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Mourning For Sin

“Blessed are they that mourn, for they will be comforted.” (Matt. 5:4). This statement from Jesus is something confusing to some and at the same time encouraging to others. This however is not about self-purity by one who feels that life has short changed him. It is not a natural sorrow as expressed in Rom. 12:15 where Paul wrote *“rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn”*.

Our Lord Jesus commanded the kind of mourning that one develops when he or she sorrows for the sin committed in his or her life. When one understands the Bible teaching regarding purity of life, he will mourn for his sin. David expressed its meaning well when he wrote, *“I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.”* (Psa. 38:18). The attitude of the mourning for sin did not end up with David. It was also expressed when Joel recorded God’s pleading with Israel in the Joel 2:12,13: *“Even now, declares the Lord, returned to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning Rend your heart and*

not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate.”

We can also get a good example of mourning for our sins in Luke 18:13, the parable of the Pharisees and the Tax collector *“...But the tax collector stood at a distance he would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God have mercy on me, a sinner.’* In order to have such a deep sense of sorrows one need to compared himself or herself with the example of the life of Christ during the time he spent here on earth, and his concern for each who is his follower. The Hebrew writer described our Lord’s concern for humanity by saying, *“We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet without sin.”*

Having learned how we must mourn for our own sin committed in our life, we should not end there. However, the Bible tells us also to mourn over the sin of others such as mourning will motivate us to do more evangelism, for research out to the lost with the gospel.

Brethren, all of you and myself, we have a commission to take the message of salvation to the world, because sin that has not been forgiven will bring condemnation of the sinners when the judgment comes. However, we who have been given the commission may ignore the sin of

others, or seek to save them, be affected by our choices. Ignoring God's commission is in itself, a sin. (James 4:17).

Bro. John Kombo Nandwa
Nakuru, Kenya

God Is Being Patient With You

He wants all His people to change their hearts and lives. 2 Peter 3:9, "*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*"

In many ways your new birth is like your first; in your new birth God provides what you need:

In the first birth, someone else feels the pain, and someone else does the work. And just as parents are patient with their newborn, so God is patient with you. There is one difference: The first time you had no choice about being born; this time you do. The power is God's, the effort is God's, the pain is God's. The choice is yours. (SG)

"Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18).

"Grow in grace" — not in one grace only, but in all grace. Grow in that root-grace, faith. Believe the promises more firmly than you have done. Let faith increase in fullness, constancy, simplicity. Grow also in love. Ask that your love may become extended, more intense, more practical, influencing every thought, word, and deed. Grow likewise in humility. Seek to lay very low, and know more of your own nothingness. As you grow downward in humility, seek also to grow upward — having nearer approaches to God in prayer and more

intimate fellowship with Jesus. May God through The Holy Spirit enable you to "*grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.*" He who grows not in the knowledge of Jesus, refuses to be blessed. To know Him is "*life eternal,*" and to advance in the knowledge of Him is to increase in happiness. He who does not long to know more of Christ, knows nothing of Him yet. Whoever hath sipped this wine will thirst for more, for although Christ doth satisfy, yet it is such a satisfaction, that the appetite is not cloyed [*"satisfied"* — Editor], but whetted. If you know the love of Jesus — so will you pant after deeper draughts of His love? If you do not desire to know Him better, then you love Him not, for love always cries "*Nearer, nearer.*" Absence from Christ is hell; but the presence of Jesus is heaven. Rest not then content without an increasing acquaintance with Jesus. Seek to know more of Him in His divine nature, in His human relationship, in His finished work, in His death, in His resurrection, in His present glorious intercession, and in His future royal advent. Abide hard by the cross, and search the mystery of His wounds. An increase of love to Jesus, and a more perfect apprehension of His love to us is one of the best tests of growth in grace.

Bro. Stanley Goodwin
Newcastle Church of Christ

What Aunt Sallie Saw in the Cup

Since the discovery of the germ, the bacteria, the bacilli, etc., the great grand-parents of all sickness, we are compelled to practice the most rigid sanitary laws. For the good Lord has filled the food we eat, the water we drink, and the very air we breathe, with these deadly infections; so that he who would live long enough to get his boots off, must boil the water he drinks, and thoroughly sterilize every mouthful of food he eats, and he should wear a sponge over his nose, to guard against these deadly germs. For death sits enthroned, scepter in hand; the edict has been sealed, the decree has gone forth, and all who do not bow to his image will be cast alive into a den of deadly germs.

Nor are the sacred vessels of the church exempt from them, for on the very brink of the cup has he established his throne. From Brother Job's lips came dyspepsia, Brother Adam added pneumonia, Brother Abraham contributed smallpox, and Judas put in tuberculosis, and so on all the way around. So when the cup came to me, it looked like death in its favorite robe.

Of course, I could not touch it; I just passed it along to old Aunt Sallie, and as sure as I live, she just took a great big gulp of it, (just like she wanted to take enough to cause instant death), and just sat there solemn-like, and seemed to be thinking of something else. And as true as I live, she is still alive, and that has been more than a year ago; and that is not all, she does it every Lord's Day. (It is a mystery to me.) I think she must have "had" all the germoparasitical diseases, and is

immune, like when you have the measles. But my! I would not risk it for all the world.

There were men there with whiskers, great big fuzzy whiskers, which the good Lord has caused to grow on men's faces for the propagation and distribution of these germs, and they press this cup to their lips; and old Aunt Sallie just took a great big swallow, and just seemed to thinking of something else, and she still lives. (I just can't understand.)

Well, I just went to old Aunt Sallie, and asked her if she could not see anything in that cup; and if I ever got a surprise, it was then. She just said, "Yes, child, of course, I can. Why do you ask me such a question?"

"Why...er...; I thought maybe your eyes weren't good."

"Why, child," said she, "I can see in it the Lord's death, and I don't need my glasses to see that either."

What Aunt Sallie Saw in the Cup. Well, I thought I had seen all manner of death in it, but there was one I had not seen or thought of.

"As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."

"For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

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Cards and Letters

Gleed, WA

Greetings from the Gleed church of Christ,

Our gospel meeting this year will start on Sunday, July 1st and go through Sunday, July 8th. Our speakers this year are Bro. Mike Harcrow from the Broken Bow, OK, congregation and Bro. Paul Warford from the Stilwell, OK, congregation. We are really excited to hear from these two brothers.

The news on Sis. Carol Bauer is that she is getting better as she is home now and slowly recovering.

We are very happy to announce the birth of Bro. Kevin and Sis. Hayley Lamb's newest addition: Evelyn Elizabeth Lamb, a little sister for Jack. Evelyn was born on December 18 and weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz., and was 19" long.

In Christian love from the Gleed church of Christ

Goshen, AR (Oct., 2017)

Hello, my brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Goshen, AR, church has been saddened by the death of our brother Ed Faulkner. He had so much going against him; his heart just failed him. This was, I believe, about the 3rd week in September.

Let everyone keep his wife Flo in our prayers; she was beside him almost 24-7 from April on as were his daughter and son also.

As for Bro. Varbie Vanderpool, he has regained some use of his hand, feeling in two fingers; he is learning to do a lot of things left-handed, but he seems to be happy.

Norman, my husband, has much improved; his defibrillator finally, after almost a month, decided it would kick in and work. His heart doctor was really pleased. Two weeks ago Norman has 49% of his heart back; 55% is normal. His doctor said when he first came in on April 17th he only had 8% working. We are all thankful for all the prayers from brothers and sisters across the many miles.

With Christian love,

Sis. Rachel Daniels Traxler

For the Goshen, AR, church of Christ

Goshen, AR (Feb., 2018)

Greetings from Goshen, AR, congregation

I have been very slow in getting our news out since Thanksgiving.

I hope each of our brothers and sisters in Christ are all well; our group is small, but we

continue to meet. We have had so many sick, mostly some flu bug or another. All of our cold and warm roller coaster winter weather hasn't helped. We haven't had the snow others have but bitter cold and wind.

We have good news: Bro. Phillip Auslam had a good checkup three weeks ago; his lung cancer has gone into remission. What a blessing for him and his family! God is good; Bro. Auslam is able to come to church again. You can remove him from the prayer list; just remember him and all others with prayers of thanksgiving to God. No one knows when they ask God to bless some

brother or sister or when God touches that person. We all need someone to ask for us. That shows our love one to another as Christ asked His followers to do.

In Christian love,
Sis. Rachel Traxler,
Goshen, AR

Lorenzo, TX

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

Recent visitors include Sis. Sherry Hinton from Oklahoma; Bro. Skip & Sis. Pam Berry from Georgia; Bro. Devin & Sis. Jami Watts & family from Georgia.

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman visited their daughter Sis. Lori Harper & family in November and daughter Sis. Kelly Shepherd & family in December.

Sis. Kelly Sis. Lori, Sis. Leah Molohan & great-grandson MJ plan to visit in February to assist Ellis & Lynell with their belongings after their move from Lubbock to Lorenzo. They are seriously trying to downsize.

Most everyone is doing well now with a few exceptions. Sis. Lynell fell a few days ago landing on her face and received a huge black

eye, but fortunately she was not in any lasting pain. Sis. Wynetta McCay had cataract surgery, Bro. Jerry McCay had his eye checked but needed no shots this time. Yes!! Bro. Gene Boling had a fall and received a shot for severe pain; Bro. Jimmy Loftus is struggling with fever & weakness.

Be sure to make plans for our meeting this summer; July 25 – August 1st. Because of scheduling problems, this year's meeting will take place from Wednesday to Wednesday. Planned guest speakers are Bro. Jim Lamb and Bro. Jason Christianson, both of the Glead, WA, congregation. All are welcome!

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

Newcastle, TX

Brethren,

Thank you for reminding us that we Christians need to support the work of the church everywhere and, perhaps, more especially in foreign lands. It seems to me that, generally speaking, people in the U.S. are rich in money and goods, and so have no need of Christ and the church. What a shame! Satan controls this world

at the moment, but we Christians must work to defeat him.

Of course, use this money as you see fit and I will try to send more before too long.

Your labor in the field is much appreciated, so please call on us to help out at any time.

Bro. Wade Fikes
Newcastle church of Christ

Ringgold, TX (Nov. 23rd)

We are all doing well and wish a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. We always invite everyone in our area to stop in and attend church with us and stay in our home. We don't have much news but we always are thankful to spend time with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Scheduling a meeting is difficult to prevent with

conflicting dates and events. I am retired now and as much as it is the Lord's will we hope to visit other congregations and church members every chance Maxine and I get. Let us all pray for each other and rejoice together in Christ.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Maxine Pollan
Ringgold, Texas

Waterford, CA

Greetings to all the brothers and sisters in Christ. The Waterford Church of Christ has had a blessed year in which we had a three day meeting. We had a terrific lineup of guest speakers and heard wonderful singing. The

response was so great that we decided to have another meeting in 2018. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to come: June 20 - 24, 2018 (Wednesday - Sunday.)

Yakima, WA

Dear Brother and Sisters,

I have a little news to report from the congregation in Yakima. We have set our meeting this summer to run from July 11-15 with guest speakers. We are also planning on having guest speakers on the previous Sunday, July 8th. If you can join us for the whole week, we also have other activities planned for Monday and Tuesday of that week. Let us know if you can join us.

Kelly and Kate McCay added a granddaughter to the family in October with the birth of Delaney Bisconer to Kaci (McCay) and Kyle Bisconer. We also are happily anticipating

the addition of three more babies in the coming months.

Cinde and I welcomed new neighbors in July when my sister and brother in law, Teri and Rick Walsh, moved in next door. It has been great having family so close.

Other than seasonal colds, most are doing well. We look forward to the meetings this coming year and look forward to visiting with many of you, Lord willing.

With love to you all,
Bro. Bill McCay, Jr.
For the Yakima Congregation

Yuma, AZ

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Just a short note to inform you of the happenings with the Yuma congregation. It seems that time is going by so quickly that heads are spinning, just had our birthday tradition the beginning of January

with Deb Wilkerson and myself on the 12th, missing one part of the tradition that wasn't here, Wilma Farley as we all three celebrate the same birthday at the Olive Garden. What a great month for birthdays as we celebrated my wife

Susie's birthday the 26th. Terry and Debbie Wilkerson arrived shortly after Christmas and it's getting close to the time for them to head back to Colorado, we get so used to them being here that we consider them a big part of our congregation and they are, and are always a big help while they are here especially in getting ready for our March meeting. Bob and Wilma Farley have been here and left but are returning to be with us again soon.

I have one more opportunity to mention our March meeting that begins this year on March 11th and ends on March 18th 2018. We love big crowds, so if it is convenient and you are able

please come and join us. These meetings are so very important to us as Christians. We have always had such great times, of course, listening to the many sermons, the singing is always magnificent. We would love to have you come be with us. If at all possible if you are planning on being here let us know. If you are coming and start the trip please be careful, there are a lot of California drivers out there, I know, I have to grandchildren that are now on the streets of California. My contact number is 928 503 3709 or email to ddavis1065@aol.com

Bro. Denny and Sis. Susie Davis,
for the Yuma Church of Church



News From Abroad

Report From Kenya

Brethren,

I am so happy to write to you and thank you very much for your concern toward request in regard of my health. The money you sent is really of great help. Otherwise till now I could be in real danger. I can't do without medicines for high Blood Pressure and now Diabetes. The doctor advised me to continue till the time he would tell me to stop. So I do not know how long. Concerning the Diabetes, I'll be going for an injection 3 times a week. There is also the question of the type of food that I must eat. I must avoid sugar, salt (though there is special salt that I may use), red meat and oil for as long as two years, etc. In East Africa our stable food is "Ugali" (cooked maize flour or millet). Now I was told not eat Ugali cooked using maize flour, but to eat Ugali cooked using millet flour. Millet

flour is much more expensive than maize flour. So you can see that my diet is something that I must take care of. But all in all, whatever we do in this life as Christians, we must not forget what Paul wrote, "*According to my expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that "with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death"* (Phil. 1:20). Then he continued, "*For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain.*" (Phil. 1:21). Lastly, but not least, I wish also to thank and acknowledge Bro. Sadat for writing to you, Ellis, informing you of my sickness. That is the brotherhood unity we need in order to work together for the sake of the church. God bless all of you.

It is, however, my prayer that I will feel better so that we would go back to Uganda and set in order the things that are wanting. (Titus 1:5).

On Dec. 1st, I visited the doctor for a checkup. The pressure has come down from 205 to 175. That is today; there is an improvement. I am happy that brethren are praying for me. Those who are far like you and Bro. Sadat pray and those who are near come to visit me at home. Yesterday brethren from Ronda Church came led by Bro. William Odhiambo. Bro. Laban and Bro. Situma called to request how I am doing. This is good response. I am very much encouraged and happy. More so I thank you very much for your financial help to take care of medical expenses. God bless you very much.

When Bro. Laban came he informed about the situation in regard to orphanage. He told me about Patrick and two children who performed very well in Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E). This is an examination which a primary pupil must do and pass before being sent to secondary school level. Laban is preparing a full and comprehensive report to be sent to you soon.

There is also a good evangelism report from Laban in Western Kenya. There are several congregations who worship using many cups and would like to change. But before they do that they requested that we hold a seminar with them first. So Bro. Laban's plan is that as soon as I get better we organize a meeting with those brethren. Some of them I had met many, many years ago when I was still teaching in Western Province of Kenya. Probably this would be a plan of next year. We leave it to Almighty God our Father to open the doors.

Attached to this short message are pictures taken during church worship on last Sunday at Barut Congregation [see picture of orphanage in this report – Editor].

On Wednesday, Dec. 13th, I woke up in the morning feeling somehow weak. After I had finished taking a bath, I collapsed and fell down. I was taken to hospital while unconscious. I was put on drip of water. If God willing, I am supposed to be discharged today, (Dec. 15th).

I am yet to know how much to pay for the two days and all treatment expenses. My health is getting worse every day, but through prayers, as Sadat said, I hope God will intervene.

Update on Dec. 17th: Thank you for praying for me. I also thank all who heard the sad news about my illness, and are praying for me. I left the hospital yesterday at noon. I am now at home. I need about \$300 to meet the expenses of medicines or drugs prescribed to me by the doctor. This includes the transport to hospital and payment of the doctor's service.

On Dec. 30th: I thank God our Father who through His grace, love and mercy we are all still alive. Despite our weakness in our fleshly bodies due to illness, we remain strong in Christ.

According to Apostle Paul "...with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." (Phil. 1:20). Paul speaks of his body in a manner that defined the body as not being the real Paul. It was a little dust in which the soul was trapped. The real Paul would exist beyond the death. So here we are, suffering in these bodies, but if we remain faithful unto Jesus Christ we shall exist beyond the death of the body.

I am so, so happy because Bro. Sadat traveled all the way from Tanzania to come and see me and pray for me. He came on Friday, Dec. 29th, and stayed till the next day in the morning when he left to return back to his home at Geita, Tanzania.

Your brother in Christ,
John Kombo

Report From Liberia

November Report

My brotherly greeting to you and the brethren in the United States of America and hope it meets all of you in a good health through the power of the Almighty God of the universe.

Again, I would like to thank all of you wholeheartedly for your prayers to the Lord on behalf of in Liberia through which love, peace, and unity continue as the process of election is still on going in the Republic of Liberia.

I went Monrovia on the 17th of November and met with the brethren of the E.L.W.A. Road Church of Christ and worshiped with the congregation on Sunday, Nov. 19th; there were 15 persons in attendance.

During the assembly, the Bible study on the topic, "The Christian And His Duty To His Fellow Man", from the text of Matthew 22:39. It was taught by Bro. Paul D. Gueh, preacher of the congregation. The sermon, on the topic, "We Are Blessed", from Matthew 13:15-16. This message was presented by Bro. Matthew Dehyugar, preacher of the James Town Church of Christ, River Cess County.

I, Bro. James A. Suahgba, officiated the Lord's Supper. And, after the worship services, we baptized a sister by the name of Elizabeth Dehyugar at the age of 28 years, and she was added to the body of Christ, the Church.

In the month of November, I studied with 9 non-Christians from the topic, "How To Become The Children of God", taken from Gal. 3:26-28. No baptism was done, but I am continuing the study with them and hope some will be converted to the faith as soon as possible through the teaching of the truth.

In continuation of the work, I visited 12 weak brethren together with 3 sick brothers. I encouraged the members of the congregation and many of them are restored.

A brother who was also baptized on Oct. 1, 2017, but I mistakenly did not send his name during my October report. This brother is called James Garkpee, age of 59 years.

The 7 days Gospel Meeting began Dec. 4th and ended on the 10th of the same month. Pictures are sent along this email of the new converts. Thank you very much for the support you sent. I have already received it.

Attendance at the Central Buchanan Church of Christ for November: 5th – 68; 12th – 86; 19th – 70; 26th – 79.

December Report

I am greeting you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and hope you are doing fine together with your family.

Attendance at the Central Buchanan Church of Christ for December: 3rd – 84; 10th – 189; 17th – 71; 24th – 75; 31st – 100.

January Report

On Jan. 13th, Bro. C. Tero Trokon and I went to the Guehyee Church of Christ in Central Little Kollah, #4 District of Grand Bassa and worked with them for 3 days. On Sunday, Jan. 14th, we worshiped with the brethren and I was given the opportunity to teach and preach. During the Bible study, I taught on the topic, "Things that Encourage Church Growth," taken from the text of 1 Cor. 1:1. I also preached on a topic, "A Better Church Begins With Me," from the text of 1 Cor. 12:2-26. We were 68 in attendance and after the worship Service, we baptized 3 persons.

In January, I visited 10 weak brethren and 3 sick brothers. At Central Buchanan, we were able to baptize 3 persons and they are added to the church.

Next, we lost one of our brothers on January 22, 2018. His name is Bro. Friday Robert and he

was the husband of my sister, Annie Robert. This brother came to the truth on October, 1996, and has been very, very committed to the work of the church until his death on January 22nd after a brief sickness. He was buried and his memorial service will be held on the last Sunday in March.

May God richly bless you all and let us continue to work together in love.

May the Lord bless you and the brethren in the United States.

In Christian Love,
Bro. James A. Suahgba

Report From Tanzania

Brethren,

Sis. Rehema's husband died in 2015. She is a Christian, she attends service with us. On Thursday, Nov. 16th, 2017, she was taken to the hospital to remove something that was growing into her stomach. According to her relatives, the doctors said that something was swollen into her stomach that needs the operation. They called yesterday (Nov. 20th, 2017) and I went to see her and found that they had removed it but she is in a great pain. The relatives asked for help that they may remove her from the hospital bed to home and clear the bills. They asked for our prayers but mostly \$400 so that she may be removed.

My wife, Agrippina, has been taking food prescribed for her since she was admitted in the hospital, in spite of her being weak physically.

I got a report from Siko, Shirati area, on early December that Ezron Orao's mother has passed away from this life after being sick for many days. They also have famine and need help for food.

I managed to go to Kenya to see Bro. Kombo on Dec. 27th last year. We were happy to see each other. Indeed, Kombo is sick. I remember him saying that when he walks for a long distance he gets tired. Yesterday (Jan. 7th), he called and said that his blood pressure is above normal and that when he stands for long time he might fall. We also managed to go and see their church property. They really appreciate the brethren who made it possible. (Picture of John Kombo & Sadat attached).

Your brother in Christ, Sadat

Report From Uganda

Brothers in Christ,

Nov. 23rd: We are doing well and the Lord's work is continuing to grow. Yesterday, I and Bro. Jame had a bible class with two denominational preachers; we are going back next Wednesday. (I sent him some tracts that should help him – Ellis).

Dec. 13th: Dear brethren, thank you for the word, all the articles and booklets are great, it will help the church in studying with denominations and also the new converts and the older members; if we do not continue in the word

we can go astray. Thank you for the spiritual weapons.

Dec. 18th: Thank you for the brotherly love, and for the edifying articles; it is our prayer that the Almighty reward you all abundantly. The articles you sent me about musical instrument and tongues has been helpful. The prospect is acknowledging the truth; yesterday, I went to their denomination after our service, I taught about God's plan for salvation, and it was very interesting that almost the whole congregation believe they had been saved before baptism. They asked many questions. We have another

appointment with them on Thursday and Friday. We are to have a day seminar at Deliverance church we have been studying with the preacher and yesterday he invited us to their church and we went and taught only one subject (5 steps of salvation) and all the members liked us but need more time, this prompted us to suggest a two day seminar.

Dec. 28th: The seminar was very interesting, as Bro. David taught about musical instruments in worship service. He taught two subjects: 1 musical instrument in worship service; 2 one true church; and I taught on speaking in tongues, five steps of salvation (hear, believe, repent,

confess, and baptism). The preacher and his family believed and four other members. We baptized six members, but the preacher said he is still studying the scriptures that we gave him. Some had been wrongly baptized before but then later they received right baptism. (1 Cor. 1:10). Now one sister among the converts has offered a place where they shall be meeting on Sundays for worship. Please keep this work in your prayers, plus the preacher that he may be converted aright.

We need the prayers of all the brethren for the success of these meetings.

Yours, Bro. Julius Wandera, Uganda

Harlingen, TX (Nov., 2017)

Appreciated brothers in Christ,

I desire to comment that the predication work in Mexico and Guatemala continues forward in different places and there are people interested in the gospel.

The evangelists near the members of the local congregations continue making this work of preaching the gospel.

This work in these countries is not very easy because the people are very religious and listen to the gospel, but they do not wish to change their religion.

In the city of Hayward, CA, a new congregation, is established with several families that live in the San Francisco, CA, area,

and we have the confidence that this church will grow with the work of all the congregations.

Also, in the state of New Mexico, the congregation of Roswell and of Aztec continue growing and the brothers have confidence that other persons continue listening to the evangelists.

In the area of Northern Mexico we continue the predication in different places and we have the hope that these groups will grow.

We request to you that you pray concerning the work of the Lord in these areas.

Evangelists in Spanish.

[Editor's Note: Do you have names & phone numbers for these new congregations?]

Harlingen, TX (Jan, 2018)

Appreciated brothers:

Receive brotherly regards and our prayers so that our Lord blesses you and your families and faithful brothers through this year, 2018.

I inform you that the brothers in Mexico are firm in the faith and sound doctrine and the

evangelists continue preaching in different places.

The evangelists in Guatemala communicated to me that during December there were several series of studies in some places where there are small congregations.

The church in Colombia continues evangelizing and informed me that there were new baptisms.

I sent photos of baptisms and meeting at a new church in Chiapas, Mexico.

Your brothers in Christ.
Evangelists in Spanish

In Loving Memory of Bro. Bill Walling

Bro. Bill Walling, one of our beloved ones passed away after a lengthy illness. Bill was born in Tulsa, Ok. on March 1, 1941 and passed on to a better life on January 28, 2018 at the age of 76, just 2 months short of his 77th birthday. He left behind his wife of 16 years, Betty. He served in the Marine Corps joining in 1958 and serving his country for 2 years after which he moved to Yuma with his family. Bill worked proudly as a security guard for National Security for 15 years. He did some mining and was very adept at working and making jewelry. His illnesses included COPD that caused him to struggle to breathe and in the last years of his life his eye sight began to deteriorate and eventually he lost eye sight completely. He never complained

during these health issues and was always jovial considering the problems his life gave him. Amazingly, you could walk up and stand next to him when he came in to the church and he could call you out by name after hearing you speak a few words. God be with us and his family to help with the healing from the loss. Bill Walling's services were held at the Yuma Church this past Friday 2/2/2018 with Brother Robert Davis presiding over the service. There were quite a number of people in attendance. How Great Thou Art, Amazing Grace, Ten Thousand Angels were sung as they were some of his favorites and we closed the gathering with I'll Fly Away. Prayerfully we will join him one day.

Delta Gospel Camp Meeting

Plan to be at the Big Spruce Camp near Cedaredge, CO, this summer. The camp opens July 14th after 4:00 p.m. for campers to enter; the meeting starts on July 15th and ends on July 22nd. Please plan for this week of fellowship, fun, Bible study, and evenings of God's Word read and explained to us.

We need to have a list of who is coming so we can shop for plenty of food for three meals a day for eight days. We also need to have a count as to how many need a family cabin or dorm room or RV space.

You can private message me, Betty Sage McKinney, on Messenger or text me.

Come and bring your families for a week of God's love in all we do.

John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

1 John 4:8, *"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God; for God is love."*

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 from. 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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Orphanage in Kenya



Sadat visiting John Kombo in Kenya



Bro. James Garkpee
Central Buchanan Church
of Christ



Sis. Elizabeth Dehyugar of
E.L.W.A. Road Church of Christ



Baptisms in Chiapas, Mexico



Church meeting at Chiapas, Mexico



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Yuma, AZ
Waterford, CA
Gleed, WA
Yakima, WA
Delta Family Camp Meeting
Lorenzo, TX
Pleasant View, OK

Guest speakers
Guest speakers
Mike Harcrow & Paul Warford
Guest speakers
Guest speakers
Jim Lamb & Jason Christianson
TBA

Baptisms

James Garkpee	Liberia	October 1, 2017
Elizabeth Dehyugar	Liberia	November, 2017

Births

Delaney to Kyle & Kaci Bisconer	Yakima, WA	October, 2017
Evelyn Elizabeth to Kevin & Hayley Lamb	Gleed, WA	December 18, 2017

Passings

Ed Faulkner	Goshen, AR	3rd week in September, 2017
Friday Robert	Liberia	January 22, 2018
Bill Walling	Yuma, AZ	January 28, 2018

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
Rehema	Geita, Tanzania	Stomach operation
Brent Berry	Canton, GA	Heart problems
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer & back surgery
Flo Faulkner	Goshen, AR	Passing of her husband
Norman Traxler	Goshen, AR	Heart problems
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Received liver transplant & cancer treatment
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
Gene Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Pain from fall
Lynell Forsman	Lorenzo, TX	Fall: face bruised
Jimmy Loftis	Lorenzo, TX	Fever & weakness
Madeline Nemecc	Lorenzo, TX	Radiation for skin cancer
Wynetta McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Cataract surgery recovery
Darrell Chastain	Pleasant View, OK	Kidney stones
Jessica Chastain	Pleasant View, OK	Health issues
Reba Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Lupus & recent surgeries
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 & broken hip surgery
Tony Brister	Yuma, AZ	Chemo & fighting cancer
Iris Stewart	Yuma, AZ	Heart problems

All of those in Africa that fight malaria & other maladies continually and all those who are aging or in nursing homes.

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