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Let Us All Speak Where The Bible Speaks And Silent Where The Bible Is Silent

The above title has been used for A slogan of the Church of Christ for many years, and if it was carried out there would be no division in the church to-day. What an army that would be.

But instead we are weakened by those divisions, and every time a new one comes up, then that weakens us that much more. Jesus said in Mark 3:25, “*A house divided against itself cannot stand.*” And that is the condition of the Church today.

Why can't men see that the Church is being destroyed instead of being built up? What will be the next division?

Peter said in 1 Peter 4:11, “*If any man speak, let him speak as the Oracles of God.*” And to do that is to speak where the Bible speaks. Now Paul said in 2 Tim. 3:16-17 that all Scripture is given by Inspiration of God and is profitable, for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be Perfect. And if he can be perfect he needs

nothing more than the Bible, for Col. 3:17 said “*Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord giving thanks unto God and the Father by Him*”.

And to do all in the name of the Lord is to speak where the Bible speaks, for it is the Bible that gives the authority. Now in Phil. 4:19 we are told that “*my God shall supply all your needs according to His Riches in Glory by Christ Jesus*”.

And if he has furnished us unto all good works, and supplied all our needs, then from where does all of those different parties of the Church come from? Well, let us go back and see if we can find anything about them in All of God's word.

Turn to the 11th chapter of 1 Cor. and see if they were not dividing into sects and one was of Paul, and another one was of Cephas and another was of Christ.

Paul said, "*Is Christ divided?*" No, He rebuked them for being that way and our so called church of Christ preachers uphold for it. Now who speaks where the Bible speaks. Does all that name, the name of Christ, hold to the Truth? No, for if they did then, the Bible wouldn't be true. For Paul said in 2 Timothy that those kind of people would arise up to draw off disciples after them.

Those kind are the ones that do not speak where the Bible speaks, but have their own invention, of some sort, such as Sunday school and multiple cups. Of *such* are they that creep into widows houses and lead off those silly women laden, with sin who are ever learning but are never able to come to the Knowledge of the truth.

Brethren, when are we going to come to the knowledge of the truth? Are we going to stand by and let those kind of preachers take the church and us do nothing about it? We can read only one cup in the communion service but man has a bunch of them. God said Fruit of the Vine, but man said fermented wine.

Are those fellows that preach such speaking where the Bible speaks? No, they are not, and

we can't have fellowship with them. Those that use music in their worship, do they speak where the Bible speaks? No, they speak where man speaks and not where God has spoken.

And how can anyone say that they are of God and do such things as those mentioned herein and can't find them authorized in the Word of God? And, if they can find them, will they give us those scriptures, so we can use them also? And if not, will they do as we plead for all to do, lay them down and unite upon Bible terms so we all can be one in Christ, and walk together?

For God has said that His people should have one heart and one way (Jer. 31:31). And if one way, then from whence does all those different doctrines that are in the Church today come from? If not of God, then they must be from man.

And if from man, then they are condemned and all such as use them and meet where they are used is condemned also (see Rom. 1:2). So let us all speak where the Bible speaks and all be one.

Yours in Christ, W. E. DANIELS, "*It Is Written*", July, 1953.

***"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 unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
(Matt. 11:28-30)***



Cards and Letters

Glenwood, WA

Short note from the Glenwood, WA, congregation. The Glenwood congregation is cancelling its meeting for this summer. Sorry for those who were planning to attend.

Pleasant View, OK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
We are all doing well here at this time. We are happy to report that we have a new brother in Christ. Draven Littledeer was baptized on April 22nd. It is nice to see our little congregation growing.

We invite you to attend our Labor Day meeting, September 1-3, 2017, with Bro. Shiloh Boling from the Lorenzo, TX, congregation. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and services at 7 p.m. on

Friday and Saturday nights. Services will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning followed by another dinner.

If you happen to be coming our way this summer, please stop in and visit us. Everyone is welcome.

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

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings from Lorenzo, TX:

Bro. Matt & Sis. Kim Matlock & Bro. Joshua & Sis. Aleisha Matlock traveled to Valparaiso, Indiana, to get personal items after the passing of Sis. Earlene Jared. While there, they worshipped with the Valparaiso group. They arrived back home safely.

Bro. Dan & Sis. Karen Greenway have been in Lorenzo the past 3 months working on the property they purchased.

Recent illnesses or health issues were: Bro. Larry Wood, recovering from knee surgery; Sis. Carolyn Hatter, mostly recovered from stomach

surgery; Bro. Jimmy & Sis. Jaetta Loftis, age related health issues; Bro. Gene Boling, knee replacement scheduled in June; Bro. Jerry McCay, stepped on a large nail; Bro. Ellis Forsman, in hospital for 2 days for testing of possible heart-related issues; Bro. Evert Forsman, back problems; Sis. Reba White is still having trouble with pneumonia and other health issues. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Be sure to make plans for our meeting this summer; July 30 – August 5th. All are welcome!

In Christian Love,
The Lorenzo, TX, congregation



News From Abroad

Harlingen, TX (April, 2017)

Dear brethren in Christ Jesus:

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of God, our Father.

I comment that we are working and requesting to God so that we have the necessary force to continue the work that we have been entrusted to teach the gospel to others.

Each month we continue traveling from different places in Mexico to visit the brothers and working with new people and thanks to the Lord that the churches continue to grow.

I comment that from April 15th to May we have plans to visit some churches in Central America to encourage the brethren and also to preach in new places. Also, we have plans to

organize meetings with preachers of different areas for teaching and preparing more in the scriptures. We request your prayers so that the Lord keeps us out of the dangers that are in the area of Central America.

At this moment I am printing sufficient material for the preachers and also I am recording approximately 1,000 CD's with different topics so that the brothers could give to anyone interested.

Also, continue the meetings with brothers in the area of the frontier of Mexico and also in the area of Texas.

I send photos of study sessions in Harlingen, TX, and First City, TX.

Mat the Lord bless those in the Lord's work.
Your brother in Christ,
Evangelists in Spanish.

Machakos, Kenya — Unification Meeting

During last year, 2016 annual meeting at Naivasha, Kenya, we had planned and agreed to have a congregational meeting at Machakos to discuss the evangelism progress of "one cup church of Christ" in Kenya. Then some issues were raised by a brother named ***** who had written to Bro. Ellis about the running of church affairs and leadership in Machakos. He wrote several letters to Bro. Ellis and Bro. John Kombo; all the letters were copied to brothers, Laban, Thomas Situma, and John Mbithi.

Therefore, we decided to travel to Machakos and meet some leaders to discuss the matters.

On Monday, the 24th of April, 2017, Bro. Laban came to Nakuru from Kakamega. We left on Tuesday and headed to Machakos. We found Bro. Situma waiting for us at Naivasha. Together we left to go to Machakos where we found Bro. Mbithi waiting for us. From there we proceeded to Kola where Bro. Mbithi lives. We had a meeting during most of the night hours. Bro. Muteti joined us next day on Wednesday, the 26th.

The following is the outcome of what we discussed:

The meeting was opened by a prayer led by Bro. Laban Ambogo.

Present Were:

- John Mbithi – Machakos
- John Kombo – Nakuru
- Laban Ambogo – Kakamega
- Thomas Situma – Naivasha
- Johnstone Muteti – Machakos

Bro. *****, whom we had invited to the meeting, rejected the invitation and therefore failed to attend.

Agenda:

- Discuss about the letters written by *****,
- Evangelism report
- Unity of brotherhood among the leaders within the national committee members.

Minutes, April 1, 2017

By observing and reading through Mutunga's letters and Minutes of meetings which took place in 2012, we agreed to the fact that this does not concern the committee that has been registered by the government. So we do not know more or anything about it.

The account of which ***** is talking about was opened in the name of Kenya Church of Christ, which uses many cups. While the account we opened is Restoration Church of Christ Ministries. Therefore it is duly registered by the government of Kenya. The account that ***** is talking about is not functioning. The church at Mbondoni where ***** worships is not part of the congregations that work with us. We work with the following in the Machakos region:

- Kola church of Christ
- Kyakaroo church of Christ
- Kanyongo church of Christ
- Mumandu church of Christ where Johnstone Muteti is a preacher.

Minutes, April 2, 2017: Evangelism Report

All of us agreed to the fact that evangelism is the backbone of the church. The church that is not evangelizing is a dying church. The evangelism report would encourage missionaries who support the work in Africa. Every local church should put more effort to evangelism. The church of Christ is committed to restoration of denominations to the church of Christ and to preach the gospel to those who are lost in sin.

Minutes, April 3, 2017: Church Leadership

We all agreed to work in love and harmony. Always being faithful to one another. We must adhere to 1 Timothy 3 on leadership from where we lead; to be a good example to the community where we preach.

Minutes, A.O.B

We all are very much grateful to learn and hear good news about the money contributed toward the church property at Nakuru. The property is very important and useful to the church in Kenya. It can be used for conferences in future. We are very thankful to all who made this to be successful.

The next meeting will be held at Kakamega, Matundu Church of Christ. We are happy and grateful to God our Father for the unity that has prevailed among us for the period we have been together in the Lord's work.

Bro. Muteti recalled once again how he was assisted financially from Ellis when his late wife was ill in the hospital. Muteti wished that ***** had been present in the meeting to discuss various letters and issues that he had been writing to Ellis and John Kombo.

Brother Muteti explained to the meeting how they had opted to open an account for the churches in Machakos in 2012 when Ellis first visited Machakos. But later it was abandoned and does not function to date.

Vote Of Thanks

Bro. John Mbithi (the host) thanked everyone who attended meeting which was very important for the churches in Machakos. It was good to come together in order to establish the truth about ***** and his letters to Ellis and John Kombo.

The Closing Prayer

Bro. Muteti was very, very emotional when he was praying. He even shed tears.

After praying he advised us not to destroy the good work that was started by Bro. Ellis Forsman. Also he asked us to love one another for the sake of the church that Jesus Christ purchased with His own blood. On our part we promised to take care of Mzee Muteti as he is now left alone. We shall do this by making visits to him and the church at Mumandu.

Report Compiled by:

- John Kombo – Nakuru
- Laban Ambogo – Kakamega
- John Mbithi – Machakos
- Johnstone Muteti – Machakos
- Thomas Situma – Naivasha

Written by: John Kombo

Attached are pictures taken during the meeting.

Report From Tanzania

April 4, 2017.

Dear brethren and sisters in Christ,

We have been studying with a prospect who has now become a Christian last Sunday, April 2, whose name is Luke Mashudi. The church is growing gradually in number and the worst thing is we don't have a place for worship. We have been meeting under a tree since the church was established here and when the rain comes we evacuate into one of our brother's house, this also has not enough space to hold us all.

Therefore, we were asking for help from those who will be touched with this. The amount

needed to buy the property is \$5000. Before there was a house which was being sold and the owner contacted me and a plea was sent to get the particular place but the response hit the wall. And the owner sold the property to someone else. In Jerusalem there were poor saints and Paul urged the Macedonian and Achaia to make contribution for them (Rom. 15:25-26, Acts 11:29-30). We really need your help because when we buy the property we shall have enough space to put a tap during worship before construction.

Your brother in Christ, Sadat Alex
Church of Christ, Katoro, Geita, Tanzania

April 29th.

Keep my daughter, Wilkister, in your prayers she was hit by a motorist yesterday while crossing the road, Now she is in the hospital in much pain with a broken leg.

Sadat.

May 5th.

I have been quiet for some time because of a problem that happened to my child who was knocked by a motorcycle as she was crossing and her leg was broken. I thank God who gives us the air that we breathe, which is life for letting her out of the hospital and now she is at home doing

well. We need to pray for each other as it is called today because we are at the last point in our lives, and when you hear the news people are suffering worldwide e.g. Yemen is in trouble caused by war and famine and women and children are suffering in that country and I am grieved in my heart when I saw the children starving.

Sadat.

May 29th

I ask for your prayers; my household is sick of Malaria and UTI: I, my wife, and kids. Agrippina has been admitted since yesterday evening.

Sadat

Report From Uganda

My wife has intestinal blockage. I have seen the doctor and the doctor said that they needed to cut (surgery). I need some help of \$100. The surgery was performed on May 29th and she is still on medication.

Thank you, Julius Wandera



Left - First City, TX



Right - Harlingen, TX



Left - Unification Meeting in Machakos, Kenya

In Loving Memory of Bill McCay, Sr.



Brother Bill G. McCay Sr. passed peacefully from this life on April 20, 2017. Dad was born in Graton, Ca. in 1928 to Bro. George Earl McCay and Phebe (Scott) McCay. He was the youngest of 7, all who were members of the Church of Christ and, preceded him in death. Dad met mom (Veda, who passed in January of 2015) through church; and they were married in December of 1948. They were founding members of the Church of Christ on Ahtanum Rd. in Yakima, Wa.; and worshiped there the remainder of their lives. Dad loved the Lord, and spent his entire life spreading the Word, just as his father had. One of his greatest joys was traveling all over the United States and meeting with other brothers and sisters in Christ. As children, we all learned the value of having “God’s family” all over the country; as we accompanied the folks on many of their trips; and continued traveling with them even later in life. At church camps in Delta, Co, Booneville, Ca, Yuma Az and MANY other states, we all shared the joy of “fellowship”; which was very important to the folks. Dad was able to attend once again the meeting in Yuma in March, and was so happy to see his brothers and sisters in the Lord. Their home was always open to visitors, and they loved sharing the homes of others as they traveled.

Singing praises to the Lord was one of his greatest joys, and he taught his children that value also. There was rarely a time he wasn’t singing, humming or whistling a tune.

Dad is survived by four children, Bill Jr. (Cinde) McCay, Michael (Kay) McCay, Teri (Rick) Walsh and Kelly (Kathy) McCay; two sisters in law, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones. It was mentioned at his service, that he counts many preachers of the gospel in his lineage; a wonderful legacy.



Hope many of you are looking forward to being here!!
Church Camp, 2017
Delta, CO (Cedaredge)
July 16-23, 2017

"I have yet to speak on God's behalf." (Job 36:2)

We ought not to court publicity for our virtue, or notoriety for our zeal; but, at the same time, it is a sin to be always seeking to hide that which God has bestowed upon us for the good of others. A Christian is not to be a village in a valley, but "a city set upon a hill;" he is not to be a candle under a bushel, but a candle in a candlestick, giving light to all. Retirement may be lovely in its season, and to hide one's self is doubtless modest, but the hiding of Christ in us can never be justified, and keeping back the truth which is precious to ourselves is a sin against others and, an offence against God.

By Sychar's well talk to the Samaritan woman, if you cannot on the mountain preach a sermon; utter praises of Jesus in the house, if not in the temple; in the field, if not upon the exchange; in the midst of thine own household. From the hidden springs within yourself let sweetly flowing rivulets of testimony flow forth, giving drink to everyone. Hide not your talent; and you shalt bring in good interest to thy Lord and Master. To speak for God will be refreshing to ourselves, cheering to saints, useful to sinners, and will be honoring to our Saviour. Lord, unloose all Thy children's tongues.

— Stanley Goodwin

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!!

Bulletin Board

Meetings

June 18-22, 2017	Gleed, WA	Kurt Harper & Eric Harper
June 25-July 2, 2017	Yakima, WA	Guest speakers
July 16-23, 2017	Delta, CO	Family Camp Meeting
July 30-Aug. 6, 2017	Lorenzo, TX	Terry Warford, Kevin Lamb
Aug. 3-6, 2017	Waterford, CA	TBA
Sept. 1-3, 2017	Pleasant View, OK	Shiloh Boling

Baptisms

Luke Mashudi	Katoro, Geita, Tanzania	April 2, 2017
Draven Littledeer	Pleasant View, OK	April 22, 2017
Abby Mouritsen	Gleed, WA	May 14, 2017
Hanna Christianson	Gleed, WA	May 14, 2017
Hayley Christianson	Gleed, WA	May 14, 2017

Passings

Bill McCay, Sr.	Yakima, WA	April 20, 2017
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Prayer of Faith for those in need

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
Sadat Alex	Geita, Tanzania	Malaria
Agrippina Alex	Geita, Tanzania	Problems during recovery of stomach surgery, UTI, Malaria
Sadat's girl, Wilkister Alex	Geita, Tanzania	Hit by motorcycle, has a broken leg, Malaria
Sadat's son, Christian Alex	Geita, Tanzania	Malaria
Julius Wandera's wife	Uganda	Intestine surgery
Anna Cutler	Aztec, NM	Recovering from back surgery
Jay & LaWanda Durham	Broken Bow, OK	Surgery, illness, falls
Brent Berry	Canton, GA	Heart problems
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer & back surgery
Lawanda Park	Goshen, AR	Rehabilitation

Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Needs liver transplant
Robert Farley	Gleed, WA	Severe pain, recovering from surgery
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
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
Gene Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Knee surgery scheduled in June
Ellis Forsman	Lorenzo, TX	In hospital for 2 days - testing heart related problem
Evart Forsman	Lorenzo, TX	Back problems
Carolyn Hatter	Lorenzo, TX	Surgery recovery
Jerry McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Stepped on a large nail
Jimmy & Jaetta Loftis	Lorenzo, TX	Age-related health issues
Reba White	Lorenzo, TX	Falls, Pneumonia, & other health issues
Larry Wood	Lorenzo, TX	Knee surgery recovery
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
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's
Tony Brister	Yuma, AZ	Chemo & fighting cancer
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.

Can'ts and Cans

If you would have some worthwhile plans,
 You've got to watch your can'ts and cans;
 You can't aim low and then rise high;
 You can't succeed if you don't try;
 You can't go wrong and come out right;
 You can't throw time and means away
 And live sublime from day to day
 —Author unknown

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