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## Some of the Names for the Devil (Satan)

Each of us in this world has a name and these names we have been given by our parents when we were born. Mostly, we wear the more precious name that has ever been in this world, and that is Christian, meaning we belong to Christ who defeated death and now is on the right hand of His Father. However, we should not forget that names mean something and anything has a name.

I would like us to see some of the names that Satan is called; the bible mention some of the names that Satan is called and we are going to see twenty seven of them. And each one of them is somewhat descriptive of his power and personality. For one to deny that Satan exists, in order to be consistent, one would also have to deny the existence of God, since the Bible illustrates both for us.

**Wicked One**, “*When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh **the wicked one**, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by wayside.*” (Matt.13:19). Our Lord knew that not everyone will hear His

Word and catch it because Satan also is roaming looking for the weak souls.

**Enemy**, “*The **enemy** that sowed them is **the devil**; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angel.*” (Matt. 13:39). The Bible warns us to be care and vigilant in His word because if we don’t abide in His word then Satan will take us away to his kingdom. We should also remember that the devil is not looking for those that are outside Christ but he is looking for us that are in Christ.

**Beelzebub**, “*And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, he hath **Beelzebub** and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.*” (Mark 3:22). Satan puts people in agony, it happened when Jesus entered the Synagogue and found a person with a withered hand.

**Prince of devils**, “*...and by the **prince of the devils** casteth he out devils. And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, how can Satan cast out Satan?*” (Mark 3:22-23).

**Strong One**, “*When a **strong man** armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace.*”(Luke 11:21).

**Murderer, liar, Father of lies:** “*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and a father of it.*” (John 8:44). He deceives us to do what he wants us to do but not what God wants us to do. We ought to be careful because he is roaming looking for the weak souls to devour.

**Prince of this World,** “*Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*” (John 12:31-32).

**Satan,** “*But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?*” (Acts 5:3). When we are tempted, it takes us to death. We read of these two couples who sold part of their land and instead of taking the money to the Apostle, they kept part of it and lied about it. The reason they did that was that Satan deceived them and it caused them to die.

**God of this World,** “*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not lest light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*” (2 Cor. 4:4). When the gospel of Christ is preached, some fall asleep or thinking of some other things that are not in what they are hearing or doing. But I like this part; **light of the glorious gospel of Christ.** It is our obligation to tell them about it so that they may be free from the traps of Satan.

**Belial,** “*And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*” (2 Cor. 6:15).

**Serpent,** “*Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so*

*your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*” (2 Cor. 11:1-3).

**Prince of the power of the air,** “*Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.*” (Eph. 2:2).

**Tempter,** “*For this cause when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labor be in vain.*” (1 Thess. 3:5).

**Adversary,** “*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*” (1 Pet. 5:8). We are warned to be careful lest we fall into Satan’s trap. This will happen only when we abide in His word, when we read and meditate upon it.

**Angel of the bottomless pit,** “*And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*” (Rev. 9:11). There are two different names in two different languages of the Bible and these are Greek (Apollyon) and Hebrew (Abaddon).

**Great Red Dragon, The Dragon, Great Dragon, The Old Serpent, Devil, Satan, Deceiver of the whole World, Accuser** “*And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads...*” (Rev. 12:3-10). We need to be careful in everything so that we be away from him (Satan). Mostly we fall because he comes with attractive and beautiful words so that we may accept him. And we can prevent him by reading and living a life that is pleasing to God.

May our God help us to overcome the evil one as we continue to serve Him in His vineyard.

Bro. Alex Sadat, Katoro Church of Christ, Geita, Tanzania

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## “Short and Sweet”

Matt 5:5, “*Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*”

In my walk with God, I have taken note that very few have a clear understanding of this gift from our father. It is very clear that to receive it, one must first acknowledge and accept the spirit of meekness. We all have it within us, for it is of fruit of “The Holy Spirit”! It is a very rough road to acceptance, for it requires that one must forsake pride, envy, and ego. Many books can and have been written about overcoming these vices, but the truth of the matter is, one must just do it, rather than talk about it!!!

That being said; what does *earth* mean? Earth is but a specific name for one world, or planet, of the 9 worlds in our solar system. And yes I’m aware that it is considered to be eight now — stubbornness is yet another one of the vices that haunt us in this world of the flesh.

Anyway, let me put it this way; in the world that I live in, there is my wife, son, and daughter, those I know at work, and most important — the congregation of our “Lord Jesus Christ”. We all live in our own worlds / earth, for we have heard all our lives; “he lives in his own little world”.

Solomon in 1 Kings 3:7-13 (KJV), “*And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the*

*life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days”*

In meekness, Solomon asked God for an understanding heart!!! Because he asked for a Godly virtue, God gave also the means to live in comfort and peace in his own world — he inherited the earth!!! For myself, Psalms 128 is a perfect explanation of inheriting the earth I live in.

Psa. 128 (KJV), “*Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children’s children, and peace upon Israel.”*

Is this not what you all desire while on this earth? It makes the desire for meekness more valuable than GOLD!!! With a perceived promise of Heaven: Eternal Life! If you desire to please God with meekness, and therein fulfill all God’s word, read Paul’s statement in 1 Corinthians 4:19-21.

1 Cor. 4:19-21 (KJV), “*But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. For the kingdom of God is not in word,*

*but in power. What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?"*

Practice this thought in all your affairs with others and meekness is yours, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

I want to send a holy kiss to the Pleasant View Church at Stilwell. I again thank you for your hospitality and "Godly Love"!!! May the peace of Christ be with you all!!!

PS: A special thanks to Stanley and Judy Goodwin; may you all see the Father face to face on that day!!!

In Christian Love,  
Bro. David Scitern  
*Graham, TX*

*Newcastle Church of Christ*

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## Ruth 2:3

*"She gleaned in the field after the reapers: And her hap was [“she happened” — Editor] to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech."*

*Her hap was.* Yes, it seemed nothing but an accident, but how divinely was it overruled! Ruth had gone forth with her mother-in-law's blessing, under the care of her mother-in-law's God, to humble but honorable toil, and the providence of God was guiding her every step. Little did she know that amid the sheaves she would find a husband, that he should make her the joint owner of all those broad acres, and that she a poor foreigner should become one of the progenitors of the great Messiah? God is very good to those who trust in Him, and often surprises them with unlooked for blessings. Little do we know what may happen to us tomorrow, but this sweet fact may cheer us, that no good thing shall be withheld. Chance is banished from the faith of Christians, for they see the hand of God in everything. The trivial events of today or tomorrow may involve consequences of the highest importance. O Lord, deal as graciously with Thy servants as Thou didst with Ruth.

How blessed would it be, if, in wandering in the field of meditation tonight, our hap should be to light upon the place where our next Kinsman will reveal Himself to us! O Spirit of God, guide us to Him. We would sooner glean in His field than bear away the whole harvest from any other. O for the footsteps of His flock, which may conduct us to the green pastures where He dwells! This is a weary world when Jesus is away — we could better do without sun and moon than without Him — but how divinely fair all things become in the glory of His presence! Our souls know the virtue which dwells in Jesus, and can never be content without Him. We will wait in prayer this night until our hap shall be to light on a part of the field belonging to Jesus wherein He will manifest Himself to us.

Presented in Christian love for your consideration.

*Bro. Stanley Goodwin*  
*Graham, TX*

*The Newcastle Church of Christ*

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## Jesus Said!

*“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; But he that believeth not shall be damned.”* (Mark 16:16) KJV

A minister asked the inhabitants of the island of St. Kilda, How must a man be saved? (The archipelago of St Kilda, the remotest part of the British Isles, lies 41 miles (66 kilometers) west of Benbecula in Scotland’s Outer Hebrides. Its islands with their exceptional cliffs and sea stacks form the most important seabird breeding station in north-west Europe.)

An old man replied, “We shall be saved if we repent, forsake our sins, and turn to God.” “Yes,” said a middle-aged female, “and with a true heart too.” “Aye,” rejoined a third, “and with prayer”; and, added a fourth, “It must be the prayer of the heart.” “And we must be diligent too,” said a fifth, “in keeping the commandments.”

Thus, each having contributed his mite, feeling that a very decent creed had been made up, they all looked and listened for the preacher’s approval, but they had aroused his deepest pity.

The carnal mind always maps out for itself a way in which **self** can work and become great, but the Lord’s way is quite the reverse. Believing and being baptized are no matters of merit to be gloried in, they are so simple that boasting is to be excluded, and free grace bears all.

It may be that the reader is unsaved — what is the reason? Do you think the way of salvation as laid down in the text to be dubious? How can that be when God has pledged His own word for its certainty? Do you think it too easy? Then why, do you not attend to it? Its ease, leaves those with no excuse to neglect it. To believe is simply to trust, to depend, and to rely upon Jesus Christ.

To be baptized is to submit to the ordinance which our Lord fulfilled at Jordan, to which the

converted ones submitted at Pentecost, to which the jailer yielded obedience the very night of his conversion.

The outward sign saves not, but it sets forth to us **our** death, burial, and resurrection with Jesus; and, like the Lord’s Supper, it is not to be neglected. Reader, do you believe in Jesus? Then, dear friend, dismiss your fears and excuses. You shall be saved **if you** follow the commandments which the Lord has set out in His word.

Having believed, repented, and confessed that Jesus is the Son of God, you must be baptized for the remission of your sins. (Acts 2:38 NKJV) (Then Peter said to them, “*Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*”).

It is at this point (**and not before**) that your sins are forgiven. (Acts 22:16 KJV) “*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*”

**If you are still an unbeliever**, then remember there is but **one door**, and **if you will not enter by that door you will perish in your sins**.

**Jesus said** — “*But he that believeth not shall be damned.*”

Presented in Christian Love for your consideration:

Bro. Stanley Goodwin  
Graham, TX  
Newcastle Church of Christ



# Cards and Letters

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## Chesterton, IN

I see you've moved. I hope you all are doing well as you get settled in at Lorenzo. I actually lived just across the street for a brief period back in 1977. I rented Errol and Earlene Forsman's trailer for 3 or 4 months right after they moved out to the country. Earlene said that she had forgotten about it.

Dad also moved earlier this year to an assisted living facility here in Valparaiso. I would like to change the delivery address for our Couriers

from his old house to the church mailbox. I would also like to correct our directory listing as well:

Church of Christ  
219 S. 15<sup>th</sup> St.  
Chesterton, IN 46304-2023

Sunday worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Thanks, Bill Jared

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## Lorenzo, TX

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We here at the Lorenzo Church of Christ salute you in Christian love.

Recent visitors were Bro. Paul Warford, Bro. Mike Harcrow, Bro. Bob & Sis. Wilma Farley, and Sis. Sherry Treat.

Bro. Jerry, Sis. Wynetta McCay, and Sis. Lynell Forsman went to the Broken Bow, OK, meeting; Jerry McCay was the speaker.

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell managed to get everything moved to their new home. However, it will take some time before everything can be unpacked and put in place.

Most everyone is doing well now with a few exceptions. Bro. Ellis fell off a ladder in his shop onto the back of his heels, then onto his back, his right shoulder blade hitting the concrete, followed by the back of his head hitting the same surface. He got a mild concussion out of the ordeal. Three days later, Sis. Lynell was knocked over by a strong gust of wind in the Lowe's parking lot. She may have cracked a bone in her back. Both of them are recovering nicely.

In Christian Love,  
The Church of Christ,  
Lorenzo, TX

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## Broken Bow, OK

Wonderful Fall Meeting! Thank you to everyone who attended our gospel meeting this year and to everyone who helped! Bro. Jerry McCay gave 3 amazing lessons (Touched or Transformed, The Seventy, Exceeding Great and

Precious Promises)! It was wonderful having every pew filled and hearing/singing wonderful songs of praise with our Christian family to our precious Lord! It was good for us to be there! It was a great meeting! Broken Bow, OK

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## Pleasant View Congregation, Stilwell, OK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our 2017 Labor Day Meeting was well attended! The house was full for all services. We had visitors from the congregations at Broken Bow, OK, Stilwell, OK, Lorenzo, TX, Graham, TX, and Ringold, TX. Bro. Shiloh Boling from the Lorenzo congregation did an excellent job! The ladies and gentlemen did an excellent job of supplying food. Thank you everyone for your support! Mark your calendars for Labor Day, 2018.

Sis. Retha Morris recently underwent surgery to remove cancer from her nose. She is doing well. Bro. Darrell Chastain is battling kidney stones. Sis. Reba Morris is trying to regain her strength back from surgery. Sis. Bonnie

Remington is recovering from eye surgery. Everyone else is doing okay aside from allergies, etc.

On October 13, 2017, I united Sis. Julie Fuson and Bro. Draven Littledeer in marriage at the church. Julie is the daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Christina Fuson, and my granddaughter.

Everyone is welcome at any time. Our Sunday service is at 10 a.m. and on Wednesdays we rotate between bible study, singing, and fellowship at 6 p.m.

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

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## What a Wonderful Way to Spend a Holiday Weekend!

### **In the fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ!**

I have been to many gospel meetings in my life time (over 70 years) and I can't remember a more spiritual, moving meeting than "The Labor Day Gospel Meeting" at the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Stilwell, OK.

There is no way to put into words the flow of love and fellowship we **ALL** experienced during the weekend. Bro. Shiloh Boling did a wonderful job presenting the Lords word. I'm sure that the angels in heaven were celebrating with the wonderful singing that was taking place at Pleasant View. The love and fellowship gave heaven reason to rejoice, as it was a spiritual

celebration to all who attended. We are already looking forward to attending their next Labor Day meeting. A heartfelt thanks to the Pleasant View congregation and their hospitality, which gave us all a spiritual uplifting, that words can not express.

**Thanks to the congregation and ALL who attended!**

In Christian Love  
*Bro. Stanley and Sis. Judy Goodwin*  
Graham, TX  
The Newcastle Church of Christ



# News From Abroad

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## Harlingen, TX (Oct. 4, 2017)

Dear brothers in Christ:

Many thanks for your fellowship with us in the work of the Lord.

I inform you of the activities of the work of the Lord in different places of Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia.

During this month, I visited the church that is meeting in Panuco, Mexico, to encourage the brothers and study the scriptures. The brothers in this church work in the field and are meeting only on Saturdays and Sundays. They continue firm in the faith and the Christian life.

Also, I visited the church that meets in Tantoyuca, Mexico, to evangelize, and all the brothers collaborated in this work, and also we had several studies with the members in this congregation. With the church, we made plans to have more series of predications [topical studies – Editor] for 3 days to invite those we contacted.

The church in Matamoros, Mexico (frontier with USA), continues the work of evangelism and we have several houses where we study.

The church in Brownsville, TX, continue studying in their houses and we have hope that this church will grow in number.

The brothers in Guatemala inform me that they continue firm in the faith.

Also, we have information that some brethren that live in the frontier with Mexico have problems in their houses because of the earthquake in the state of Chiapas, Mexico (frontier next to Guatemala). We are sending help (food and clothes) to these brethren, and could the brethren in the US help these brethren?

The brothers in Colombia inform me that they continue doing the work of evangelists and that some people obeyed the gospel and have the hope that the churches will continue to grow.

Again, we thank you in the name of the Lord for your prayers and participation in this work of the gospel.

Your brothers in Christ,

Otto Alvarez and preachers in Spanish.

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## Report From Kenya

### Sept. 27, 2017

Happy to greet you in the mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I hope all is well with you and yours.

First I wish to thank you very much for your help in order to enable me to travel and attend the funeral of our dear sister Mary Mungwe who passed away from this life on Sept. 9, 2017. She

was buried on Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> at her home in Migori.

Attached herein is her photo, you might want to place it in a Christian Courier page. She was among those that were baptized last year when I visited Migori. Let her rest in peace, Amen.

After returning from Migori, we had a discussion with Bro. Laban Ambogo through the mobile phone He requested me to write to you

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and inform you the following; that at present the congregation at Matunda has a problem of where to worship on Sunday. The small building which they used was demolished long time ago [road widening construction — Ellis]. Now they meet and worship in Laban's house.

As most people would not like to meet and worship in somebody's house, some have opted to stay away or rather join other denominations. He, Laban, says he has donated his own piece of land for construction of a church building. What remains is how to get the building materials. His kind request is that someone who can help them. Right now the contributions toward the Africa Missionary Account have gone down.

However, as Laban explained they will accept whatever is there to help them where necessary. Thank you in advance. God bless you and all the co-workers at that end.

Bro. John Kombo

## **October 12, 2017**

Glad to greet you in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope you are fine and well in the Lord.

Most of the days during last week and this week I have not been feeling so well as far as my health is concerned. I was so weak that I could not even leave my house till my son took me to the nearest dispensary to a clinical doctor. I was suffering from high blood pressure disease as usual. This time my temperature had risen so high, I was all the time sweating very much. I woke up from my bed and took up my Bible. I opened the Book of Job and read from Job 30:16-17, 20-21, 26-28. Then read 16:9, 12-14 from the same book of Job.

In anguish of soul, often when humans fall into disaster they cry out with many of the same words Job used in the long ago: "Where is God?" "Why doesn't God hear me and ease my pain?" "I'm broken by this grief that's more than I can bear. Will there be peace in my heart again?"

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With Job, we may accuse God of silence, but the accusation is wrongly made. There is genuine peace and comfort from God, and there is direction for our steps, to help us through any trouble or disaster. In the words of His Bible, He speaks to us. He shows His love, He calls us to come to Him in good times and bad.

You are my dear brother that I love. You really did help me in your prayers and many times giving financial support to take care of medical expenses. Thank you and God bless you. I also recognize and know what you have gone through as far as your health is concerned. I too have prayed and continue to pray for your health to be better, just because of your service and my service to the Lord.

Last Sunday my son took me to church using a motor bike. After the service he brought me back home. Again I must see a doctor once every week on Wednesday.

Your brother in the Lord, John Kombo

## **October 31, 2017**

We are getting on well. The church is growing and more people come to worship with us. Last Sunday on October 29, 2017, the assistant chief of Barut Sub-location, a lady called Janet Chemungetich came to worship with us. She used to be a member of a denomination known as Church of God Seventh Day, who worships on Saturday. I began studying the Bible with her almost two year ago. I never gave up, and now our Bible study has at least resulted in this good news. It is good to have a government official added to the church. You can recall that Bro. Benjamin is a retired senior chief. Cornelius was a government official who was the first gentile to be added to the church of the Lord when it had been established.

We are preparing for her baptism in the cause of this week.

Bro. John Kombo

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# Report From Tanzania

## October 12<sup>th</sup>

Brethren, we traveled to Dar for our registration and when we got there, there are some changes that the Ministry of Home Affairs had made which required us to give more details and documents so that they may proceed with the process of registering the church in Tanzania. The lawyer told us that the process takes a long time and not a one day thing as we understood before. They wanted me to do the scanning of the documents and send the hard copies, which I did while I was there. And now we are waiting for them to play their part, meaning giving us the certificate of registration. Kenya is different from us, because when Bro. Kombo went to the Attorney General it took them few days and the certificate was out. Their law is quite different from ours and we have to pray for this also as we believe that there is power in prayer.

When we traveled to Dar es Salaam, we met a Pentecostal friend on the bus and when we heard him talking to his fellow about the bible I intervened and talked to him. As we were talking to him about the foundation of the church and the promise that followed after He built His church. We gave him an example of his house that he built and we asked him that who is the owner of the house that he built; he responded by saying he was, and we told him that that is how Christ's church is and that the church should be called by His name, and the people that are entering into His house are Christians NOT Pentecost's. And at last we reminded him that Pentecost was a day, **not** the church. On Monday he called us to go at his home and he wanted to be baptized, the same night he called us and we went into the Indian Ocean to accomplish that important step of salvation. As we reached Dar, Maxwell, who is now a brother in Christ obeyed the gospel the following night and as we hired a motorcycle to

the ocean, his young daughter also wanted to be baptized, but because of her age we couldn't. Bro. Max is now a new Christian. Attached are pictures we took. Also as we coming from Dar we passed through Arusha and we met a person from multiple cups. His name is David Bayi, and as we were talking, he confessed that our teaching is good but the only thing that gives him a problem is sharing a cup. I told him that before we drink from it, we pray so that the our Father may cleanse it and also I gave him Sally's theory [example I gave when I was in Africa about what Aunt Sally saw in the cup — the blood of Christ, not germs. Someday I will have to print that story — Ellis Forsman], and at that point he understood. We hope that as he continue studying he will change.

Your brother in the Lord, Sadat.

## November 7<sup>th</sup>

[Sadat went back to Dar es Salaam to see if the church registration was completed yet. —Ellis]

I was at the registrar's office and everything is going on well except there is a letter that is required from the denominations that knows us. This letter should be written by them explaining to the registrar that they know us and that we don't have problems with the government. Also, that we really preach and teach the truth according to the bible. I'm going back tomorrow to the registrar's office and from what I was told today, I will have to go and request the supportive letter from the denominational leader that knows us. But I think they will ask me for money so that they give us the letter. [The Pentecostal church requested U.S. equivalent of about \$200 to provide a letter from them. A lot of bribery happens in East Africa — Ellis Forsman] Will let you know what is going on.

Your brother in the Lord, Sadat.

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# Report From Liberia

## September, 2017

Greeting to you.

In this month I visited eleven (11) brethren of the Central Buchanan Church of Christ and encouraged them through the teaching of the truth. At this point in time, most of the brethren are very effectively strong in the works of the Church here at Central Buchanan.

I also continued my personal evangelism to twenty-one (21) persons within two communities of Buchanan City and three (3) persons were convinced and visited the Church assembly on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

These three (3) visitors were then converted and baptize after the worship assembly.

They are as follows:

- Brother Morris B. Kpue — 40 years old
- Sister Etta Kpue - 38 years old
- Sister Hawa Morris — 51 years old

Next was my evangelistic trip to the brethren in Tubman bargs, on September 15, 2017. on this I was able to study with six(6) none Christians on the topic of "HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN" from the text of John 6: 44 -45.No baptism was done after teaching. I visited few weak brethren and that made 36 in the worship assembly on Sunday, September 17, 2017 I was permitted to preach and I preached on the topic, "instrumental Music in Worship," taken from the text of I Cor. 14:15. The Gbalasuah Church of Christ in Tubmanburg, Bomi County, is gradually growing spiritually in the teaching of the truth.

Again, concerning my personal evangelism, I also baptized two converts this Saturday, September 23, 2017 from my family. They are:

- Trokon S. Dors — 19 years old
- Decontee S. Dors — 17 years old

They are now added to the Church of Christ and they all are working with Central Buchanan Congregation. The total attendance at Central Buchanan for the month of September is 269. I sent some photos along with this email of those who were baptized and the brethren at Tubmanburg.

May God richly bless you, your family and the brethren in the United States.

In Christian Love,

Bro. J. Abednego Suahgba

## October, 2017

My greetings to you, your family, and the brethren in the United State of America, and hope it meets all of you in a good physical health.

First of all I would like to thank all of you brethren for your prayers to the Lord on behalf of us in Liberia which continue to keep us in love, peace, and unity as the process of election still continues in our country, Liberia.

Now in this month of October, I visited the homes of nine (9) brethren of the Central Buchanan congregation. Four of these brethren were sick and five weak. Through my visitation I prayed for the sick and encouraged the weak in the teaching of the truth.

The total attendance in the month of October is, 375 (Oct. 1: 75; Oct. 8: 84; Oct. 15: 90; Oct. 22: 64; Oct. 29: 66). One baptism was done of a sister by the name of Toneam Kollie at the age of 46, on October 1, 2017.

Again, the Central Buchanan Church of Christ is about to host a Gospel Meeting from December 4<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> and six brethren will come from each congregation of the Lord's Church in Liberia. We would appreciate from you any financial assistance that will help us to feed the assembly for seven days.

**Center Buchanan Church of Christ  
Gospel Meeting to be held from  
December 4-10, 2017  
Grand Bassa County  
General Topic: Local Congregational  
Development**

**Text: Matthew 28:18-20  
Gospel Meeting**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Topic/Activity</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Mon.	Arrival	
Tues.	The Church; Universal and Local	Bro. Krangar
Wed.	Methods of Early Church Establishment	
		Bro. Logan
Thurs.	Maintenance of Congregational Strength and Growth	Bro. Gueh

Fri.	The Importance of Congregational Fellowship	Bro. Suahgba
Sat.	Public Evangelism	
Sun.	Worship Services	Bro. Tortimen/ Bro. Suahgba

I sent along this email a photo of Sister Tonean Kollie and form of the Gospel Meeting schedule.

Thank you for your love and understanding in the brotherhood of the faith in Christ our Lord.

May God richly bless you and the brethren in the United States.

In Christian Love,  
Bro. J. Abednego Suahgba

*In Loving Memory of Anna Bell Barnes*



Anna Bell Barnes, 85, of Duncan passed away Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017 in the Country Club Care Nursing and Rehab.

Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Friday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> in the Fairlawn Cemetery

under the direction of the Bailes-Polk Funeral Home. Roger Walkingstick will officiate.

Anna Bell was born Sep. 24, 1932, at Walters, OK, the daughter of Robert Clarence and Ella Mae (Abbe) Brown. She and Audley Preston Barnes, Sr. were married at Duncan on Dec. 3, 1949. He preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 2000. She was a member of the Randlett, OK, Church

of Christ. Anna Bell, enjoyed playing Bunco, going to chicken shows with her son Andy, and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her son Andy Barnes and wife Darla of Comanche, OK; son Audley Preston Barnes Jr. and wife Tereasa of McAlister, OK; grand-son Kolton Barnes; grand-daughter Heather Thomas and husband J.; grand-daughter Robyn Little and husband Casey; grand-daughter Krystal Scott and husband Ben; grand-daughter Traci Boehm and husband Kyle; eleven great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous extended family members and friends.

Bro. Andy Barnes

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- 1 - Mary Mungwe, Migori, Kenya, who passed away from this life on Sept. 9th.  
 2 - Maxwell (on the right) baptized on Oct. 7th at Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.  
 3 - David Bayi (on the right) whom Sadat studied the scriptures with at Arusha, Tanzania.  
 4 - Decontee Dors & Trokon Dors baptized on Sept. 23rd at Liberia.  
 5 - Etta Kpue, Morris Kpue, & Hawa Morris baptized on Sept. 10th at Buchanan City, Liberia  
 6 - Tonean Kollie baptized on Oct. 1st at Central Buchanan, Liberia.

## Editor's Note

### Brethren,

There has been a lot of activity in the work of the church around the world. It is a shame that they have been hampered in their work because of a lack of money. As time passes the donations to the missionary fund have dwindled. There have been some loyal contributors, but some appear to have let their assistance lapse. Brethren working in the field have begged for more assistance.

Please, brethren, let us do what we can to help in the missionary work of preaching God's word and helping those who have needs. These are our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

# 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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# Bulletin Board

## Meetings

March 11 - 18, 2018	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
Aug. 31, - Sept. 2, 2018	Pleasant View, OK	TBA

## Baptisms

Maxwell	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	October 7, 2017
Janet Chemungetich	Nakuru, Kenya	October 29, 2017
Etta Kpue	Buchanan City, Liberia	September 10, 2017
Morris Kpue	Buchanan City, Liberia	September 10, 2017
Hawa Morris	Buchanan City, Liberia	September 10, 2017
Trokon Dors	Central Buchanan, Liberia	September 23, 2017
Decontee Dors	Central Buchanan, Liberia	September 23, 2017
Toneam Kollie	Central Buchanan, Liberia	October 1, 2017

## Marriages

Draven Littledeer & Julie Fuson	Pleasant View, OK	October 13, 2017
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## Passings

Mary Mungwe	Migori, Kenya	September 9, 2017
Anna Belle Barnes	Duncan, OK	Nov. 8, 2017

## Prayer of Faith for those in need

John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes & high blood pressure
Agrippina Alex	Geita, Tanzania	Problems during recovery of stomach surgery, UTI, Malaria
Brent Berry	Canton, GA	Heart problems
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer & back surgery
Norman Traxler	Goshen, AR	Bad heart
Varbie Vanderpool	Goshen, AR	Gun accident, shot in arm
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	In hospital. Received liver transplant
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
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, age related
Ellis Forsman	Lorenzo, TX	Fall injuries: heels, head concussion
Lynell Forsman	Lorenzo, TX	Fall: Back injury
Madeline Nemece	Lorenzo, TX	Radiation for skin cancer
Darrell Chastain	Pleasant View, OK	Kidney stones
Jessica Chastain	Pleasant View, OK	Health issues
Reba Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Lupus & recent surgery
Retha Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting Parkinson's disease, health issues
Bonnie Remington	Pleasant View, OK	Eye surgery
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's
Tony Brister	Yuma, AZ	Chemo & fighting cancer
Iris Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems
All of those in Africa that fight malaria continually and all those who are aging or in nursing homes.		

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