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“His Ways Are Everlasting”

Habakkuk 3:6

What He did at one time, He will do again. Man's ways are variable, but “God's ways are everlasting”. There are many reasons for this most comforting truth. Among them are the following: the Lord's ways are *the result of wise deliberation*; He ordered all things according to the counsel of His own will. Human action is frequently the hasty result of passion, or fear, and is followed by regret and altercation; but nothing can take the Almighty by surprise, or happen otherwise than He has not foreseen. His ways are *the outgrowth of an immutable character*, and in them the fixed and settled attributes of God are clearly to be seen. Unless the Eternal One Himself can undergo change, His ways (which are Himself in action) must remain forever the same. Hebrews 13:8, *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”* (KJV) and Hebrews 6:17, *“Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the*

heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath.” (NKJV).

The knowledge that God is...

Omnipotent (all powerful); Jeremiah 32:17, *“Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.”* (NKJV)...

Omnipresent (everywhere present); Psalm 139:7-10, *“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.”* (NKJV), and...

Omniscient (all knowing); Psalm 147:5, *“Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.”* (NKJV).

This gives the Christian comfort to rest in His care.

Is He eternally just, gracious, faithful, wise, tender? If so, then His ways must forever be distinguished with the same excellences. Humans act according to their nature: when those natures change, their conduct varies also; but since God cannot know the shadow of a turning, His ways will abide everlastingly the same. Moreover there is no reason which could reverse the divine ways, since they are the *embodiment of irresistible might*. The earth is said, by the prophets, to be cleft with rivers, mountains tremble, the deep lifts up its hands, and sun and moon stand still, when Jehovah marches forth for the salvation of His people. Who can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest Thou? But it is not might alone which gives stability; God's ways are *the manifestation*

of the eternal principles of right, and therefore can never pass away. Wrong breeds decay and involves ruin, but the true and the good have about them a vitality which ages cannot diminish.

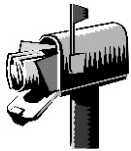
This day let us go to our heavenly Father with confidence, remembering that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, and in Him the Lord is forever gracious to His people.

Summited in Christian Love for your consideration!

Stanley Goodwin

Graham, Texas

Newcastle Church of Christ



Cards and Letters

Gleed, WA

Hello to all,

We are happy to announce the dates of the Gleed meeting will be June 18th – 22nd, 2017 (speaker to be announced). The Gleed congregation would like to invite everyone to attend this meeting. Sunday, June 18th, services will start at 10:30am and there will be a dinner to follow. Sunday afternoon services will be at 3:00pm Fellowship to follow. Monday - Thursday Dinner will be at 5:30pm and Services will start at 7:00pm.

We are also getting ready for our 2nd annual Delta fundraiser event at Indian John rest stop located on Snoqualmie pass. We will be handing out coffee and cookies to the travelers for a donation. That will be March 31st – April 3rd,

2017. I am also proud of the Christianson kids who have started selling fresh farm eggs to raise money for Delta.

Please pray for the following and if you would like to send a card the addresses are also included. Carol Bauer is suffering from liver failure. She is working on the criteria to get on the liver transplant list. She will be going to Seattle for testing at the beginning of the year. Please pray, her numbers are where they need to be to receive a new liver. Carol Bauer, 1314 S. 7th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902.

Gene McKinney is recovering from surgery to update his pacemaker; however he is still suffering from the effects of congestive heart failure and depression. I also want to ask you to

pray for Aunt Pat, she is his loving wife and constant caregiver. If you would like to send a card the address is Gene and Pat McKinney 15220 Fisk Rd. Yakima Washington 98908.

Troy Solomon is still recovering from his 25 ft fall 6 months ago, and still has a very long journey ahead. He went to see his surgeon in Seattle and did not get the news they wanted to hear. Unfortunately his femur is not healing as fast as they would like it to, the bone was shattered and may need a bone graft. They will go for a follow up in February to see if there is any growth. Troy will be getting his dental implants by the first of the year. Troy Solomon, 1206 S 43Ave, Yakima, WA 98908.

Bob Farley is recovering from surgery and is suffering from chronic pain. Robert Farley, 461 N. Gleed Rd., Naches, WA 98937.

Ilene Thrush is suffering from heart issues and has had several strokes. Ilene Thrush, 8 South Ave. Apt# 428, Yakima, WA 98902.

Darren King was injured on the job and had emergency back surgery, three years ago. He has returned from a five week pain management rehab in Portland. While he was there he learned a lot of good tools he can use to help with pain and body mechanics. Darren came back with a great attitude and hope for his future. He has decided that he will go back to college and continue to work in the medical field. Darren will be going back to school and beginning a new journey as a repertory therapist. This is a very scary time, not knowing what the future will hold for him and his family. Darren King, 7211 Lateral B Road, Wapato, WA 98951.

Threasa King and The King family for the Gleed Church of Christ

Goshen, AR

Dear Christian brothers and sisters,

This year is slipping away very fast; our cold weather is not far off. We have had 30 and frost three mornings this past week. Hoping everyone is feeling good with the cooler weather. It has been very dry here in Arkansas; our leaves have not been as colorful as in years past.

The church at Goshen is doing very good; not a lot of sickness so far. We do have two older sisters that miss services a lot of times because of their age and health; they both need your prayers. Sis. June Auslam (88) – It's been so hard for her to walk; she uses a walker. Also Sis. La Wanda Parks – Her legs & feet are so swollen and full of fluid; Home Health comes (I believe) two or three days a week to change the wraps. She comes to church when she can.

The rest of the church just has aches & pains, colds, & such.

This check is from the Goshen Church of Christ to help with the paper. We need to support the paper, after all it is the main source of our news about the churches and the members that a lot of us have. We older ones didn't have (or couldn't learn to use) the computer as all the younger bunch take for granted. I'm too old to learn a new trick.

Your sister in Christ,
Rachel Daniels Troxler
For the Goshen Church of Christ

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings from Lorenzo, TX:

We are saddened to report the passing of two of our dear loved ones: Sis. Nell McCay (December 1st) and Sis. Earlene Jared (December 2nd). Sis. Nell had been in a nursing home for four years and longed to leave this world and be with her husband Bro. Howard McCay. Sis. Earlene had fought and lost a battle against cancer. She is now relieved of the pain she endured.

Sis. Reba White is still having trouble with pneumonia and other health issues. She has gotten to the point of not being able to attend church services at least until the weather clears up, Please keep her in your prayers. For the most part everyone else at Lorenzo is doing fine

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman were away for the holidays visiting their daughter Sis. Kelly Shepherd and her family in Vancouver, WA. They attended church services at Hillsboro, OR. It was good to see loved ones they had not seen for some time. While visiting the Shepherds, Bro. Matt Shepherd went to the hospital with painful gall stones, and ended up having his gall bladder removed. He still has regular checkups on his heart condition.

Recent visitors to Lorenzo were Bro. Austin & Sis. Rose Ann Bryant, Bro. Bill Jared, Sis. Kelly Shepherd, and Paul Forsman. We love to have visitors.

In Christian Love,
The Lorenzo, TX, congregation

Pleasant View, Stilwell, OK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Time has come again for us to share news from the Pleasant View congregation in Stilwell, OK.

Sis. Barbara Ross had her hip replaced and is slowly getting back to herself. Sis. Jessica Chastain, Sis. Retha Morris, and Sis. Reba Morris have all had health issues. Please continue to pray for them all.

Bro. Robert Fuson, Jr. and Sis. Teri Sue Warford were married on November 19th. We wish them many blessings. It was great to have Bro. Richard and Sis. Monica Johnston, Bro. Terry and Sis. Monica Warford, Sis. Kaylena Warford, Sis. Kathy Treat, and Little Red visiting for the wedding. We were blessed to have Bro. Richard speak for us on Sunday morning.

Everyone is welcome to join us. We meet every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. for service and on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. for Bible Study/Singing.

Bro. Gerald Buckner
Church of Christ at Pleasant View, Stilwell, OK

Patience strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, subdues pride, and bridles the tongue.

Ringgold, TX

We are sending a check to be divided between The Christian Courier and the Missionary Fund.

We are all well here and looking forward to another year. Jim Pollan is recovering from his kidney surgery and doing well. All of the prayers of everyone are really appreciated. We all need the prayers of each other very much.

We are so very few in number but strong in faith, and we embrace every trial we have, giving

all the glory to God for being in His care. We always ask everyone who travels through our area to stop in and attend church with us and stay in our homes. As we approach another year may we all be one as our Lord prayed we would be.

In Christ with love for all,
The Ringgold, TX, congregation

Yakima, WA

Dear Brethren,

The last couple of months have had many highs and lows. One of the highs was that Bro. Richard & Sis. Monica Johnston were able to attend the marriage of their oldest granddaughter, Teri Sue Warford, to Robert Fuson, Jr. in Stilwell, OK, in November. In December they attended the wedding of their granddaughter Sierra Dean to Nick Brashear. We pray for a long and happy life together for the couples.

There was a period of both high & low in the birth & passing of Brady & Haley Lamb's daughter, Quinn Harper Lyric Lamb. Complications started on November 18th at 26 weeks. Brady & Haley were airlifted to University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle from Memorial Hospital at 8:30 that night due to some health issues with Haley. After waiting as long as they could, doctors delivered Quinn via C-section on Friday, November 25th at 12:13 am. She was born at 11lb 11oz, 12-1/2 in. long.

She was one day short of 28 weeks. Quinn started breathing on her own on the first day and

was put on a cpap. Doctors were very happy with her progress. On November 29th she took a sudden turn for the worse and left us for a better place at 4 am on November 30th. She was with us for only four short days but impacted our lives dramatically. She was a bright star, a shooting star, that appears as a brilliant light and then vanishes away. The big difference is, once it's gone it is forgotten; Quinn will never be forgotten. What an outpouring of love she received from so many people. The prayers, phone calls, and donations were tremendous and we thank you all. Our one consolation is found in the words of Jesus, "*Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.*"

Mike, Jr. and Jessica McCay are the proud parents of a baby girl, Callie Renea McCay, born January 3, 2017.

Our meeting has been set for June 25 - July 2, 2017, with guest speakers.

We invite all who can to come this way whenever you can. All are welcome. Please pray for us as we do for you.

Yours in Christ, Bro. Bill McCay, Sr.

Yuma, AZ

Good morning Brothers and Sisters, it has been much too long since I have sent in a letter. No excuses for my laziness. There are a few things that I would like to make known from the Yuma congregation. First, we have had a baptism a couple of weeks ago. One of our dear young ones had made it known that it was time to take that step. Logan Reagal, granddaughter to Robert and Debra Davis, spoke to her family that she wanted to be baptized. She is such a dear little girl, she is 9 years old and has been guided by her grandparents and her mother Iris. She has been singing out in church for many of those 9 years and has developed in to a wonderful singer, I'm sure that God hears her voice and smiles, I know that I have watched her grow in to the young lady that she is. It was only a matter of time that she would take that step and we are all so proud of her.

We have some serious news to bring to our brothers and sisters about my Uncle Harry Davis, most probably know that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is now going through radiation treatments. He is receiving treatments 5 days a week and will need to do 9 weeks of those treatments. He is in great spirits and filled with hope but still we would like to have prayers for his continued health and for positive results of the treatments. Aunt Alice Davis is still in need of prayers for her condition, we love her so much, still feisty as always.

Some of you may have met our cousin Charles Davis at one time or another, sad to make mention but he has passed from this world. He was a Church of Christ member and lived in the Phoenix area. Charles' wife Veda had been a

home where she could be cared for her Alzheimer's. She also was in bad health and passed away about a week later than her husband Charles. There will be a memorial to celebrate their lives on the 14th of this month at Johnson's Mortuary and then all will meet at my sister and brother in laws home for a luncheon. Charles attended church with us every time that they were in Yuma and he and Veda will be missed by all of the family and those friends that knew them.

I would like to mention that our meeting in Yuma this year will be in March as usual. The dates are March 12th through March 19th. We invite all to attend and honor God our Father once again. If possible come early, we love the company. We are sorely limited as to accommodations. At our meeting there will be a memorial for another wonderful person that has gone home to be with the Father. Nell McCay, has left a footprint in this world of Christians that would be difficult to step in to. There are memories of her at virtually every church in our group of churches. Bible covers, cushions for church benches and many more things. Her love for everyone was so obvious as she was and is loved so very much. Please come and be with us to remember her through pictures and our personal thoughts of her life.

We send our love to each and every one of you and for your continued good health or for renewed good health. Prayers for everyone.

Bro. Denny and Sis. Susie Davis, for the Yuma congregation



News From Abroad

Harlingen, TX (Nov., 2016)

Dear brethren in the church of Christ,

Receive my most sincere greetings. Grace be to you and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

I comment that during October we had much work in different areas of Mexico. I worked with the brothers of the church of Pachuca, Mexico, visiting several families for teaching the gospel, and we had two new baptisms.

I worked in Soto la Marina, Mexico, in the place where there existed only 2 sisters, but the Lord permitted that a family that had been separated of the congregation for some time, returned, and was established again to the church with 6 members.

Some churches in Guatemala inform me that the evangelists continue the work and all the brothers are firm in the faith.

Also, several congregations are requesting that they need help with bibles and song books.

I have reports in Colombia that there are new brothers in the church in Calarca and that they are all near an evangelist continuing the work of evangelization.

In the church in Matamoros a day per week some man prepares for predication of the gospel.

Again, we express our gratitude in the name of the Lord by your participation in the work of the Lord.

Your brothers in Christ,

Otto Alvarez and evangelists in Spanish

Report From Kenya

Brethren,

We are so grateful to God our Father. He has truly answered our prayers. Immediately after we received the money that you sent we started to work out to do what was needed.

We went to meet the property owner to negotiate. We agreed to do the following:

- To see the surveyor to sub-divide the plot as shown in the sketch attached thereon.
- We went to see the lawyer to prepare the agreement for the sale of the property (also attached).

- We then proceeded to the bank to do the funds transfer from my account to the existing property owner's account.

I have attached all the important documents including the Land Title Deed (photocopy) as evidence for you and everyone there to see [I have copies of these documents — Ellis].

We purchased the property in the name of the church, not in a personal name to avoid future confusion and complaining from others. Therefore the property or the land will be registered by the government in the name of the

church, as shown in the agreement duly signed in the presence of a lawyer as the sole witness.

This was possible because the church is registered by the government of Kenya. We had to show the church certificate to the lawyer.

All church members were involved, therefore aware on this important project. We signed all documents with Bro. Benjamin Ronoh on behalf of the church. We are so thankful to you and all who contributed their money towards this cause. God bless all of you.

Yesterday we met at the school where we worshiped, before going to inspect the church property. We took photos of which I will send to you when they are ready. Meanwhile attached to this letter are pictures of my daughter Fridah Nekesa who wedded Steve M. Owade on Friday, December 16th.

At least we ought to thank God very much for what He has done this year we thank Him for the church property and the marriage ceremony of

my daughter. We thank him for healing some of us who went through difficulty with sickness.

We would continue to communicate, now we need to fence the premises and then purchase some chairs or furniture's for the church. Yesterday after inspecting property some members of the congregation each promised to buy two chairs.

During the month of November and December I got so tired and fatigued my health as far as high blood pressure and diabetes rose up to an extent that I had to see the doctor. He blamed me for defaulting (stopping) to take the medicines as advised before. The medicines are sometimes very expensive. One needs 1800 Kshs (\$18 American) per week to spend on medicines.

Thank you very much!

God bless you and those who contributed towards this project.

Bro. John Kombo

Report From Tanzania (Dec. 22, 2016)

Brethren, I salute you in the almighty name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ,

It has been long since the Katoro congregation was started here and the response of those obeying the gospel is growing gradually. Transportation has been the problem in reaching the prospects because we must reach them, but most of all what has been obstacles here is a place of worship.

There are four properties here that the owners are selling; three of them have buildings, but one has nothing. Each of the three is expensive, but the one with nothing costs \$5000. On behalf of the church we humbly ask for your help to get a place of worship. Currently, we are worshipping under the tree, this when there is no rain. It should be remembered that it's a rainy season.

When the rain comes we meet in the house. I don't have any problem with worship in the houses because that's how the first century church did, but today it doesn't bring sense to worship the houses.

I get difficult time explaining to them, and most of the time someone says "that was the first century church and it depended with that community." Again, we ask you brethren to help us get a place of worship.

Shirati and us here at Katoro are lacking song books and Bibles, if there is an opportunity may you help? [\[Songbooks are available on the church website under the Article East Africa tab and is available in preferences for Kenya and Tanzania in Swahili language in PDF format and can be printed in tract form — Ellis\].](#)

We had four baptisms last week and on December 18th last Sunday two women obeyed the gospel.

In Christ's hope,
Bro. Sadat.

Report From Uganda

Receive our sincere greeting. Hope the Lord is keeping you safe ,we are doing great. Yesterday (January 8th), Bro Joshua Pracher at Lutolo church told me on phone that they had two baptisms. Please pray for these souls: Evans Sanya and Beatrice Sanya.

We need some money to help the Bubo congregation toward their famine. We received

yesterday the money you sent to help the Christians at Bubo congregation to buy food; we very much appreciate. But 200kg of maize flour each member is getting 10kg this will push them for some days since they are to be having only one meal a day.

Thank you,
Bro. Julius Wandera, Uganda

Report From Liberia

Dear Brethren,

I send to you my evangelistic report from the month of November and December, 2016, as I made a trip to the brethren in Tubmanburg on Thursday, November 24.

From November 25 and 26, Bro. Michael Momo and I visited the weak brothers and sisters of the Gbalasuah Church of Christ and encouraged them back to the faith.

On Sunday, November 27, the brethren came together in the assembly and we worshiped in spirit and in truth with the attendance of 24.

During the assembly Bro. J. Q. Harris taught on the topic, "*The Lord's Supper.*" Text of teaching was Matthew 26:26-27.

The sermon message was given by me from the Topic, "*God's Pattern for Us Today.*" The text of the message was Hebrews 8:4, 5. This message points to the fact that God gave patterns to His people in the past and did not ignore us who are living under the New Testament dispensation today. Today's pattern of teaching and practice can be found in the New Testament (I Cor.4:6; 2 Peter 3:15-16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

I, whole heartily appreciate your concern and love you have for the works of the Lord's church in Liberia which you have shown through the assistance financially and in spiritual study materials.

For the month of December, 2016, I was able to get to the Nyonben Town Church of Christ in # 4 District of Grand Bassa County from December 24-28, 2016. On Sunday, December 25th I worshiped with the brethren, with the attendance of 93.

During this time of worship service I was opportune to preach on the topic, "*Christmas, is it the Birthday of Christ?*" Taken from the text of Luke 2:1 – 20

We are bereaved because one of our sisters by the name of Sis. Marie Davis died on December 10, 2016, at the Central Buchanan Congregation.

May God bless you richly in all your good effort and love for the growth of the work in Liberia.

In Christian Love,
Bro. James A. Suahgba

In Loving Memory of Nell McCay



It is very difficult to condense the life of 96 years into a few words. Sis. Nell McCay was born on July 10, 1920, the only child of Otis & Jennie Mack. She

was born into the Lord's family at age 14. She remained in that family until her passing. Nell married the love of her life, Bro. Howard McCay, on October 1, 1940. They enjoyed nearly 59 years before he passed away in 1998. Nell passed from this life on December 1, 2016.

She is survived by 4 children: Lynell (& Ellis), Jerry (& Wynetta), Jackie (& Bill), and Alyce, as well as 10 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren, and many foster children with whom she & Howard shared their home.

Hers was a long life spent working for the Lord. She was an expert seamstress. She made

several beautiful wedding dresses. She upholstered furniture, made Bible covers, and covered cushions at several congregations.

Being an only child, she usually worked alone, so she really enjoyed the solitary company of cats and also people in small groups. She became a master gardener because she loved flowers!

She always supported Howard when he went to church meetings. She gladly went when she could but if she was not able to go, she always encouraged him to go. Serving the Lord to the best of her ability was her life-long goal.

Nell was extremely efficient and highly organized, yet she continually searched for ways to make improvements in everything she tackled. She truly lived according to Ecclesiastes 9:10, "*Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...*"

She will be lovingly remembered at the Yuma meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2017. Howard & Nell spent many winters parked at the church in Yuma and considered it their second home.

We will honor a life well spent at that time.

In Loving Memory of Corrine Connie Bryant



Connie, 83, was born on December 9, 1933, and passed away on October 25, 2016, in Montrose, Co.

Some 50 years ago, a man and a woman met.

They fell in love never to regret.

She had 5 and he had 3,

We all became one loving family.

He searched and searched for God's true word,

And found it just as he had heard.

He quickly obeyed the gospel and brought his

Family as soon as possible.

She, too, obeyed the gospel and one by one we all followed.

As we grew we were scattered, much too busy
With our own family matters.

So he and she just held each other.

One early spring morning he had to leave her,
She found him gone and as she stared at him lying,

Then she began the pain of crying.

We came to her rescue as fast as we could,
Helping her as best we should.

She tried and tried to live but life just wasn't
Good without him.

Summer came and went and she was tired,
So a mid fall morning she retired.

So she left us as he did too,

And we will all struggle to get through.

God holds the seed of life within His palm,

For he was Dad and she was Mom.

— By Jamie Schell

In Loving Memory of Earlene (Forsman) Jared



Sis. Earlene Jared, 68, the eldest daughter of Bro. Earl & Sis. Olene Howe, (both now deceased) was born March 4, 1948, in Seymour, Texas. In time she was joined by six siblings, all of whom survived her.

Hers was a very large musical family. Their greatest joy was singing gospel hymns together. Their beautiful four-part harmonies were treasured by all who were part of or shared in it.

When she was 16, the whole family journeyed to the first Delta, Colorado, Camp Meeting, She met a handsome 16 year old guy from the state of Washington. After visiting and corresponding for two years, at the age of 18, they went back to the Delta Camp Meeting where Bro. Errol Forsman & Earlene were married on August 9, 1966.

There's was a love story that lasted 30 years to which were born four children: Kimberly Matlock (husband Matt), Sheila McCay (husband David), and Christopher Forsman

(wife Dana), all who survived her; and a daughter Sonya Denise who preceded her in death. She also left others behind to cherish her memory: husband Bill Jared; five sisters, Kathy Burt, Vandra Wood, Amy Orendorff, Oletta Spurlin, Leesa Boling; one brother, Willie Howe, and their spouses; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren and many friends.

Errol's unfortunate passing on August 15, 1998, at the age of 48 left a huge hole in Earlene's life. On June 29, 2001, she married Bro. Bill Jared and together they made a home for 15 years in Indiana. A year ago she was diagnosed with cancer and moved back to Lubbock, Texas, for treatment. She lost the battle on December 2nd and was lovingly laid to rest by family and friends on December 3rd, 2016.

Hers is the wonderful legacy of music, baking cookies with grandkids (the lights of her life), playing games, shopping, going to meetings, any church activities, and spending holidays with family. She always had a huge smile and lots of laughter. It was her very social nature and upbeat attitude that kept her going through her battle with disease.

All of these gifts were part of her warm nature. In her early teens, Earlene developed a lifelong friendship with the Lord. In return, He put a song in her heart that she sang every day of her life.

She will be greatly missed. We are comforted only by Paul's promise in 2 Tim. 4:7-8, "I have

fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."



It's time to start planning Your vacation!
Church Camp, 2017
Delta, CO (Cedaredge)
July 16-23, 2017

We are looking forward to seeing - ALL of you – at the Delta Church Camp, July 16-23, 2017. We want to make YOUR camp the best it can be and we need your help. There have been comments about things we might do to improve the camp. We would like for EVERYONE to PLEASE give us your suggestions and thoughts on things we could implement to improve YOUR camp. We would appreciate EVERYONE'S comments. To help with the cost we are planning a BIG Auction at the camp (probably Friday evening after services). This is a fun way to raise funds, to make this a big success, everyone PLEASE bring or send crafts to be sold at the auction (if possible hand made by you or one of our brothers or sisters in Christ). Note: PLEASE label each item as who made or sent it.

We all want to take home a craft made by one of our brother's or sister's in Christ. PLEASE make plans to be with your brothers and sisters in Christ at — CHURCH CAMP 2017!!

Putting together your paper is always a challenge! We try to always include the news letters (that sometimes have to be condensed) and the updated bulletin page. To that we add short articles that are positive and informative. Lastly, we add pictures where we can. Sometimes we must delay materials to another edition in order to format (it is like putting together puzzle pieces in the available space) a paper that is cost effective. Most submitted material has merit but it might not fit the space available, especially if timing (such as camp notices or recent deaths) is of the essence. It is not intended to be arbitrary as to value.

We ask your patience and forbearance as we go through this lengthy process (usually takes close to two weeks).

In Christian love, Your editor

Bulletin Board

Meetings

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| March 12-19, 2017 | Yuma, AZ | Guest speakers |
| June 18-22, 2017 | Gleed, WA | TBA |
| June 25-July 2, 2017 | Yakima, WA | Guest speakers |
| July 9-14, 2017 | Glenwood, WA | TBA |
| July 16-23, 2017 | Delta, CO | Family Camp Meeting |
| July 30-Aug. 5, 2017 | Lorenzo, TX | Terry Warford, Kevin Lamb |
| Sept. 1-3, 2017 | Pleasant View, OK | TBA |

Marriages

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| Robert Fuson, Jr. & Teri Sue Warford | Pleasant View, OK | November 19, 2016 |
| Nick Brashear & Sierra Dean | Yakima, WA | December, 2016 |
| Steve Owade to Fridah Nekesa | Nakuru, Kenya | December 16, 2016 |

Births

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| Quinn Harper Lyric Lamb to Brady & Haley Lamb | Yakima, WA | November 25, 2016 |
| Callie Renea McCay to Mike, Jr. & Jessica McCay | Yakima, WA | January 3, 2017 |

Baptisms

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| Logan Reagal | Yuma, AZ | December 18, 2016 |
| Evans Sanya | Lutolo, Uganda | January 8, 2016 |
| Beatrice Sanya | Lutolo, Uganga | January 8, 2016 |

Passings

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| Connie Bryant | Montrose, CO | October 25, 2016 |
| Quinn Harper Lyric Lamb | Yakima, WA | November 30, 2016 |
| Nell McCay | Lorenzo, TX | December 1, 2016 |
| Earlene Jared | Lorenzo, TX | December 2, 2016 |
| Marie Davis | Central Buchanan, Liberia | December 10, 2016 |
| Charles Davis | Phoenix, AZ | December, 2016 |
| Veda Davis | Phoenix, AZ | December, 2016 |

Prayer of Faith for those in need

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| Laban Ambogo's family | Matundu, Kenya | Malaria |
| John Kombo | Nakuru, Kenya | Diabetes & high blood pressure |
| Newton Kombo | Nakuru, Kenya | Many injuries; hit by motorcycle |
| Benjamin Rono | Nakuru, Kenya | Automobile accident injuries |
| Caleb Timothy's mother | Arusha, Tanzania | Hemorrhoid treatment |
| Agrippina Sadat | Geita, Tanzania | Problems during recovery of stomach surgery |
| Several church members | Uganda | Truck accident injuries |
| Julius Wandera's son | Uganda | In hospital; on oxygen |
| Jay & LaWanda Durham | Broken Bow, OK | Surgery, illness, falls |
| Brent Berry | Canton, GA | Heart problems |
| Tony Schell | Cedaredge, CO | Heart irregularities |
| Carol Bauer | Gleed, WA | Needs liver transplant |
| Robert Farley | Gleed, WA | Severe pain, recovering from surgery |
| Pauline Holloway | Gleed, WA | Uterine & cervical cancer |
| Gene McKinney | Gleed, WA | Congestive heart failure |
| Troy Solomon | Gleed, WA | Recovering from fall injuries |
| Ilene Thrush | Gleed, WA | Several strokes & heart issues |
| Jeannean McSwane | Glenwood, WA | Severe infections, pain, blood clots, & falls |
| Otto & Mariella Alvarez | Harlingen, TX | Dangerous travel |
| Eunice Jared | Hillsboro, OR | Heart problems |
| Mary Peyton | Hillsboro, OR | Alzheimer's |
| Reba White | Lorenzo, TX | Falls & Pneumonia |
| Jessica Chastain | Pleasant View, OK | Health issues |
| Reba Morris | Pleasant View, OK | Severe kidney complications & Lupus |
| Retha Morris | Pleasant View, OK | Fighting Parkinson's disease, health issues |
| Barbara Ross | Pleasant View, OK | Hip replacement |
| Jim Pollan | Ringgold, TX | Recovering from kidney surgery |
| Al Burtis | Waterford, CA | Radiation treatment for cancer |
| Bill McCay, Sr | Yakima, WA | Macular Degeneration & age |
| Cinde McCay | Yakima, WA | Fighting Parkinson's |
| Alice Davis | Yuma, AZ | Lower back pain & advanced age |
| Harry Davis | Yuma, AZ | Prostate cancer |
| Iris Stewart | Yuma, AZ | Heart problems |

And all those who are aging or in nursing homes.

Who We Are

We are a collection of congregations of the church of Christ who pattern our worship after the New Testament example of the church in the first century. We believe in the authoritative word of God in determining our doctrine and practice.

We do not tie ourselves to any other name but the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:10-12). Jesus Christ said, “*Upon this rock* (that is, the fact that He is the Son of God) *I will build my church*” (Matt. 16:18). Since the church belongs to Him, shouldn’t it bear His name, as well? The churches certainly did so in the first century. “*The churches of Christ salute you.*” (Rom. 16:16).

How We Worship

You will find each of the following activities in our worship each first day of the week:
Singing. No man-made instruments of music are used. As Christians, we are commanded to sing and make melody in our heart (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We feel it would be an addition to His will if we used instrumental instruments of music in the worship.

Teaching. The teaching is designed to instruct and encourage all of us in the way of righteousness (Acts 5:42; 2 Tim. 2:2).

The Lord’s Supper. The communion is observed as it was when our Lord introduced it. The person attending the Lord’s Table will give thanks for the bread, break it as the Lord did, and pass it on to the assembly to be eaten. This is done in remembrance of our Lord’s broken body (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-24). The person attending the Lord’s Table will also give thanks for the cup (singular) of the fruit of the vine and pass it on to the assembly to drink. This is done in remembrance of our Lord’s shed blood.

Contribution. The collection is taken only on Sunday worship service. Each member gives as he purposes in his heart (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

Prayer. The prayers are designed to praise God and communicate our thoughts to Him.

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