Traxler and Pam Estep worked long hours in making the spaghetti dinner a big success. Everything went so smoothly. Bud Frederick is always looking out for the school. He has collected many Campbell labels and Big Bear tapes for our drives. This week Lou and Jason Lawrence, assisted by J. Haver, set up the basketball goal. It is wonderful! Children are out shooting baskets at every opportunity, whether sunny weather or cold and snowy. We appreciate each of you for your good works for the children.

Betty Chappell

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



TERMS OF A PEACE TREATY

"So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions." (Luke 13:33)



Long before I became a Christian I remember reading in the gospels, and really being confused by the parables. I tried and tried to understand them, but most of the time I needed help. Jesus uses parables to teach many important ideas. They are designed to be very powerful and very personal. One parable, that I have over the years studied and restudied, with myself and others, is the parable in Luke 14:25-31. The teaching of this parable is very challenging, but is also what being a Christian is all about. For me the parable is best understood by looking at the second part of the parable first (Luke 14:31-33). In this part Jesus talks about a King with 10,000 men who goes against another King with 20,000 men. Jesus tells how the first King realizes that he would be defeated and decides to send out a delegation to ask for a peace treaty. The King knows there is no way he can be victorious, no way he can make it on his own. In the parable we are the first King. For most of us, before we became Christians, realized that we could not make it in this world. No matter how hard we tried in the past, we found ourselves not in control. Many of us found no true fulfillment or happiness in this world. We also found no other way, except Jesus, to rid ourselves of the horrible sins that we had committed. Just like the King, we sent up a peace treaty. The problem is that we often do not accept Jesus' terms of the peace treaty. The terms are very explicit, they are stated in the first part of the parable (Luke 14:25). Jesus says that if you want to be his disciple, if you want to have your sins forgiven etc., then you need to put me first. You need to give up your life and live for Jesus. Jesus further stresses the importance of this by telling us to understand the cost before you enter into the peace treaty.

I can still remember back to the first time I studied this parable. I did not like this! I remember thinking to myself this does not seem fair-that is-the terms of the peace treaty. I had realized that I was lost without Jesus, that on my own I would never be truly victorious. I also realized that I could change this, I could have my sins forgiven, but to me there was a catch. I remember thinking there is nothing free in this world, and this was another example. This attitude reminds me of 2 Cor. 5:15-16. Obviously back then I regarded Jesus from a worldly point of view. Viewing Jesus from a Godly point of view needs to be our goal (vs. 16). If we truly understand what Jesus did for us on the Cross, then we will be motivated to do what ever he asks. Then the parable in Luke 14 will be so much easier to accept and live. Understanding Jesus from a Godly point of view will make the terms of the peace treaty seem just and fair. I have also come to realize that this is the only fulfilling or true way to be a Christian (John 8:31-32). And Jesus knew this! Jesus knew that you can't truly be a disciple if you don't put God before anything and everything in this world. It is impossible, you just can't serve 2 masters (Matthew 6:24).

This is the teaching of our Lord and Savior. If you don't like it, too bad!, because it doesn't change it. The truth is still the truth. I think it is time for each one of us to reevaluate ourselves. Are you regarding Christ from a worldly way? Are you living by Jesus' peace treaty or your own? The truth of the matter is, there is no other way to be a Christian (Disciple). Let us encourage each other to accept and live by Jesus' terms.

Linda Garner

PRAYER REQUESTS

"...the members should have the same care for one another" (I Cor. 12:25b)



- Donna Wolfe My grandmother is very sick. Frances Tibbs For my attitude on the job...to be the best in all situations. Carl Miller Get my heart right with God. Shawn Whitby For all sick in the hospitals and all lost souls. Loretta Pack For Teara Pack who's still in the hospital at Children's. Dawn Johnson Strength to pass my exams. Jon Brown To get closer to Jesus and God. Brenda Bailey Strength to find a true church love and an inner peace to share with my child and myself. Houston/Carolyn Brown For Rick Reed who is in room 6011 Riverside. Jennifer Katona For Scott VonKamecke to start attending services in N. Carolina. Please continue to reach out and encourage him. Betty Hinty Wisdom with understanding.

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**GOD IS LISTENING!!!**

There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart:  
 --never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it is true;  
 --never tell even that, unless you feel it is absolutely necessary, and remember that God is listening while you tell it.

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**DEALING WITH MATTERS OF FAITH**

As students of the Scriptures, we are very careful in our approach to the words, statements, and thoughts presented in the Bible. We understand that when a command is given by the Lord, it requires exact obedience. On the other hand, there are numerous statements which have little or no direct application to us living in the 20th century. A failure to make these distinctions will create much confusion and division among the followers of Christ as they attempt to sort through the vast amount of information given in the Bible.

A classic illustration is the case of Nicodemus, who came to Jesus by night. (John 3:1-15) In this story there are some matters of faith (absolutes) as well as some matters of opinion (liberty). Why he came to Jesus by night is a matter of speculation and it is not important that we totally agree as to his actions. On the other hand, the requirements for entering the kingdom (vs. 3,5) are not matters of opinion, but faith. When Jesus said that a "man must be born of the water and the spirit", He was stating a fact that could not be altered, regardless of the time and circumstance under consideration. In these matters of faith, there must be total agreement (I Cor. 1:10) which requires the absence of man's opinion. The moment man inserts his ideas and preferences, he becomes guilty of perverting the Gospel of Christ. (Gal. 1:6-9) and he stands accursed because he is not abiding in the doctrine of Christ. (II John 9-11)

While on the surface this seems to be rather simple, we must recognize that there are times when it is extremely difficult to make this distinction. The work of our Lord has been severely damaged in cities where this principle has been treated carelessly. Satan would love to persuade us to demand that other Christians accept and follow our opinion, even to the degree that we would cause discord and division in the Body over matters of liberty. On the other hand, there are those who would become so careless as to attempt to interpret some commands in light of our personal preference. This is seen in the denominational approach to baptism. Even though the Bible commands baptism and that it is to be a burial in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Rom 6:1-6) the denominational world not only has substituted sprinkling for burial, but many have eliminated the necessity of baptism altogether. When Jesus told Nicodemus that a man must be born of the water and the spirit before he could enter the kingdom, He places baptism as a matter of faith and no longer subject to man's opinion. Man has no option in the matter. If he desires to be right with God, he must be willing to submit to God's will by humbly obeying His command to be baptized for the remission of sins. (Acts 22:16)

While we have only made a basic application of this principle, the child of God will be careful to follow this procedure when ever we study the Bible. Remember, while God has given man many opportunities to use his own thoughts and preferences in applying the Scripture, this can only apply when a specific command or procedure is not given in the Bible. In these situations, it is not a matter of how we feel or think, but what has God said. May God bless us as we study and follow His word.

Bill Hopkins

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**HEART THOUGHTS**

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)



**STATISTICS**

In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. (Acts 19:20)

The terms of the peace treaty are very explicit-very clear. Jesus calls us (if we want to be a Christian) to live for Him, to put God above everything (our hopes, our desires, our will). These are very strict terms, no margin of gray. There is no room for compromising nor half heartedness.

HOW DO WE ACCEPT THESE TERMS?  
HOW DO WE LIVE BY THEM?

Accepting these terms comes from as mentioned above-viewing Jesus from a Godly viewpoint. This is understanding what Jesus did for you at the Cross. Accepting comes from truly understanding and acknowledging in your heart you needed and still need Jesus! I also think that accepting these terms comes from accepting the fact as mentioned above, that there is no other way, no matter what the world tells you, of being a Christian.

Living by the terms comes first from accepting them. You will never in your heart, fully, live by the terms if you fail to accept them. I believe that part of accepting them is transforming your mind. We as non-Christians and even as Christians, have placed our security and significance in things of this world. It is very hard for you to live for Jesus, when your security and significance does not come from Jesus. When in your mind-succeeding on the job, being married, etc. (YOU FILL IN YOUR OWN!) is more important than Jesus and the things he calls us to do and to be. WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL WORTHWHILE? WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE A PERSON? WHAT CONTROLS YOUR HAPPINESS? Is it things in the world or is it being a Christian!! Living by Jesus' terms takes changing the way you think about things!

Well as you might have guessed, I didn't like this either when I first heard it. Transforming of your mind takes a lot of TIME, EFFORT, SUFFERING, PAIN, DISCIPLINE AND A DESIRE TO WANT TO DO IT. It doesn't happen overnight, on the contrast it is a life long goal. Your flesh won't like it (mine didn't). All of its life it has felt significant and secure because of school. It felt secure and significant when it did well in school, on the job, etc. It felt very insignificant when things went wrong in school. I actually remember when the flesh came to life back in the 5th grade. You see I was put in Track 2 level in my classes. This was the first year that we were separated based on your level. All my friends were placed in Track 1 and me with all the dumb kids (this is what I felt) was placed in Track 2. So I worked very hard, and the next year I was placed in Track 1 and stayed there the rest of my life. As a result, I spent the rest of my youth and early twenties studying, studying, studying. When I got good grades I felt important and significant, and when I didn't I usually felt depressed. I could tell you so many more stories but you get the point. Our significance is shaped early in this world and it is very hard to change our thinking. When I became a Christian, I began to learn the truth and the flesh was severely threatened. It rebelled, it tried to live and it did for awhile, and sometimes it rears its ugly head. But over the years, I have been working on transforming my thoughts. My worthwhileness is not based on what I do, but is based on being a Christian.

If we as Christians want to make lasting changes, if we want to live by Jesus' terms of the treaty, we have to make changes in our thinking. If not we will just be caught up in following a bunch of laws. Well what about you? Are you living by the terms Jesus has set up? Has your mind been transformed lately? Do you desire for this to happen? Think about these things, they will not disappear even if you don't deal with them.

Linda Garner

LIVING BY THE  
TERMS OF THE  
PEACE TREATY  
(Part 2)

"So therefore, no one of  
you can be My disciple  
who does not give up  
all his possessions."  
(Luke 13:33)



GOOD NEW TO SHARE

Susan Iames	Thanks to all who attended my flute recital. I love you all.
Larry McIntyre	I thank God for the brothers close to me who help me to remain strong in Christ.
Nancy Orall	It was good to see everyone again. It's great to be back.
Shawn Whitby	I thank God for understanding when my heart hardens.

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(Romans 8:28)

THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Souls added to the Lord's kingdom this week:  
Avis Lenihan 4/9 Greg Coleman 4/9 Phil Whisler 4/11

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

...and new things I declare,  
before they spring into being I  
announce them to you.  
(Isaiah 42:9)

The phone number in the directory for Leon & Gladys Abrams is incorrect. The correct number is 475-3081. Please change the number in your directory.

Connie Schwinne's father Dowel Hummel had a heart attack on 4/11/90. He is in Riverside (ICU). Prayers are requested.

Prayers are also requested for Patty Ewart's mother, Carolyn who had brain surgery this past week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

"...the members should  
have the same care for  
one another"  
(I Cor. 12:25b)

J. & Megan Haver	For Harry Haver & Richard Fischer.
John Reifers	My sister is ill.
Stephen Foster	For strength and encouragement for Norm Johnson and myself for a proper perspective.
Dawn Johnson	I'm having some tests done for joint and muscle pain.
Rick & Joyce Bruno	To continue remembering Al & Marcena Coate during Al's recuperation...for Bud & Sue Frederick during Bud's illness.
Frances Tibbs	To be pure before God.
John Lindsay	For Robert, my friend, who has no home and no relationship with Jesus.
Mike & Cheryl Helsel	That we may be able to move into our new house.
Larry McIntyre	To strength my relationship with Him.
Shawn Whitby	Confidence in God.
Betty Whaley	Mike Graves is sick..my sister has diabetes..my mom is sick.



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May 5	Mitchell/Outz wedding...Canal Winchester, Ohio.
May 13-16	Spring meeting with Jim Woodroof. MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND.
May 19	Johnson/Wright wedding.

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**DO WE PRACTICE WHAT WE SING?**

"I Love to Hear the Story," -if it doesn't last over 20 minutes. "Sweet Hour of Prayer," -is wonderful, but I'm really too busy. "I Love to Hear the Story," -but only in church. "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," -with Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Black. "Lead Me to Some Soul Today," -but wait until I have a convenient time. "All I have is Thine Own," -but I hope that You don't mind that I have used it all for something which I want. "If Jesus Goes With Me," -it may be embarrassing for both of us.

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**SWEET FELLOWSHIP**

Someone once remarked that if we sang more about heaven we would want to go there more. He was probably right. And if we would talk more about the good things God has done for us we would most likely appreciate them more. We are so busy making a living and spending it that we grow careless with reference to God and His affairs.

In Malachi 3:16-18 He makes reference to those who feared the Lord. They would talk to each other often.. I get images of people who loved God and each other. They would speak often of the blessings of God. The verse says a scroll of remembrance was written before Him concerning those who feared the Lord. The Lord would claim the people and the people would live such a different lifestyle. So different that v. 18 says "you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

We see the same example in early Christians. They spent time together talking about God and living a distinctive life. I wonder if too frequently our speech and lifestyle differs little from those of clean living people who do not know God. Surely we have something worth talking about! Let's talk more about God's grace to us. Let's talk more about God's blessings we experience. After all, we are family. Let's share each others good times as well as the bad. Let's bear other's burdens. Let's treat one another like brother and sister. The church is not just a religious club with meetings to attend and dues to pay, It's a community. It's a fellowship. It's a family.

Let's make the most of our time together. Let's make each occasion of togetherness an opportunity to say something about Christ and eternal life. Let's take Christianity seriously - let's get excited about it! It is the best news in the world. "God is our Father and Jesus is our brother and the blessed Holy Spirit is our guide." We should be the happiest people in the world. With so much good to say, let's resolve to talk more about it all. And to also live a life that is different from the wicked.

After all, a book of remembrance is still being written before the Lord. Is your name in it?

*Bryant Myers*



**HEART THOUGHTS**

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**STATISTICS**

In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. (Acts 19:20)

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There will be a bridal shower May 12 from 3-5pm. in Rms. 41-42 for Cindy Bradley. All ladies are invited to attend. For gift suggestions see Polly Barnhardt.

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, thoughts, and words of encouragement during our difficult time with the loss of Harry's father. Thanks also for the beautiful plant. We appreciate our family in Christ so much! In Christian love, The Family of Maurice Grafton and Harry, Cindy, Anna, and Caleb.

There will be a bridal shower for Dawn Johnson on Wednesday night May 9<sup>th</sup> after Bible classes in Room 3/4. It is a come and go occasion. For gift suggestions see Barb Lindsey, Cheryl Chappell, or Betty Chappell.

*Joyce C. Stepleton and Richard Johnson request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Dawn Lynn Johnson to Mr. Rick Lee Wright son of Mrs. Darrell D. Wright on Saturday, the nineteenth of May nineteen hundred and ninety at two o'clock in the afternoon Church of Christ, 74 South Spring Road, Westerville, Ohio. Reception immediately following.*

Our Gospel Meeting with **Jim Woodroof** is just three weeks away. Each must plan early to be present each evening. Also, on May 13, we have planned to use all that is given above the budget to financially assist our mission efforts. Yet, this cannot be done if we continually run \$800.00 below the budget each week. Therefore, we need to be aware of the needs of the local body as we plan our weekly contribution.  
(The Elders)

The Oklahoma Christian University Symphonic and Jazz Band will perform for the Central Ohio Christian School students on Tuesday, May 1st at 11 am. in the annex. You are invited to the performance. The band is on their spring tour.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4	Acappella singing in Canton, Ohio.
May 5	Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp workshop..."Christian Evidences" Bert Thompson and Gaston Cogdell.
May 5	Mitchell/Outz wedding...Canal Winchester, Ohio.
May 13-16	Spring meeting with Jim Woodroof. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND.
May 19	Johnson/Wright wedding...2 pm. Spring Road, Westerville, Ohio.

## BACKGROUND

Within a few days after Hurricane Hugo devastated a significant part of South Carolina, leaders of the Charleston area Churches of Christ met and made plans to cooperate in utilizing the outpouring of aid that had already begun to flow in from sister congregations around the country. This report is an effort to summarize what has been received and how it has been used in the six months since Hugo. This is not a final or detailed accounting since work is still going on, especially in some outlying areas. However, the bulk of supplies and funds received have been expended or are committed to work in progress.

## SUPPLIES

Beginning Sunday, September 24, 1989, the critical need for food and water began to be met by the arrival of heavily loaded tractor trailer and rental trucks. Within a few weeks some two hundred sixty vehicles had delivered into this area, not only food and water, but also clothing, linens, building materials, chain saws, fuel, portable generators, camping stoves, sterno, disposable diapers, baby food, flashlights, batteries, lamps, candles, paper products, soap, etc.

These supplies were distributed from our church buildings to Christians and the public, with some distribution of food and clothing continuing on a case by case basis. About 20,000 families have been helped in this way. Some of these materials were also trucked to outlying communities such as St. George, Kingtree, Copahee, St. Stephen, Georgetown, McClellanville, Huger and CainHoy. For example, the coastal community of Copahee, north of Charleston, had one hundred of the one hundred three homes there rendered uninhabitable. Some of the food, clothing, building and other supplies shipped to Charleston were distributed in Copahee. Also, funds in the amount of \$99,557.00 have been expended for repairing and flushing septic tanks, for providing elevated storm resistant foundations for homes, for repairing damaged homes, for paying monthly bills, and other storm related expenses. In Copahee, as in many of these smaller communities, there is no congregation of the Lord's people.

## WORKERS

Within a few days, there were also a number of Christians who came to give their strength and skills to help with tree removal and emergency repairs to homes. Some came as individuals, some came in groups. They came from several different states and worked tirelessly with the many local members at the almost overwhelming task of recovery.

## FINANCIAL

Funds began to arrive not long after the trucks. Money has been sent by individuals, congregations, and Christian schools around the country. They have totaled \$1,096,363.00, with occasional contributions still coming. The vast majority of these funds have been expended for needs not covered by insurance or government assistance. Money used for Christian families and congregations total \$420,000.00, and for those not members of the church, \$563,025. The bulk of these funds have gone for home repairs, temporary housing, permanent housing replacement (especially mobile homes) and home furnishing replacement (e.g., utility and medical bills) for those temporarily unemployed by the storm. Other expenses include equipment rental for delivery and storage of supplies, tree removal, and efforts to present the gospel to those outside of Christ.

## SPIRITUAL

This last effort has involved purchasing literature and supplies, and other follow up efforts. There are a number of Bible studies that have resulted. And some are enrolled in Bible correspondence courses. Thus far, four baptisms have been reported as a result of contacts made through these benevolent efforts.

This report is made through the Delaware Church, Don Treadway, minister

## REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE NORTH CHARLESTON, CON- GREGATION - GIVING A SIX MONTH SUMMARY OF THE HUGO RELIEF WORK.

by

**Don Treadway  
Lou Confer**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### WE SEE AND HEAR

Praise to God for things we see  
The growing flower, the waving tree,  
Our mother's face, the bright blue shy,  
Where birds and clouds come floating by --  
Praise to God for seeing.

Praise the Lord for sounds we hear,  
Voices of our playmates dear,  
Merry bells and songs of birds,  
Stories, tunes, and kindly words --  
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MAY 13 through 16, 1990

THEME: "THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION"

Brother Jim Woodroof is a Bible Professor for the Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. He has been preaching and teaching the Gospel of Christ for many years and is respected as one of the noted scholars of the brotherhood. He has authored several books such as: "The Aroma of Christ" and "Between the Rock and the Hard Place". He is presently involved in writing a new book, the content of which he will be sharing with us in this series of lectures. If you have not read these books, it would be well worth your time to do so.

It is important that every member of the Northland Family be present at each service of this meeting. This is true for two reasons. First, it is important to the welfare of the Church. It is very uplifting to the body to have the privilege of sitting at the feet of a scholar and join in sharing in this feast. Secondly, it is seldom that the Christian have an opportunity to hear people other than local talent. Once or twice a year we invite special people into our fellowship for the purpose of teaching us the will of God. When we avail ourselves of this opportunity we will grow spiritually in the Lord.

Realizing that the only alternative to growing is dying, we place a great premium on living, we will not only accept the opportunity to grow, but we will welcome the challenge to become more mature in our faith. Thus, it is not only the responsibility of the leaders of the congregation to provide the means to grow, but it is also the obligation of the members to take advantage of the programs and studies which lead to growth.



Dr. Win Arn is president of the Institute for American Church Growth in Pasadena, California. He and his associates are the foremost collectors of information about why all kinds of churches grow in our country. Here is an overview of crucial ratios that impact on the dropout in the congregations.

**1. Friendship Ratio of 1:7** Each new person should be drawn into the congregation by the present membership which will enable them to identify at least seven new friends in the congregation within their first six months.

**2. Role/task Ratio of 60:100** At least 60 roles and tasks should be available for every one hundred members in a congregation. This means that each member will have the choice of becoming part of at least six important roles within the congregation.

**3. Group Ratio of 7:100** At least seven relational groups (small groups where relationships are built such as the Bible Talk) should be available in a congregation for every one hundred member, with the choice of participation being given to the individual member.

**4. New Group Ratio of 1:5** Of every five relational groups in a church, one should have been started in the past two years. This means that these small groups will constantly be growing and expanding.

**5. Committee Member Ratio of 1:5** One out of every five committee members should have joined the church within the last two years. You see the new members are made to feel a part of the inner working of the congregation.

**6. Staff Ratio of 1:150** A congregation should have one full-time staff member for every 150 persons in worship. This means that Northland should have three full time staff members, but we have six.

**7. Visitor Ratio of 3:10** Out of ten first-time visitors living in the community three should be actively involved in the congregation within a year. This means that we are so warm and active in our outreach that the visitors will be quickly drawn into the congregation.

As I think about the growth of the Northland church, I am made aware that some definite growth is needed in several of these areas.

**DEVELOPING AN OUTWARD ORIENTATION. . .**

Adapted from the Bammel Road Church of Christ bulletin, Houston, Texas



**PRAYER REQUEST AND THANKSGIVING IN THE BODY.**



Mike Bauch	For Tony Latella, undergoing chemo for a tumor in his liver.
David Douglas	That I can have more faith and strength.
Mike Graves	For Mike and Betty...They need God so much.
Betty Hinty	I Thank God so much for sparing my Life...(Betty had a serious accident at home recently...Her Kitchen cabinets fell off the wall on her).
Dawn Johnson	That the Lord gives us peace and wisdom as our wedding day approaches.
Connie Lilly	For my brother in law, John Muncy...He has lost half of his foot.
Greg Orall	Let us rejoice...John and Barb are married.
Nancy Orall	My sister Terri...going in for test...the tumor may be cancerous.
Betty Seibert	For the pain in my knee.
Betty Whaley	For Molly Hoffman who is in OSU Hospital.

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It is time for Central Ohio Christian School's annual Spring Concert. It will be held at Woodward Park Middle School on Karl Road Thursday, May 10th at 7:30pm. We have outgrown the annex and have moved our program so that everyone can see and hear. We invite you to be with us at that time.

Summer School Aged Program: COCS will again sponsor a summer care program for school aged (grades 1-5). Students participate in a varied program of crafts, games, field trips, and swimming. Supervisors are Melanie Reilly and Cheryl Chappell. Call the school at 475-0335 for information. Activities begin Monday, June 11th.

**Tim and Jean Houpe** are the proud parents of a baby girl born Saturday, April 28th. She weighed in at 6 lb. 7 oz. **Shawn Whitby** gave birth to a baby boy on Wednesday, April 25th weighing in at 7 lb.



**ENCOURAGEMENT**

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, our inner man is being renewed day by day. (II Corinthians 4:16-18)

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- August 5 - 10 **Family Camp** - Northwestern Christian Youth Camp - Notice the bulletin board.



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But one day when they walk down the aisle to give their lives to the Lord, you'll not remember those little tantrums, nor those trips to the restroom. There will be no more wrinkles in your dress nor crackers in your purse, and your embarrassment at their behavior will be replaced with accomplishment and pride.

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She can be sweeter than sugar, more sour than a lemon, all smiles, and crying her heart out all within any given two-minute period.

She likes sewing, detective stories, having her birthday remembered, church, a new dress, the cleaning woman, Father's praise, a little lipstick, flowers and plants, canasta, dinner out on Sunday, policemen, one whole day in bed, crossword puzzles, sunny days, tea and the newspaper boy.

She dislikes doing the dishes, Father's boss, having her birthday forgotten, the motorist behind her, spring cleaning, Junior's report card, rainy days, the neighbor's dog, stairs and the man who was supposed to cut the grass.

She can be found standing by, bending over, reaching for, kneeling under, and stretching around, but rarely sitting on.

She has the beauty of a spring day, the patience of a saint, the appetite of a small bird, and the memory of a large elephant.

She knows the lowest prices, everybody's birthday, what you should be doing, and all your secret thoughts.

She is always straightening up after, reminding you to, and taking care of, but never asking for.

Yes, a Mother is one thing that nobody can do without. And when you have harassed her, buffeted her about, tried her patience, and worn her out, and it seems that the end of the world is about to descend upon you, then you can win her back with four little words, "Mom, I love you!"

W.A. Greebaum II  
Via; Stop Nine Spotlight

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Brothers and Sisters,

Thanks for the check for \$75.00. It was waiting for me when I returned from Mexico City. The campaign down there was great. We passed out about 10,000 initial studies to the World Bible School - in Spanish. Evangelism in Mexico is so encouraging. Nearly everyone is interested in learning about Jesus. I believe that if I could speak Spanish, I'd almost have to turn people down who wanted to study. I really want to live in Mexico, learn the language, and get to work!

While I'm waiting for my opportunity to move there, I'm beginning a new term of classes. This term, I'll be taking a class with sophomores, then another senior class with Jeff Hill. I'm also looking forward to Kingsport this summer.

I want to thank everyone for everything. I want to also say a special "thank you" to each one who has been a faithful supporter financially. It all helps - even \$5.00 or \$10.00. It adds up. Thanks! Please pray for me. In the Love of Christ, Tim Laing.

You are invited to the wedding of Dawn Johnson and Rick Wright on May 19th at the Spring Road Church of Christ, Westerville, at 2:00 pm.

The Fullen Road brothers are looking for a roommate. If interested see Brad Fehr.

John and Gertude Fenn will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on May 14th. It would be nice to honor them with a card shower on this occasion.

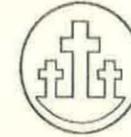
Pantry Needs:

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BUILDING SOMETHING THAT WILL LAST

As I drove past a lush private golf course the other day, I looked and saw the immaculate fairways, magnificent stone clubhouse, and stone fencing running outside of the course. Hopefully, it wasn't out of a poor attitude because I had just shot a lousy round on an easy public course, but I began to think about what Jesus said would happen to the wondrous temple in Jerusalem, which the disciples were marveling at. "Do you see all these things? Not one stone here will be left on another." (Matthew 24: 1-2)

And I thought of I Peter 2: 4-6. Reading this, we see that Jesus is the chief cornerstone, but that we, his followers, are being built (present tense) into a spiritual house. What builds the spiritual house? Spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Each Christian plants down bricks to build this house that will never be torn down-or sadly he or she doesn't build where perhaps they should. What are some of these stones that go into the building of the house?

Peter gives us a few: live pure and heaven-minded lives, refusing to get caught up in the sinful desires which take so many to hell (I Peter 4: 11-12). As disciples do this they strengthen the house and also convict others around them as they do (v. 12). The house grows. People are joyful. No \$20,000-a-year fee to join the clubhouse.

We walk as Christ did. (I Peter 2: 21-25) When treated wrongly we act as Christ acted, entrusting ourselves to God without retaliation, and praying for the offender. Here the house is battered by storms, but it stands firm. It is not blown over, it cannot be moved from its foundation. This is true security. You don't need to have a five handicap and attend country club socials to feel like someone.

Our relationship glorifies Christ. Wives and husbands respect each other and submit to one another. Other relationships are lived out in harmony, compassion and humility (I Peter 3: 1-9). The house is a unified structure. It's not part brick, part wood. No false relationships built on how much money we earn on this course or on how nice this person dresses, or what that person can do for me.

The strongest bricks go in as we love God deeply in our hearts, in prayer, faith and service (I Peter 4: 7, 19; 5: 10-11). Each day walking with God adds another brick. You don't need to know the right people to join this club. You go straight to the KING! (I Peter 3: 21-22).

Bob Irvin

ENCOURAGEMENT



GOOD NEWS

- Jennifer Katona To seek God first and to give with pure motives.
Jennifer Swearingin For my father and the problems he is facing will bring him back to God.
Dawn Johnson To keep my focus on God-not all the distractions at this time.
Johnathan Mansfield My wife left recently and alcohol is taking over.
Helen/Crystal Reppart I will be spending four weeks in Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa working with the Nairobi Harvest Company. Please pray for my efforts as well as the success of the campaign.
Thomas Fogel Hate sin and love God.
Pat/Brenda Stokes My father's much improved...mysister had a healthy baby boy.
Karl/Stephanie Bachman We have family members who recently have become Christians.
Thomas Fogel I will be graduating this quarter.
Jennifer Katona God has strengthened me.
Todd Tenney God's love: we did not earn it, therefore, we can not lose it!



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### SERVICES

- Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship 10:30 am. & 6:00 pm.
- Wednesday Bible Classes 7:00 pm.
- Golden Agers Thursday 10:00 am.

### THE ATTITUDE OF CHRIST

What does a congregation do when they have internal problems? Problems such as fights among members and division over doctrines. Some of the common answers are; "hire or fire a preacher"; "start a new program"; or "preach a sermon on that issue". However, those are not the answers that the Apostle Paul gave to a congregation that had many problems internally.

The Lord's church in Phillipi had problems with members fighting among themselves (Phil. 4:2); dealing with persecution (Phil. 1:27-28); and false teaching (Phil. 3:2, 18-19). Paul's solution for this congregation is found in the second chapter, Paul calls on every member to have the attitude of Christ. This is the solution for any congregation that is having internal problems. We should always be asking ourselves "How is my attitude?"; "Does it need change?"; "Is my attitude like Christ's?" In verses 6-11, Paul describes the type of attitude that we need to have.

1) We see that although He was God, He made Himself nothing. If Christ, being God, was not prideful, how can we, as mere men, be prideful?

2) We also see that not only was He not prideful in attitude, he also humbled Himself to the lowly position of being a servant to men.

3) Christ was humble. Although he was the Son of God, and the rightful heir to David's throne, he still was humble enough to wash his disciples feet.

4) Christ was obedient. Or as the verse says "obedient to death - even death on a cross." Sometimes we don't want to obey, because it is not what we want to do. That is not the attitude of Christ!! We, like He, need to say, "not my will, but yours".

With all of us having the attitude of Christ, there will be no more complaining, fighting, and false doctrine can be dealt with better. The challenge is for each of us to imitate the attitude of Christ.

Mike McDowell



### HEART THOUGHTS

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

### THE BIBLE

The Bible is the treasure of the poor, the solace of the sick, and the support of the dying; and while other books may amuse and instruct in a leisure hour, it is the peculiar triumph of that book to create light in midst of darkness, to alleviate the sorrow which admits of no other alleviation, to direct a beam of hope to the heart which no other topic of consolation can reach; while guilt, despair, and death vanish at the touch of its holy inspiration.



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## CHRISTIANS DRESS MODESTLY



An average issue of Sports Illustrated has about 19,000,000 adult readers. The 1987 swimsuit issue was "read" by 34,000,000 (roughly 60% were men). Now why do you figure this particular edition is so popular?

Our world has brazenly become sexually explicit. Inhibitions about bodily display have been cast off. Especially, during the summer, in the interest of being "cool" and "fashionable" people wear just about as little as they can get away with.

God's people need to be careful! It is so easy to drift into the practice of accepting worldly standards of dress. The apostle Paul provided good guidelines when he wrote, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good work." (I Timothy 2:9,10) God wants us to use our common sense, godliness and restraint when we are deciding how to dress in public. We do not have to dress like a 17th century pilgrim, but neither should we appear nearly nude (even if it is "trendy" or the temperature hits 100 degrees!)

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." (I John 2:16) Since we are not to love such things of the world (I John 2:15) and in no way want to promote lustful glares from the opposite sex (Matthew 5:28), Christians must dress modestly. This is true when attending activities of the church, especially the worship services. It is difficult to understand why a Christian would even think about wearing shorts or the like to worship, especially when we know that it is very questionable. (I Thess. 5:22)

Maybe the key to this matter is being spirit led instead of being guided by a godless world. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." (Galatians 5:16) The same writer speaks of being "led by the Spirit", "living by the Spirit", and "sowing unto the Spirit" (Galatians 5:18,25,6:8) This will produce the "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22) which includes, among other things, the love, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control that will assure modest clothing choices.

Adapted by the Elders

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."  
(Matt. 5:14-16)



Do not allow yourself to become unduly enthusiastic concerning any man: for the best of men have failings. Do not allow yourself to become too critical or severe toward any man: for the worst of men have good qualities. The proper attitude toward the Lord Jesus will give you the proper attitude toward your fellows.



## VICTORY IN JESUS

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose.  
(Romans 8:28)



## THE LORDS KINGDOM

One soul was added to the Lords kingdom this week: Art Armani 5/16

Let's rejoice over the fact that she has decided to make a commitment to follow Jesus and obey Him in baptism.

Also coming forward are: Don Milnor Cindy Grafton

Let's honor these family members this week by praying for them.

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(Isaiah 42:9)

A bridal shower is planned for Becky Lacy on Saturday, June 2nd from 3 - 4:30 pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited to Brenda Allen's apartment for this occasion at 4853 Charlton Court. Turn left at the second light north of Morse Road (Edmonton Rd.) off Cleveland Ave. Then second left again is Charlton Ct. Ask Phyllis Harp or Brenda for gift suggestions. Bring a lawn chair if the weather is sunny.

There will also be a shower for Rebecca Brown on June 3rd at 4:00 pm. in the annex. See Peggy Battles for gift ideas.

For those interested in the whitewater rafting trip on June 10th, be sure to sign your name on the bulletin board today.

## VALUE OF OBEDIENCE

Years ago a famous children's specialist said to me: "When it comes to a serious illness, the child who has been taught to obey stands four times the chance of recovery that the spoiled and undisciplined child does." These words made a lasting impression upon me. Up to that time I had been taught that one of the commandments was for children to obey their parents. Never had it entered my mind that a question of obedience might mean the saving or losing of a child's life.--*Unknown*.



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### PRAYER IS POWER

The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-made or man-controlled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the infinite resources of God.

J. Edgar Hoover



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### KNOWING TRUTH

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". (John 8:32) This passage is based upon at least three facts which are equally essential to our salvation.

First, There are some facts which are absolutely true. Since Jesus exhorted us to know the truth, surely truth exist. If truth does not exist, how can the Lord expect us to know it? If truth does exist, how can the honest student of the Bible be satisfied until he has learned this truth? Could we become free while we remain content with something less than truth? It seems reasonable that if there is a truth which will make us free, we would give an honest attempt to learn all the truth it is possible for us to learn.

Secondly, we can know the truth. There are some who would contend that since we can not gain a total knowledge of truth, none can stand in judgment as to the amount of truth which must be required in our quest of this freedom. Thus, it is reasoned that since we cannot know perfect truth, the only difference between the various elements of so-called Christianity is the amount of truth people have had the opportunity to learn. We may have had the opportunity to learn more truth than our religious neighbor, but who is to say we are right and they are not? Yet, taken honestly, this point has little to do with the truth which is able to make us free. The discussion is not the amount of truth a particular religious person has or has not been able to obtain. Jesus was simply stating the fact that knowing the truth is possible and essential in our pursuit of salvation.

Thirdly, this body of truth will make us free. Of course, the freedom which we seek is freedom from the guilt of sin. Surely, the only hope any of us have to become right with God, is to know the truth which is able to make us free. We emphasize this special truth, for not all truth will make us free. Only the truth of which our Lord is speaking can be considered. Again, it must be emphasized that this truth alone can make us free. This demands that each of us be willing to spend the time and energy necessary to obtain an understanding of that truth. We can not be satisfied with something less than the truth. To take a chance on not knowing the truth is to take a chance of losing our soul. Surely, this is a price far too high for any of us to pay.

Bill Hopkins

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WILLOW BROOK - Golf Tournament will be held on June 23 at the Tanglewood golf Course. The cost is \$25.00 per person. See Larry Harris for registration forms.

DAWN JOHNSON WRIGHT says: "I would like to thank Karen Scholz and her helpers for their fine assistance at our wedding reception as well as all others who made the day such a success.

NORTHWESTERN OHIO CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP -- Get your pennies, nickles, and dimes ready for the upcoming bowl-a-thon scheduled for Saturday, June 9th at the Capri Lanes between 10:00am. and 2:00 pm. This is a fund raising effort to help send children to Northwestern Ohio Christian Youth Camp this year from July 14 thru July 21. Everyone (adults and children) are encouraged to participate as a bowler or pledger. Also, if you would like to sponsor a child for camp - See Peg Williams for details.

Mr and Mrs Sylvester Corbin request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Cassandra Yvette to Paul David Binkley on Saturday, the twenty-third of June, 1990 at 1:30 in the afternoon at the Refuge Baptist Church 1105 Atcheson Ave. Columbus, Ohio. Reception immediately following in the lower auditorium.

Together with their parents Rebecca Lynn Brown and Vincent Kenneth Liao request the honour of your presence at their marriage on Saturday the twenty-third of June, 1990 at 1:30 in the afternoon at the Northland Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio

Sympathy is extended to Leona Hopkins upon the death of her brother Harold Thomas in Gainesville, Missouri. His funeral was last Friday.

A NOTE FROM TIM LAING: Thank you so much for the check of \$35.00. Everything helps. Thank you also for responding to my last mail-out concerning support.

Please be in prayer about my support- raising money for missionaries is hard to find - but Got knows where it is.

My counseling sessions have been a remarkable plus in my life. I have had 5 sessions, and I've been able to conquer some major struggles.

I am getting very excited to leave for Tennessee. The big day is June 21st, when I'll head out with one, possibly 2 classmates who I've recruited for the Summer.

God has been very good to me. Let us continue in prayer for one another. I love you all very much.

In Christ, Tim Laing

"Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord" Psalms 119:1



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THOUGHTS ABOUT HEAVEN

Submitted by Jim Robbins



GOIN' HOME

(The following letter was written by Dr. Harry Rimmer to his preacher and was read on a local Christian broadcast radio program.)

"Next Sunday, you are going to talk about heaven. I am interested in that land because I have held clear title to a bit of property there for 50 years. I did not buy it. It was given to me without a price. But the donor purchased it for me at a tremendous sacrifice. I am not holding it for speculation. It is not a vacant lot. For more than a half a century I have been sending up materials to the greatest architect of the universe who has been building a home for me which will never need remodeling or repairing because it will suit me perfectly, individually, and will never grow old.

"There is a valley of deep shadow between this place where I live and that to which I am going. I cannot reach my home in that city without passing through this valley.. But I am not afraid because the best friend I have ever had went through that valley long, long ago and drove away all the gloom. He stuck with me through thick and thin since I first became acquainted with him over fifty years ago. I hope to hear your sermon Sunday but I have no assurance that I will be able to do so. My ticket to heaven has no date marked for that journey, no return coupon, and no permit for baggage. Yes, I am ready to go and if I don't see you Sunday I'll meet you someday."

Dr. Rimmer died before the letter reached his preacher. Would you be as ready to go if you were called home today?

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

- Stephen Grellet -



GOOD NEWS

Walter Dickerson Sue Frederick

Carl Miller

Pray for me to be stronger in trying to become a Christian. Bud is not doing well physically. He is in room 903 Grant Hospital undergoing treatment for his cancer.. Please pray for him. HORRAY: I finally got my job! Thank you for your prayers. Pray for me to overcome temptations and sin in my life.



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### A REMOVER

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Graduation is an exciting time in the lives of all who have achieved this level of education. It means that life lies ahead and the graduate can begin to put it all together. Some will be married. Others are excited about new job possibilities. Still others will continue their education in search for a higher degree. Yet, for each there is a beginning.

At Northland, we have sixteen graduates; twelve are graduating from college and four from high school. Our congratulations are extended to each.

**Lisa Miller** Comes to us from Belleview, Ohio. She attended the Columbus College of Art and Design with a degree in Fine Arts with an emphasis on drawing.

**Sabrina Mondy** Comes from Dayton, Ohio. She graduates from Ohio State University with a degree in Criminology.

**Mark Wood** Graduated from DeVry and is presently working in Cleveland.

**Rebecca Nothstiae** Was born in Columbus and receives a degree in Accounting from Ohio State. She plans to be married on October 20, 1990.

**Peg Battles** Was raised in Mt. Victory, Ohio and receives a degree from Ohio State in Community Health Education. She plans to be married in September 1990 and works for Columbus Area Council on Alcoholism.

**Rebecca Brown** Comes from Salineville, Ohio. Her degree is in Home Economics from Ohio State. She will be married on June 23, 1990.

**Suzanne Merritt** Comes from Mechanicsburg, Ohio and majored in Business operations at DeVry. She will be married this fall.

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**Tom Fogel** Was born in Columbus and graduates from Ohio State with a degree in Urban Geography. He is seeking employment in his field.

**Brad Sams** Was raised in Branford, Ontario Canada. He graduates from Ohio State with a degree in Economics.

**Vince Schmidt** Comes from Newark, Ohio and receives his degree from Ohio State in Computer Engineering.

**Kerry Irvin** Comes from Grand Rapids, Michigan and graduates from the Ohio State University with a degree in Fine Arts. She plans to be involved in home child care for the next year and then go to graduate School.

The High School Graduates are: **Aaron Hopkins** - Gahanna Lincoln;  
**Jason Lawrence** - Mifflin;  
**Amy Ward** - Westerville;  
**Rita Young** - Mifflin.

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him who have been called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

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Betty Hinty remains in Upham Hall of the University Hospital.  
Bud Frederick remains in Grant Hospital, Room 903

Remember these daily in your prayers and send them a card.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 14 - 16 Mid- America Evangelism Workshop - Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana - See bulletin board.
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On Wednesday Evening, May 23, 1990, approximately twelve people - including the Elders - attended a meeting to discuss allocation of the \$3100 mission contribution.

The following recommendations (with some minor adjustments which was made by the elders due to some special needs) were based primarily on determination for the needs of the five persons listed below who are now ... or plans to be ... involved in mission efforts.

Neal Milligan (Kinsport, Tennessee)	\$ 750.00
Tim Laing (Sunset School of preaching, Kingsport, Tenn)	350.00
Deanna Preece (Nuremburg, Germany)	900.00
Masa N. (Harding University, Japan)	500.00
Paula Haught (Catrucamas, Honduras)	600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,100.00</b>

Report by Bailey Barton



PRAYER REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVING

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick?...the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick...if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him."  
James 4:13-15



John Barringer  
Thomas Campbell  
Ruth Dickason

Patty Ewart  
Bryan Franc  
Conny Fry

Peggy Grote  
Tina Guilfoyle

Corrie Pratt

Steven Sims  
Pamela Suggs

Rick & Dawn Wright

Greg and Linda Fisher

Tony Lester - diagnosed with a thyroid problem. That I can get adjusted to a new quiet neighborhood. That I get feeling better and my daughter & family live closer to the Lord.  
Carolyn Ewart, Dorothy DeSalvo, Mrs. Rogers - all have cancer. That God will keep strengthening me in things I'm going through. I will be working and studying in Mexico for one year. Please pray for me and send notes of encouragement. Conny Fry c/o Dr. Leopoldo Lopez Loma Bonita 1322 Frac. Espanita 36610 Irapuato, Gto, Mexico  
My mother has cancer and is taking Chemo Therapy. That I can find a cheaper living situation with a roommate or my sister's family.  
That I have a stronger understanding of Christ and be able to teach and share with others.  
That we get the microphone fixed.  
That I repent from my sins and that I realize God never fails but the world will always.  
My sister, Lori Johnson is having surgery. Please pray for her recovery.  
Thank you for all your prayers for my dad, Richard Fischer.

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."  
Matthew 28:18-20



"Christianity that is not worth exporting is not worth keeping at home."

"The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet".

Every man is a missionary or a mission field"

"God had only one Son, and He was a missionary."

Go is a very in the imperative mood. The language is empirical and imperative; it is full of authority. Go ye into all the world, to Europe, to Africa, to America, to the Islands of the sea. Leave your footprints on the snow of the frozen north. Trace your pathways into the flowery pampas of the balmy south. Go to the ends of the earth for your success will be in the ratio of your mobility.

Walter Scott.

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 These were the things that made me strong.  
 -Selected-



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This has been a puzzle to the Bible student. Namely, how could the religious leaders, who had become the protectors and teachers of God's sacred word, reject the very Son of God. Especially is this confusing when we realize that there are more than 300 prophecies, giving special details of the coming and mission of the Messiah. Surely, these religious leaders were familiar with these promises!

The problems existed because these leaders had missed so much of the message of the Old Testament Prophets. They had directed their attention to the administration of the law to the point that they completely overlooked the prophecies of the Messiah.

Is it possible that we could fall into the same trap of Satan. Can we become so involved in promoting our personal preference or point of theology that we miss many of the teachings of the Lord?

Some have placed undue emphasis on increasing the attendance of the congregation, that they have begun to feel that the end justifies the means. Some have compromised the Biblical stand on baptism as they attempt to increase the number of baptisms. Others have lessened the requirements of faithfulness for the fear of losing some who have not made a proper commitment to Jesus.

Our purpose is to simply encourage each member at Northland to remain completely loyal to God and His Word. This means that we will accept His authority in every matter, whether we feel it to be important or not. We will study the word, diligently and prayerfully, seeking to be guided only and wholly by His will.

Bill Hopkins



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**SEVEN STEPS TOWARD SUMMER JUMP INSTEAD OF SUMMER SLUMP**

**STEP ONE: FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE**

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is..." (Hebrews 10:25)

**STEP TWO: ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**

"Grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ; from whom the whole body fitly jointed together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part..." (Eph. 4:15,16)

**STEP THREE: GREATER EFFORT**

"Whatsoever they hand findeth to do do it with thymight..." (Eccl. 9:10)

**STEP FOUR: INTENSIFIED VISITATION**

"Go out into the highways & hedges and compel them to come in." (Luke 14:23)

**STEP FIVE: RENEWED CONCERN**

"Lift up you eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest..." (John 4:35)

**STEP SIX: REGULAR GIVING**

"Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him..." (I Cor. 16:1,2)

**STEP SEVEN: CONTINUED GROWTH**

"But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord..." (2 Pet. 3:18)



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For those who remember Doug Lambert. He and his wife Jenifer have a new babyson, born on May 17, 1990, weighing 7 lbs, 12 oz. Name: William Carlos. They continue to live in South America.

Rick & Dawn Wright

Dear Northland Congregation: Thank you all so much for all the beautiful shower and wedding gifts. We appreciate the many wonderful things for our new home. We love you!



"The things which you have heard and learned...commit unto faithful men that they may be able to teach others also."

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelist, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph. 4:11ff

We are very excited to announce that a summer intern program will be offered here at Northland again this year. The goal of this program will be to nurture the gift that God has given those who participate. Personal growth will be stressed, not only academics. The classes that will be taught are as follows:

The Evangelist -

Practical Leadership -

The Epistle of James: Real Christianity.

The classes will meet Sunday 3:00 to 5:30 PM and Wednesday 7:00 to 8:15 PM. beginning July 1, 1990.

Any questions, please see Mike McDowell.

"God loves a cheerful giver"



I am sure that all of us are aware of the fact that our contribution has been averaging about \$1300.00 to \$1500.00 below the budget for the past 4 or 5 weeks. This serious shortage cannot continue without some very serious cuts taking place. We are confident that no one wants even to discuss this possibility, so we are appealing to each member of the Northland congregation to examine carefully the level of your financial support and make a decision to do your share.

The Elders.

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Our Lord made it crystal clear that He expected obedience on the part of His followers. He said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21) Later He added, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I command you?" (Luke 6:46)

There are three imperatives to obedience. (1) We must do what the Lord has commanded. (2) We must do what the Lord has commanded in the way He has instructed. (3) We must do what the Lord has commanded, in the way He has instructed, for the reason given.

May we illustrate the point, (1) The Lord commands us to go south. This immediately eliminates going North, East, or West. (2) He commanded us to go South to work in the fields. This positive instruction eliminates working in factories, stores, or other places of employment. (3) If the Lord instructs us to go into the South to work in the fields for the purpose of making sufficient money to buy a house. He would have a right to expect us to spend the money on a house, rather than an automobile. It can never be forgotten that obedience requires that the followers of Jesus do what He has said, the way He has said to do it for the reason or reasons He has given.

Properly understanding the authority of the Lord is essential to salvation. Baptism is an excellent example. As we accept the command to be baptised, we are forced to search for further information. (1) The Lord did not only command baptism, He clearly described it as a burial. (Rom. 6:1-4) This immediately eliminates sprinkling or pouring, unless enough water is sprinkled or poured on the candidate to totally bury him. (2) It is clearly taught that baptism is in response to the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord. (I Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 6:1-6) Thus, church laws and ordinances will not suffice. (3) The purpose of baptism is "the remission of sins". (Acts 2:38; 22:16) Thus, it eliminates the idea of "an outward sign of an inward feeling". (4) Faith and repentance must precede baptism. (Acts 8:37; 2:38) Thus, baptism for any other reason must be rejected.

In conclusion, we must recognize the fact that this principle is not optional. If these matters were not essential, we could begin at once to offer financial rewards for all who would come to our building and submit to some form of baptism, expecting complete approval of God. Surely, since we have rejected this possibility, we are forced to conclude that obedience to God requires that we do things in Bible ways, call

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October 14 Bring Your Neighbor Day.
Jan.uary John Clayton - OSU Campus.

Prayer request from the family



- Chrissie Bauch For My Family.
Don Baughman For my cousin, Doris Kollim who is dying of cancer. PLEASE! Pray for me.
Darrell Frazier For Betty and Mike as we get closer in marriage
Michael Graves To have my family to accept us as we are.
Denise Howard For deliverance from tobacco.
Robert Howard Rose McManes that she has the courage thru. God to begat with confidence for her home and children.
Kathy Hunt That God will continue to strengthen my mother as she cares for my father who is very ill. For me that I will be able to do all that I can to help both of them at this very difficult time.
Tamara Kaiser Desire to be at Northland. Attitudes of giving which I can.
Jennifer Katona That as brothers and sister we may confess our sins - what Steven Sims it is done in humility and not for personal praise.
Betty Whaley My unsaved kids. Mike and my marriage. My cousin, Laura Prestley in OSU - ICU and my mother who is ill.
Shawn Whitby For my friend who is going thru. some rough times right now.
Dawn and Rick Wright For a deeper love and sacrificial spirit.

"I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, that I ought to do, And what I ought to do, by the Grace of God I shall do.

Edward Everett Hale.

Continued from page one-- "Obeying God" things by Bible names, and honor Bible reasons as our motives. Just doing Bible things is not sufficient obedience to God. After all, why would we want to change what God has asked us to do. Doesn't this reveal a rebellious spirit?

Bill Hopkins

GOOD NEWS

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We extend to Beth Tignor our deepest sympathy upon the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Thelma Tignor, this past week. The funeral was last Wednesday.

We have a number of children who would like to go to church camp. I am sure that there are several who would enjoy sponsoring a child. We are looking for such contributions. See Wilbur Allen or Peg Williams today.

Next Wednesday Evening our service will consist of a short devotional, followed by a fellowship honoring Tom and Joyce Yoakum. Tom will be leaving us this month to begin his ministry in Fairfax, Virginia and we desire to express to them our appreciation. John Gandy is collecting the funds for a special gift. See him today.



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2. Miracles - Bob Irvin. This will also be the last quarter for this class.
3. The women's class - Betty Chappell. Various women will be helping her as they study special problems and challenges facing women in our society.
4. History of Christianity - Mark Garner. This class will begin with a survey of the Jewish Traditions and progress into the New Testament Church.
5. Evangelism - Mike Hallabrin and John Bradley. This a special class for those who really want to get down to the business of winning the lost. It will be a practical study with on hands training. Be prepared to work if you take this class.
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**PRAYER IS POWER**



**HEART THOUGHTS**

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-made or man-controlled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the infinite resources of God.

J. Edgar Hoover



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June 3, 1990



*Messenger*

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**GOD'S LEADER**

To the careful student of the Scriptures, it is learned that God intended His church be guided by qualified leaders, called elders. (Acts 14:23; 20:28; Titus 1:5; Heb. 13:7,17) As the Apostle Paul strengthened the churches, He not only laid his hands upon certain men within the congregation, but he ordained elders in these churches for the purpose of guiding and protecting the body of Christ. (Acts 14:23)

It is essential that we clearly understand the purpose for which God had His apostle ordain these leaders. While the New Testament emphasizes the need for these officers, we must honestly look at the position and the responsibilities given by the Holy Spirit.

The most complete discussion we have dealing with this subject is between the elders of Ephesus and the Apostle Paul in Acts 20. In verse 32, he summed up his instructions by saying, "I commit you to God and the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

The first responsibility of the leader is to God. He has been ordained by the Holy Spirit, not by man. (Acts 20:28) He has been entrusted with God's kingdom on earth. He is God's ambassador. He has been commissioned as God's man of the hour. His entire life and mission is hid in God. He listens only to the Lord.

The second responsibility of the leader is to God's Word. Paul commended the Ephesian leaders to the Word of God's grace. The Word is God's instructions for the leader as well as the people of God. It must be defended, protected, and faithfully proclaimed. When the word is not followed, it is the elders who must take the lead in directing the action of the body as the heretic is marked. (Rom. 16:17)

Thirdly, he has a responsibility to the whole body of believers over which the Holy Spirit has made him an overseer. (Acts 20:28) He cannot be drawn into a situation where he must take sides when conflicts arise. He must remain objective to the needs of the complete body and do what is necessary to guard the body from every outside influence and force.

Surely, God's plan must be respected and obeyed by all. It is easy for us to be drawn into situations where we begin to rely upon the wisdom of man to direct the affairs of the church even mistaking it as being spiritual. When this happens, discord is the result. Surely, God's plan is applicable to every christian and when followed, the work of God will be blessed and honored, producing fruit which will last.

Bill Hopkins



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 15 - 21 **Northwestern Ohio Christian Youth Camp** - Children's Camp under the direction of Wilbur Allen. See Peg Williams for registration forms. Begins today- You still can make it.
- July 29 **Willow Brook** - Northland has the responsibility for the afternoon worship at 2:00 pm. More of the Northland Family needs to become involved in this activity. Plan to take part.
- August 5 - 10 **Family Camp** - Northwestern Ohio Christian Youth Camp - Director - Bill Hopkins. Family Camp provides an excellent opportunity for the family to get away for an inexpensive and spiritual vacation. Pick up a brochure from the table in the foyer and feel free to take part in this fine endeavor. You may attend as little as a day or for the entire week. For any one who attends for just one day, the only charge will be a small donation for the meals.
- August 11 **Stokes/Helfant** wedding.
- Sept. 21 -22 **Men's Leadership Retreat** - Round Lake, Lakeville, Ohio - Theme: "GOD'S MAN IN THE HOME" This retreat is sponsored by the Newark Road Church in Mt Vernon, Ohio and is especially planned for all the men of the area churches. Bill Hopkins has been a teacher for the past several years. Plan to attend. Sign the list on the bulletin board.

## LET HEALING BEGIN

Guest Editorial  
by Rubel Shely  
of  
Nashville, Tennessee

The Christian religion is intended to minister healing to people who are broken. Reading a passage from Isaiah one day. Jesus applied it to his work. That text speaks of good news to the poor, freedom for prisoners, sight for the blind, and release for the oppressed. (Luke 4:16-21)

If the Kingdom of heaven can be likened to a vineyard or field, it might also be likened to a hospital. Everyone in it is infected with the disease of sin, so no one can think himself better than any other. We are at various stages on the road to recovery, but we are all sinners. We are all being treated and healed by the same Great Physician.

God's presence once worked its healing wonders among sinners. During Jesus' personal ministry, he ate with sinners, made outcast feel comfortable, and broke all manner of rabbinic rules in order to help people.

Nowadays it doesn't always work that way. The religion of Jesus -- as practiced by people like you and me -- sometimes winds up hurting people who have already been hurt too much.

- It often isolates us from the world. Jesus went to the world, talked to the world, loved the world, and saved the world. Our church buildings and programs can get in the way of our mission unless we are careful.
- It can be used to insulate us from pain. Jesus took the pains of others to himself and bore their burdens. Are we to protect ourselves from similar sorrows? If we serve our Lord in this world, it will have to be through ministering to one of his least brothers.
- It sometimes creates a sense of greater guilt rather than relief. Tax collectors and prostitutes left the presence of Jesus unburdened. Guilty, penitent people sometimes come to us only to be scolded, censured, and made to feel worse.

In our struggle to recapture the original essence of the Christian religion, we haven't always succeeded. Or, perhaps better stated, we have generally done better with doctrine than practice, better with law than spirit.

As part of the test we must apply to interpretation, practice, and corporate life, we must take account of the impact we have on people. For while it is false to think that whatever works it true, it is equally false to believe that sometimes can be true which

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Let healing begin, continued:  
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Enough bashing, hurting, and destroying people in the name of Jesus!  
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(Isaiah 42:9)

Any VanCleave is in room 5007 Riverside Hospital. She had total hip replacement surgery last week. She will have more surgery later this month. Please pray for her.

Tom Fogel also spent time in Riverside this past week. Pray for him.

Steve Harison has a new phone number. It is 011-61-2-599-1834. Steve is fourteen hours ahead of us in Sidney, Australia. He says "hi" and sends his love to everyone.

Jim Robbins

Please note that the contribution has lagged seriously for the past few weeks. Each of us know, as we view page four in the bulletin, the budget needs remain at \$8300.00 per week. Thus, when the contribution falls to the \$5700 mark, the situation become critical. The congregation needs the support of every member. This is especially true during the vacation season. When you are away, please consider the amount you are spending on your self and ask, "Does the Lord not deserve an equal amount?" and of course make sure that you leave your regular contribution at home.

The Elders

## THE ROAD TO UNITY

Philippians 2:2

We live in a divided world. Wars, broken homes, law suits, hatred, jealousy and deceit are very much at home in our world. God's plan is for His church to be a shining example of unity in our dark world of dissension. Jesus created the possibility for all people to be at peace in one body through His death on the cross. But, how do we maintain this unity? From God's word let me suggest these steps on the road to unity.

**Be Flexible in Disputable Matters** -- Matters of opinion, judgment, and expediency should never be allowed to cause discord in the church. In Romans 15 and 15 Paul gave instruction to both the strong and the weak. The strong were not to put a stumbling block in their brother's way; and the weak were not to condemn the strong. *"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification" Romans 14:19*

**Work Hard for Unity** -- We must become convinced that unity is not only desirable but essential and that it takes constant effort to maintain it. As Paul urged, *"Make every effort to keep the unity in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3*

**Be Positive in our Outlook Toward Others** -- We need to always assume the best concerning our brothers and sisters in Christ. Gossip, slander, back-biting and "loose talk" are barriers to harmony among Christians. *(Ephesians 4:29)*

**Be Forgiving Toward Others** -- An understanding, unselfish, and compassionate attitude provides the workable foundation for lasting unity. It is amazing how many differences can be accepted when we love the family of God. (1 Peter 4:8 and Colossians 3:12-14)

A spirit of unity will allow Christ's church to shine out peace and salvation to our divided world. (John 17:20-25)

Adapted



Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Matt. 11:4-6





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TRUE

WORTH

by

Alice Cary

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In doing, each day that goes by,  
Some little good -- not in the dreaming  
Of great things to do by and by.  
For, whatever men say in blindness  
And spite of the fancies of youth,  
There's nothing so kingly as kindness  
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To say that God hates sin, is the understatement of the age. The Bible describes God as a deity so enraged with the sins of His people that He is forced to destroy the very children He loves. A vivid example of this vengeance is the time when Moses was on the mountain receiving the ten commandments. (Exodus 32:21-29) The chapter closes: "...Then the Lord smote the people, because of what they did..." (V. 35) This event is repeated in the New Testament (Acts 5:1-11) as Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit about a contribution they were about to make to the church. The implication of these facts are stated by Jesus in Matthew 25:31-46. He clearly pronounces a condemnation upon those who would allow themselves to become entangled in sin. He says: "These shall go away into everlasting punishment..."

On the other hand, we often find it very easy to excuse sin as something that is common with all of us. Sure, it is not too desirable, but since none of us can live above it, we are forced to accept it as a way of life. Thus, if we do not get too corrupted, we should not be terribly concerned. After all we are human and humans make mistakes and has not God promised to forgive us and save us through His grace? Besides all this we live in a world filled with sinful people. How can we be expected to live so differently from the rest of our friends, family, and neighbors?

In view of all this, we are in a constant struggle with the Christian life. We know that God expects more of us and we intend to do better in the future. But, the future seems to never come. The present is so hard and demanding that we can hardly make it, so how could we be expected to really make a difference?

Yet, when we read the Scriptures, we come face to face with such passages as: "Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If any one loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world". (I John 2:15,16) "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Matt. 6:24) "...But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God. And you sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear." (Isa 59:2)

The facts are so plain. God hates sin and He cannot overlook the sins which are allowed to dwell in our lives. He said, "...and these shall go away into everlasting punishment..." (Matt. 25:46) We may feel that we can get away with committing some sins, but remember, We must give an account of every deed done in the body. (II Cor 5:10,11)

Bill Hopkins

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Amy VanCleave remains in Riverside hospital, Room 5007

Connie Williams had surgery recently at Mt Carmel East Hospital and is home - recovering nicely.

Mary Barbour has been confined to the hospital this past week recovering from depression.

Family Camp is scheduled for August 5 - 10. Reservations are rapidly coming in and at the present we have over 100 pre-registered. We are excited about this increased interest and know that this year will be the best ever. We have some very pressing needs and pray that they will be met by the Northland family. We need a few ladies who would be willing to spend about two hours each morning assisting with the teaching of the small children. Even if you could come for a day or two, it would be most helpful. If you can serve in this capacity, please see Bill Hopkins.

Today Northland is responsible for the worship service. Joel Hopkins has agreed to be responsible for the sermon, but he needs much support. Since each of us has had ample time to schedule this event, we are expecting a large group to assemble at 2:00pm.

Today we must bid farewell to Pauline Main. She will be moving to North Carolina this week. We are very sad to see her go. She has been an active part of the Northland church of many years. It will not be the same without her, but we know that the Lord will bless her in her new life. If you can assist in loading the truck, please be at her residence on Tuesday Evening between 6:30 and 7:00pm. See Lou Lawrence and Bill Hopkins

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- Sept. 7-8-9 Eighth Annual Mid-Ohio Valley - Sing With Ray Walker Belpre Church of Christ - See the Bulletin Board.
- Sept. 14 -15 Marriage Get-Away Burr Oak State Park
- Sept. 21 - 22 Men's Leadership Retreat Round Lake Camp Grounds. Sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Church. This is a must for the men. See Bill Hopkins.
- October 14 Bring Your Neighbor Day.
- January John Clayton - OSU Campus.



"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever."

Ps. 111:10



INSIDE OUT by Rhonda Myers

Change from inside out requires that we take a disturbing look at the ugly parts of our soul. In the minds of many that look means nothing more than confessing a tendency toward impatience or a sometimes critical spirit. Most Christians rather easily acknowledge there's more to their sinfulness than specific behaviors that violate clear standards. Of course we battle with "deeper" issues, selfish motives, and the like. But the matter is sometimes left there, at a level of non-convicting generality.

Others resist a look at inside ugliness, preferring to think more about struggles than sinfulness. "I don't have enough self confidence, I'm so insecure." "Why am I such a perfectionist?" I worry too much, and it's driving me crazy. Problems like these generate sympathetic concern from others and an almost heroic self pity in oneself. The exposure of sinfulness, on the other hand, provokes conviction. Struggles feel noble, but sinners dirty. Thus we quietly ease sin off to the side.

Yes, we struggle as victims of other people's unkindness (Damaged emotions). We have been sinned against. But we cannot excuse our sinful responses to others on grounds of their mistreatment of us. We are responsible for what we do. We are both strugglers and sinners, victims and agents, people who just and people who harm.

Numbers 9:15-23 a people lead by day, with a cloud in sky and by night with a ball of fire. Read this again. It must have been frustrating for the people of Israel. But they responded by trusting the power of God. Many probably were not aware of how God was showing his character. We need, frustrating times, to have a clear recognition of who is in charge. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom" Psalm 111:10

What does it mean to trust God and abandon our self - protection? Search your heart - expose the deep root problems instead of changing the external.

Adapted from the book "INSIDE OUT" by Dr. Larry Crabb

WE BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION!

"What reason have atheists for saying that we cannot rise again? Which is the more difficult - to be born, or to rise again? That what has never been, should be, or that what has been, should be again? It is more difficult to come into being than to return to it?"

Blaise Pascal



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1) There must be a sound, faithful ministry of the Word. People must have a firm grip on what they believe. That belief system must give them a sense of distinctiveness. We have something that no one else has. What we have is true to God and absolutely essential to the salvation of the world. We are not just one of a large group of possibilities. We are the one and only way. This is the same feeling promoted by Jesus (John 14:1-6) and Peter (Acts 4:12).

2) There must be a loving and united membership. The church must have the family atmosphere. We are all equally needed and responsible for the growth of the body. Each are willing to accept and be faithful to our individual responsibility. As a group, we have a common goal, which is more important to us than our very lives. We are willing to lose ourselves in pursuit of the goal and ready to make any and every sacrifice necessary to reach it.

3) There must be a liberal, sacrificial spirit in giving to Christ. We underline Christ because our sacrifice is in view of our relationship to Him. The success of the church is so important to each of us that we put it and its welfare first in our lives. (Matt. 6:33) Often that may require us to deny ourselves of many material things, but we face these situations, much like a parent who has a seriously ill child. Whatever the price, whatever the cost, we become like the early Christians who sold their possessions and gave the proceeds to the leaders of the congregation for the purpose of fulfilling God's work.

4) A careful program to involve every member. In the early church, the apostles guided the church in various programs: a) Caring for the widows (Acts 6) b) Caring for the needy (Acts 11:28-30) and c) guiding the affairs of the church. (Titus 1:5) These programs have at least two goals. The first is to make sure the work of God is accomplished in the most efficient way possible. The second is to enable the Christians to become part of the success of the church. Yet, nothing can be done successfully until each member is willing to use the gifts which God has given him. There are numerous passages which teach us that God is only pleased with us, when we use our gifts (talents) responsibly. (Matt. 25:14-30)

5) Worship designed to please and honor God! When we gather as a body it is solely for the purpose of honoring and praising God. We give little attention to what may please ourselves or others. Of course, there is also the responsibility to inspire others to enrich their relationship with God. (Col. 3:16) Yet, worship is only meaningful when it is the out-growth of a deep reverence and devotion to God. (Continued on pg. 2)

### IS MY HEART RIGHT WITH GOD?

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he challenges this young man to continually examine his heart. Before long Paul emphasizes that all men need to ask; "Is my heart right with God?" We can see this especially in 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

People will turn into themselves, they want praise, glory, honor, and power for themselves. Unless a man is willing to die to himself, pick up his cross daily (Luke 9:23), and suffer for the cause he will be unable to serve God or his fellow man. The changes must begin in the heart if his is going to be like Jesus. In verse 5, Paul also says that people will play religion - their heart is really not in it. They may show up for class, may be very faithful in worship, but the whole time their heart is somewhere else. The spirit is trying to work in changing our minds (thoughts) but we fight it by not living by the truth. Expecting to hear what I want to hear (having ears tickled. 2 Tim. 4:3) so that I can live the life I desire instead of what God's will is for me. I don't (won't) take time to pray or study because I might see something in my life that I need to repent of or to completely get it (sin) out of my life or to change all together. So I ignore it all (the power) and continue to say that I'm a christian, but I live a life that says my heart is not in it. Jesus is the one who called us (Eph. 4:1), not the elders, not the ministers, not anyone else at Northland. So I need to live my life in tune with Jesus Christ our Savior. Ask, am I living for Him? Is my heart right with God.

Ron Kaiser



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Manas Bapela	For my country of South Africa.
Teresa Childress	For my mother- has been re-admitted to the hospital.
Tina Guilfoyle	For the men who are over seas during the present crisis. I am filled with doubts about God & His church.
Jenny Katona	For faithfulness to Jesus- To read His word, devotion to the body, discouragement.
Margie McCarty	For my relatives who are being sent to Saudi Arabia.
Don Milnor	Surviving my last two weeks of college.
Rita Young	I praise God every day- He has answered my prayers.
Jill VanValkenburg	I'm Texas bound - for the military.

### CHURCH GROWS CONTINUED:

6) The members of the church must be fervent in prayer, trust in God, and willing to be involved in hard work. Since we recognize that the church will not grow automatically, we become willing to roll up our sleeves and get to work. The truth is that when a person trusts the Lord, he will be devoted to the work of the Lord. It is much like a husband who loves his wife; he will sacrifice everything necessary, work as long and as hard as humanly possible, not to prove anything to his wife, but simply because he loves her. Add to this, the habit of constant prayer, the church will be blessed and the Lord will be honored.

7) The major concern must be for the spiritual. While benevolence and other physical programs are absolutely essential, we remember that the reason behind all this is the spiritual welfare of the body as well as everyone who comes into contact with the family. This is seen from our worship to our one on one relationships. Nothing is done for any personal glory, but each is the result of a deep awareness of the spiritual.

Bill Hopkins



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### Urgent needs for the Food Pantry;

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Instant coffee		

This program is dependent upon each family unit bringing a few items each week for the food pantry. Your support will be appreciated.

There will be a meeting after class - Wednesday, August 22 in room # 3 for anyone who would be willing to help prepare food for the Golden Agers this fall. Here is a work which is needed and it can be done by mothers who can devote a few hours on Thursday morning. You are badly needed.



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This matter of obtaining spiritual gifts is rather subjective. There have been some who have felt that they have received a large number of gifts given especially by the Holy Spirit, while in fact Satan had deceived them into believing such. Then there are other for one reason or another who have possessed certain gifts, who has failed to recognize or use these gifts for years. Thus, the question is raised, "How does the Christian determine the gifts he has been given?"

While we raise this question we realize that before we can find an adequate answer a clear observation must be made. In I Cor. 12:4-11, the Scriptures teach that it is the Holy Spirit which gives these gifts to the Christian. In Acts 5:32, we learn that the Holy Spirit is given, (it is safe to assume on an equal basis) to every person who is obedient to Christ. This surely indicates that the moment we become a Christian, the Holy Spirit becomes active providing for us special gifts which will enable us to grow and become fruitful in Christ.

Yet, there is another side to the coin. Notice carefully the statement by the Apostle Paul; "I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong. (Romans 1:11) Why did He make such a statement? If these Christians received the Holy Spirit upon baptism (Acts 2:38) and the Holy Spirit gave gifts to the obedient (I Cor. 12:4-11), then what was the purpose of this statement?

Before going further let us look at another Biblical example. This time Phillip was preaching in Samaria. Many who heard, believed and were baptized. (Acts 8:9-13) Yet when the Apostles who were in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word, they sent Peter and John on a special mission. (V.14) The problem was that the Samaritans were obedient to the preaching of Phillip, but they had not received the Holy Spirit. (V.16) Thus, when the Apostles arrived on the scene, they did two things. 1) They prayed for them. (V.15) 2) They placed their hands on them. (V.17) The result was that Simon saw that this gave the Holy Spirit to certain people. It is safe to assume that even now not every one received these gifts, specifically this is true with Simon. (V.21)

Since I learned a long time ago that I must not interpret one passage to directly contradict another, I am left with a decision. Either Acts 5:32 and I Cor. 12:4-11 is true and every Christian receives every gift from the Holy Spirit upon his acceptance of and obedience to the gospel, separate and apart from the working of the Apostles or any other leader or there are some gifts that are simply not available to the Christian without the interaction of the Apostles.

It is clear that the Apostles were sent on a special mission. They were given at least two special responsibilities. 1) They were to take the gospel to the world. (Matt. 28:18-

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS CONTINUED:

20) Realizing that their message was radically different from the preaching of the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament, the Lord deemed it necessary to give them a special indwelling (gift) enabling them to teach correctly the word of God. Thus today, we can totally rely upon their message as we attempt to provide salvation for ourselves and those we come to love.

This is the second aspect of their responsibility. We call it inspiration. Thus, the Scriptures teach emphatically that no one can add to the message or subtract from it. In fact, any attempt to alter it will bring the eternal wrath of God upon us. (Gal. 1:6-9)

The situation is quite different in the 20th century. We are not delivering a new message. We are simply repeating the story which was preached nearly 2000 years ago. This does not require inspiration. It only requires wisdom and enlightenment of that which has already been written and confirmed. Thus, it is clear that the working of the Holy Spirit was quite different in the lives of the Apostles and early church leaders than it is in our lives today. A failure to make this basic distinction, will lead us to many errors in interpretation.

It is our only purpose in this article to demonstrate to difference in the gift or gifts received by the Apostles and those received by the believer in the 20th century. To confuse these gifts, is to either discredit the work of the Apostles, by making their message the message of man or to elevate our message on the level of these early leaders. This would eventually mean that we would not need the Scriptures, but our thoughts and words would carry the same weight as that of the Apostles. If this is true it would be very difficult to understand why the Lord would condemn those who would add to or subtract from the words of the Apostles. (Gal. 1:6-9) We need to be extremely careful as we study these matters.

Bill Hopkins



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PRAYER REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVING



Carman Allen Life is fragile; Handle with prayer!
Jeff Clark Spiritual encouragement during the summer.
Ruth Dickason That my health improves
Mike & Cheryl Hesel New address: 610 Gahanna Highlands, Gahanna 43230 - 478-8226

Ed Reel Family Camp was a real blessing. Pray for Keith Lim.
Jim & Norma Stafa Pray for our faith, that our attitudes towards our brothers will be that of Christ.

NOTE: We regularly receive some prayer request cards which either cannot be read or which have no signature. It would assist us greatly if you would write clearly and sign the cards which will enable us to honor your request.

MEN ARE FOUR

He who knows, and knows he knows - He is wise - follow him.
He who knows, and knows not he knows - He is asleep - wake him.
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While we do not have time to examine the merit of each of these methods, we certainly could learn many lessons about our evangelistic attitudes and practices. Our purpose is not to compare the church with denominational concepts, for certainly this would not be wise (II Cor. 10:12), but since there are some common threads running throughout all successful evangelistic groups, we surely can learn some valuable lessons.

The trends in the late twentieth century in the church are for multiple staffs and large physical facilities. It is commonly agreed that neither promote evangelism. The reason for multiple staffs is often service related. We have youth ministers, counselors, educational ministers, family life ministers, and etc., each with a special responsibility serving the body of believers. It has been commonly agreed that all of this has promoted an inward approach. We have become content to serve ourselves. Thus these factors are often a deterrent rather than an enhancer of evangelism.

Of course, it is not suggested that we sell all our buildings and dismiss our staffs. The study suggest this to be a negative. It will not promote evangelism any more than hundreds of others possible changes. The fact remains that each of these 700 methods or programs have been proven effective for some ministry under certain situations. At the same time they have often failed when taken into another religious groups under various circumstances. The truth is that there is no fool proof program, nor is there a program which can not work.

The thread that runs throughout the book is individual involvement. The religious group which is made up of people who are willing to sacrifice their money, time, and energy to win the lost, will grow and increase in every area. The group which is focused inward, will soon become dissatisfied with their leaders, ministers, and eventually each other, which will soon divide and die.

Who can deny these conclusions? Who can reject the lessons? The success of the Northland family depends wholly upon the willingness of each member to do what is needed to win the lost. What about you?

Bill Hopkins

## PROPER BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION



My soul is weary with sorrow;  
Strengthen me according to your word,  
Keep me from deceitful ways; bae gra-  
cious to me through your law.  
Psalms 119:28,29

"Give me understanding, and I  
will keep your law and obey it with all  
my heart.

Psalms 119:33



Believing the Bible to be the complete revelation from God is essential in building a right relationship with God. It seems apparent that one reason why there is so much confusion in the religious world is that many do not know how to rightly handle the word of God. (II Tim. 2:15) Biblical interpretation is not a matter of personal opinion nor what we have been taught in the past, regardless to who may have been the teacher. There are several well established rules which control our study of the Scriptures and determine the outcome. While we do not have time or space in this article to list the rules of interpretation, we will do this later, our aimat this time is to stress the importance of a right understanding.

Only through a proper understanding of the Scriptures can we know that we are a Christian. Each one needs to know how to become a Christian and how God expects us to live as a Christian because each of us will be judged in accord with the Bible. (II Cor. 5:10)

A proper understanding of the Scriptures is necessary when we begin to teach others about Christ. We all know how easy it is to be misled religiously. How will we feel if when facing God in the judgement, He reveals to us the fact that we misled our family and as a result, neither they nor us will be allowed to go to heaven?

Only by proper understanding the Scriptures can the church continue to exist. Since religious division is to prevelant, we are forced to make decisions as to what is doctrinely correct. If we do not know what the Bible teaches, how can we know what is right or wrong? The results of a careless attitude toward the Scriptures is division and confusion. We need to answer such questions as: "Can one be saved without being baptized (immersed)? How does this apply to our family or friends? Can a Christian so sin as to be eternally lost? Which church must I become a member of to be saved? What has God directed to be included in the worship of the Church?

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### PRAYER REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVING



Melroy Banton	For Sandra Jackson...medical problem.
John Barringer	For Faye Herring...Husband passed away.
Seville Bliss	Praise God! He has answered my prayer for help.
Dorothy Hill	For a safe trip back to Toledo.
Laurie Josephs	That I may use my new job to glorify God.
Jeff & Mauren Miller	For Landus Pearson, Henderson WV....wlith cancer. Paul Fitznater, Pt. Pleasant, WV. in OSU hospital with leikemia.
Carol & Kris Seitz	For our spritual lives and family crisis.
Dawn & Rick Wright	Still having medical test done. We have also been asked to pray for Jack Rochotte, former member of F.&K.. He has cancer.

"The things which you  
have heard and  
learned...commit unto faithful  
men that they may be able to  
teach others also.



"Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say;  
Just thought of us that day, Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part." (Family of Edith Jones - Barb  
Lindsay's Mother)

Thanks for standing by me while I fight Osteoporosis. I appreciate so much  
you prayers, visits, cards, and food.

Amy VanCleave.

### VICTORY IN JESUS

And we know that in all things  
God works for the good of those  
who love Him who have been  
called according to His purpose.  
(Romans 8:28)



### THE LORDS KINGDOM

Coming forward are:

Suzanne Merritt Carl Miller Lorretta Pack  
Sunnie Bauer (For Bob's Mother during her surgery)

Let's honor these family members this week by praying for them and honor their request.

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The sign up sheet for the MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT is on the bulletin board. This retreat is for every man in the church, not just the leaders. The cost is only \$24.00 if paid by September 7. For teenagers it is only \$15.00. This price includes all lodging and meals for Friday evening and Saturday, September 21 & 22. As we consider our spiritual development, this is an excellent opportunity to grow as a group. It would be exciting to have 35 or 40 to go with us. Sign up today. If you have any questions, contact Bill Hopkins.  
The Elders.

There are two retreats this fall for the older set. Bill Hopkins will be involved in the retreat in Terre Haute, Indiana. A group from Northland will be going and if you would like to be included, contact Bill Hopkins and be ready to leave at 9:00 AM on September 10.

There is also a similar retreat at Fort Hill Youth Camp, Hillsboro, Ohio. See the bulletin board.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

...and new things I  
declare, before they  
spring into being I  
announce them to you.  
(Isaiah 42:9)

The Leadership of the congregation feel that special attention must be given to our Bible Talks. We will be meeting with each of the Bible Talk leaders within the next few days to discuss some reorganization plans. Then we will be ready to share with the congregation on September 19 and 26 our plans and at that time receive your input. These studies have been the back bone of our evangelism and growth which causes us to feel that it is important to make them as effective as possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Plans are be finalized to complete the construction on the car port, parking lot, and landscaping. We plan to do much of this work by volunteer labor, saving as much money as possible. As soon as the bank gives us final approval we will begin to schedule this work. Plan now to block out some time each week to assist this construction.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 8	Battles/Kaiser wedding.
Sept. 7 - 9	Worship Through Song Belpre, Ohio Church of Christ, with Ray Walker. Enjoy worship in song, do not miss these meetings.
Sept. 10 - 12	Golden Agers Retreats Fort Hill Youth Camp, Hillsboro, Ohio Camp Wabashi, Terre Haute, Indiana
Sept. 14 - 15	Marriage get-away Burr Oak State Park. Cost Lodge rooms - \$60.00; Cabins which holds two couples - \$ 85.00; Camp grounds - for those who love the rugged out doors - \$5.00 See Mike Hallabrin
Sept. 21 - 22	Men's Leadership Retreat - Round Lake, Lakeville, Ohio Theme: "God's man in the Home" Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.
September 30	Woody Biggs, from Byesville, Ohio to preach at Northland.
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Tuesday 9:30 pm.	Buckeye G. 3rd floor, Ohio Union	Milnor/Bibler/Irvin
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### STATISTICS

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<b>BUDGET</b>	\$8,100.00		<b>September 30, 1990</b>



# Messenger

## Northland Church of Christ

September 30, 1990 4581 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43231 475-0161

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Every Member

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Joe Barozzini  
Lynn Champney  
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Mike Hallabrin  
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### SUSTAINED BY GRACE

Jesus taught in the parable of the soils that many who begin the Christian life will fall away. (Luke 8:4-15) While this realization distrubs the faithful follower of Christ, especially when it involves a close friend, we must recognize the fact that many who begin the Christian walk simply do not possess the faith necessary to continually grow in Christ.

Estimates range upward to 50 % of those in the church will become unfaithful. This presents a problem, which every preacher and elder searches for remedies, yet often there are no real answers. If every child of God is a free moral agent and has the right to choose for himself, the only one who can change this trend, is the person himself.

As we search for the right combination which will assist the weak in faith to grow in Christ, we recognize that it is not within man to direct his own steps. (Jer. 10:23) We can devise thousands of programs and spend millions of dollars in our efforts to keep people from drifting, but none of these have had much power to change the trend.

Yet, there are resources available, which will guarantee continued faithfulness on the part of every Christian. The Scriptures teaches clearly that Jesus dwells within us. (John 15:1-6) He enters the believer the moment we become united with him in His death, burial, and resurrection. (Rom 6:1-7) He has promised to remain within us until the end of this age. (Matt. 28:20) As His presence dwells in us, we possess the power to overcome every attack of Satan. (I Cor. 10:13; I John 4:4; and 5:4)

Not only do we possess His presence, but we have other Christians to give us strength. When we feel discouraged and defeated, we can lean on others who understand our feelings and struggles. When His love is allowed to flow freely through us we will be lifted to heavenly places in Christ.

All of this is closely fused with God's grace, In return, we anxiously give to God, our very souls. We are so indebted to Him, that we spend our entire lives trying to repay him for His graciousness. There is no other way to guarantee faithfulness.

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The Big Bear program, Apples For Students, will begin again this week. Hart's Stores will also participate. The cash register receipts will be green. Central Ohio Christian School appreciates all your contributions. This year's goal is \$150,000.00 in tapes. A tape collection envelope will be posted in the main hall.

Central Ohio Christian School is planning a Fall Festival for Saturday, October 13th behind the annex. Games, B-B-Q chicken, face painting, cake walk, roller racers, and fun activities will be happening all afternoon. Plan to attend and support the school. If you would like to help with the Festival, check with Tamara Kaiser or Betty Chappell.

A wedding shower for Suzanne Merritt will be held on October 7th at 2:00 pm. in the annex. All women are invited. For gift ideas see Beth Tignor. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board.

Welcome to Greg and Kathy Hunt and their family. They have been worshipping with us for some time and live at: 1318 Pauline Ave. Columbus, 43224 Ph.262-4651

Susan and Steve Gemma are the proud parents of a new baby girl; Kelly Ann, born September 18. Congratulations!

The following staff changes were announced this past Wednesday by the Elders. Brother Bob Irvin has been offered a full time position with the Newspaper for which he has been working - part time - for the past few years. He will begin his additional responsibilities this week.

Brother Mark Garner has been offered a full time position with the Ohio State University. He will begin fulfilling these new responsibilities during the next few days.

It must be stressed that these two men will continue to direct their respective ministries. They have accepted these positions for two reasons: 1) They certainly will help the church during our financial struggles. 2) They will allow time to continue their ministries in the body. We respect their work and want to make it absolutely clear that these men will remain an active part of the Northland body and will be given the opportunity to resume their ministries the moment the funds are available.

The Elders



"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (II Timothy 3:16,17)

"When they came here with me, I did not delay the case, but convened the court the next day and ordered the man to be brought in. When his accusers got up to speak, they did not charge him with any of the crimes I had expected. Instead, they had some points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a dead man named Jesus who Paul claimed was alive." (Acts 25:17-19)



### NOT DONE IN A CORNER

Everyone has beliefs, values to which they hold and feel important, by which they govern their lives.

You do, I do, we all do. Now imagine one day you would be arrested by the local police and taken to stand trial before the Governor of this state (or any state) to defend your beliefs. You stand before him in chains, with no witnesses to call, only your own words.

What would you say?

This happened to a man--once a scholar and held up by all of society, but now considered a "troublemaker" -- in a historically accurate account, which can be read about in Luke's investigation of the early Christian Church. The book is called "Acts", found in the New Testament, and this particular story is about a man named Paul.

Once a Jewish Scholar, he came to believe that the man Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, was who he claimed to be, the Son of God. He spent the rest of his life testifying to this. He was imprisoned from AD. 57 to 59 in first Jerusalem and then Caesarea for his beliefs.

In Caesarea, he was put on trial before the governor of Judea, Antinius Felix Cagius, a historically accurate person, he can be found in ancient records -- as are all who will be mentioned in the short piece.

Paul, on trial, spoke to Felix about faith in Christ Jesus and about righteousness (right living before God), self-control and the judgement to come. He spoke so strongly that he put Felix on the defensive, made him "afraid", and Felix said, "That's enough for now. You may leave, When I find it convenient, I will send for you." (Acts 24:24-26)

Two years passed, and Felix never made a decision about Jesus Christ. He was succeeded by governor Porcius Festus, before whom Paul also stood on trial. Festus consulted king Herod Agrippa II and the trial continued. (Agrippa ruled over the territory in northern Palestine.)

It was before these two men that Paul gave a famous testimony about how he came to belief in Jesus of Nazareth. (Acts 26) At one point Festus interrupted Paul, shouting, "You are out of your mind, Paul. Your great learning is driving you insane."

It was then that Paul said these famous words: "What I am saying is true and reasonable. The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do." (Acts 26:24-27)

Festus and Agrippa also eventually turned Paul away, and he was sent on to Rome to stand trial. (Acts 26:28-32) But they had no answer for his arguments. Paul said that the Old Testament Jewish prophets confirmed Jesus was from God.

If you were on trial, could you defend your beliefs so strongly and accurately?

A far more important question is, What is your belief about Jesus of Nazareth?

Bob Irvin

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVING



"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it" (I Cor. 12:26)



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| The Barozzini's  | Thank you for your prayers and cards since my accident. We're all fine and appreciate the concern.  |
| The Helsel's     | We want to thank God for the constant encouragement of our brothers and sisters. Where would we be without the other members of the body? |
| Dawn Wright      | For my sister, Lori to recommit her life to God and return to the body. - The ladies retreat in Dayton was a blessing to me.              |
| Tamara Kaiser    | Please pray for my sister Beth, who is a single mother of two small children -- She has had a brain hemorrhage.                           |
| Connie Lilly     | For Chris Igel - heart surgery and stroke - Art Ellison, cancer For my focus and self control.  |
| Michael Anazia   | For strength and obedience to God's will.   |
| Ken Snyder       | That I will restore my commitment and desire to serve God.  |
| Elizabeth Atkins | I have been away from the Lord - I want to come home.   |
| Loretta Pack     | For my children; Teara and Troy - In children's hospital.   |
| Tom Fogel        | Total renewal - I want to please God.   |
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It is one thing to become a Christian, but it is an entirely different matter to remain faithful to Christ. As we noticed last week, it is estimated that as many as 50% of those who become Christians, will fall away. This is a condition which cannot continue. Not only has the church been burdened with such a condition, but just think of the souls that are lost in the process. The question really is: Could this situation involve my salvation?

What can be done about this condition? Who is responsible? What does the Bible teach? These and other questions certainly must be asked by serious church leaders.

It must be realized that regardless of who is responsible, the only person who has the opportunity as well as the responsibility to determine my soul's salvation, is myself. I cannot pass this responsibility on to any other. If I could I would not want to do this. I cannot allow my salvation to be placed into the hands of another person or some program.

Several passages speak to this situation. In Romans 7:25, the Apostle Paul summarized his personal situation of hopelessness by saying that the only possible solution is total reliance upon Jesus our Savior. In I Corinthians 5:14 he makes the marvelous statement that "Christ's love compels us..." It is evident that Paul faced similar problems in his day. The book of Hebrews was written to a group of Christians who were about to turn away from the grace of Christ. His solution is summed up in Hebrews 12:1,2. First we must lay aside every weight and sin that may cause us to fall away. Secondly, we must keep your eyes on Jesus who is not only the author, but the perfecter of our faith.

When we keep our focus on Jesus and His love, we are compelled to continue to grow in Christ. Not only will we grow, but we will daily influence others to follow us as we follow Christ. (I Cor. 11:1) True discipleship is the process of each of us remaining a faithful follower of Jesus and as a result we are daily involved in the lives of fellow Christians who are challenged to grow as a result.

If you are not motivated to serve Christ faithfully by the love of Christ, there is nothing which can do keep you loyal to the Lord.

Bill Hopkins

## BEING AN EXAMPLE



The call to be an example for Christ is throughout the New Testament. (I Cor. 11:1; I Peter 2:21; etc.) Sometimes people see themselves as ordinary and say "Can I really be an example?", "I'm not Paul", or "I have this problem, so I cannot be an example."

I would like all of us to consider Timothy. As we look into Paul's correspondence with this evangelist, we see that Timothy was no superhero. He was timid (2 Tim. 1:7), frequently ill (I Tim 5:23), and he was young (I Tim. 4:12). Yet, the Apostle Paul still calls Timothy to be an example, there is not excuse!

Being good examples to a lost world, or to drifting Christians is just; as if not more important than speaking to them. It does us no good to get up and lecture about Bible concepts and verses if we are bad examples. The Apostle Paul could always point out to people that his lifestyle matched his preaching and teaching. (I Cor. 4:17)

The challenge for every member of Christ's church is to be an example to the world and the church. The challenge to be an example also applies to this congregation. (II Thess. 1:7) I pray for the day when Northland can be the example for all the churches in Columbus, the united States, and the world. (Acts 1:8) Pray for it!!

Mike McDowell

"We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow" (II Thess. 3:9)

"In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness..." (Titus 2:7)

"Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord." (James 5:10)



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- Bob Arthur Please pray for my grandfather, Robert Arthur, who had surgery in St. Anthony's hospital on October 3.
- Rita Young My focus has not been on God for some time. Pray that I will not resign from him...
- Beth Tignor Pray that I will rely on God.
- Kim Bachman I have felt that I've wanted to give up, but I've been directed by other brothers and sisters to keep pushing on. I appreciate it.
- Ed Nice Stress in many areas. I have not been turning to God. I really need strength and trust in God.
- John Reifers I have resigned myself to mediocrity. Pray that I will repent. I am also having some problems at work. Pray that I will overcome and not just "get through".
- Laurie Josephs Because of persecution and things not going my way, I have been wanting and trying hard to quit. But I can't. God has blessed me and I can't deny his blessings.
- Joy I've been struggling with my personal life & relationship with God. I've resloved many times to be more dedicated, but have not wanted to make my weakness this public. I finally realize that I have been trying to do this all on my own and so I come to ask for your help & prayers & to confess pride.
- Mary Kay Barozzini I want to recommit myself to the body - to be more consistent in my walk with God.
- Jamie Bolden Pray that I may have a deeper faith in God. Pray for help.
- Beryl & Marie McMasters We want to thank you for your prayers, telephone calls, and cards since our accident. (Marie is healing from her injuries at home)
- Michelle McCrone was baptized into Christ on September 30. Her address: 4855 Berryhill Ct., Gahanna, Ohio 43230



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It must be stressed that these two men will continue to direct their respective ministries. They have accepted these positions for two reasons: 1) They certainly will help the church during our financial struggles. 2) They will allow time to continue their ministries in the body. We respect their work and want to make it absolutely clear that these men will remain an active part of the Northland body and will be given the opportunity to resume their ministries the moment the funds are available.

It was also announced that Bill Hopkins is investigating the possibility of other employment. Again, let us emphasize that this is being done solely to demonstrate to extent of sacrifice we are willing to make to see the work at Northland move ahead. Our only goal is to challenge every member to continue to sacrifice and work hard to make the Northland family an active and vibrant body.

The Elders

We apologize for not honoring the baptism of Jennifer Martin, who was baptized on September 25. It is grand to witness soul born into God's Kingdom.



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It is very important for our records and yours, especially if you plan to deduct your church contributions from your income tax, that you use your contribution envelope regularly. There will be no effort to violate the privacy of your contribution, but it is an opportunity for the elders to be able to responsibly plan the work of the church. If you do not have a number, please contact the church office and our secretary, Pam, will assign you a number and supply the envelopes. Then by all means use them each week. Also, we ask for your co-operation as we reassign some of the larger numbers attempting to use the envelopes more efficiently.

The survey reveals the following trends. In January, 1990; an average of 129 people used the envelopes weekly. On October 7, that number fell to 76. In January, 1990; the average user of the envelopes gave \$64.63 per week. By October 7, that giving level had dropped to an average of \$48.29 per week. Thus, our survey reveals that 53 members did not use their envelopes or did not give on October 7. It also says that those who gave averaged \$16.33 less per week than they did last January. This will explain some of the struggles we are experiencing.

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We are extremely grateful to those who have given regularly in the past. I know of no group who have been more faithful and trust worthy. We just cannot, we must not, put a greater burden on the faithful. We can only say, "Thank you for your support". But, if you are among those who have not been regularly supporting the work in the past, remember the Lord knows and He will judge the faithfulness of His people. We need your support. You need to accept your God given responsibility.

Bill Hopkins

## A CHILD'S CONFIDENCE



"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Prov. 22:6)

"Father, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)

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| Margie McCarty     | Thank God - Shu-en was baptized after studying with Julia Chen.   |
| Larry McIntyre     | That I may find another job.  |
| Godwin Ntuk        | May God help us to be successful in all our endeavors.. For my father to recover from a stroke.   |
| Jenny Ntuk         | For God's help in finding a job.  |
| Jill VonValkenburg | God answers prayers in ways that are unimaginable! Amen.  |
| Gary Martin        | Have been struggling in sense of mission - have gotten my eyes off Christ and His mission and on self. Pray that God will change my heart and focus on his glory. |
| Don Milnor         | Please pray for me in two areas: To overcome bad attitudes toward some Christians and to truly put to death selfishness.  |
| C.J. Williams      | Pray that God will soften my hardened heart so that I may become more of a shining light to the world. That we may win the family who is staying with us.         |
| Peg Williams       | Please publish my new telephone number in the bulletin..523-2862  |
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Tapes from Phil Grassie and the Men's Leadership retreat are available in the bookshere.



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Jesus was a master in the use of Friendship Evangelism. While He used every evangelistic method effectively, He was most effective in one on one situations. In Matthew 5 through 7 and 15:32-39, He preached to large crowds. In Matthew 10:1-5 and 22:23-32 He related well to the small group. In Luke 19:1-10 He met Zaccheus. Here He leaves the crowd to minister to this man resulting in his salvation. In John 4:7-35 He begins with a woman, which affected an entire city. Surely, as we follow His example (I Peter 2:21) we can learn to become a useful tool in winning our friends to Christ.

The best evangelism takes place in a context of friends. Mutual trust and respect is essential to evangelism. Contrast this activity with door knocking. In door knocking we attempt to win total strangers. We knock on their door and hope that they will be totally open to what we have to offer. With no credibility, we expect the stranger to allow us to teach them the truth as we see it. How can evangelism thrive in an atmosphere of doubt and suspicion. (Caution) We are not suggesting that door knocking is not or cannot be effective. It has been effective in the past and we are grateful for those who have used this method effectively. But not every one can handle door knocking, but each of us has a friend that can be won.

Each Christian has a God-given responsibility to win our friends to Christ. It seems evident to us that God will not hold the non-evangelistic in high regard. If we are a faithful follower of Jesus, we will be driven to seriously attempt to win these friends to Christ. This must be done regardless to the lack of sincerity or activity of others. Surely every Christian should be effective soul-winners, but none-the-less we are responsible only to God for the level our personal commitment.

Bill Hopkins

## DEVELOPING FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM



Friendship Evangelism works best in the context of a loving church family. It works best when those who are looked to as leaders are attentive, touchable, and caring. It works best when the leaders are considered as the greatest servants.

"Love must be sincere...Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need, Practice hospitality."

Romans 12:9-13

Friendship Evangelism is not something that the body does, but it is the natural activity of each individual Christian. God does not expect all of us to be able to do great things. Yet, each of us can be loving, caring, tender, serving, and friendly.

It is refreshing to worship with caring people. To feel the warmth and genuineness of people who learn their love from the one who love us so much that He died for our sins. This love is seen in the way they sing, the atmosphere during the communion, as well as their love for the truth that is being preached.

This love can be displayed in other ways. We can watch for visitors and greet them warmly. We can introduce ourselves to them, then in turn introduce them to several other people. We can remember their name and be able to spot them each time they visit. We can ask them to sit with us and make them feel welcome.

Friendship evangelism is natural for those who love the Lord and are committed to souls. It will begin with our worship service and be displayed as we daily consecrate our lives to the one who died for us.

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Kevin Brown	That our body of Christ starts to deal with sins.
Connie Williams	My mother is very ill - Dora Cartwright
Rick & Joyce Bruno	As we move to Tennessee - we may find a congregation where we can become active members.
Masa Nonogaki	I am encouraged by the worship -- Keep it up.
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### WE CAN PRACTICE FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM

Anyone who tries their best to live the way God wants them to live and puts that into practice every day is constantly letting others see Jesus. Doors are opened to us constantly when people see how we act or react in every day situations.

We had a milkman who came into our kitchen three mornings a week. He and I would talk about the Lord often. He was already a good man; but after five years of these morning talks, both he and his wife became New Testament Christians.

When my boys started school, I went to work for two days a week to help our financial situation. The husband and wife I worked for in a small grocery store were also good folks. Being in their presence for four years gave me many opportunities to show my Christianity. We had many religious conversations. Eventually one of my sons also began working there, and he could show he was different from the others.

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These fine people were immersed into Christ, too. They are still a faithful part of our congregation.

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You see, friendship evangelism was a part of our lives all the time. We just didn't know it. We can show the Lord in all we do: attending ball games, disciplining kids, talking to the milkman, or handling illness. Be what God wants you to be in all situations, and you'll be evangelizing.

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Recently, while worshipping with a church in a nearby city, I was introduced to a hymn with the above title. The song emphasizes a deep love for the Bible and obedience to God's will on the part of every member of the family. It stresses the need for fathers to be true and strong. Mothers who strive to show others the way to the Lord. Where the Lord is a honored guest. Where the children are led to know Christ. Where the altar fires burn and glow. Homes crowned with the beauty of the Lord.

There is no greater need in the church than for God to give us Christian homes. The church cannot prosper when the homes are crumbling. Where Husbands and fathers are not willing to be the leader and example, God expects them to be. When wives and mothers are not the instructors and light to what is true and right. Where Children are not taught to obey their parents as they do the Lord in everything. Where the love of the Lord fails to glow bright in every word and act.

When the home radiates the presence of the Lord, the atmosphere will be filled with spirituality and a joy which will make our family relationship a blessing to the church and an influence for good in the community. People will gladly follow the path we have created as we direct them to the one who died to save us from our sins. We will not have to search for opportunities to share the gospel, but people will be seeking our advice and guidance, as they seek the best for their families.

This atmosphere begins with a solid commitment to God on the part of every member of the family. Often there is an honest attempt on the part of a husband/wife to do what is right, while their mate continues to be unwilling to make the changes which is necessary to bring happiness and God's presence to the marriage. A Christian marriage is the result of a Total Commitment of the Total Person to a life long endeavor. It will never be treated carelessly or handicapped by the interference of others. We will keep the standard that has been clearly set forth by the Savior.

It should be our prayer that God will not only give us Christian Homes, but that He will make our home Christian. Moreover that God will make each of us the Christian that we need to be. That we will begin today to accept the responsibility that is required to make our home what God wants it to be. That we will not become defensive or resistant when our mate or others attempt to share with us truths that is in keeping with the Word of God.

May God bless us as we make our homes Christian.

Bill Hopkins

## PARENTS PASSING ON THE FAITH



If you are a parent, you no doubt have one deep-seated desire regarding your children; you long to see them come to a vibrant and growing personal relationship with the living God. Even thinking about the possibility of one or more of your children rejecting the faith leaves you with a sick feeling in the pit of your stomach. You may have observed the anguish of other parents whose sons or daughters have rebelled and gone the way of the world. Or you may have grown up in the church yourself and watched some of your Sunday School friends turn their back on the faith. You know that the cost of rejecting the faith is very high, both for those who rebel and for their believing parents.

Indeed, the problem is too serious and too widespread to ignore. Like a dreaded cancer, it quietly devastates the ranks of the church, inflicting grief upon Christian families and leading many to a certain spiritual death. Faith rejection is a problem of immense proportions that must be faced by both the church at large and parents in particular.

Our children must be taught the Gospel. God has given us, as Christian parents, certain promises. He has also given us accompanying responsibilities. We are entrusted with the stewardship of each child He gives us -- a stewardship which involves bringing them, through our words and actions, into the path of faith. It is the desire of every godly parent to use every book, retreat, seminar, or other literature to learn as much as we can helping us to fulfil our God-given responsibility as we seek to lead our children to an enduring faith in Him. Remember: "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17)

Adapted from a book with the above title, written by Dr. Carl Spackman - a book that every Christian parent should read and digest carefully)

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord"  
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Jim Robbins	I have not been trusting God, but my own strength.
Betty Hinty	I have gotten into the world completely -- Pray for me as I return.
Pat Traxler	I have been hiding behind doors of self reliance and others. Pray for me as I come to God.

### COMMITMENT TO MARRIAGE

One of our problems is that marriage today is taken so lightly. It is no longer a place of safety. Only through commitment to the absolute permanence of marriage, a commitment made by both partners, based on deep beliefs and the choice of the will, can marriage become the sure guardian of love. If we have made this once-and-for-all-time commitment, the structure of marriage will preserve our love. And the couple who has undergirded their marriage by their commitment will be prepared for those inevitable times when their marriage will be tested.

"God designed marriage as the foundational element of all human society. Before there was... a church, a school, a business, instituted, God formally instituted marriage, declaring, "A man shall leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24)"

If marriage were of human origin, then human beings would have a right to set it aside. But since God instituted marriage, only He has the right to do so...Nor can marriage be regulated according to human whims. It is subject to the rules and regulations set down by God. If He had said nothing more about marriage after establishing it, we might have proceeded to draw up such rules on our own. But He

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(Isalah 42:9)

The Old Fashioned Country Bazaar will begin at 10:00 am. and continue till 4:00 pm. All kinds of crafts, delicious baked goods and homemade candies will be available. Refreshments will be sold in the tea room. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of recreational items for the residents and their benevolent fund. Let us support the residents of Willow Brook Christian Home.

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The Elders

EDUCATIONAL NEWS: I am pleased to announce that Marcia Stidham has been appointed head of the preschool Bible education department. Marcia's department ministers to over 50 students between the ages of 3 and 6 through 10 Bible classes and junior worship sessions each week. Please give Marcia your full support as she serves the Lord in this special way.

Ray Thorne

Many waters cannot quench love, rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.  
Song of Solomon 8:7



Commitment to marriage, continued: did not leave us in the dark; God has revealed His will about marriage in the pages of the Bible.

1. It is God's will in every marriage that the couple love each other with an absorbing spiritual, emotional, and physical attraction that continues to grow throughout their lifetime together.

2. Because God is the one who made you, who thought up the idea of marriage and ordained it for your blessing and gives you the capacity to love, He is the one who knows best how to build love into your particular relationship. You can trust Him to be intimately involved in your effort to develop a love filled marriage.

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Adapted from a book entitled: The first years of forever by Dr. Ed Wheat. We recommend every married person read it.



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Psalm 46:7-11



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While each of us could identify with this situation, there are some definite observations in order. First, it may be the result of selfish thinking. We often attend worship services with the feeling that we should receive some very positive personal spiritual benefits. It is the feeling that we must get a lot out of worship for it to be valuable. Often the exact opposite is taught in the Scriptures. Eph 5:19 teaches us that in worship we are to teach and instruct one another. Col. 3:16 teaches the same. Thus, when we go to worship we must endeavor to edify others. This takes the emphasis off ourself and insist that we focus on the contribution we can give others.

There is another very important fact involved. The main object of worship is to give praise and adoration to God. We are a people who have been blessed abundantly and are anxious to tell a loving God how much we appreciate the gift. The Psalms are filled with this element of worship. David came to God as a terribly sinful person, needing His forgiveness and love. It mattered little how he personally felt about the matter. It was his relationship with God that flavored the entire event.

It will not be until we approach worship from this prospective that it can be filled with meaning and reward.  
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Northland has the worship services today at 2:00 PM. at Willow Brook. It is very important that the members at Northland support these services.

Barb Lindsay's grandmother, Sylvia Jones is in the Lancaster Hospital. She has fallen and broken her hip. Barb's uncle, Karl Jones is in I.C.U. at St. Anthony's Hospital. Please pray for these people.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU --** Dear Members of Northland Church of Christ and Staff of C.O.C.S.. Just can't begin to tell you how much your thoughtfulness meant. Thank you so much for all the food and kind words. Your caring and understanding were much appreciated.  
The Family and Friends of Tom Owens.

Reynoldsburg's Gospel Music Night featuring 'His Servants', 'Barnabas', 'Joyful Noise' Saturday November 17 at 6:30 PM. at the Graham Road Church of Christ in Reynoldsburg.

### TEN MOST WANTED MEN

My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body." Proverbs 4:20-22

1. The man who puts God's business above any other business.
2. The man who brings his children to church rather than sends them.
3. The man who is willing to be the right example to every boy he meets.
4. The man who thinks more of his Sunday School class than he does his Sunday sleep.
5. The man who measures his giving by what he has left rather than by the amount he gives.
6. The man who goes to church for Christ's sake rather than for himself or someone else.
7. The man who has a passion to help rather than to be helped.
8. The man who has a willing mind rather than a "brilliant" mind.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
10. The man who is more concerned about winning souls for Christ than he is about winning honor.

selected



"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. ... Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care."

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### WHEN I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

I come not because I am worthy, nor for any righteousness of mine, for I have sinned and fallen short of what by God's help, I might have been.

I come not that there is any magic in partaking of the symbols of Christ's body and blood, but I come because Christ bids me come. It is His table. He invited me.

I come because it is a memorial to Him as oft as it is done in remembrance of Him, and when I remember Him--His life, His suffering, and death, I find myself humbled in His presence and bowing before Him in worship.

I come because here is portrayed Christian self-denial and I am taught forcibly the virtue of sacrifice on behalf of another, which has salvation in it.

I come because here I have the opportunity to acknowledge my unworthiness and to make a new start.

I come because I rise from this place with new strength, courage, and power to live for Him who died for me.

Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. He that trusts God obeys God. He that is without faith is without works, and he that is without works is without faith.

Selected

"To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the purpose of God.."

Inez Choice  
Ruth Dickasen  
Jennifer Katona  
  
Michelle Lilly  
  
Greg Orall  
Connie Williams  
Jenny Ntuk

Pray for my teenage daughter.  
Pray that my eyes will get better so I can see.  
I am repenting and its so refreshing. Thank you to Don Milnor, Jim Robbins, and others for their steadfast example.  
Pray for my uncle, John that they can get his heart working right again. For my grandpa, Art, he's about to die. And for my mother.  
I thank God that He has answered my prayer concerning a place to live. Thank you Jim.  
Pray for my mother, Dora Cartwright, She is at home but in a lot of pain.  
I filled out this form the first week I attended this church requesting for a job and God answered the prayer so fast. Praise be to God.

The purpose of this column is three fold: 1) to list prayer request. People can use this column rather than going forward on Sunday morning. This will allow people to keep the request before them for the entire week. Many are using this means and for that we are appreciative. 2) To share with the body victories we are experiencing as our prayers are being answered. Again, several are using this effectively. 3) To share good things that are happening in our lives. We would like to hear from those who are experiencing blessings in life. When good things happen that you would like to share with the body feel free to use this column. As these come in, we may not be able to use every card, but we will use several each week.



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In 2 Tim. 2:15, Paul wrote some needed instruction to Timothy. He urges this young preacher to "be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the Word of God." This clearly teaches us that the workman to be approved of God must handle the word of truth in a special way. We must be diligent in our use of Scripture. This means that every time we attempt to speak of things dealing with God and our relationship to him, we will be careful to be totally accurate.

It is obvious that the word of God can be handled, taught, and used in ways that are not approved of God. Most every truth can be distorted. When we begin to handle the Scriptures, we are deal with a serious business which has etenal consequences. Every dedicated Christian will become fully aware of the various and contrary teachings held by the religious world. Surely, we know that all of these doctrines cannot be true.

There is a truth which I learned years ago: **Truth on any point is narrow; error covers the rest of the ground.** When we accept truth especially the truth which pertains to religious belief and practice, we must be willing to stand in opposition to that vast body of belief which does not totally agree with well established truth. An unwillingness to take the Word of God seriously is to show little regard for the Lord. (John 12:48)

It is extremely easy while error is being taught to remain silent. While we must always speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15), we none the less must stand in defense of the truth. (Phil 1:27) The Lord said, "But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven". (Matt. 10:33) While there are several ways to deny the Lord, a failure to stand for the truth as revealed in the Scriptures is clearly a denial of the work of the Holy Spirit.

In conclusion, we must emphasize that it is not enough to know the truth, We must we willing to teach only the things which agree with sound doctrine. (I Tim. 6:3)

Bill Hopkins

## BEWARE OF LEAVEN

In Matt. 16:6 Jesus made a statement that totally confused His disciples. He said, "Beware of the LEAVEN of the Pharisees and the Saducees". The disciples wondered what He could possibly mean. They knew well the power of leaven (Yeast) in a lump of dough, but what were the religious connotations? Thus, Jesus used this occasion to teach a lesson which was vital to their ministry as well as ours today.

Jesus was not suggesting that the disciples stay away from the bread furnished by these religious people, but he had reference to the doctrines which had been firmly taught. (Matt. 16:12) What were the Pharisees and Sadducees teaching that was so terrible? Did He command them to judge these reachers? What was so wrong with them that Jesus found it necessary to the disciples to reject what they were saying?

The battle pitched between Jesus and the leaders is woven throughout the four gospels. It is mentioned in nearly every page. Plus, there are numerous references to their destructive influences in the Book of Acts as well as the Epistles. It is evident as God used the most scathing words to describe these Biblical Scholars (Matt. 23:1-36) that He will not endorse the person who uses the word of God carelessly.

Jesus stepped into the religious arena and ripped off their religious mask, openly exposing them as hypocrites. He was saying in clear terms: "I am totally opposed to ther teachings and ways." The point is: "Religious error was not reserved for the first century". It is still very much alive and with us today. It merely masquerades under a different garb. It is not enough to simply say, "I do not agree with them". We must be willing to take a firm stand against all error and stand only on the truth which makes us free. (John 8:32)

Bill Hopkins



"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men"

Matt. 15:8,9

"I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom; preach the word, be ready in season and out of season; ... for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths."

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Linda Baden	Please pray for my job situation. I am looking for a new job.
Reginald Carrington	Pray that I can regain focus.
Angel Davis	For my mom who has to go to court on Tuesday.
Gretchen Gallucci	For the nurses Christian Fellowship to be an effective ministry.
Larry & Michelle McCrone	For the world and my Christians families.
Donna Smith	For Milton Rhodie, my brother, stationed in Middle East.
Rick & Dawn Wright	For my sister and Mother who are attending our Bible Talk.
Seville Bliss	The Lord has blessed me with a promotion and raise to allow me to help others in the body of Christ.
Tanya Hutcherson	I thank God for His unending love for me.

Laugh with us:

The ninety-two-year-old at a nursing home received a visit from one of her fellow church members. "How are you feeling?" the visitor asked.

"Oh," said the lady, "I,m just worried sick!"

"What are you worried about, dear?" her friend asked. "You look like you're in good health. They are taking care of you, aren't they?"

"Yes, they are taking good care of me."

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ELDERS - DEACONS MEETING - TODAY AT 4:30 pm. This meeting is very important and we ask that each deacon make a special effort to be present promptly at 4:30.

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Laugh with us -Continued from page 2

"Are you in any pain?" she asked sympathetically.

"No, I have never had a pain in my life."

"Well, what are you worried about?" her friend queried.

She leaned back in her chair and slowly explained her major worry.

"Every close friend I ever had has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went."

selected



One day two men, clad in hospital gowns, sat in the office of an emergency room. "I only wanted to have my eyes examined," explained one.

"Your're lucky",replied the other, "I just came in to read the meter!"

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James 1:22-25



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**DECEMBER 2, 1990**



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### THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF PLEASING GOD!

In Hebrews 11:6, the Scriptures says, "...without faith it is impossible to please God...". In Romans 5:1, we read "since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we stand...". It is clear from these and other passages that faith is the basis of our relationship with Christ and of course our salvation which is so important to each of us.

Realizing these facts, the serious minded Christian asks: "How can I develop and maintain this saving faith?" While it is easy to answer, "Faith comes by hearing the word of God" (Romans 10:17), we tend to see this is just too simplistic.

If faith is based upon the knowledge of evidence and the conviction that what we know is correct (Hebrew 11:1), surely it is important to gain as much knowledge as possible. The path to knowledge is study. (II Tim. 2:15) Study that involves a dedicated search for truth. (II Tim. 3:14-17) A search which leads us to truth. (John 8:32)

This indicates the fact that our faith will be just as strong as our search is diligent. Short cuts will result in a weakened faith. A willingness to accept something less than the absolute truth, will cause much doubt. James emphasized that doubt causes us to become double minded. (James 1:5-8) This person can not think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

The Apostle, led by inspiration, assures us that when we are willing to dedicate ourselves to a pursuit of the truth on a daily basis, we will develop faith. We will become more and more convinced that the facts revealed in the Scriptures are true and reliable. We will find peace, contentment, and strength in this confidence.

Salvation will become a reality. Heaven will not be something in the dim future, but it will become as assuring as an approaching marriage between two young people who love each other deeply.

Bill Hopkins

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING



On July 1, 1990, an intern program was begun with the goal to identify gifts of leadership, and help nurture those gifts, so there would be capable leaders to lead Christ-centered campus ministries.

For the remainder of the summer, twelve people gathered together and studied basic concepts of evangelism and leadership. At the end of the summer it was obvious that three men had the God-given ability to lead in God's Kingdom. So the intern program continues on, as these three men are being prepared to lead in greater ways. In the summer most of the teaching was done in a classroom setting, but now it is on a more personal level.

I would like to commit Ken Snider, Mike Yurovich, and Stephen Foster to you as present and future leaders in God's Church. Within the next two years, two of these men will be sent out to begin campus ministries in this country. Praise God for His continual leading of His church, and for raising up leaders for the future.

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**Brian West** Please pray for Brian, who has been addicted to crack which has resulted in some seizures. He has spent time in the rehab unit at Riverside Hospital, but is now receiving treatment as an outpatient. He is making an honest effort to deal with his problem, but needs the encouragement of his brothers and sister at Northland. His address is on the bulletin board. Send him cards and notes. He would appreciate a visit.

**Clifton Inman** We who have followed the progress of the church in the Ohio Valley recognize the name of Clifton Inman. Brother Inman has been a great influence in the church and Christian Education for many years. He has held meetings in Columbus and has many friends. Last September, he suffered a stroke which ended in his death. As a result his widow has incurred a debt of more than \$15,000.00, which she has no means of paying. The churches in the valley are attempting to assist her in this financial crisis. Northland has been asked to raise \$1000.00. Surely we can show our support for this fine cause. Give your contribution to the elders.

**Don Milnor** About two weeks ago I put my Bible on the top of a car in the parking lot, then drove off without securing it. If you have seen a Bible in the area of the Northland Building, please contact me. It was a NASV - Black - rather small.

**Larry McIntyre** God to help me deal with the struggles in my life and rely on my brothers and sisters for prayer and support.

**James Stafa** Give me strength with school, work, and overcoming sin.

**Megan Haver** For prayers to be a better christian wife and mother. For forgiveness for past mistakes made in my family situation and prayers of emotional support.

**Pataricia Davis and Lisa Lett** Prayers in making changes in our lives to be closer to the Lord.

**Belinda Rodriguez** One of my best friends from high school died Thursday night in a car accident. I am requesting prayers for her parents in dealing with this tragic incident.

**Mary Caldwell** 1344 Genessee -- I desire to place membership with the Northland body. She has been worshipping with Indian Spring Church.

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVING



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In appreciation of the efforts of the staff, we will be accepting contributions for the purpose of giving a gift to each staff member, expressing our appreciation for their hard work. If you care to share in these gifts, put your contribution in an envelope and hand it in to the office.

## GET SOMEBODY ELSE

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do,  
I said, "You get somebody else, or wait till I get through."  
I don't know how the Lord came out; no doubt He got along,  
But I felt kinda sneakin' like, I know'd I'd done Him wrong.

One day I needed the Lord -- needed Him right away  
But He never answered me at all, and I could hear Him say,  
Down in my accusin' heart, "I've got so much to do,  
You get somebody else, or wait till I get through."

Now when the Lord has a job for me, I never try to shirk;  
I drop what I have on hand and do the good Lord's work.  
And my affairs can run along or wait till I get through;  
Nobody else can do the work that God has marked for you.

Adapted





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"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name (by the authority of, BH) of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:16,17



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### IF IT IS NOT OF FAITH -- IT IS SIN!

The Apostle wants every person to be fully persuaded in his own mind that his course of action is right with God and helpful to his fellow christian. One who is not convinced that God approves of his actions, or one who has no real faith in the course of action he is pursuing, is self-condemned. Paul says that it is better to be hungry than to doubt while eating.

While the Apostle bases his plea upon the endangerment of a brother in his relationship to Jesus, there is a principle which must be clearly understood which applies to the entirety of life. The reason why it was wrong and sinful to eat meat, was two-fold: (1) It injured the faith of a weaker brother. (2) It could not be done with the clear conscience of God's approval. Hence, Paul's conclusion was that since it could not be done by faith, it was sin.

We must remember that without faith it is impossible to please God. (Heb. 11:6) and faith comes by hearing what is said in the Word of God concerning the subject at hand. (Rom. 10:17). This being true, there is a definite relationship between the authorization of the Scriptures and right or approved action. At any time, our actions do not meet the standards of the revealed will of God, it become sin. This is true in our relationship with our fellow christian, or our relationship with the world in general.

There are many actions which are questionable and a matter of opinion. Often, we are led to believe that in the areas where God has not ordered us to abstain, we are at liberty to do as we please. This type of reasoning is usually used by those who would attempt to justify dancing, social drinking, or the like. While this may sound good, the principle of faith gives us an entirely different picture.

The question must be asked, "Can I do this with the full assurance of faith? Remember, Paul said that if we doubt while participating in an activity we stand condemned before God. This doubt may be based upon our relationship with other christians or even more, it happens when our actions are not authorized by the Scriptures. This means that I must refrain from every activity which has not received the express authorization of God as revealed in His Word.

Bill Hopkins



## MEN OF VISION

When we read through the Gospels, we find that Jesus was a man who had great vision. He could look at a simple fisherman named Simon and tell him that he would be a rock (John 1:42). He could look at a spiritually destitute Israel and say the fields are ripe for harvest (John 4:25). In the Church today, we definitely need to follow the Lord's example. Instead of always seeing the "bad" in a situation, we need to have the eyes of faith, and raise our vision.

The early church was a visionary church (Acts 2:17). One of the gifts in the early church, was the gift of being a visionary. Unfortunately, it is translated "gifts of administration", which leads us to think of red tape, organizational, business management skills. This is obviously not what God meant. The word Paul uses in I Cor. 12:28 in the Greek is "KUBERNESIS", which means piloting or steering. It has the idea of a captain of a ship looking out into an ocean and seeing what is ahead. Most of us are familiar with Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". The Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament) uses the word "kubernesis". We need people to strive to have vision; to pray, fast, and desire it from their hearts. Let's raise our vision!  
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- Greg Orall I've been treating God much like a buffet. I've been accepting parts of his will but ignoring others instead of just accepting everything. I ask for prayers to do all of God's will.
- Barb Lindsay Please pray for my grandmother, Sylvia Jones who is recovering from a stroke. Thank you for all your cards, prayers and encouraging words since the death of my uncle and grandmother's illness.
- Carol Seymour This past year I've lived a very deceptive and immoral life. I want to turn from this kind of life and become the woman God wants me to be. I apologize to all of my brothers and sisters to who I've hurt and lied and ask your forgiveness. Please help me live a godly life.
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- Sandra Moody & Lauretta Lee We rejoice and praise God for sparing our lives the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We hit a large deer on Route 271 which totalled my car. The Lord sent 3 men at different times to help us along the way and we ultimately made it safely to Buffalo with a rental car. Praise God for sparing our lives.
- Linda Baden I want to praise God for the baptisms of my brother and sister-in-law. I ask prayers for their continued growth in the Lord. I have been praying for them for a long time, and like the persistent widow, God has answered my prayers. Praise God for his faithfulness! Please pray that we can all be witnesses to the rest of our family.



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"The man who tries to do smething and fails is infinitely better than the one who tries to do nothing and succeeds".

"A specialist is a person who knows more and more about less and less, until finally he knows all that there is to know abaout nothing"

--Selected--

## THERE IS NEVER A DAY SO DREARY

There is never a day so dreary but God can make it bright,  
And unto the soul that trust Him He giveth songs in the night.  
There is never a path so hidden but God will lead the way,  
If we seek for the Spirit's guidance and patiently wait and pray.  
There is never a cross so heavy but the nail-scarred hands are there,  
Outstretched in tender compassion, the burden to help us bear.  
There is never a heart so broken but the loving Lord can heal,  
For the Lord that was pierced on Calvary doth still for His loved ones feel.  
There is never a life so darkened, so hopeless and unblest,  
But may be filled with the light of God and enter His promised rest.  
There is never a sin or sorrow, there is never a care or loss,  
But that we may bring to Jesus and leave at the foot of the cross.

Lilla M. Alexander





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### KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

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All this is quite expensive. Have you bought a tree lately? Many businesses count on nearly one half of all the sales to be made during this season. It often takes an average of six or seven months to get the credit cards paid. It is not uncommon for a family to let the house payment or other bills go, so that more can be spent for gifts, dinners, etc. All this supposedly in the name of Christ.

But what happens to God and His work. Everyone knows that we do all this in our attempt to honor the birth of Christ. The real problem is that the church goes unsupported. Church attendance is lower, contribution is regularly about one half, and the work almost stops during this season. Evidently, people get so caught up in buying, giving, traveling, eating, drinking, that God and His church gets pushed into the background.

Surely, it is not the time to become negative. The opportunities of the season are great and rewarding. It can be a time for the family and God. A time to share the blessings from God with the unfortunate, homeless, orphans, and widows. (James 1:27) Most of all it gives us an excellent opportunity to give the best gifts to the one who gave us his very life.

Let me give a few suggestions for the holidays. (1) Put aside a little extra for the Lord. Make sure that you give more to God during December than you spend on gifts and festivities. (2) Make sure that your contribution is given each week to the Church. (3) If you are behind in your giving, give priority to being faithful to the Lord. (Matt. 6:33) (4) Spend some special time in prayer, study, and devotion, as you grow in Christ. Make this season a spiritual feast for you and your family.

Bill Hopkins



## THE LORD GIVES AND THE LORD TAKES AWAY!

In Matthew 25, our Lord teaches three parables which emphasizes a similar message. The first is the parable of the ten virgins. Five of these were unprepared when the bridegroom came and hence, were refused entrance into the wedding feast (heaven). In the second parable, the Lord talks about three men who had been given a variety of gifts from their master. Two of these servants were faithful and blessed, but the last was unfaithful and rejected by God. The third parable describes the judgement scene. The Lord is dividing the saved and the lost with the intent of sealing their eternal destiny.

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents ... said, you have entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more."... The man with the two talents... said, "you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more". ...the man who had received the one talent ...said, "I knew that you are a hard man...I was afraid and went out and hid your talent...See, here is what belongs to you." His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant!...throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25:14-30

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVING



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- Tom Fogel To be able to trust and be trusted.  
 Sharon Krouse Have been previously ill and was in the hospital for three days this week.  
 Harry & Cindy Grafton God has renewed my joy in Him and my family. Thank you, Lord!

### HOW DO YOU GO?

There are three types of Christians who respond to the call to service.

- 1) Rowboat Christians -- have to be pushed.
- 2) Sailboat Christians --- always go with the wind.
- 3) Steamboat Christians -- Make up their minds where they ought to go and go there regardless of wind and weather.

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In appreciation of the efforts of the staff, we will be accepting contributions for the purpose of giving a gift to each staff member, expressing our appreciation for their hard work. If you care to share in these gifts, put your contribution in an envelope and hand it in to the office.

Sandra Moody and Sheldon Ayers will be married on December 22, at the Fishinger and Kenny Church of Christ at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to the wedding. However, due to limited resources, the adult reception is by invitation only.

Many will be traveling over the holidays. It is our prayer that each will drive carefully and return to us safely. We hope that each will have an enjoyable season and a prosperous outlook for the new year. But, it is extremely important that we remain responsible for the work at home, even when we are away for the holidays. Thus, when you leave town, always remember to leave your contribution at home.

We rejoice with Melissa and Brent Bosley upon the baptism of Melissa last Tuesday morning. She had been studying with Bill Hopkins.



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DECEMBER 23, 1990



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December 23, 1990 4581 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43231 475-0161

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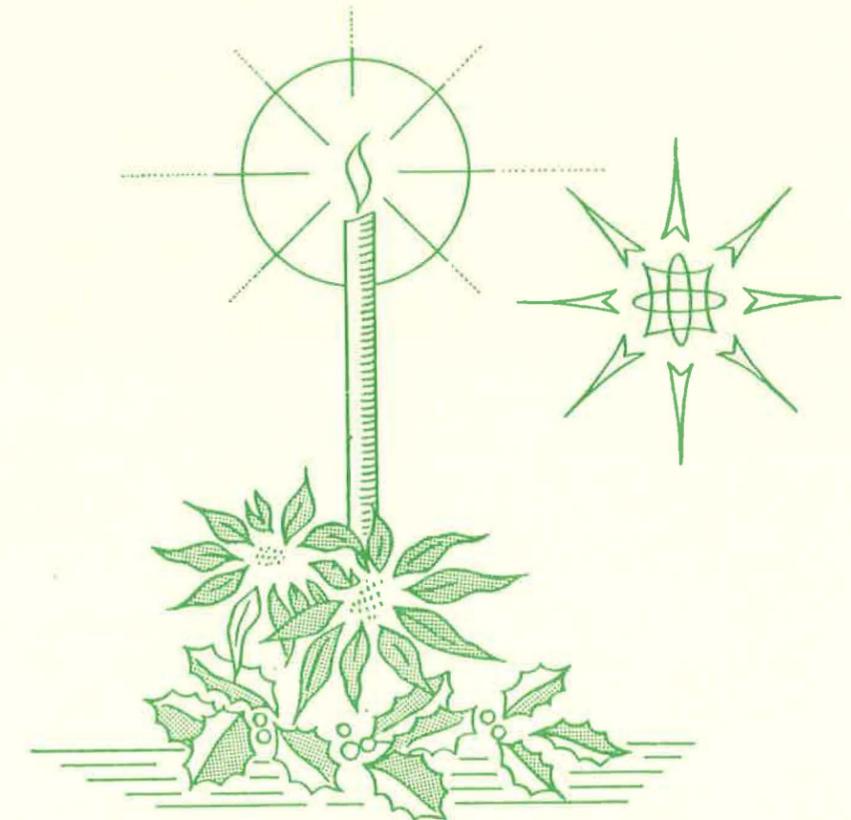
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## SEASONS GREETINGS



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with the prayer that the holidays will be joyous and safe; and the New Year will be most prosperous.



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### NO CALL-UP:

Contrary to the reports given last week, Jill Valkenburg and Robert Brown has not been assigned to Saudia Arabia. Jill informs us that there are no plans for such an assignment in the near future.

### JOBLESS:

We have learned that the following members of the congregation has lost or will lose their jobs during or shortly after the holidays. They are: Mark West, Mike King, Don Traxler, and Paul Zizzo. Remember these people in your prayers that the Lord will bless them with employment.

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### BELONGING TO JESUS

A theme which runs throughout the New Testament is stated very well in Romans 1:6, "And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ". When we became a Christian, we were called out of the corrupt and sinful world into the glorious light of the gospel and we became a special possession of Jesus. Since we have been bought with a special price, we are no longer our own, but we belong to the one who died for the redemption of our sins. (I Cor. 6:19,20)

Belonging to Jesus involves our total being. He not only owns our time, He owns everything we have and are. We have no time, no talent, no relationship, no money, but that which He has allowed us to use. He continued to maintain the ownership. Thus, as we use these things, we must keep in mind that He has the right of ownership and they should be used for His honor and glory.

While this concept may seem at first very confining, in reality it is free and rewarding. It is a great honor to have a loving and compassionate heavenly Father, who has been willing to give us so much. Each day we are reminded of His continual care and concern. Yet, without notice He continues to give and we receive.

But this is not the end, it is just the beginning. Surely, it is enough that He would give us so much in this life, but in consideration of the life which is to come, He has given us nothing. One day soon, He will return, bringing with Him His reward, which will be showered upon those whom He can call His own. *What a day of rejoicing that will be!*

This hope and privilege keeps us. It sustains us. It anchors us. (Hebrews 6:19,20) It is our prayer that those of us who belong to Jesus will become so radiant and alive, that our faith will be seen and felt throughout the city and state. That the light will never be dimmed, but it will burn bright so that the entire world will be drawn to the one to whom we belong.

Bill Hopkins

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Tim Laing	That I'll see God as my Father. That I may trust him and believe that He cares for me.
Connie Lilly	My Father-in-law, Art Ellison passed away from cancer. Pray the family will turn to God.
LaShell Ramsey	I am going through a lot of stress and problems at home and I would like prayers to help me through this time.
Kris & Carol Seitz	Help us to believe and to know that God has blessed us this year.
Shawn Whitby	Prayers to get back to and right with God.
LaueLLa Swindall	Pray for my sister Elaine Harmon - in University Hospital- She is on life support.



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In an elder's meeting on Sunday, December 23, we began to set some realistic goals for the congregation which we expect to realize during 1991. These goals are directed to the spiritual growth of the congregation as well as a dynamic program of evangelism. While there are several details which has not yet been put on paper, we feel it good to share with you what we have concluded thus far.

1. We will give first priority to a balanced, but active program of discipleship. The challenge of the Apostle Peter is our challenge: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18) We are convinced that God has given us the responsibility to see to it that every member of the Northland body develops a definite spiritual growth pattern. This is best done when we regularly are involved with another christian in study, prayer, work, and growth. We will be working with each of you to the best of our ability to assist you in developing the right relationships, which will give you the assistance needed as you grow in Christ.

2. We will also give a special priority to evangelism. The purpose of the Bible Talks is primarily evangelism. We allowed the Bible Talks to meet on Sunday Evening for the purpose of giving every member more time for their family and evangelism. Thus, we personally will be working with each Bible Talk Leader to assist him/her in leading these evangelistic efforts. While we reject the numbers game, we realize that we cannot win the lost without giving some serious attention to the number of visitors who attend the Bible Talk as well as the number of studies regularly being conducted with non-christians.

Beginning early in January we will have a meeting with the Bible Talk Leaders as we begin to activate our plans. I am sure that you will be excited about the challenges and opportunities which lie before us in 1991. We are convinced that these opportunities will best be realized as each member becomes more serious about personal relationship and responsibility before God.

May God bless each of us as we face the possibilities of the New Year.  
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The reality of life in our society is that we are in a receiving mode. We constantly are asking, "What is in it for me?" We go to church expecting a blessing. We attend social events for personal benefits. We rarely do anything without asking; "What are the benefits?" When the expected blessings are not received we conclude that we were robbed of things due us.

This is so unlike our Lord. He came to this earth, with no regard for his personal welfare. His life is described as a total self denial. (Phil. 2:5-8) He left his father's house, came to this earth, lived as a servant to man, and later died a criminals death, for the benefit of man.

The Apostle begins; "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus". (V. 5) If the Christian is a person who has given his life to Jesus, surely, he will seek to imitate the Savior. We will be as near like Him as possible.

Thus, we must strive to rid ourselves of this self centered way of life and truly become a follower of Jesus. We must attempt to apply the principles of live which will separate us from the world and mark us as spiritual. The Apostle Paul stated it this way: "I urge you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship" (Rom. 12:1)

You see we are not in this world to become as rich as we can. To live as luxuriously as possible. To receive as many rewards as possible. We are here to serve. May we learn to be the greastest servant of all. (Matt. 20:26-28)

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### BIBLE PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- Land where Jesus was born (Matt. 2:6)
  - "to the World"
  - What people do in the Christmas pageant
  - Noun suffix denoting action (pt.)
  - Girl's name
  - Old Testament book (abbr.)
  - Birthplace of Jesus
  - Gress (abbr.)
  - Electrified particles
  - Father of Balaam (Num. 22:5)
  - There was no room for Jesus there (two words)
  - Crystallize
  - "And they came with " (Luke 2:16)
  - Kind of tidings (Luke 2:10)
  - Ruler (abbr.)
  - In the genealogy of Jesus (Matt. 1:10; poss.)
  - King of Judah who was ancestor of Jesus (Matt. 1:7)
  - Scient
  - Ancestor of Joseph (Matt. 1:14)
  - Woman of rank
  - What the wise men did with their treasures (Matt. 2:11)
  - The angel Gabriel spoke to her
  - Ancestor of Jesus (Luke 3:38)
  - Place in Assyria (2 Ki. 17:24)
  - Commemorates Christ's birthday
  - Metal plate
  - Timothy's grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5)
  - His angel appeared unto Joseph in a dream (Matt. 1:20)
  - Identification (abbr.; pl.)
  - Dentist (abbr.)
  - A luffed bunch, as of hairs

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- DOWN
- One appeared to the shepherds (Luke 2)
  - Silent Night, for one
  - Norse god of thunder
  - Gas
  - Christ was of David's (Luke 2)
  - The lame man was commended to take it up (John 5:13)
  - Article
  - Jacob sojourned here (Gen. 28:11)
  - Some call it the sixth sense (abbr.)
  - Pronoun
  - Mary was espoused to him (poss.)
  - Emmanuel, with us
  - He rose up against Moses (Num. 16:1-2)
  - Pronoun
  - Biblical place (Num. 34:11)
  - Seek justice by legal process
  - Enlarge
  - One of "Little Women"
  - Leading edge (abbr.)
  - Bethlehem was called his city (Luke 2:4)
  - City of Judah (Josh. 15:32; poss.)
  - American statesman
  - Wise men
  - "your feet with the preparation" (Eph. 6:15)
  - Greek goddess of discord
  - Cleared (abbr.)
  - Tender loving care (abbr.)
  - Sound that might have been heard at Jesus' birthplace
  - God showed strength with it (Luke 1:51)
  - Specific dynamic action (abbr.)
  - You have heard of his patience (Jas. 5:11)
  - Application
  - Detail (abbr.)
  - Tree
  - His gospel does not record the birth of Jesus
  - "shall offend one of these little" (Mark 9:42)
  - Sweet potato

