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The Holy Chambers.

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EZEKIEL 43

10 The chambers were in the thick-
ness of the wall of the court toward
the east, over against the separate
place, and over against them were
11 And the way before them was
like the appearance of the chambers,
which were toward the north, as long
as they, and as broad as they; and all
as they pointed out were both according
to their fashions, and according to
their doors.
12 And according to the doors of the
chambers that were toward the south
was a door in the head of the wall,
toward the way directly before the wall
toward the east, as one entrance into
them.
13 * Then said he unto me, The
north chambers and the south cham-
bers, which are before the separate
place, they be holy chambers, where
the priests that approach unto the
Lord shall eat the most holy things,
there shall they lay the most holy
things, and the meat offerings, and the
sin offering, and the trespass offering,
for the place is holy.
14 When the priests enter therein,
then shall they not go out of the sep-
arate place into the utter court, but
they shall lay their garments where they
minister; for they are holy, and shall
put on other garments, and shall not
approach to those things which are
for the people.
15 Now when he had made an end
of measuring the inner house, he
brought me forth toward the gate,
whose prospect is toward the east, and
measured it round about.
16 He measured the east side with
the measuring reed, five hundred
reefs, with the measuring reed, round
about.
17 He measured the north side, five
hundred reeds, with the measuring
reed round about.
18 He measured the south side,
five hundred reeds, with the measur-
ing reed.
19 * He turned about to the
side, and measured five hundred
reefs, with the measuring reed.
20 He measured it by the forepart,
it had a wall round about, five
hundred reeds long, and five hundred
reefs broad, to make a separation between
the sanctuary and the profane house.

CHAPTER 42

Then he brought me forth into
the utter court, the way toward
the north; and he brought me into
the chamber that was over against
the separate place, and which was
before the building toward the north,
2 Before the length of an hundred
cubits, and the length of the
chamber was fifty cubits,
3 Over against the inner court, and
which were for the pavement, which
was for the utter court, was a
gallery in three doors,
4 And before the chambers was
a way of ten cubits, and their doors
toward the north.
5 Now the galleries were higher
shorter; for the galleries were higher
toward the north, and the middlemost
of the building was
6 For they were in three stories, but
had not pillars as the building was
courts; therefore the lowest was
straitened more than the ground,
7 And the wall that was without over-
against the chambers, toward the
utter court, the forepart of the
chambers, the length thereof was fifty
cubits.
8 For the length of the chambers
that were in the utter court, was fifty
cubits; and, lo, before the temple
was an hundred cubits.
9 And from under these chambers
was the entry on the east side, as
was the entry into them from the utter
court.

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ness of the wall of the court toward
the east, over against the separate
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CHAPTER 43

Afterward he brought me
into the gate, toward the east.
2 And, behold, the glory of
the Lord of Israel came from the east:

The Vision of the Glory.

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the east; and his voice was like the
noise of many waters; and the earth
shined with his glory.
3 And it was according to the vision
which I saw, even according to the vision that I
saw when I came to destroy the
city; and the visions were like the
vision that I saw by the river Chebar,
and I fell upon my face.
4 And the glory of the Lord came
into the house by the way of the gate,
whose prospect is toward the east.
5 So the spirit took me up, and
brought me into the inner court; and
behold, the glory of the Lord filled
the house.
6 And I heard him speaking unto
me out of the house; and the man
stood by me.
7 * And he said unto me, Son of
man, the place of my throne, and the
place of the soles of my feet,
where I will dwell in the midst of the
children of Israel for ever, and my
holy name shall the house of Israel
call, by their whoredoms, nor by
the carcasses of their kings in their
high places.
8 In their setting of their thresh-
old by my thresholds, and their post by
my posts, and the wall between me
and them, they have even defiled my
name by their abominations that
they have committed; therefore have
I consumed them in mine anger.
9 Now let them put away their
whoredoms, and the carcasses of their
kings, far from me, and I will dwell
in the midst of them for ever.
10 * Thou son of man, show these
things to the house of Israel, that
they may be ashamed of their iniquities;
and let them measure the pattern,
and if they be ashamed of all that
they have done, show them the
form of the house, and the fashion
thereof, and the courses thereof, and
the comings thereof, and all the
forms thereof, and all the forms
thereof, and all the laws thereof; and
write it in their sight, that they may
see the whole form thereof, and all
the ordinances thereof, and do them.
11 This is the law of the house:
Upon the top of the mountain shall
be built thereof round about, shall
be most holy. Behold, this is the law
of the house.
12 * And these are the measures of
the altar after the cubits: The cubit
is an cubit and an hand breadth; even
the bottom shall be a cubit, and the
height a cubit; and the border there-

of by the edge thereof round about
shall be a span; and this shall be the
higher place of the altar.
14 * And from the bottom upon the
ground over to the lower settle shall
be two cubits, and from the breadth one
cubit; and from the lesser settle even
to the greater settle shall be four
cubits, and the breadth one cubit;
and from the altar shall be four cubits;
15 So the breadth one cubit, and
the four horns.
16 And the altar shall be twelve
cubits long, twelve broad, square in
the four squares thereof.
17 And the settle shall be fourteen
cubits long and fourteen broad in the
bottom; thereof shall be a cubit about;
and his stairs shall look toward the
east.
18 * And he said unto me, Son of
man, thus saith the Lord GOD: These
are the ordinances of the altar in
offer burnt offerings thereon, and to
sprinkle blood thereon.
19 And thou shalt give to the
priests—the Levites, that be of the seed
of Aaron, which approach unto me, to
minister unto me, saith the Lord GOD,
20 A young bullock for a sin offering,
21 thereof, and part of the blood
of it, and on the four horns
of the altar, and upon the border round
about thereof, thus shalt thou cleanse
and purge it.
22 * Thou shalt take the bullock also
of the sin offering, and he shall burn
it in the appointed place of the house,
without the sanctuary.
23 And on the second day thou shalt
offer a kid of the goats without blemish,
for a sin offering; and they shall
cleanse with the bullock.
24 When thou hast made an end of
burning the bullock, thou shalt offer a young
goat without blemish, and a ram
of the flock without blemish,
and thou shalt offer them be-
fore the Lord; and the priests shall
cast salt upon them, and the priests shall
offer them up for a burnt offering
unto the Lord.
25 Seven days shall thou prepare
every day a goat for a sin offering;
they shall also prepare a young bul-
lock, and a ram out of the flock, with-
out blemish.
26 Seven days shall they purge the
altar and purify it; and they shall
consecrate themselves.
27 And when these days are ex-

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VOICE OF THE EDITOR

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**PREACHING, PRAYING, SINGING
AND SHOUTING**

Was the order of the day at the National
Christian Preaching Convention, held at Emman-
uel Church of Christ, Baltimore, Maryland, Au-
gust 10 to 15, 1973.

Preaching daily 11 A.M., 3 P.M., 8 P.M. At some

of the sessions we had double headers and triple
header sermons. In other words you could hear
two or three sermons for the price of one. At
one session we had a sale. As many sermons as
you could stand to hear for the price of one. Like
the Apostle Paul in Acts 20:7, a certain Brother
"Continued his speech until midnight;" and no-
body went to sleep, or fell out the window.

Among those seen and heard at the Conven-
tion, Elder R. Gilliard of the West Minister, Mary-
land Church, Elder M. B. Chambers of Emmanuel
Church, Elder B. Gabreal Mann of Good Samaritan
Christian Church. Elder L. A. Gibbs of Mt.
Olivet Christian Church. Elder C. L. Whitfield,
retired of Baltimore. Elder C. W. Arnold of 92nd
Street Church of Christ, Los Angeles, Calif., Elder
W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor of The Christian In-
former. And several others who spoke, Elder
George W. Jones of the 12th St. Christian Church,
Washington, D.C. The attendance was excellent
the fellowship was good.

It was indeed a preaching convention.

**PREACHING CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH
IS OUR ONLY BUSINESS**

We believe and preach no creed but Christ.
Matt. 16:16. No book of authority but the Bible.
2nd Timothy 3:16-17. No church but the Church
of Christ. Romans 16:16. No name for the mem-
bers but Christian. Acts 11:26.

No denominational nor open-membership act.
Only the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 2:42. No love
but brotherly love. Hebrews 13:1.

No ship but fellowship. First John 1:6-7. No
race but the human race. Gal. 3:28. No color but
the pure in heart. Matt. 5:8. No church but the
one planted by the Lord Jesus Christ. Matt. 15:13.

No black power, no white power, only the gos-
pel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto sal-
vation. Romans 1:16.

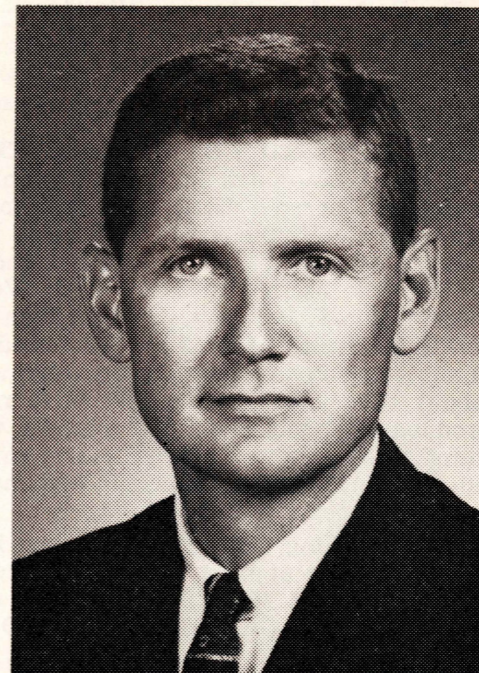
No country but America Land, where my fa-
ther, grandfather, great grandfather died.
father died.

No flag but the American flag (Old Glory).
Long may it wave, over the land of the free and
the home of the brave. Don't try to tell me that
I am not free. I would rather for you to spit in
my face, than to say that to me. Read the Eman-
cipation Proclamation by President Abraham
Lincoln. Read the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amend-
ments to the United States Constitution.

FORTY YEARS

The first Lord's Day in August 1933 was the
birthday of the Emmanuel Church of Christ Con-
gregation in Baltimore, Md. Some of our members
have been with us since the beginning. Some of
them have not missed being at church and the
Lord's Supper and giving their offering since we
started forty years ago. They have been faithful.
Some of them have gone on before to their home
beyond the river.

Some of them have forsaken the church but
we still love them and we will kill the fatted calf
when they return.



Dr. Bruce E. Miller, Minister

We welcome you to the North Tacoma Chris-
tian Church of Indianapolis, 2502 East 38th Street.
It is our hope that this church may be a source
of inspiration and religious help to you.

OUR PURPOSE:

North Tacoma Christian Church is a part of
a great world-wide fellowship of Christian people
whose belief and practice is patterned after the
Christianity revealed in the New Testament scrip-
tures.

Our purpose is to make Christ known to the
people who live in this community. In addition to
that, we support the work of others who are mak-
ing Christ known in other places. Our over-all
goal is to bring the world to acquaintance with
God the Father, and Jesus Christ His Son.

OUR BELIEFS:

We believe in God. That is, we believe in a
pre-existing Being who was Creator and is Main-
tainer of the world in which we live. We believe
that Being to be a living, conscious, personal God
revealed to man in the Bible and through the ex-
perience of persons who have known Him through
all the ages of history.

We believe also in Jesus Christ, the Flesh and
Blood revelation of God to man, who was born
and lived and ministered on earth. We believe
the New Testament to be the record of the Person,
the purpose and the accomplishments of this Je-
sus Christ. That New Testament record tells us
that Jesus is the Person and the means through
whom we come to God. Therefore, we believe it
and practice what Jesus Christ taught.

We believe and accept the Bible as the revela-
tion of God to men. We accept its teachings about
God, Christ, the Holy Spirit and the will of God
as the intended beliefs and practices of the Chris-
tian life.

We believe that the breaking of bread in sa-
cred remembrance of Jesus Christ, commonly
called the Communion, or the Lord's Supper, was
meant to be the central act of Christian worship.
Therefore, our Sunday morning service is built
around this act of remembrance and rededication
every week. (Acts 20:7.)

OUR INVITATION:

As the purpose of our ministry in this place is
to preach and present Jesus Christ as the Son of
the Living God and the Savior of the world, our
invitation is to all who come seeking Him to unite
with us in our common purpose and hope. There-
fore, membership in this church is based on the
New Testament pattern of how man became a
part of the Christian fellowship. This pattern
consists of:

—Belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Liv-
ing God (Matthew 16:16) and the source of
salvation (Mark 16:16).

—Obedience to the commandments of this Jesus.
These commandments include:

—An attitude of repentance for sin and a willing-
ness to be changed by faith (Acts 3:19)

—Public declaration of faith in Him (Matthew
10:32)

—Baptism (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38). Baptism,
which is oftentimes a controversial problem,
is resolved for us in the clear New Testament
teaching that this is the burial of repentant,
believing persons in water, fulfilling the direct
command of Christ, symbolizing His death,
burial and resurrection and the Christian hope
of resurrection (Romans 6:1-7).

—Recognition and completion of these require-
ments are all that we have any right to ask of
anyone seeking membership in this Church.

Those who have already fulfilled these New
Testament teachings can take fellowship in this
church by a transfer of their membership.

Any fellowship with this church, of course, im-
plies the sincere effort to live a life in keeping
with the character of Christ.

OUR PROGRAM:

We provide a diversified program of worship,
study and service activities. Our goal is to chal-
lenge and lead the members and friends of this
congregation to the high purpose of the Christian
life. Briefly outlined, our regularly scheduled
activities are:

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
(Nursery and Junior Church facilities
are available during Worship Service
and Sunday School)

10:55 a.m. Sunday School Classes (for all
ages)

7:00 p.m. Youth Meetings (ages 10 thru high
school, September thru May) and Adult
Study Groups.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY:

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Church building is open for Quiet Meditation and Prayer.

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Our Church has **three** choirs that meet regularly for rehearsal: The Chancel Choir (adult), The High School Choir (grades 9-12), The Youth Choir (grades 4-8). The whole music program is under the direction of a skilled musician.

Boy Scout Troop 425 and Explorer Post 425 are sponsored by and meet in our building.

Our Church participates as a sponsor and contributor to the Allendale Christian Assembly, a summer camping program for young people in school grades five through high school.

An annual training program for young people interested in becoming members of the congregation is conducted each year prior to the Easter season by the minister.

OUR SUPPORT:

The financial support of the church is derived from the voluntary contributions of the members of the church. An envelope system is used. A budget is carefully prepared by the Finance Committee, approved by the Church Board and mailed out to the congregation. No assessments or amounts of giving are established. However, we teach and encourage the giving of the tithe (10% of one's income) as a Christian practice.

OUR MINISTRY:

The minister of this church is available to anyone who calls on him for consultation or for services which he can render. He welcomes an opportunity to speak to anyone interested in Christian fellowship and church membership. Such appointments can be made through the church office. Bruce E. Miller has been the minister since August 1, 1951.

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THINK ON THESE THINGS

TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS

One of the common complaints in the church is that people who become Christians are sometimes prone to wither and die because there is no effort made to conserve them and to get them integrated into the life of the Lord's work. Volumes of one kind or another have been written about "shepherding," "work of conservation," and other related subjects so that something positive can be done about this needed effort. We have needed and prodded the Elders of the church to "do something about this." We have called and discharged preachers so that we could somehow get one that "can keep the people."

As we take a long look at the problem it suddenly becomes very apparent that we have for a long time **HAD THE MEANS OF DOING A LOT TO CONSERVE THE CHRISTIAN AND TO HELP HIM TO GROW!**

The **SUNDAY SCHOOL** structure is an excellent means to obtain teaching and to help the new Christian grow. The youth work, now often blessed with a special youth minister, is another means in our midst. We have study opportunities on Wednesday night. The women meet regularly every month and again become a means of helping the one who is a babe in Christ.

But something has happened!

New Christians do not come to the Bible School as they should, and hardly ever to Wednesday night study . . . because the veterans of the faith see no reason to attend. Youth meetings languish and not too many come to the things planned for men and women in separate groups. We are seeing a time when the morning worship service is "The Thing." People attend this service and forget the rest.

NOW WHY IS THIS TRUE?

Could it be because these meetings are dull? Or, are they just not well planned? It may be that the agenda for the meeting was quickly thrown together five minutes before meeting time. Or, maybe it has been reduced simply to a time of "goofing off."

I am not convinced that a sincere new Christian deliberately boycotts these learning and fellowship situations from the beginning of their life in the Lord. There is surely something that we are doing, or not doing that makes this happen. It should cause all of us to take a long look at everything in the church life where we have a responsible part and try to seek some kind of real answer. It is a bit of foolishness to begin thinking up new ideas as to how we can properly shepherd and conserve the new Christian, when we are simply not getting the job done with the means we already have at hand.

Our Bible School classes and our Youth Training programs should be particularly vigorous. They should be giving our people basic knowledge of the Word of God. I strongly suspect that too much of what we do is simply an effort to enter-

tain and not to build up in the faith. A church paper I recently read spoke of a singing group that was coming to a particular service because they "were good entertainers." If this is all . . . then brethren, we are out of gas.

Rolland A. Steever



Dr. Willie Jones, Minister, Philippi Church of Christ, Minerals, Va. and The Carver Road Church of Christ, Winston Salem, N.C., President of the Tri-State Evangelistic Association.

NORTH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION
HOUR OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

9:00 A. M.
PROGRAM

- Vocal and Instrumental
- Lillian Carson
- Timotheus Carson
- Gary Barnes
- Lillian Carson
- Foster Sizemore
- Lillian Carson

A HERITAGE OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

The songs used in this morning's worship have their origin either of words or music from people of the Restoration Movement or closely associated with it. What thanksgiving we should offer to God for putting in the hearts and minds of these composers that which continues to be helpful to us in prayer and in praising Him. Our thanks to Enos Dowling for furnishing this historical data.

"Pause For a Moment of Prayer"/words by Ina Duley Ogden, music by J. S. Waugh

Ina Duley Ogden—born Rossville, Illinois. School teacher at Cherryville, Illinois. Baptized and member of the Christian Church. Presently a member of the Hampton Park Christian Church Toledo, Ohio.

"God Will Take Care of You"/words by Mrs. Civilla D. Martin, music by S. Martin Watter

Mrs. Walter S. Martin was a Bible expositor and hymn writer. Served several years on the staff of Standard Publishing Co. Died in Atlanta, Georgia, 1935.

"Purer in Heart"/words by Mrs. Fannie Church Davison, music by J. H. Fillmore

Mrs. Fannie Church Davison, a devoted member of the Christian Church for many years. Made her home at Ravenna, Ohio. James H. Fillmore. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio. His father was a Christian Church minister and musical author and his mother, a noted singer. A printer by trade, he devoted his life to music teaching and selling music books and becoming a noted publisher of religious music.

"Beyond the Sunset"/words by Virgil P. Brock, music by Blanche K. Brock

Virgil Brock was born in Celina, Ohio. He became associated with Homer Rodeheaver and devoted his life to sacred music, both in composing and song evangelism.

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"/words by Mrs. Civilla D. Martin, music by Charles H. Gabriel

"The Beautiful Garden of Prayer"/words by E. A. Schroll, music by James H. Fillmore

"I'll Put Jesus First in My Life"/Words and music by James DeForest Murch

Dr. James DeForest Murch, whose recent passing is mourned by all of us has been a noted writer and lecturer. Thousands have shared his frequent contributions to the **Christian Standard**. This well-loved song expresses the theme of his life.

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"/Words by R. H. McDaniel, Music by C. H. Gabriel

R. H. McDaniel was an ordained minister of the Christian Ch.

"Jesus Is All the World To Me"/Words and music by Will Thompson

Will L. Thompson made his home in East Liverpool, Ohio. He was a composer of both secular and sacred music. He was baptized as a youth and united with the Christian Church. "It Pays to Serve Jesus"/Words and Music by Frank Huston
Frank Huston was a Christian Church evangelist.

"It Took A Miracle"/Words by Carlton Buck, Music by John W. Peterson

Carlton Buck is the minister of First Christian Church, Eugene, Oregon.

"I Would Be Like Jesus"/Words by James Rowe, Music by B. D. Ackley

James Rowe is identified by C. E. Spencer with the Christian Ch.

Others: Charles Meigs

W. E. M. Hackleman
W. E. M. Hackleman, a church musician through and through, a native of Indiana, made his mark as soloist, choirmaster, composer, publisher, song evangelist and served as president of the National Association of Church Musicians. He led the music for the communion service, Centennial Convention, Pittsburgh. Indianapolis was his home and the location of the Hackleman Music Company.

Other familiar songs linked with the Restoration Movement include:

- "Love Lifted Me"
- "Footsteps of Jesus"
- "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"
- "Christ Is King"
- "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
- "You Must Open the Door"
- "Anywhere with Jesus"
- "The Way of the Cross Leads Home"

REMEMBER

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.
In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all mankind.
Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.
In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth. AMEN.
John Oxenham

NOW GET ANGRY WITH ME

And stop reading The Christian Informer if you feel like it. Someone else will read it.
I am not going to turn my back on Jesus Christ and His Church, just because Judas betrayed Him for thirty pieces of silver. I am not going to turn my back on the Church of Christ, just because Peter at one time denied Christ. I am not going to turn my back on the Republican Party because of Watergate. I never heard of Watergate until a few weeks ago.

A LONG TIME

I have been attending board meetings, and other meetings in Indianapolis off and on, ever since the United Christian Missionary Society moved to Indianapolis from St. Louis, Mo., until 1944.
But I enjoyed myself better at the North Tacoma Christian Church and at the East 16th Christian Church, and at the North American Christian Convention, those few days, better than all of the other years put together.

THE ATMOSPHERE

The atmosphere was so Christian in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Cunningham where I was guest. And the Churches where I preached. And at the North American Christian Convention.
The atmosphere was so Christian around me, it was hard for me to believe whether I was from Up South, or from Down North, or from Up West, or from the Deep East. Like Peter said in Acts 2:26, "Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope."

The great sermons and the songs by all of the song leaders and choir made my cup run over. And I thought like Jacob in Genesis 28:17 when he said, "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

HERE AND THERE

We left Baltimore, Md., July seventh for Indianapolis, Ind.

Lord's Day Morning July 9th we preached at the North Tacoma Christian Church, Dr. Bruce E. Miller, Minister, Dr. Wilbert A. Cunningham, Associate Minister.

Lord's Day Evening we preached at the East 16th St. Christian Church, Dr. Weldon H. Robertson, Minister.

July 10 to 13th we attended the North American Christian Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. There we met old friends and made new friends. Hundreds of people at the Convention knew me, but I did not know them. They knew me by reading the Christian Informer. We saw hundreds of Christian Informer readers and received new ones.

We left Indianapolis Friday for Chicago, to bring back to Baltimore Carrie Anna and her three children for a vacation. We stopped in Chicago just long enough to speak to Sister Viola Taylor and her fine family.

August 10 to 15th we attended the National Christian Preaching Convention in Baltimore, Md.

We left Baltimore August 16th, to attend the Tri-State Evangelistic Association. Meeting with the Mt. Olive Church of Christ Concord, N.C., Minister Nelson McCall, President. Minister Green Moore, Host Pastor. I was glad to see my old friends. Especially Bro. John Mack and Sister Mack. Brother Mack is the Minister of the Spencer Memorial Church of Christ, Winston Salem, N.C. He is eighty-six and is going strong for Christ and the Church. They have been married more than sixty-four years.

We left Baltimore Lord's Day August 26th, for Minerals, Va. to preach at the Philippi Church of Christ. Minister Willie Jones is doing a fine job there. It was good to see young people in the Church and Choir; and to see old men as old as I am or older taking an active part in the Bible School. One Brother who is as old or older than I am, drives his 1931 Ford car to Church and Sunday School every Sunday. He has been offered a big price for the car, but he would rather drive it to Church and Sunday School.

While out of the city, Minister M. B. Chambers, Minister Gabreal Manns filled the pulpit at Emmanuel Church of Christ.

If it is the Lord's will we will leave Baltimore about September 7th for Gary, Indiana. There we will conduct a revival at the Wildwood Church of Christ, 2316 Hendricks Street. Elder Jackson is the minister. Mrs. Magnolia Clark, Dean of Women at the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Ky., visited Emmanuel Church of Christ, Baltimore and the Eastern Christian College, Bel Air, Md., recently.

LOOKING BACKWARD

Looking backward is constructive if it helps us to look forward.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Dr. R. L. Sercy of Texas. Brother Sercy was my friend for more than fifty years. He pastored churches in Ohio, Illinois, Oklahoma and Texas. He helped build the College of the Scriptures, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Baxter C. Duke of California, Another old friend of mine. Brother Duke pastored the church at Indianapolis, Ind. and at Los Angeles, Calif. He was Second Vice President of the National Christian Missionary Convention, when I quit.

MR. PHILIP FAUST

Mr. Philip Vincent Faust Sr., 68, 2045 U.S. 19 N., Southern Comfort Mobile Home Park, died Friday (April 6, 1973) at Mease Hospital.

He was born in Elmsworth, Pa., and came here a year and a half ago from Valencia, Pa. He was a retired steel worker with the Jones and Laughlin Steel Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., with 27 years of service.

He was a member of First Christian Church, Clearwater.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mabel, Clearwater; two sons, Charles E., West Iceland, L.I., N.Y.; Philip V. Jr., Proctorville, Ohio; seven grandchildren; a great-grandson; three sisters, Miss Edith, Mayview, Pa., Miss Louise, Belleview, Pa; Mrs. Agnes Klages, Belleair, Md.

Evans Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Faust made herself known to me at the North American Christian Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. and told me of the passing of Brother Faust. I meet Brother Faust at the St. Louis, Mo., N.A.C.C. He was a staunch supporter of The Christian Informer.

When I was a little boy about 75 years ago, my granddaddy and grandmother told me about Hellgate. Grandmother told me that her daddy was beaten and died the next day, because he would not drink some milk a big rat drowned in. Grandpapa told me how his twin brother was sold to the highest bidder, on the auction block and he never saw him again. With me Watergate is not nearly as bad as Hellgate.

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THE REASON I AM A REPUBLICAN

I am a Republican because I hate human slavery. I am a Republic because President Abraham Lincoln said, "This government cannot endure permanently, half slave and half free." I am a Republican because the Republican Party was born July 6th, 1854 in Jackson, Michigan; to oppose the extension of slavery, and finally the end of slavery. (See the Encyclopedia Britannica, 13th Edition, Volume 23, page 177.)

I am a Republican because I cannot forget those Union Soldiers who fought and died on the battlefields of Gettysburg and elsewhere; to save the Union and set me free. If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, (Republican Party) let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth. Psalms 135:5-6.

I am a Republican because the Republican party put an end to my foreparents being sold



on the auction block to the highest bidder; like you would sell hogs, horses, mules, cows, sheep and goats. When the Republican Party got me out of slavery they did the most important thing in life for me. And if I have any get up in me, I ought to be able to get along as good as anyone else, regardless of race, creed or color in America.

I think it was Patrick Henry who said something like this. "I care not the course others may take, but as for me, give me Liberty or give me death." I.W.H. (Baltimore) Taylor, say, I care not what others may preach, do, and say. But as for me give me the church of Christ (Christian Church) as found in the New Testament; and the Republican Party. Or give me death. I think it was Frederick Douglas, a former slave who said, "The Republican Party is the ship and everything else is the sea."

I would be afraid and ashamed to belong to a church, if all of it could not be found in the New Testament. I also would be ashamed to belong to a party that endorsed human slavery, regardless of how nice they try to be to me. (See Encyclopedia Britannica, 13th Edition, Volume 8, Page 3.)

ALMOST MONTHLY

Some of our readers send almost monthly donations to the Christian Informer. They are:

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I WAS AFRAID

I wanted to attend the First North American Christian Convention, in the days of Dr. P. H. Welsheimer and other great men of the Faith, whom I had seen and read about. But I was afraid, because I had been hurt at the International and the World Convention, so I would not take a chance. Oldtimers ought to know what I am talking about. I was taught from my childhood up, to never force myself on anyone. I never approved of the "sit in, kneel in, force in, etc." If I am not invited, I will stay on my side of the fence and make my side of the fence attractive. That is one of the reasons we have the National Christian Preaching Convention and The Christian Informer.

When I received a letter from Dr. Leonard Wy-more, Convention Director, asking me to speak at one of the sessions, when the Convention met in St. Louis, Mo., in 1970. I, like Paul in Acts 28:15. "I thanked God and took courage." Because I had been looking for such an invitation since 1944.

IT WAS NOT ICE WATER

A Brother at the North American Christian Convention, whom I had never met before., said to me, I have been reading the Christian Informer for years and I like it. Because you give the open-membership gang, what President Harry Truman gave his enemies. You know it was not ice water.

A BAD FELLOW

I made a bad fellow of myself with the United Christian Missionary Society, when some of the so-called Big Shots were wearing diapers; or unborn.

Because I was a free man, nobody had a mortgage on my mouth. And I have never been on the U.C.M.S. payroll, and never asked or received a dime from them.

It seems to have been my job to pull chestnuts out of the fire for my Brothers and Sisters on the U.C.M.S. payroll.

We tried to pull out such chestnuts as open membership Jim Crowism, segregation and discrimination. Old timers ought to know what I am talking about. Read Dr. Preston Taylor's speech to the first National Christian Missionary Convention in 1917. This speech was published in the Christian Plea about 1940, when Prof. M. R. Eppse was Editor.

LATE MODEL PREACHER

More than fifty years ago, we helped pull spiritual chestnuts out of the hot fire. So that these late-model preachers might have a good salary and a church to preach in.

Most of the churches and colleges I know of were started by what the late model preachers call fogey preachers.

My first salary was fifty dollars a year. My religion will not let me tell you the kind of fool a preacher is who can't pastor a church with a salary of more than one hundred dollars a week.

I have been pastoring Emmanuel Church of Christ forty years, and I have never had a salary.

I have never charged for marriage, funeral, revivals or anything Spiritual. I leave it to the people to give as they feel able, and they satisfy me every time.

A few months ago I preached two sermons and the people gave me a check for two hundred and fifty dollars. I thought that they would have given about twenty-five or thirty dollars. Young preachers, preach Christ not money, and all these things shall be added unto you.

I have never charged for a revival in all my life. I leave it to the pastor. I conducted a revival not long ago and the pastor and mem-bered a revival not long ago and the pastor and members treated me so nice, I felt like paying them for letting me preach. They surprised me. They gave me a check for nearly three hundred dollars. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Some readers of the Christian Informer, send me monthly checks of one to twenty-five dollars. The love of Christ constrains them. Others send donations all along the way. May God bless them.

Young preachers, preach Christ and the money will come.

YOU CAN'T STOP ME FROM THINKING

When I hear the name "Black Church" I think of the "Black Panthers and Black Octobers" and separation and dis-unity among Americans.

When I hear the name "White Church," I think of slavery, the white-robed "K.K.K." and the "Lily-white Society."

When I hear the name Church of Christ or Christian Church, I think of God and his Son Jesus Christ. I think of love, unity and fellowship with my brothers and sisters in Christ. I think of "when we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be."

I think of what Christ said in Matthew 11:28-29-30.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest in your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

EXAMINE MY RECORD

And you will find out that I am not "an Uncle Tom." I am a Christian and a member of the true Church of Christ as found in the New Testament. I love my enemies as Christ said do in Matthew 5:43-44. I will turn the other cheek as he said in Luke 6:29. If you do not believe me, then try me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord (Church of Christ) for ever.

IT IS NO HARM TO ASK QUESTIONS

When will the open membership brethren stop selling? I read in the public press that they sold Southern Christian Institute or Mt. Beulah College to the African Methodist Church.

Southern Christian Institute or Mt. Beulah College at Edwards, Miss. started in 1882. This College had 1,265 acres of ground. It was the pride of my people. Many of our leading men and women came from that College. I deeply mourn with the Brethren for the loss of Southern Christian College, Edwards, Miss.

Why did they sell Piedmont Christian Institute, Martinsville, Va.? Piedmont Christian Institute was started in the Fayette St. Christian Church by my old friend Dr. James H. Thomas in 1900. In 1923 when things were cheap they built a \$60,000 building on the campus.

What happened to the Louisville (Kentucky) Bible School which opened in 1873?

What happened to the Christian Bible College at New Castle, Ky. which opened in 1884?

What happened to Central Christian Institute, Jonesboro, Tenn.?

Did they sell the Preston Taylor House for young students attending Butler University?

Is Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, with 21 oil wells on its campus, the only one not sold?

Who owns Flanner House in Indianapolis, Ind.?

Who sold the Oak Wood Blvd. Christian Church building Chicago, Ill.? With his time, talent and money, Preston Taylor made this church the pride of the Brotherhood.

LIKE PHARAOH AND HIS HOST

Like Pharaoh and his host who made a sneak attack on Moses and the Children of Israel at the Red Sea, in like manner the United Christian Missionary Society made a sneak attack on the National Christian Missionary Convention of which Baltimore Taylor was seventh president, Lexington, Ky.

When Baltimore Taylor was elected President in 1942 at Kansas City, Mo., the open membership men knew that he cared nothing about the U.C.M.S., that he would lead the Convention out of U.C.M.S. bondage.

From 1917 to 1942 someone from the U.C.M.S. would be sent to our Convention as guest speaker. I got tired of hearing "You folk" and "Negro church," by some two by four speaker from so-called headquarters. They would tell us about Africa and how they love the natives, and the great things being done for them. But in some States of America nothing has ever been done, and some of them would not sit on the same bench with you; and at mealtime they did not eat with us, they went downtown to the hotel, where none of us could go, unless we went to carry the suitcase or wash dishes. Do you call that Christianity or hypocrisy? Oldtimers know what I am talking about.

A NEW DAY

When Baltimore Taylor became president, he did not invite anyone from the U.C.M.S. as guest speaker. With the help of Dr. C. W. Arnold of California, then of Columbus, Ohio, we invited Dr. W. R. Walker, Minister of the church at Columbus, Ohio and of the Standard Publishing Company, as guest speaker. With him came Dr. Errett of Standard Publishing Company. My plan was to break away from Pharaoh and his host, or, as some might say, the open membership gang.

For the next Convention held in Lexington, Ky., we invited my old friend, Dr. O. A. "Pappy" Trinkle, as guest speaker. At that convention we also invited Dr. Tibbs Maxey, Dr. Max W. Randall, Dr. Wm. Sweeney, Dr. O. Morgan and others.

Somebody called open membership headquarters and told them who old Baltimore Taylor had invited to the Convention and who he was keeping company with. Like Moses at the Red Sea when he looked and saw Pharaoh and his host, I was surprised when I looked and saw the "Top Brass" from the open membership headquarters. I have not seen any of the Top Brass since that day. What happened to Pharaoh and his host? Please tell me.

P. P. E. E. R. V.

W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor, Pastor, Publisher, Evangelist, Editor, Reporter for the Christian Informer, and the voice of one crying in the Restoration Wilderness, saying, knock down denominationalism. Knock down open membership and its evils. Let us build up the true Church of Christ as it is found in the New Testament.

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CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

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"Copying God's Style" Read Galatians 2:17-21

"I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST, IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME; AND THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME." v-20

CHRISTIANITY and giving seem to go together. All the comparisons that Jesus used about Himself illustrate the fact that God has given. The good shepherd gave his life for the sheep. The vine gave of itself so that fruit could be borne.

Man has a hard time competing with God in the matter of giving. We read in Paul's writing something of the gifts HE gave to us:

- *life eternal instead of beng dead in our sins;
- *the Father's mercy instead of God's wrath;
- *heirs with God's Son instead of slaves to our own passions.

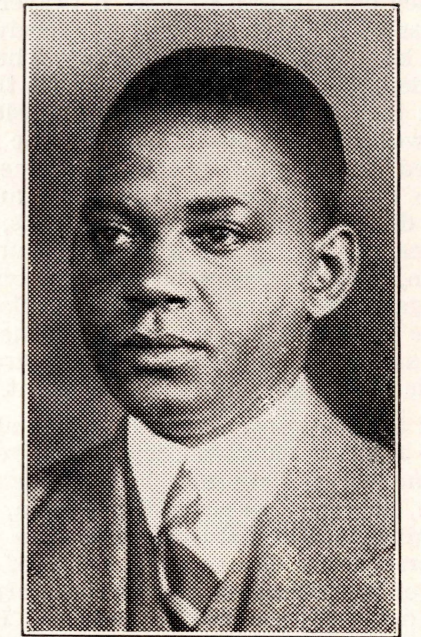
Paul uses the word **grace** to describe God's giving; it is undeserved and unmerited favor.

Man may not be able to match God's gifts, but he can copy God's style. There is much room in the world for liberality and generosity after the manner of God's grace.

We should call upon God to teach us the way of selfless service.

Courtesy Pays

"My boy," a father advised his son, "treat everybody with politeness, even those who are rude to you. For remember that you show courtesy to others not because they are gentlemen, but because you are one."



Dr. C. L. Whitfield, Retired and former minister of Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Md.

PRAYING FOR OUR ENEMIES

"Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34. Of all the exercises of the human spirit, prayer is perhaps the most significant. Clement Wood said, "No beast bows down to crag or sky but man, limp as a drenched rag, prostrates himself to crag and sky, and lifts his longing heaven high." Man intuitively, seeks a force outside himself, which he acknowledges is higher than himself. To the believer, this power of course is God. James Montgomery states it beautifully in, "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, Uttered or unexpressed, The motion of a hidden fire, That trembles in the breast. Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear, The upward glancing of an eye, When none but God is near. Prayer is the simplest form of speech, The infant's lips can try; Prayer the sublimest strains that reach—The Majesty on high." It is a truism oft expressed that, "More deeds are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of." From the first man Adam who was made a living soul, to the last man Adam, who was made a quickening spirit, the exercise called prayer is a way of life. The greatest power available to man; the hope of the helpless; a secret weapon; the key to the arsenal of God. The open door to his mercies and his forgiveness. All of us offend at some time at some point; all of us need to seek forgiveness, and if we forgive not those who sin against us, Jesus said, neither will our heavenly Father forgive us. The great men of the Bible were great prayers. Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah, Elisha come to mind as giants of prayer. Jesus with His sinlessness, not only enjoined prayer on his followers, but himself prayed often and fervently. I would consider his prayer of forgiveness on the cross his masterpiece. "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

These are the words of one about to die on a cross. They constitute a prayer. A prayer for the forgiveness of his slayers. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." They knew not the depth or the consequences of their sin. Little did they know of the turning upside down of their world that would ensue, or the impetus their deed would give to the movement they sought to destroy. Today men's souls are being tried in divers ways. Principles, issues, instrumentalities, prestige, the solidarity of our nation, reputation, character, personalities, are on a cross at Watergate and many other places. Some men are prone to make capital out of other men's miseries and mistakes which are no greater in magnitude than their own at some point.

One of the most interesting thoughts about the prayer of Jesus at Golgotha, is the self forgetfulness of Christ in the supreme hour of his anguish. As a man, he was fully sensitive to pain, but the driven nails did not pierce so deeply as the sins of his persecutors. He thought little of himself but more of the sad self injury of those cruel men. He had always been mindful of others. He cared for the person of every man but one. Himself. Other men when in the furnace of affliction, can think only of their own pain. Jesus thought of the sins of his executioners and accusers. "Father forgive them." Was there ever such a demonstration of unselfishness? If ever a man had cause to cry for revenge, it was He, so cruelly wronged, so unjustly condemned so foully slain. Thus the blood of Abel cried from the ground; but, says Paul, the blood of Jesus speaketh better things. Had He been willing to forego his eternal purpose of dying for the world's redemption, He might have easily escaped this suffering; might have swept His enemies into oblivion by the power that was his. But this was not Jesus' way. He not only prayed for their pardon but in the infinitude of His love sought to alleviate the weight of their sin. "They know not what they do."

This prayer was in line with his doctrine. He always enjoined the forgiveness of injuries. Matt. 5:43-48 Luke 6:27-38. He taught his followers to pray, saying, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." (The parable of the hard creditor) Matt. 18:23, 45. 10,000 talents, etc.

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He is our example in his attitude towards those who have wronged us. There is no place for revenge in the Christian life. To all those who follow Jesus and are tempted to harbour wrath and bitterness, treasure old grudges, or plan to "get even" with others—"Let that mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus." Our rule for conduct is the golden rule—"Unto others do as you would have them do unto you." The highest attainment in the Christian life is represented by deacon Stephen who, when he was dying under a shower of stones echoes his Master's prayer, "Lord lay not this sin to their charge."

(V)

The prayer of Christ for his enemies is a living prayer. "He ever maketh intercession for us." We

have all wronged Him, have all crucified him anew" by our indulgence in sin: yet he pleads for our pardon, pleads continually that we may stand against sin and evil, and that all sinners through repentance and obedience may be led to a complete deliverance from the shame, bondage and penalty of sin.

(VI)

There is great power in this prayer. One of the two thieves who were crucified with Jesus heard him and was moved to repentance, saying, "Lord remember me." His eyes were opened to the true character of Jesus, and his stubborn heart was broken by Jesus' unselfish Spirit. The world is open to conviction in the same way. Sinners are not able to long resist the truth of the forgiving Christ from one who has been with Jesus and knows him.

The forgiveness of sinners was made possible by the cross. One cannot conceive how this prayer of Jesus could have been answered but for the fact that he was about to bear the sins of his enemies on the tree.

Who knows how many of Christ's opposers and participants in the crucifixion may have been saved afterwards by the memory of these words, "Lord forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The Wonder of His Love

Upon the Cross of Jesus

Mine eyes at times can see

The very dying form of One

Who suffered there for me.

And from my smitten heart with tears,

Two wonders I confess—

The wonder of His glorious love,

And my unworthiness.

The heavens declare Thy glory, Lord,

In every star Thy wisdom shines;

But when our eyes behold Thy Word,

We read Thy Names in fairer lines.

—Isaac Watts

Happiest they of human race

To whom their God has given grace

To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,

To lift the latch, to force the way;

But better had they ne'er been born

That read to doubt or read to scorn.

—Sir Walter Scott

For whatsoever things were written
aforetimes were written for our learning,
that we through patience and comfort
of the scriptures might have hope.

—Romans 15:4



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WHAT FAMILY?

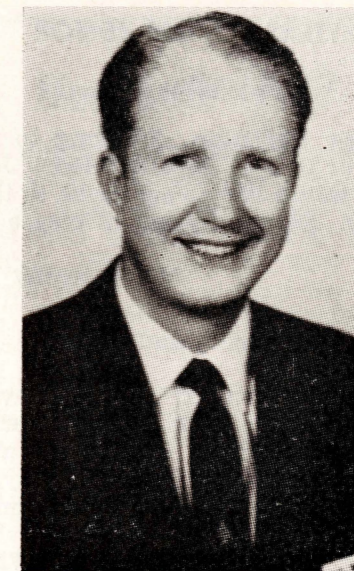
Each of us has a family. Father, mother, children, popularly called the **nuclear** family. There are voices that predict that this shape of the family may be disappearing. Unlike the day of the tribe, when grandparents and uncles and cousins were all very much a part of a man's family, our industrialized and mobile society becomes a centrifugal force that scatters instead of gathers. Today even brothers and sisters and parents are held together by a very thin thread.

What other family is there? Do all those who work for one company or belong to one political party or one organization become meaningful constellations of people deserving the name **family**?

Social scientists speak of the **family of man**. All human beings on earth are one family. Their destiny on the planet is a shared or common one. No longer can one part of the family survive at the expense of another. The atmosphere and the oceans, polluted, can destroy us all.

Jesus speaks of all "who do the will of God" as one family. He implies that there is a more significant and enduring grouping of people than brothers and sisters. Stronger than blood or race is the bond that knits together those who are "grafted" into God. These individuals are sometimes called the body of Christ. They have been caught up in the kingdom of God.

To be sure, the consciousness of this great and eternal **family** is not very strong as we sit in church, row upon row, on a Sunday morning and sing the hymns together. But are we not one family in a more profound sense? We really belong together, even more closely than a nuclear family, because we have a common heavenly Father and a home that death itself cannot destroy.



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Dr. W. H. Taylor
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Dear Brother Taylor,

It seems like a long time since I had the privilege of visiting with you while ministering at Havre de Grace, Maryland. I am certainly looking forward to renewing our fellowship.

Our congregation has some of the most wonderful Christian brethren to be found anywhere. Some of them have darker colored skin than others, but Praise the Lord, our fellowship is based on the color of the heart. Our mutual concern is what our Lord sees in each of us.

Bless your heart, we had wanted you to spend one Sunday with us during the North American Convention last year, but you were unable to make it. That invitation is still open. We would be privileged to have you preach to us either Sunday, July 8th or July 15th if you can while attending the North American here in Indianapolis this year.

We will not have Sunday evening services, but I will arrange for a speaking appointment in the evening you are here if you wish. If you need housing while here for the North American I will arrange for this for you. Please advise me at your earliest convenience.

I will close for this time. We pray that you are feeling much better these days. Let me hear from you soon.

Cordially yours, in Christ,
Wilbert A. Cunningham

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

I am a new Christian. I belong to the West Side Church of Christ. Brother Henry Johnson is my Pastor. I would like to subscribe to the Christian Informer. Enclosed you will please find subscription money.

Mrs. Dorothy Woods

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Maryland

Dear Rev. Taylor:

I got the dates crossed on the convention. I had planned to attend at least two afternoon sessions. I can't leave my wife at night at all, and only a very short time during the day. Here is a donation to help with your publication expense. See you as soon as I can.

C. L. Whitfield

Pennsylvania

Brother Taylor:

Hope you are enjoying good health and these summer vacation days.

We still enjoy the "Christian Informer." Here is a little contribution to keep the good work going.

I had the privilege of preaching the Baccalaureate sermon at the College of the Scriptures this past spring. It was a fine class of young people and an enriching experience for us.

May God keep you in good health and continue to bless you in your service for Him.

Sincerely,
Elmer C. Lewis

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Maryland

Dear Brother Taylor;

How are you, well I hope. I know I haven't paid you for a couple of years for the Christian Informer, I paid up the year I saw you up to Philadelphia which I had paid all the time before that was 1971.

So now I am enclosing a check for 1972 and 1973 and the reason for that is to get my address changed from 912 to Mrs. Elizabeth Murdock, 3036 Edmondson Ave. 2nd Fl., Baltimore, Maryland 21223.

Thanks for continuing the Informer. I enjoy reading it so much.

Very Truly Yours,
E. Murdock

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Missouri

Please enter my subscription for "The Christian Informer." Enclosed is a check for \$1.00.

Leon R. Martin
2650 E. 7th St.
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Ohio

Dear Brother Taylor,

We have never met, but from what I have heard of you, and your ministry, and after reading your publication "The Christian Informer," I certainly pray one day the Lord will make it possible.

You met some of your old friends at the North American Christian Convention, The Houdashelts, Milt and Annabell. They in turn introduced you to the Elardos, John and Patricia. Mrs. Elardo is our church secretary, and she was very impressed your faith in our Master, Praise the Lord for that.

Mrs. Elardo gave me your Spring Issue, and I was equally impressed. Enclosed is my subscription, and you have my prayers. I will recommend that our membership consider your magazine.

Please pray for our new congregation, as we will remember you to the Lord in prayer.

Your brother in Christ,
Denny Coburn
Minister of the Gospel of Christ

Kentucky

Dear Bro. Taylor,

How my heart rejoices to read the "Christian Informer!" It is an "informer" indeed. You will never know until you get to heaven how it has blessed my soul. The informative articles, your firm stand upon the Scriptures, your love for the Church of Christ and America, but most of all your faithful devotion and love for our Saviour Jesus Christ have helped me most in these trying days.

I appreciate the feed-back from the humble saints of God scattered throughout the country—especially do I rejoice with our dear friend and brother, G. August Burke from Beaumont, Texas, upon his second Doctor of Divinity degree from his beloved Benedict College, Columbia, S.C.

Enclosed is my sub. for the "Christian Informer."

We love you here at the College of the Scriptures.

Your brother in Jesus,
Henry J. Reynolds

THANKS TO

Dr. Elmer C. Lewis, Fayette City, Pa.

Duty makes us do things well; love makes us do them beautifully. —Phillips Brooks

I FOUND ALL THIS . . .

A room of quiet, a temple of peace;
A House of comfort, where hope is given,
A source of strength to make earth heaven;
The home of faith, where doubtings cease.
A shrine of worship, a place to pray—
I found all this in the church today.

—Author Unknown



One of the great discoveries in life is that good habits, excellencies of character, and the beauties of nature are accessible to all alike, rich or poor, lowly or exalted.

Man's Primary Security

PROBABLY only a vegetable can look at the world today and remain satisfied. Mankind knows beyond all doubt that some fundamental laws and principles are not being followed correctly. What are those laws? You will find all varieties of answers to this question, as many answers as there are groups and individuals willing to follow a cause. Not all answers can be right. Some have been tried before and failed. Common sense rules them out.

We who are created by Him have a "book of directions" that comes with us. It must be tempting to write a new set of rules, your own. So many do just this. Find a person who is insecure, who evidences any one of the multitude of ills that plague the world, and you have a created thing attempting to be wiser than its Creator. The Book of Directions, the Bible, is valuable chiefly because, rightly used by its custodian—the Church, the Bible reveals a Life, a person.

You do not ask God for security. You accept the life God freely offers in Jesus Christ. "We love Him because He first loved us." God the Creator gives all of Himself to each creature who will receive Him. The Church, the Mystical Body of Christ here on earth now, happens to be God's provision for the granting of "security." God could have provided other means, but the fact remains He did not. Your privilege and mine is to accept joyfully and confidently this God-given means. Countless souls about us already know this Way of Life which leads them surely into the secure strength of the Living God.

Texts of Famous Men

THE TEXT from which John Bunyan preached to the multitudes—John 6:37.

The text that saved William Cowper from suicide—Romans 3:24-25.

The text that made Martin Luther the hero of the Reformation—Romans 1:17.

The text that comforted the troubled soul of John Wesley—Mark 12:24.

The text that made David Livingstone a missionary—Matthew 28:19-20.

The text to which John Knox anchored his soul—John 17:3.

The text that gave William Carey a world vision—Isaiah 54:2.

The text that made William Penn a conqueror—Isaiah 54:2.

The text on which Michael Faraday staked everything—II Timothy 1:12.

My interest is in the future because I'm going to spend the rest of my life there.

The chains of habit are too weak to be felt till they are too strong.

Great persons are never ungrateful

How Late Is It?

The bell strikes one. We take no note of time, but from its loss. To give it then a tongue is wise in man. As if an angel spoke, I feel the solemn sound. If heard aright, it is the knell of my departed hours. Where are they? With the years beyond the floor. It is the signal that demands dispatch. How much is to be done!—Edward Young, English poet (1683-1765).

Too late to start the book that you had planned;
How late is it? Ah, truly can it be
Too late to build a bridge across a void;
Rebuild cathedrals almost destroyed?
To write with all the power at your command?
Too late to go out of your way
To ease another's pain, just for a day?

Too late to take a child's trusting hand
And tell in words, he can understand,
The truths by which men live, and die—
Truths that can never still and silent lie,
But like music, felt as well as heard,
That fire the brain and keep the pulses stirred—
To teach that 'neath the varicolored skin
All men who pray, "Our Father," must be kin?

Too late for such as these? It cannot be
Ever too late to build, to teach, to free.
Perfection's growth takes long, but even so,
Dare one deny a thought its chance to grow?
'Tis later than you think! The honest heart
Knows, in itself, 'tis too late not to start!

Apologizing For Religion

SO FAR from apologizing for religion, we should take it for granted that a person who neglects his soul is as big a fool as a person who neglects his body or mind.

They have the instinct for the eternal; they must follow it up by admitting the atmosphere of the eternal more and more into their life and thought, until their religion is sublimated to something worth while.

It is our fault that they are so apathetic and preverse. Have we forgotten that religion is "eternalizing the temporal," i.e., letting in the values and power of the eternal world into our little temporal lives until we become spiritualized?

Perhaps we have disputed over secondary things and forgotten that Christ sent us to let God into the perishable life of man, so that he might be eternalized, "spiritualized," Christianized before he wholly exchanged time for eternity.

Let your lives be living proofs of the many things which please God. It is an old familiar saying that men may not read the Bible, but they read the book of the Christian life. No family can be truly Christian, or truly happy unless it is founded upon converted lives, upon sincere prayer, and regular devotions and worship.

Begin Again

THE BEGINNING of the fall season is perhaps as appropriate a time as any to make resolutions. It is a time when we are refreshed from the change of summer. In the fall we are in many ways capable of being at our very best. As we face the prospect of the winter's work, we have the urge to "begin again."

In our religious life, no less than in our daily occupations, there will be in some measure a repeated need to begin again.

The Lord's work still lies before us—in His Church. Whether or not we have done as much as we would have liked to do for the welfare of our Church in the past, we can always begin again. We may hope to redeem in part the past by making the most of our present opportunities. The Church fulfills its work only as every member shares.

The Lord's commands are yet to be fulfilled—in His World. "Inasmuch..." We know the story. Inasmuch as we are loving and considerate in our dealings with those in our homes (husbands, wives, children, parents) and among our neighbors (including those who would do us wrong) ... Inasmuch as we care enough for others—of every place, condition or nation—to do for each or any of them what our Lord would do for us ... "Inasmuch as ye have done it ... ye have done it unto me." Begin again!

The Lord's business remains to be done—in us. Have you ever reflected with yourself seriously Or pondered the thrilling privilege that "I am here on earth to help God fulfill His will and plan for the world"? All of us have attempted many times to do God's will. We sometimes—perhaps more often than not—fail. Still, our Lord would say to us each day "Begin again!" Our spiritual growth in Him is but a succession of new beginnings.

Think of it. Each one of us can begin again today.

Stewardship and Vocations

THE CHURCH'S task is to bring to men the means of unselfing in sacraments and prayer and to send out into every calling men and women who are God-fearing, and able to look patiently and understandingly on the need of others.

The first question for every Christian to ask himself is, "How can I best serve, from where I stand with what I have, for God's purpose for His world?"

After that he can ask, "How can I help to make a common order that will more fully serve, not me or mine but all of us, under God?"

What would my Church be if every member were just like me?

Today is all anyone has



Why I Attend Church In Bad Weather

1. Because the Fourth Commandment does not except the rainy Sabbath.
2. Because I may miss exactly the talk or prayer I need.
3. Because my presence helps more on rainy than on bright days.
4. Because an example which cannot stand a little wetting is of little account.
5. Because my faith should not be a matter of thermometers.
6. Because the man who fears the rain will soon fear the cloud, and he who fears the cloud will soon fear the daylight itself as a reason for neglecting the church.
7. Because my real excuse must be to the God of the Sabbath.

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "Press On," has solved and always will solve the problem of the human race.

Church influence has inspired progress since this country was founded. Attend Church regularly.