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## WHY THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OR CHURCH OF CHRIST

### Observe Strictly BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

By R. R. Turnage, Elder of 28th Street Christian Church  
Los Angeles, California

#### TWO ORDINANCES—

### BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Baptism is the first one of the two laws. The second is the Lord's Supper. We are studying the importance of baptism. Important because it is the trial of faith, this one character stands between man and God. Without this trial of our faith, and our submission to obey it, we can not please God. Why? Because, Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and cometh thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matt. 3:13-17.

Surely, if Jesus the Son of God walked some sixty miles to be baptized, of John in the Jordan, there must be some virtue in it. Then too, we have John, and Jesus and the Spirit of God, three witnesses to testify against us if we deny it. We also have God for the first time saying that Jesus was his Son, and was well pleased with the act.

Here are a group of Pharisees and lawyers who rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of John in Jordan. Luke 7:30.

Baptism, on the part of the candidate, is an act of loyal, loving, obedience to a positive divine command of Jesus Christ. Because it is an act of righteousness. Matt. 3:15. Baptism is also a new birth. Jesus answering verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he can not enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:5. Which shows that it is important enough to exclude a man from the kingdom of God. He can not even see it. Outside of Christ there is no salvation. How do we get into Christ? I Cor. 12:13. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into One body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bound or free; and have been all made to drink into One Spirit. By accepting baptism, we shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit which is the image of God that Adam lost in the fall. And he lost it by water that generation, all of them were lost in the flood. Gen. 7:21-24.

Real Christian baptism could not be administered until after the Holy Spirit had come. That is why the code, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. These three must witness the act, in order for it to be legal. Matt. 28:18-19. The condition of the heart of the candidate. And as they went on their way, they come unto a certain water: and the eunuch said: See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. Acts 8:36-37-38.

Every quotation shows that water precedes salvation. The Holy Spirit is the last witness that man was born of water, and of the Spirit. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Rom. 8:16. What is Baptism? It is to be immersed in water. Acts 10:47. It requires much water to baptize. John 3:23. And John, also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there: and they came and were baptized. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: And in Mark 16:15-16. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is bap-

tized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be damned.

Acts 2:38, Then said Peter unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ, For the Remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Something is to be considered in baptizing.

1. Going to the water.....Acts 8:36
2. Going down into the water.....Acts 8:38
3. Coming up out of the water.....Acts 8:38

Sprinkling nor pouring is indicated by these scriptures:

Baptizo is the Greek for immerse—Immersion is Baptism.

Rantizo is the Greek for sprinkle—Sprinkling is Rantism.

Cheo is the Greek for pouring—Pouring is Cheism.

Baptizo, with its derivations, is the only word in the New Testament to indicate this sacred Ordinance. It is used one hundred and twenty-seven times. But is never translated to mean sprinkling or pouring.

Nowhere does the Bible teach that sprinkling or pouring of water on a person was to perform the Ordinance of baptism.

The purpose of baptizing or why be baptized?

1. Cleansed by the washing of water ..... Eph. 5:26
2. Into the name of trinity..... Matt. 28:19
3. Into Christ ..... Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3
4. For the remission of sins, and gift of the Holy Spirit..... Acts 2:38
5. Saved by baptism..... I Pet. 3:21
6. The act of a good Conscience toward God ..... I Pet. 3:21
7. Go on the way rejoicing..... Acts 8:38
8. Wash away sins..... Acts 22:16
9. Into the Name of Christ..... Acts 10:48
10. Walk in the new Life ..... Rom. 6:4
11. Be in the likeness of his Resurrection ..... Rom. 6:5
12. Seek those things which are above Col. 3:1
13. Saved by baptism..... Mark 16:16
14. It fulfills all Righteousness..... Matt. 3:15
15. God is well pleased with it..... Matt. 3:17

Here are fifteen reasons why one should be baptized. Suppose you think of one reason why one should not be baptized.

There are two ordinances in the New Testament, they are baptism and the Lord's Supper. You may not eat the supper until you have been baptized, or you eat and drink damnation to your own soul not discerning the Lord's body. So you are eating unworthily, if you eat before you are baptized. This is fundamentally enough reason why we should be baptized.

Man is not free from the law, until he has paid the penalty. The law says, the soul that sinneth shall die. Here is the order of the law. (I. II. III. IV.) These were personified in (Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel). The fourth one was death, which was the penalty of the law. So in baptism there is represented a death, a burial and a resurrection.

**SPRINKLING:** Heb. 9:13, blood; Heb. 9:19, blood; Heb. 9:21, blood; Heb. 10:22, hearts; Heb. 11:28, blood; Heb. 12:24, blood; I Peter 1:2.

**POURING:** Matt. 26:7-12, ointment; John 2:15, money; John 13:5, water; Luke 10:34, oil and wine; Acts 2:17-18, spirits; Rev. 16:1-17, wrath; Acts 10:45, spirit; Rev. 14:10, wrath.

This is all that is said in the New Testament about sprinkling or pouring. And in neither case does it refer to baptism.

Let us be honest and reasonable as we study this subject in light of the word of God. And be safe, do not take a chance.



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A NATIONAL JOURNAL

EDITORIAL

SWINGING RIGHT AND LEFT

The Secretary of the National Disciples Convention, Published in the May (1947) issue of the Clarion Voice of which he is editor and publisher, the following statement concerning the Brethren of his national convention: Quote, "There are some of our Brethren who do not believe in the Deity of Jesus, nor that Baptism is essential to salvation is concerned they are in the same predicament of any other unbeliever, even though he may be a preacher. Yet as far as their general honor and integrity is concerned, we have the highest regard for them and (sympathy too)." End quote. The Secretary's statement brings to light some of the things that the Christian Informer has been saying for years. His statement also gives some of the reasons why the Christian Informer and The National Christian Preaching Convention separated from them a few years ago in Lexington, Ky.

We quote a statement made by us and is recorded on page seven, column two, of their 1943 minutes. Quote: "I shall support the candidate you nominate and elect for president as long as he contends for those principles which the Christian Church has held essential and preached by the Fathers of this National Convention." End quote.

The Bible teaches us that a house divided against itself can not stand. The National Secretary is telling the world in plain words that some of his brethren and preachers in his convention are still divided. Some of them do not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is telling the world that some of the preachers in his national convention do not believe that Jesus Christ said in John 3:5. The National Disciples Convention Secretary is telling the world that some of his preachers in his national convention "are in the same predicament of any other unbeliever." Unbelievers are sinners, atheist, agnostics, there is no place in heaven for unbelievers and certainly they should not be in the pulpit, nor asked to launch a "Crusade for a Christian World."

The National Disciples Secretary is swinging right and left. How can he have "the highest regard" for the "honor and integrity" of his preachers, who do not believe in the Word of Truth as in Jesus Christ, God's Son?

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION

The National Secretary of the Disciples Convention

said in the Clarion Voice of which he is editor and publisher: Quote, "The National Convention has moved its Headquarters Office from the Stewart Building to the Missions Building." End quote. Do you think that the United Christian Missionary Society took them into their building to keep it from being said by the Christian Informer that the U. C. M. S. practice Jim Crowism and discrimination by having two Headquarters in the same city, one for themselves and the other for the National Disciples Convention? If it was done for that purpose, then the Christian Informer is doing some good in breaking down Jim Crowism and discrimination.

There are those who think that the U. C. M. S. gave them Headquarters in their building at this "late hour," simply because the National Convention very recently inherited more than one hundred thousand dollars in money and property, from the Preston Taylor estate. We do know that they did not go, nor were they asked to go into the U. C. M. S. building until they inherited money and property.

The Christian Informer is of the opinion that the U. C. M. S. took them in at this "late hour" because of the money and property they now own. It is very easy for a man with thousands of dollars sticking out of his pockets to be invited into some homes to make his headquarters. The people who invite him in know what they are doing; and if that man isn't careful his pants and money both will disappear during the night. You know the story of the Prodigal Son, who inherited a large sum of money from his father and did not know what to do with it. He left home (the old land-mark) with his money sticking out of his pockets; to make his HEAD-QUARTERS in a far country. There he spent his money in riotous living, open-membership, modernism and on things contrary to the teachings of his father who gave him the money. He had to come back to the OLD LAND-MARK, and to the teachings of his father.

Like the Prodigal Son's Father, the Christian Informer and the National Christian Preaching Convention will not leave the OLD LAND-MARK. We will continue to contend for the FAITH; and when our National Disciples Convention Brethren shall have spent their inheritance in promoting open-membership and those who do not believe in the "Deity of Jesus," they will find us at the old home place (New Testament) where the late Preston Taylor, the father of their National Convention lived and died. When they return we will kill the fatted calf and have a good time in the Lord, like we had in the days of Preston Taylor, before they took their journey into a far country (open-membership); and before they were carried away into Babylon by the U. C. M. S. We will keep the gospel light burning in the window day and night so they might find their way back to the OLD LAND-MARK.

AN INNOCENT MAN ACCUSED OF RAPE AND ALMOST LYNCHED

If the thing that happened to Joseph, in pagan Egypt, had of happened in some so-called Christian state or community, he would have been lynched. His body hanged to a tree in some church yard, or saturated with oil and burned; while women and children look on and sing, "Happy Days Are Here Again." The story of this innocent man is found in God's Word. Genesis 39:7-21.

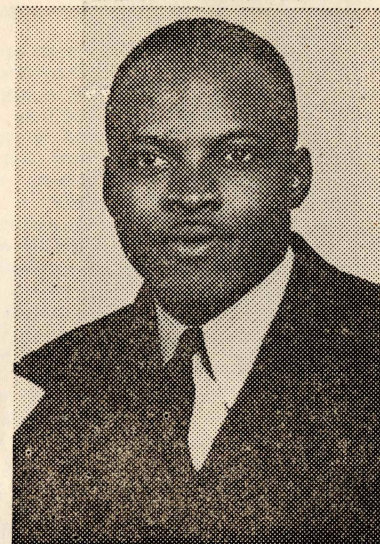
BIG FISH EATING LITTLE FISH

The 1946 minutes of the National Disciples Convention shows that certain churches gave so much money to the convention: and certain members of certain churches, who are officers of the convention got back in expenses and railroad fares, in some cases, more or almost as much as their churches gave to the convention. For example: one church gave \$100.00; two members of that church who are convention officers received \$169.94 for railroad fares and expenses. Another church gave \$200.00. A member of that church who is an officer of the convention received \$313.62 for railroad fares and expenses. Another church gave \$225.00. A member of that church who is an officer of the convention received \$180.00 for railroad fares and expenses. Time nor space will permit us to give more examples, check the minutes for yourself.

GOING TOO FAR

I am of the opinion that the time will soon come, when some of our "OVER ZEALOUS" brethren will attempt to make pipe smoking and coffee drinking a "TEST OF FELLOWSHIP" in the church.

WHAT WE BELIEVE AND PREACH



By ELDER R. L. (Silver Trumpet) SERCY Warren, Ohio

- A resurrected Jesus. Acts 2:32.
- A creed all can believe. Matt. 16:16.
- A confession all can make. Acts 8:37.
- A baptism all must have. John 3:5.
- A church all can enter. Acts 2:47.
- A name all can wear (Christian). Acts 11:26; I Peter 4:16.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

New York—Brooklyn

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder L. O'Neill, Pastor—E. Stevens, Reporter  
We are truly thanking God for the greatness of His Holy Spirit bestowed upon us. We are still having a glorious time in the Lord. Williamsburg is now second to none. Our choirs participated in a musical program given at the 13th Regiment Armory. We have two choirs, and we rendered two selections: "I Will Never Turn Back" and "The Lord's Prayer." As a mass choir, directed by Mrs. O. Ross, we are very happy to say that we are now successful in every thing we do. Since election of our pastor the second Lord's Day in February, the Lord has sent us fifty new members to work. On Mother's Day the services were great. We had a large crowd, money raised on that day: \$275.64. On June 1st at 3:30 P. M. our Ushers Board had their eleventh annual sermon. Oh, what a time; money raised: \$556.34. We are extending a hearty welcome to you and all of your friends when ever you are in Brooklyn. Stop off at our church and enjoy with us this wonderful man of God. Our Bible School is progressing nicely under the leadership of our good Superintendent, Deacon R. N. Stevens, and his co-workers.

Virginia—Tazewell

MIDWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder C. H. Dickerson, Reporter  
We have "some more" preachers: Elder P. K. Alexander. He is a "go getter" (Smiles). Good Bible School. I have Big Men's Bible Class. The Lord and good folk getting me on foot again. See you at Little Rock National Convention. Our folk here remember you very favorably. Church house here and parsonage where I bought ground

and built in 1901 has been improved by every pastor since and will make some more this summer. Yours always,

C. H. D.

Missouri—Kansas City

EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder A. G. Nelson, Pastor

East Side Church of Christ in Kansas City to buy church home. Elder Nelson has been able to get option on a church building for \$8,500.00. To exercise this option they will have to raise \$3,500.00. This loyal congregation is asking the loyal churches and ministers to send contributions to this fund; so God's work can continue to go forward. The congregation is growing fast. Send offering to Mrs. Hazel Curry, Treasurer, 2917 Mersington St., Kansas City, Mo.

Ohio—Warren

THIRD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elder R. L. Sercy, Pastor

I am not making a report as yet due to the fact that I have just gotten on the ground. Many things have happened. The Third District Convention met with us on May 25. Your Editor gave the message of the morning. Everybody should have heard Elder S. J. Compton of Canton who gave the afternoon message with power. He is strictly a Gospel Preacher.

California—Berkley

Elder W. D. Elders of Berkley, California, reports progress in organization of New Testament Church. Free in Christ and not a part of U. C. M. S.

They are meeting in one of our churches at Frisco until they can occupy their building that is being remodeled in Berkely.

Let us pray that this congregation grows and goes; and let us help to make it so. We can if we will.

Maryland—Hagerstown

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

W. H. Taylor, Pastor

The death Angel visited our church and took from our midst Deacon George Snively. Brother Snively was a life-long member of the church and he will be greatly missed.

We extend our sympathy to Sister Louise Beckett and family, a member of the Christian Church, whose husband passed into the great beyond a few weeks ago.

The funeral of Mrs. Edith Elizabeth Ford was held at the Second Christian Church on May 17. We extend our sympathy to the Family. The church is moving in a fine way. On the 4th of June a bus load came up from Baltimore and presented to a full house the "Slabtown Convention," a comedy in two acts.

Baltimore

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

W. H. Taylor, Pastor

On the first Lord's Day in June was a great Fellowship Day at Emmanuel. A bus load of members and friends of the Second Christian Church of Hagerstown came down. Music for the day was rendered by the Young People's Choir of Hagerstown and Baltimore and the Senior Choir of Hagerstown.

Illinois—Danville

Elder T. E. Brooks will be the new pastor of the church at Danville, Ill.

Washington, D. C.

Elder Cornelius Daniels, student minister of the College of the Scriptures of Louisville, Ky., has been called to the pastorate of the Church of Christ, 1314 Vermont Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., for the summer months. This church was started under the leadership of Elder John P. Grover.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



By ELDER S. D. ARMSTRONG, Detroit, Mich.

### Note Proverbs 29:2

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked beareth rule the people mourn. The church, home, city, etc., is no exception to the rule.

I was in a so-called church the other day. It was as cold as a mother-in-law's kiss when a man marries her daughter without her consent.

When Christ spoke to Nicodemus, concerning the new birth, Christ was not talking about hypnotizing, mesmerising, spellcasting, etc., like these cults practice. The doctrine of tarrying for the Holy Ghost is dead doctrine. Just be nice now and read your Bible over and over. Christ nor none of the Apostles taught that doctrine since the day of Pentecost. Christ did not tell nobody to wait at Jerusalem but the twelve Apostles (the word wait means tarry). And he told them to wait there until the Holy Ghost came. Until always terminate something. Its always the end of time or things. Man has changed everything that God has made, that they could change. They are working on the impossibles. They have moved rivers, moved lakes, move ponds, graded down high hills, filled up vallies, moved trees. He has tried to prove that he knows more about God's business, than God does. Man has tampered with human increase, by setting up birth control. Trying to prove that he knows more about the population of the earth than God. (It's a pity that his father didn't think of birth control before that man was born) whoever he was. I think the devil's ministers are teaching spiritual birth control in the churches. There is something badly wrong.

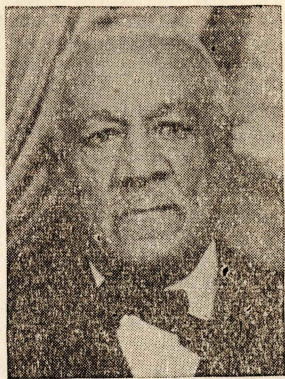
If man could he would move every mountain out of its place, he would move the Atlantic Ocean. He is still trying to prove that he knows more about everything than God does.

Some things you can use a substitute for, and there are things there is no substitute to be found. There is no substitute for MOTHER, nor for FATHER. And there is absolutely no substitute for a divine called MINISTER. Lawyers, doctors, etc., can't substitute.

Elder listen: If we can't get this spiritual birth control lifted that Dr. Satan put on the church we are done. Pray God that he will give us power to lift Dr. Satan's spiritual birth control off the church.

Before the doctors started birth control among the women, women were more healthy than they are today. There was not half as many cancers, tumors, poor, skinny, consumpted, dried-up women as there are today.

It's healthy for a mother to nurse her young. The doctor says no. God says yes. The doctor when a baby is born put the baby on a bottle, trying to prove that he knows more about what the child needs than God does.



Brother Taylor:

Greetings to all. I have been on the sick list since April 15th. I am persuaded my departure is near—best wishes to all in the faith. Received your letter this morning with contents. Many thanks for the financial favor bestowed. I am glad of your fellowship, and abiding interest. I am able to be out daily, though ill. With much gratitude, I am yours in Christ,

A. C. Chichon,

Box 93, Carbondale, Ill.

### HERE AND THERE

Elder and Mrs. W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor celebrated their 29th wedding on June 9th.

Mrs. Louise Stewart of Hagerstown, spent a few days in Cleveland, Ohio, visiting her sisters.

Elder Leon O'Neill was installed as pastor of the Williamsburg Christian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Lord's Day, June 22nd.

Mrs. Ethel (Bowman) Hall, left Baltimore, June 10th to join her husband in Dallas, Texas., who is a ministerial student at Jarvin Christian College. Her niece, Doris, accompanied her.

Mrs. W. H. Taylor spent a few days in Boston, Mass., the week of June 24th.

### TO THE CHURCHES AND BRETHREN EVERYWHERE

SEND A SUBSTANTIAL OFFERING TO THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PREACHING CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN LITTLE ROCK, ARK., AUGUST 8 TO 12. WE ARE FACED WITH HIGH COST OF CONDUCTING THE CONVENTION. THEREFORE WE APPEAL TO YOU FOR HELP. BRING OR SEND THE MONEY. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO JAMES A. JOHNSON, TREASURER, IN CARE OF R. F. HAYES, 1111 JONES STREET, LITTLE ROCK, ARK. A. G. NELSON, PRESIDENT, 1921 EAST 24TH STREET, KANSAS CITY, MO.

## Letters To The Editor.

Dear Brother Taylor:

I want to commend you very greatly for your remarks in the Christian Informer concerning the work we did at Williamsburg Christian Church in cleaning out the pulpit of un-Christian living and un-Christian preaching. I like to hear Christian preachers talk and stand up for it like you do. I am so glad that you are not like a certain preacher who came from Baltimore and preached a very fine sermon at the Williamsburg Church. In his sermon he said the sap was being sucked out of the Christian Churches all over the world by inferior preachers and the Christians are tired of it, and were not going to stand for it any longer. When we made an effort not to stand for it, that same preacher came back from your city, Baltimore, and stood up for the things he had said that he would not stand for. No one could pay me to do as that preacher did.

Brother Taylor, I asked that preacher and some other preachers who came as they said to straighten us out, such a hard question until none of them have answered me yet. My question was this: I said you have read the letter that we deacons gave the pastor. You also read the letter that was written to the Church against the pastor. You heard it endorsed by the writer of the letter. Now considering the third chapter of 1st Timothy and the sixth chapter of Acts. Does he meet the approval of a pastor? None of those preachers have answered me yet. Now I commending you for the wonderful way you preached when you were here. I am still standing up for the way you preach. Hoping you will come back in the near future and preach for us again. Well, Brother Taylor, you were right in your opinion when you said that the Williamsburg Church would make no mistake if they called Elder O'Neill for their pastor. We have called him and the church is progressing very fast spiritually and financially. The members are coming back and forty have united up to this time—May 13, 1947.

We beg your prayers that we may continue on the upward way.

Your friend and brother.

J. M. Monroe,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find my donation for The Christian Informer, that is such an inspiration and guidance for me. May it continue to bring joy, happiness, and understanding to those who are living by the Doctrine that is so plainly outlined to us. Hoping you continued success, and may God continue to pour out His blessing toward you.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Pearl Wilson,  
Baltimore, Md.

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Friend Taylor:

U. R. fighting a good fight, doing a good job. Hope to give you more substantial help next month. Send me a number of June Informers.

Yours A Plenty,

C. H. Dickerson,  
N. Tazewell, Va.

I enjoy reading the Christian Informer better than any paper I know of. It is plain and out-spoken. This donation is for the paper.

Yours in Christ,

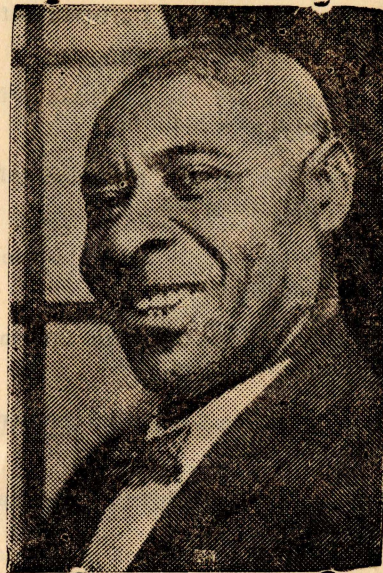
Marshall W. Brooks,  
Elder of Second Christian, Hagerstown, Md.

Another donation for the Christian Informer. I like it fine.—Miss Rachel Snively, Hagerstown, Md.

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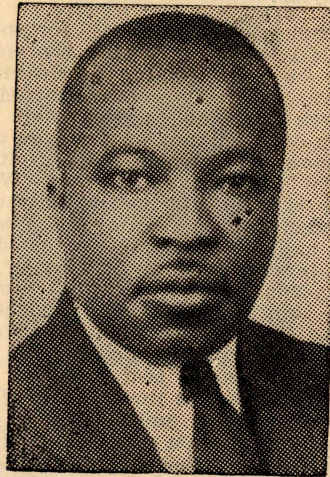
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By ELDER C. H. DICKERSON  
N. Tazewell, Virginia  
THE JUNE TUNE

I'm June, wake up and hear my tune,  
I'm not May, nor July, I'm June.  
Borrow breezes, some from May,  
And some from July, too, they say.  
You know I fetch you garden flowers  
With healthy rain and growing showers.  
I bring the longest day, I'm June,  
Longest from daylight till noon.  
Give you longest afternoon  
Than any other month, I'm June.  
Hafter use me late and soon  
Have only thirty days, I'm June.  
Will be too late in ole July,  
And August, he won't let you by.  
So late then, to plant your stuff,  
I'm June, the month that you can't bluff.  
I give you both light and dark moon  
I hafter fer U no, I'm June.  
I stay up late and get up soon  
There's not a lazy bone in June.  
When I'm through, I go off and die  
And hand the hatchet to July.  
I throw a kiss to you, bright moon,  
And hug my springtime, for I'm June.  
Get out and do your chores soon,  
"I'll crack your head," I'm June.  
If you've nothing good to tell 'er,  
She'll take up with the other feller.  
For all the months I have the tune,  
Come, sing with me, for I am June.  
Don't be crazy, don't act a fool,  
You go to Church and Sunday School.



By ELDER W. H. (BALTIMORE) TAYLOR  
Baltimore, Maryland

The kings of the earth set themselves, and their rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed. Pslam 2:2. We quote the Clarion Voice of which the Secretary of the National Disciples Convention is editor and publisher. In writing about their headquarters moving into the U. C. M. S. Building, the Secretary-Editor had this to say. Quote: "We would not be surprised if some of our estranged brethren should point to this as an indication that the U. C. M. S. has 'swallowed' the National Convention lock, stock and barrel." Anticipating such an accusation, the Clarion Voice replies (in advance): "Let the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things." End quote. I am of the opinion the Secretary-Editor is referring to the Editor of the Christian Informer and to the Brethren of the National Christian Preaching Convention, and all of the Brethren everywhere, who will not be "swallowed" by the U. C. M. S. when he used the terms "estranged brethren and heathen." The Brethren of the National Christian Preaching Convention and the Editor of the Christian Informer do not object being called "estranged brethren and heathens," for the sake of Christ. Paul called himself a fool for Christ's sake. I Cor. 4:10. There would be no objection on our part had the Secretary called us all kinds of fools and heathens.

Why do the heathens rage? The text tells us that the heathens rage because the kings of the earth set themselves, and their rulers take counsel together, against the Lord (doctrine of the Church), and against his anointed (ministers who stand for the Faith). Psalm 46:6 tells us that the heathens raged, the kingdoms (headquarters) were moved. God said in Malachi 1:11. My name shall be great among the heathens. Gal. 2:9 tells us that Paul was glad to be among the heathens.

The Secretary-Editor said "our estranged brethren." There would be no estranged brethren, if his national convention had not sold out to the U. C. M. S. "lock, stock and barrel." We would all be one, like we once were, contending for the one Faith. The Secretary-Editor says: "Let the heathen rage." Is he calling the first president of his national convention a heathen, who raged, and would not swallow the U. C. M. S. policy? Who established a national convention some thirty years ago and said at the opening of that convention, quote: "The Diciples of Christ have set the pace in heartless, unnecessary and silly racial discrimination. They have not found it difficult to strain at the gnat of human brotherhood or sectarian irregu-

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larity which they swallowed the camel of racial bigotry or un-Christian policy." End quote.

Is the Secretary-Editor calling himself a heathen, because he raged and sent me this telegram some years ago? Quote: "Please inform the United Christian Missionary Society that the Kentucky State Board in session in Lexington today expressed its opposition to the establishment of the Jim Crow Headquarters." End quote.

Is the Secretary calling himself a heathen because he used to rage about the national convention program being over loaded with speakers from the U. C. M. S. or has he sold out to the U. C. M. S. "lock, stock and barrel"?

Is the Secretary calling himself a heathen for raging at the Kansas City National Convention because a representative of the U. C. M. S. wanted the Convention to swallow the U. C. M. S. policy, concerning the Christian Plea? Or has he sold out to the U. C. M. S. "lock, stock and barrel"?

Is the Secretary-Editor calling the Editor of the Christian Informer a heathen, when he wrote in the minutes of his national convention, quote: "Elder W. H. (Baltimore) Taylor of Maryland demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt that our people will support our organizations and institutions when men of faith and courage lead the way." End quote.

Why do the heathens rage? The heathens rage because they will not be sold as slaves into the U. C. M. S. bondage. The heathens rage when asked to play Uncle Tom just to get a hand-out over the back fence. The heathens rage because they will not be sold "lock, stock and barrel," to an open-membership organization.

The heathens rage when men who do not believe in the deity of Jesus, and that baptism is essential to salvation are elected as leaders in the church and convention.

The heathens rage when they are asked to "swallow" Jim Crowism, discrimination and segregation in the brotherhood.

THINKING OUT LOUD

We are thinking out loud about an old friend and brother of mine who seems to be the spokesman for the National Disciples Convention. We are thinking of the time when we encouraged and let him preach his first sermon in my pupit at Tazewell, Va. His text was John 8:24—"For if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

We are thinking of how he used to tell how much I inspired him when I was his pastor, and he was one of my deacons in the church at Bluefield (Graham) Va.

We are thinking of how we prayed for him in his early ministry at Nashville, Tenn., when the "hell hounds" were after him. We are thinking of how we tried to help him in revivals at Lockland, Ohio, and Covington, Kentucky.

We have always been interested in him because he was once a sheep of my pasture. When we were elected president of the national convention, we told the committee to give us this old friend and brother of mine, for secretary. They did as I asked them. We appointed this old friend and brother of mine the chief man of the ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PRESIDENT.

When a very dear friend of mine was resigning a good conegregation with a good salary to go to Los Angeles, California, I told him to use his influence in getting the church to call my old friend and brother. He was called to this great church as pastor. I was happy, because a sheep, whom I was once his shepherd, was grazing on taller grass; or as his uncle would say, "eating higher



Dear Brother in Christ:

We extend you an invitation to fellowship with us in the National Christian Preaching Convention which will convene in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the Ringo Street Christian Church, August 8-12, 1947.

We are desirous that you appear on the program. During the session there will be many very vital questions to come before this body. We would like for you to participate. In as much as we have to make definite plans, we would like for you to communicate with us so as to know if you can participate on the program. If you can, please sign the enclosed card and return at your earliest convenience so we may be able to complete our plans for the building of our program.

We shall look forward to hear from you soon.

Yours in Christ,

Elder A. G. Nelson,  
President.

up on the hog."

We are thinking of the days of the depression when we had our old friend and brother to come to Hagerstown and Baltimore. We had a great fellowship. The people of Hagerstown turned out to hear him, because they knew that I was interested in him. The church at Baltimore gave a great banquet in his honor. At the banquet he said, "Baltimore Taylor called me to the ministry." Since that time I have asked myself this question. Would God have called him if I hadn't?

Now my old friend and brother writes: "LET THE HEATHEN RAGE." I say to him in the language of King David, "O, my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom."

The children of Israel said: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth."

An old friend who is thrown away and called a "HEATHEN," may some day be of some use to you. An old friend is like that old thrown away shoe, when the new shoe commences to pinch and make corns on the foot.





By ELDER R. F. (BOB) HAYES, Little Rock, Arkansas  
"HERE AND THERE"

It has been some time since our article has appeared in The Informer. Not that we have been asleep but we are hard at work preparing for the Second National Preaching Convention. For the comfort and happiness of every one who will attend.

Our invitation goes out to every free man and woman in the Brotherhood. And to those who would be free. Free to preach the Gospel of Christ. Free from tyrannical clutches of the U. C. M. S. If the things mentioned above are the ambitions of men, come and enjoy the fellowship and hospitality which is in store for you in Little Rock, Ark., with the good people of the Ringo Street Church of Christ and the delegation.

Looking across the Brotherhood there seems to be one question many of our well-thinking Brothers can't decide. The question is: "Which plan is best?" God's or the plans of the United Missionary Society? In my way of thinking when this question has been decided right-fully, we will see a large number of men and women step forth and enjoy the looseness of their freedom in Christ. We must realize that every plan set forth by man is filled with the deadly germs of Humanism and Open-membership. Thus wrecking not only our future but also the opportunity for advancing God's great plan for mankind as a whole.

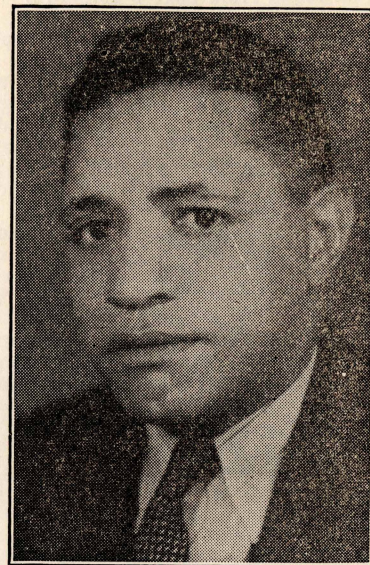
Take this under observation if you please. No minister or church or school need think that agencies are going to dump money into their coffers unless there are some advantages to be gained. I can not see anything wrong in declaring one's position as to being free from agencies, whether schools, churches or ministers.

For the agencies with which I have been acquainted will support and endorse open-membership as freely as they would a true Gospel preacher. Then with love for all and malice toward none, why not stand on your own feet with: Thus sayeth the Lord.

It was heartening to hear a personal friend of mine, H. E. Fowler, speak out from the banks of the Ohio River. Let us hear from you again. And we hope to welcome you at the Convention.

Our hats are yet off to R. L. Searcy for his great accomplishment in Danville, Ill. Hold the ropes and preach the Gospel. Let Sanballet and Tobiah say what they will. Help will come to you from those who love and appreciate courage and faith.

Let us remember that there are many who in reality are too limited to make a spiritual adventure or to pay the price of a life of faith. But they extract a virtue from their weakness by criticizing those who are willing to venture. These stand on other men's shoulders and stay in comfortable church houses. They have never sacrificed one thing to build under a yoke of bondage overwhelmed with special days and half-cocked superiority. They know little about the Church of Christ



By ELDER C. W. ARNOLD, Los Angeles, California

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and care less. Hold fast and help will come.

Looking over the Christian Evangel I read an article on Faith and Knowledge. Both are important and I feel sure the Editor is too big to enter such light controversy. There must be some knowledge before one can have faith. Be it large or small. Both go hand in hand.

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### II

When some may doubt me here  
But I know he'll be there  
When I come to the End of the Road,  
When I've stood the Crucial test  
There'll be joy, sweet peace and rest  
When I come to the End of the Road.

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The waves of life may roll  
And grim death its fangs unfold  
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I don't have to double or guess  
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Trying to get home  
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Sometimes up and sometimes down  
Sa-tan tries to turn me round  
Still my soul is Heaven bound  
Trying to get home.

### II

Lord I know I'm your child  
Trying to get home  
Keep me humble, keep me mild  
While here I roam  
If I stumble, if I fall  
Don't deny me here my call  
Guide my feet and keep me holy  
Till I get home

### III

Lord my way is sometimes hard  
While here I roam  
But I'm trusting in my God  
Trying to get home  
If the world turns back on me  
Just because I'm serving three  
Give me light that I may see  
Till I get home

### CHORUS

Trying to get home, trying to get home  
Lord I'm walking in your name  
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