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“And The Second Is Like Unto It”

In the 22nd chapter of Matthew, Jesus was asked what the great commandment in the law is. Notice His response in Matt. 22:37-39, “*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*”

We understand that they are two separate commands. But how are they related? What did Jesus mean that the second is like the first? How is loving our neighbor like loving God?

First of all, remember the creation in Gen. 1:27, “*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*” When we love our neighbor as ourselves, we are honoring and valuing what God created in His own image.

Second, look to the account of Judgment Day in Matt. 25:31-40, “*When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and*

fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? *When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?*

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

What we do for others, we do for Jesus. So, when we love our neighbor as ourselves, it is like loving God.

We can see an example, though a negative one, in Saul of Tarsus. Saul was persecuting the church, doing everything he could think of to punish people who were following Jesus, even consenting to Stephen's murder. And what did Jesus say to him when he blinded him on the road to Damascus? Acts 9:3-5, "*And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou **me**? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks."*

Jesus didn't ask him, "Why are you persecuting my followers?" He asked, "Why are you persecuting me?" We need to remember that, any time we are tempted to hurt or speak anything unkind about one of our brothers or sisters in Christ.

We also have positive examples of this principle.

3 John, verses 5-6, "*Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; Which have*

borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:"

Philemon, versus 4-7, "*I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints; That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother."* Philemon showed love and faith toward Jesus by helping other saints.

Heb. 6:10, "*For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."*

Third and closing: when we love our neighbor as ourselves, we are following the example of love that Jesus and God showed to us. I John 4:7-11, "*Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

In Christian love,
Bro. Terry Warford

Accepting Jesus

I went to the funeral of a dear friend the other day and they let anyone that wanted to get up and speak and tell about their memories and the things that they enjoyed about the man. One of the guys that got up and spoke told about his experiences with him and said that “every time he went over they would talk about the Lord and God and would talk about their personal relationship with him.” He confessed when he was talking, that he never really went to church that much but that didn’t matter because all that mattered was the relationship that you have with the Lord.

I’m thinking that maybe our relationship needs to be based on obedience.

Hebrews 10:25 (KJV), ²⁵ *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*

During the time that they spent together talking about God, they should have been, according to the scriptures, exhorting one another to go to the assembly as is expected by God, to sing praises, partake of his table, to pray with the church, to hear a message from his word, to study his word and to be strengthened. But since neither one of them went to the assembly very much, I don’t think that’s what they talked about.

A lot of people when they think of “Accepting the Lord as Their Saviour” they make it sound like it’s their choice to accept Jesus for salvation. I want you to think of a scenario. I want you think of yourself walking up to Donald Trump and telling him “I have accepted you as my father.” There is a lot of great benefits to being a son or heir of Donald Trump. Do you think that he is going to say “Oh my goodness you are my long lost son, I didn’t know when you would find

me but I’m glad you did.” Or do you think he would look at you and say “I don’t know you.”

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV), ²¹ *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”* (like not forsaking the assembly - PW)

²² *“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?”* (Like talking to friends about Christ - PW)

²³ *“And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”*

He didn’t say “I knew you but you fell away”. He said “*I never knew you.*”

These people weren’t Muslims, Buddhists, or some religion that doesn’t follow Christ. They were Christians (Those who follow Christ PW). We know this because they announced him for who he was, they said “Lord” they gave him the glory for who he was “*Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in thy name*” it wasn’t someone else’s name it was Christ’s name, “*and in thy name*” (the name of Christ) “*cast out devils*” “*and in thy name*” (the name of Christ) “*done many wonderful works*”. But still he told them “*I never knew you.*” Was it because they never accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour? Was it because they had done it incorrectly?

Why did their Personal Relationship not work???

It’s the belief of this writer that it didn’t work because it was one sided! They had accepted him but he hadn’t accepted them.

Satan has twisted the mind of good, honest, hard-working people to believe that Salvation works backwards. He started telling people a

long time ago that they must accept Jesus as their Saviour but the opposite is true.

Acts 2:47 (KJV), ⁴⁷ *“Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”*

You see, the Lord adds people to the Church, we don't add ourselves by accepting him. Let's look a few verses before this and see why and how and what these people did to get themselves added to the Church of the Lord.

Acts 2:38-41 (KJV), ³⁸ *“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”*

³⁹ *“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD OUR GOD SHALL CALL.”*

⁴⁰ *“And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.”*

⁴¹ *“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”*

So the scriptures make it clear that through Baptism we are added to the Church. When we are added to the church, we are added to the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (KJV), ¹³ *“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”*

To be known by Jesus, we must be baptized into his body, we must be baptized into him.

Romans 6:3 (KJV), ³ *“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”*

For all my years of searching the scriptures I have found no other way to be in him, to be in his body, to be found of him. The scriptures are very clear that he knows those that are his.

2 Timothy 2:19 (KJV), ¹⁹ *“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”*

The people from the story in Matthew chapter 7 were not his because he knows all that are his. So what does God want US to do about this situation?

2 Timothy 2:24-26 (KJV), ²⁴ *“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,”*

²⁵ *“In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;”*

²⁶ *“And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”*

Colossians 1:13-14 (KJV), ¹³ *“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:”*

¹⁴ *“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”*

He wants US to be patient instructors of the Gospel so that they may be delivered from the evil one into the Kingdom and their sins be washed away in the blood of Christ, then they will be Accepted by the Lord and added to the Church.

Your Brother in Christ, Paul Warford

“Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?”

For about thirty year since I was baptized and added to the church of Christ, I have seen more people who joined the church of the Lord and then later left the church to join the denominations. Those are the ones John said *“They went out from us, but they were not of us, for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out so that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.”* (1 John 2:19).

Jesus had just fed the five thousand. His popularity was at an all-time high. Thousands followed Him, watching what He did and listening to every word. Then Jesus began to teach them about the difficulties of following Him. As he explained some of the difficult things they would be asked to believe and do, they said *“This is a hard saying: who can hear it?”* And, *“Many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.”* (John 6:60,66). This was a crucial time for the disciples. Would they believe the hard things, do the hard things – or would they turn back? When most of them had left, Jesus asked the twelve apostles, *“Would ye also go away? Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the word of eternal life.”* (John 6:67-68).

The question today is still, “To whom shall we go?” God has not left us without answers to our spiritual needs. For those who would seek guidance from some other source than Jesus, we need to answer the question, “To whom shall we go?”

Shall We Look For Another Christ?

John the Baptist had announced the coming of the Christ, then said of Jesus, *“Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world”* (John 1:29). Imprisoned for preaching, John sent disciples to Jesus, *“Are thou he that cometh or look we for another?”* (Matt. 11:3). Jesus merely

pointed to His works and told John’s disciples, *“Go and tell John things which ye hear and see.”* Jesus knew He was the object of the Old Testament prophecies, for He told the Jews, *“The scriptures.... Bear witness of me.... If ye believe Moses, ye would believe me; for he wrote of me.”* (John 5:39,46).

Shall We Look for Another Gospel?

Since the time of the apostles, men have been seeking another gospel. Paul wrote, *“I marvel that ye are so quickly removing from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel; which is not another gospel; only there are some that trouble you and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preach unto you, let him be accursed.”* (Gal. 1:6-8). As noted in Heb. 1:1-2, that word was not delivered in parts and sections, but God spoke through Christ.

Shall We Look for Another Church?

Much has been preached about “the church of your choice.” As a result, many people question whether or not the true church even exists on earth today. Jesus promised, *“I will build my church.”* (Matt. 16:18). He died for that church, *“Gave Himself up for it.”* (Eph. 5:25) and purchased that church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). That church is body, the church... There is one body” (Col. 1:18; Eph. 4:4). The church is composed of those who are saved, *“The Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved.”* (Acts 2:47). Jesus never built “churches” He built one church. He never built denominations, so people could have a choice. Jesus loves His church, and gave Himself for that church (Eph. 5:25). Should we look for another?

Bro. John Kombo Nandwa



Cards and Letters

Broken Bow, OK

Hello from Broken Bow, OK:

The Pleasant View congregation in Stilwell, OK, held their annual Labor Day meeting in September. A group of brothers and sisters had the opportunity to attend the Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs, AR, before the start of Pleasant View's meeting. The play, Bible Museum, Sacred Heart Art Museum, and Holy Land Tour was very informative and a great time for fellowship. After Stilwell's meeting, our congregation in Broken Bow had the opportunity to have Bro. Jim Lamb and Bro. Ellis Forsman hold a weekend meeting for us. We were truly blessed by great teachings from both men! Our souls were filled with God's amazing word and we are truly grateful! Thank you for the love and support from all who came to the meetings. We had a wonderful visit with friends old and new, and welcomed Anita Jefferson into the body of Christ on Sept. 2nd!

Bro. Stanley Goodwin will hold Broken Bow's fall meeting. The dates will be November

9, 10, 11. Services will begin on Friday evening, with supper being served at 5:00 p.m., and services starting at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday morning, visitors will have the opportunity to attend Beavers Bend's Folk Festival and other area attractions. Supper will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and services will be at 6:00 p.m., with a hayride to follow. Sunday morning services will be at 10:30 a.m. with lunch served after services. Visitors wishing to book a room for our fall meeting may contact the A-Ok Motel in Broken Bow at 580-584-3307. A discount rate will be offered to all guests who mention they are in Broken Bow for the fall meeting at the Church of Christ on Costilow Street.

Everyone is welcome to our fall meeting and to our regular weekly services at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Blessings to all-
Church of Christ
508 Costilow Street
Broken Bow, OK 74728

Glenwood, WA

Greetings and love to all our brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have had a busy and wonderful summer at the congregation here at Glenwood, WA.

Many of our members were able to attend various meetings in Gleeed, Yakima, and Delta. All reported a wonderful time full of fellowship and God's Word.

We completely enjoyed our meeting August 5-12, 2018, with Bro. Larry Wood from

Lorenzo, TX, and Bro. Kevin Lamb from Gleeed, WA. Bro. Larry and Bro. Kevin both did a wonderful job. Night after night, I was thinking that this was one of the best lessons I had ever heard. They also showed Christian love, in adjusting their speaking schedules to help each other. We also enjoyed and appreciated our visitors from the community, from the Gleeed and Yakima congregations, and the Harper family from the Waterford, CA, congregation.

Welcome back any time.

On June 12, our hearts were grieved at the loss of Bobby McCay who was part of this group all his life.

We offer all our love to the brethren,
Church of Christ
Glenwood, WA

Goshen, AR (Aug. 22, 2018)

Greetings from Goshen, AR, congregation.

Hope everyone is doing well. Our congregation has really had its share of illnesses this past year.

Bro. Phillip Auslam will go for surgery on his heart the 22nd of August. He needs his brother's & sister's Prayers.

We are all very happy for Bro. Phillip. He returned to Christ almost a year ago, and is leading singing.

Bro. Gary Hooper & his wife, Thelma, were involved in a car accident two weeks ago (about

ug. 8th). Their car was totaled and they had no insurance coverage. Now they are without a car; he has lung and kidney damage with no way to get to his doctor, 38 miles away. He has been disabled for several years.

Any help that anyone could send them would be a blessing to them right now. Send any help for them to Sis. Rachel Daniels, 20266 Mt. Olive Rd., Elkins, AR 72727. My phone number is 479-643-2758.

Sis. Rachel Daniels
Goshen, AR, Congregation

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

Our meeting with guest speakers Bro. Jim Lamb & Bro. Jason Christianson is over and what a good meeting it was. We thank them for the work they performed in preaching the gospel and we also thank all of the visitors who came to the Lorenzo meeting.

Recent visitors in addition to our guest speakers and their families include Bob & Wilma Farley, Stanley & Judy Goodwin, Russell & Reba Morris, Jim & Kathy Lamb, Robert & Chris Fuson, Gerald Buckner, Kevin, Maria, & Ayden Forsman, Larry & Maxine Pollan, Paul & Crystal Warford & family, Don & Chris Hammett, and Sherry Hinton..

Most everyone is doing well with a few exceptions. Bro. Jim Loftis is still struggling with weakness and has been absent at church

services several Sundays. Sis. Jaetta Loftis was in the hospital for a number of days with blood clots appearing in both lungs and her right leg. Sis. Diane Hoffman's husband Gordon has been in and out of the hospital. Please pray for all of these.

We are saddened by the loss of Sis. Reba White who passed away on July 2nd. She will be sorely missed.

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell traveled to Washington to attend their granddaughter's (Rachel Shepherd) wedding which took place in Eastern Oregon. Bro. Gene & Sis. Angela Boling were gone for 2-3 weeks as they traveled. One of the places they visited was the Little Brown Church in the Wildwood (Yes, it's the one we sing about in our hymnal) in Iowa.

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



News From Abroad

Harlingen, TX (Aug., 2018)

Dear brethren in Christ Jesus:

Thanks for your interest and participation in the work of the Lord in Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, and Central America.

I comment that during this month of July we had much work between some of the churches in Mexico. We visited the church in Cardenas City during three days for encouragement and scripture study.

In the church in Matamoros, we continue the work of evangelization and two people were baptized.

Also, with the church in Green River we continue working in the evangelization and it is

possible that some will obey the gospel during our next visit.

The evangelists in Mexico report new baptisms and all churches continue firm.

The brothers in Guatemala that suffered loss because of the earthquake are returning again to their houses and it seems that all are being normalized.

Thank you for your prayers and your participation in the work of evangelization in Mexico, Guatemala, and Central America.

I send photos of baptisms.

Your brother in Christ, Otto Alvarez

Harlingen, TX (Sept., 2018)

Dear brothers in Christ:

I greet you cordially in the name of Christ hoping you may be enjoying good health along with your families.

I inform you that during August we worked in the city of San Fernando. The church continues faithful and the brothers continue evangelizing and have hope that the church will grow in number.

Also, we inform you that during the days of September four people were baptized in Rio Verde, Mexico. New sisters are Flower, Lilian, and Angelica; and a new brother: Santiago.

We received reports that the churches in Guatemala continue firm and faithful.

Also, we communicated with the brothers in Colombia and they comment that two people were baptized. All continue faithful in the doctrine of the apostles and evangelizing.

Thank you for your fellowship with us in this work of the Lord.

I send a photo of the new Christians.

Evangelists in Christ

Report From Liberia

Works Done in July of 2018

I, Bro. James Suahgba, visited the homes of 10 weak brethren and encouraged them back to the faith from the topic, "The Lost Son," from the text of Luke 15:11-24. Also, I visited 3 sick brethren and 2 bereaved families.

I studied with 7 non-Christians in my community from the topic, "How To Become A Christian." The text of this study was Romans 15:10-14. From this study, one person was baptized by the name of Satarius Saypayly at the age of 18. She was baptized on July 19, 2018, and has been added to the church.

I made one evangelistic trip to Tubmanburg from the 13th of July to the 16th. On this trip I visited and encouraged 7 weak brethren of the Gbalasuah Church of Christ. During the worship service, I was given the opportunity to preach. I therefore, preached on the topic, "The Unity of The Body, The Church"; taken from the text of John 17:20-23.

Works Done in August of 2018

Brethren, I would like to thank you very much for your continued support. Now, I am really at the loss of words to describe the level of love you have shown and continue to demonstrate to us in Liberia. Words cannot fully express my heartfelt gratitude for your love and support of all the spiritual assistance that will continue to keep us in the truth.

Now, I have an evangelistic trip to be made to the brethren in Kpah Town, Rivercess County on Thursday of this week. Therefore, I am depending on your sincere response as usual when you receive this email.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration in Christly love. And, may God richly bless you and crown your good efforts with a great success.

In Christian Love, Bro. James A. Suahgba

Works Done in September of 2018

Dear Brethren,

My greeting comes to you in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus and hope all of you are doing fine in good health.

I would like to have you informed that there will be a Gospel Meeting held at the Kpah Town Church of Christ in River Cess County, from Dec. 3rd to the 9th, 2018. The general topic for the meeting will be, "The Church."

I would fully appreciate your financial assistance that will help us with food through the week of meeting together with teaching and evangelizing from house to house.

Thank you for your usual cooperation in the brotherhood of the faith.

May God bless you all.

In Christian Love, Bro. James A. Suahgba

Report From Kenya

Bro. Laban called me Thursday, June 7th, to inform me about the death of one of the brethren called Kokonya. He died on May 21st and was buried on May 26th. He is just one of the oldest (in faith) in Busia whom we had known and worked with him in Kenya at a place called October, 2018

MUNGACHI in Busia near the border between Kenya and Uganda. Before his death, we had communicated through Laban's phone, during that time we talked about meeting to discuss how we could work together to evangelize amongst people in Busia and teach them about "One Cup"

church of Christ Doctrine. In fact we were looking in future to meet this brother. He has since been buried, and there is nothing we can do now. But we agreed with Laban that we shall go ahead and arrange to visit this place to see his family and other members of the church for the revival of the church.

I attended the orphanage meeting as scheduled on June 15th. I have sent the report of the meeting outcome to you today. Before going to Kakamega, I went to see the doctor for check-up. He gave me enough medicines to carry during my trip. Therefore I was very much safe at the meeting. Thank you for your prayers. It is through prayers to Almighty God that we are able to fulfill His missions in our lives. I'll be updating you as far as the orphanage and evangelism work is concerned.

It's ironic that money should be so controversial in the church. First, because everyone realizes its importance in the affairs of everyday life. There are a number of good things mentioned in the Bible that Christians are asked to do. But we are unable and can't do them because we need money in order to do most of the things. We are in need of money to travel in order to preach the gospel to the lost and teach them to observe the word of God. All of us will be answerable to what we did to others. In Matthew 25:35-39, Jesus lists six physical conditions of life that represents all aspects of our human service to one another. These are services the righteous render to others because God has extended mercy and grace to them. Therefore, humble service to the needs of our fellow man is the manifestation of our inward appreciation of grace of God. (1Cor. 15:10, Gal.5:6, 6:9-10; Eph. 2 :10).

Everywhere we go, we meet and see the needy children (orphans), aged women and men, sick, hungry, naked, etc. You feel in the deepness of your heart and feel pain that you need to help

these people. Sometimes you give little, what you have is not enough.

Here is a real story that I once experienced in my life as a Christian. "One Sunday in the morning (this is about 18 years ago) I left my house to attend church service. As I walked on my way, I found a man lying beside the road. This fellow had been attacked at night by unknown thugs and left there to die. There were many people who passed by. They looked and left without saying or doing anything. Like them I looked and left to church. But on my way, I was thinking what would happen to the man in case nothing was done to him immediately. When I reached the church building where we met, I went straight to Bro. Vitalis Ogola (deceased) and told him what I had seen on my way. He also felt very sorry. I told him that I did not have enough money, otherwise would have taken or helped the person to go to hospital. He decided to give me what he had, it was Kshs. 500/= \$5. I went back and used the money to take the man to hospital. To shorten the story, the man was admitted, treated and healed. When his relative (his sister and her husband) got the information, they went to the hospital to see him. I was there also, and told them about Jesus church. They came to church where all of them were baptized. Till today Mr. Joseph Onyango and his wife Marthar Onyango are still members of the Church of Christ back in their rural home in Siaya County. (Nyanza Province)".

This short story reminds me what Brother Gerald has said in some of letters concerning orphans in Kenya that he and others are helping; that "you never know some of these children might become evangelist in future and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, money, when properly used by Christians, a lot of important things will be done or achieved. Members of the Lord's church must be taught and learn to become better stewards of money. They must be aware of the fact that God

is the owner of everything, including money. The man who thinks “this is my money and I would do what I please with it” is rejecting God’s ownership. The Psalmist said, “The earth is the Lord’s” (Psalm 24:1). All the precious metal belongs to God (Haggai 2:8).

We appreciate the effort by Bro. Ellis Forsman, Bro. Gerald Brockman, and other brethren who contribute towards the work in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and other countries in African. We have been able to do what we would not have done to date. God bless you very much. I always appreciate your prayers as I continue to fight the high blood and diabetic diseases.

I inform you that Bro. John Mbithi was involved in an accident, caused by a motorcycle. He was riding a motorcycle when he crashed into a lorry (large hand cart). He was taken to hospital where he was treated and now he is at home. He is getting well as he said. My son Charles also crashed with his motorcycle when he was returning home at night. The motorcycle got spoiled and is beyond repair. He has been of great help to me with his motorcycle by taking me to town and to hospital instead of may be hiring a taxi which costs a lot of money. I kindly therefore, request you if in future when there is enough money that you help me so that we purchase another motorcycle. The motorcycles in Kenya have become so important as far a transportation is concerned. It’s even important in carrying on in day to day work of evangelism. You saw it while you stayed in Tanzania and worked in East Africa. Most of us in fact, need a motorcycle. The cost of a motorcycle is Ksh. 100,000=\$1000.

I am still fighting and struggling with high blood pressure and recently I was told I have a heart problem which has grown larger than its normal size. I have been instructed by the doctor to continue taking drugs for the next three months. I really need your prayers.

I had written and informed you about the need for evangelism funds, particularly for use to purchase the vine fruit juice for the Lord’s Table.

The brethren at Migori want me to go there. They want a discussion with them about the matters concerning a building they need for meeting. One of them has donated his piece of land for the church. I want to go there to encourage them. Therefore, \$ 1,050 will help us to accomplish the work above. The meeting at Migori is scheduled to take place July 28th.

I got your letter yesterday on Tuesday July, 25, 2018. Thank you for responding so soon. Yes, I agree with you that there are more requests for money and yet there is always not enough at the Missionary Fund Bank Account. It is also quite unfortunate that the church registration in Tanzania has taken too long and at the same time a lot of money used. Sometimes I feel that it is also unfortunate that a lot of money too has been spent to pay for the treatment on my illness from the time I started suffering from high blood pressure, diabetic, and the problem of my heart. The doctor promised to help me till I get better or healed. He told me that most people prefer going to India where they would get better treatment than in Kenya. It will take three months for my heart to get to its normal size, only if I don’t default taking the medications. Those who go to India for treatment are rich people who can afford to pay for air ticket etc. But for the high blood pressure, I continue taking medicines daily.

While in Migori, the mother to one of the key brethren who was in charge of the land process, his mother died in the hospital at Migori. We therefore had to put a hold on the whole process which shall go on in a fortnight. Anyhow, we were able to see the parcel of land which they intend to build a church. I will let you know further progress on this in due time.

I cannot forget to thank you very much for your support towards my treatment. Yesterday Sunday, I fall sick and became very weak. I ran out of medicine the previous day but I was strong then. The brethren of Migori had to contribute some money to enable me to buy a few medicine because I had already exhausted the one I had carried with me.

Now that I couldn't be able to stay longer, I had to come back to Nakuru in order to meet my doctor. I have already met with my doctor, he told me that he has to change the medicines (some of them) as they are not reacting well. Meanwhile, I am still using the money you sent. Already I have spent Kshs. 25,000 = \$250. I'll let you informed as I continue to see the doctor.

Thank you once again for your kindness and help toward my illness. This enables me to get to the doctor for the treatment. High blood pressure, diabetic, and heart problems are very, very common today in this country. Whenever I visit the hospital, I usually meet many persons of my age who come to see the doctor complaining of similar diseases. Most of them are aged from 50-80 years. We now know each other very much. Sometimes when we meet on a particular day we are told bad news that one of us has passed away, like the one I told about who died two months ago.

There is only one doctor in Nakuru Town who is specialized in treating heart problems. When there are complications which he cannot deal with, he refers the patient to Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi. And if the patient cannot be treated in Nairobi he would then be referred to India. This is too expensive to be told to go to India.

I am very happy to inform you that the congregation at Barut is growing in multitude as we continue to evangelize within the community and the surrounding areas. Last Sunday on 30th

of September, 2018, one of the denomination preachers came with his family to worship with us. The preacher is called Simon Wahome. He also brought along his neighbor, Mr. Ndirangu, he also came with his wife. There were about six new faces in the church. I have for more than four months been studying the Bible with these two families. We agreed for baptism to be administered on Sunday this week.

They regretted very much that for the most part of their lives as "Christians" they did not know anything about partaking of the Lord's Table and how important it is as far as worship is concerned. I have attached the pictures we took outside the church building after the service.

I wish to update you that when I visited Kakamega. I witnessed good things that congregations around Kakamega are doing. First they are united and have agreed to work together. Secondly, they meet to discuss their common problems and how to assist each other. For example when a certain congregation needed to put up a building for worship, each congregation would contribute some money and bring it during the meeting. The money would then be given to the particular congregation to be used for building.

Busia County which has requested through Bro. Laban that we visit them, discuss how we should work together. We are prepared to go anytime we have the means to do so. It is however, not known to us if you would agree to support us. This is an importance mission according to the explanation from Bro. Laban.

Your brother in Christ.

John Kombo, Nakuru, Kenya

Barut Church of Christ

Report From Tanzania

Greeting from Tanzania,

My grandmother fell and broke her arm in June and I asked help for her which was \$350 but now I'm told that the amount needed is \$200, the rest have been paid. If there is an opportunity something may be done.

We went to Dar es Salaam on July 15, to renew our documents. At Dar I went to the registrar's office and found that some of the things have changed. The registrar official had been sacked and so I and the denominational leaders who have come to renew their papers had to wait. We were told that that we had to await the new one who will be in the office. In their lecture we were told that for the churches that work with people outside the country, they would have to take the work permit through immigration of Tanzania.

As I was going back to the hotel in the van with all of my paperwork the van was full of people and many of us were standing, my wallet was stolen.

I returned home August 3rd after long stay in Dar.

On August 13th, I got a call from Masqueroda and Simbai that they need help of food. Their crops have been burned down by drought.

I was called Sept. 3rd by Bro. Samwel that Bro. Maxwell died from a road accident. A truck ran over him as he was crossing at the traffic lights. I

immediately traveled to Dar to help them. Please pray for the family of Maxwell.

It has been long since I left home to attend the funeral in Dar and then transporting the body to Western part of the country (Kigoma), where the family wanted the body to be taken and buried. There is a tendency in Africa that when someone dies, family members and relatives are looking for the members of the church to which the person attended. When I got there one day later they were waiting for me because I had told Samwel that I'm on my way. They wanted me to conduct funeral ceremony which I did and the next day they wanted the body to be transported before it decayed, but the money which they had was low and we discussed with the family to borrow \$400 plus \$300 which they had and we managed to travel with the body to their farm in Kigoma for burial. Therefore, as the church we had a debt of that amount to be payed. In fact, the owner of the minibus we used to transport the body is the one who borrowed the money, but he is not a Christian, but Moslem.

September 21st In Lake Victoria, Mwanza, a tragedy occurred of a ferry which sank and caused the death of at least 227 people of over 400 aboard. No one in the church was reported to have been on the ferry.

Bro. Sadat

Report From Uganda

Greetings to you all, on June 10th after church service we baptized four people. Please keep these souls in your prayers. Attached is the photo which was taken at the baptism and some church members were there to witness the baptism.

My child was admitted to the hospital with malaria and pneumonia Please help with \$50 for medical expenses

The work in Uganda is growing and the more the growth the more challenges, but all in all we need prays and support ,

In the month of June we had several baptisms in different congregations. About 15 souls have obeyed and have been baptized. I sent some pictures but the photographer was not available on some.

Everyone here is doing good despite of few who are sick. My grandmother has passed away, she was 84 years old and was buried on July 9th.

Thank you for the Lord's work.

In August I was under treatment for malaria and fever. They also diagnosed me for Typhoid, so I am now getting typhoid treatment. I am recovering but am still hospitalized. I sent my wife to go to the doctor to request him to discharge me because I was feeling a little energy. I didn't want my bill to accumulate.

Brother, I need some help of \$150 to help me pay my bill. I need your prayers.

Yours, Julius Wandera

“Procrastinate”

Why do we procrastinate? Why don't we share our feelings, our thoughts and our love when we have the opportunity?

When we celebrated the life of a love one, perhaps we send a lovely card, or flowers, or we sit quietly in a chair. Perhaps we speak the kindest words, any friend could say. Whatever

we do to console the hearts of loved ones, it is appreciated.

But let's not wait till the last celebration of our friend or loved ones to convey our feelings and love! Take the opportunity **now** to celebrate with the ones you love and admire, “do not procrastinate”!

In Loving Memory - Reba Jane White

December 2, 1926 - July 2, 2018

Reba Jane White
1 Glory Way
Heaven, 00001

My dearest Aunt Reba;



My thoughts of you today are wonderful, because I know the Lord is taking such great care of you!

However, I am also feeling a great void in my life. You have always held a special place, not only in my life, but everyone's life who you've touched. You

lived the life of a good woman, and a good Christian. As you know, I had a wonderful mother, but I was adopted into this GREAT

family, I have always felt blessed to have 4 more mom's, YOU, Aunt Shirley, Aunt Olene, and Aunt Jaetta. I want you to know that the wonderful memory's you have given each one of us are too many to write. I want to thank you for your great Christian influence you have had on, not only me, but everyone whom you have come in contact with. I would like to remind you of one great memory I have, that has influenced my life and I have shared it with many people.

I remember sitting in your living room several times and turning to and reading **ONE** verse in the New Testament. You and Uncle Jack would see which one could be first to give me chapter and verse, as you were both very competitive in this. One or both of you would ALWAYS know.

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If I turned to the Old Testament, I might have to read 3 to 5 verses, but one of you or both would know.

(We should **ALL** be such great students of the scriptures!)

You once told me that you sometimes wished that you had been a man so that you could preach! I want you to know that you were a **GREAT** teacher, and that you had a **GREAT** Christian influence on many, many people. We **ALL** want to thank you for your guidance.

I also want to thank you for the effort you put in trying to convert Jerry into becoming a Texas Ranger fan, we all know that must have been an effort dealing with Jerry.

As Uncle Jack preceded you in leaving this world, we know that you are both together again.

You have left two girls and a son in this world, but with the guidance you have given them, they will be just fine till they can join you.

I want to thank you for putting the music to the song my mother wrote in 1953, 'I Want to Meet Jesus Up There'. I have and will always cherish the original onion skin paper that you put the notes on. **THANK YOU.**

We will **ALWAYS** miss You, but we know that you have entered a new dimension of life eternal. We know that life does not end in death. The Bible teaches us that we all live forever! As we will all come to that new dimension, we will be looking forward to being united with you.

With love, and I know the love many others!!

Your loving Nephew.

Stanley Goodwin

In Loving Memory - Virgie Marie Pollan



My mother Virgie Marie Pollan was born on August 24, 1920, and passed away on July 5, 2018, at age of 97 in the Country Club Care Center in Duncan, OK, where she had lived for many years.

She was preceded in death by infant daughters Anna Marie, Clara Lee, Geneva Sue, and husband Lee Joe Pollan, my dad. Many times she would cry for them and I would tell her had they lived they might have had very troubled lives. Instead they avoided the hardships of life and they are sleeping in Christ. She would say "I know where they are and I will be with them." Now she is sleeping with them to wake when Jesus returns and to stand at the judgement before the thrones of God and His Son Jesus.

She loved God and our family and devoted her life to both giving herself as an example of Christian and motherly virtue. She loved sewing

& making baby quilts. I remember her making patterns from newspaper for clothes from flower sacks for us as children. She loved canning vegetables, cooking, making biscuits and gravy, pancakes from scratch, homemade cinnamon rolls, and pies. I remember sitting in a circle shelling black-eyed peas with each of us having a bowl to put with hers. She grew up during the depression and learned as a child to waste nothing and get the most use of everything as she was taught by her mother to do.

For most of my childhood we did not have a television and had to make our own entertainment. She would tell stories she made herself that will always have a special place in my heart. We will miss her smile and motherly wisdom. But as the wonderful song tells us "We are part of the family that is on its way home." Sleep in peace, Mama. We will see you in Heaven, Lord willing.

Bro. Larry Pollan

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- 1 - Baptisms in Mexico
- 2 - Baptisms in Rio Verde, Mexico
- 3 - Orphanage at Kakamega, Kenya
- 4 - Orphanage at Kakamega, Kenya
(John Kombo on left; Laban Ambogo on right)
- 5 - Congregation at Nakuru, Kenya
- 6 - Baptisms in Uganda
- 7 - Virgie Pollans 95th birthday with family two years before she passed away.



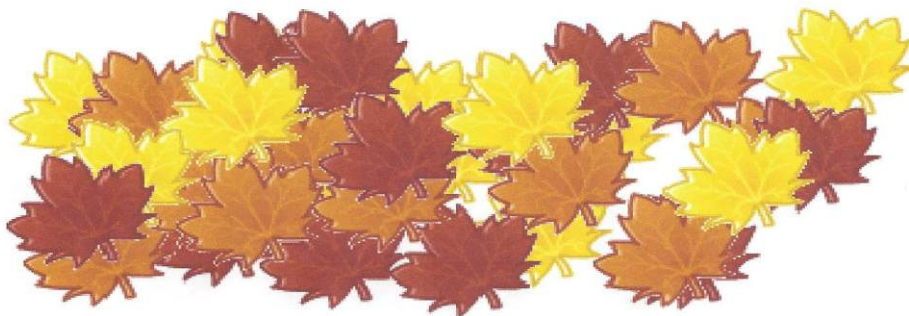
Fall Meeting
Broken Bow, Oklahoma
November 9, 10, 11
with Bro. Stanley Goodwin

*Friday evening, supper served at 5:00 p.m. and services starting at 7:00 p.m.

*Saturday morning, visitors will have the opportunity to attend the Beavers Bend's Folk Festival and other area attractions.

*Saturday evening, supper served at 5:00 p.m. and services will be at 6:00 p.m., with a hayride to follow.

*Sunday morning services will be at 10:30 a.m. with lunch served after services.



We continue to support the African Missionary Fund and we encourage the other congregations to do the same! They are in such need over there and we have such bounty. The donations have been down this past year. This also includes those in Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia. The Lord wants us to help other Christians.

Also, donations to *The Christian Courier* are down.

Please help what you can!

Address checks to African Missionary Fund or *The Christian Courier* and send to 309 Monroe Ave., Lorenzo, TX 79343

For support of the missionary work in Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, or Central America, send checks to Otto Alvarez, P.O. Box 532514, Harlingen, TX 78553

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Meetings

Nov. 9-11, 2018	Broken Bow, OK	Stanley Goodwin
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Baptisms

Satarius Saypayly	Liberia	July 19, 2018
Flower	Rio Verde, Mexico	Sept.
Lilian	Rio Verde, Mexico	Sept.
Angelica	Rio Verde, Mexico	Sept.
Santiago	Rio Verde, Mexico	Sept.
Anita Jefferson	Broken Bow, OK	Sept. 9, 2018

Passings

Kokonya	Busia, Kenya	May 26, 2018
Bobby McCay	Glenwood, WA	June 12, 2018
Virgie Pollan	Duncan, OK	July 5, 2018
Reba White	Lorenzo, TX	July 2, 2018
Julius Wandera's grandmother	Uganda	July 9, 2018
Maxwell	Dar es Salaam	Sept. 3, 2018

Prayer of Faith for those in need

John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, high blood pressure, enlarged heart
John Kombo's son Charles	Nakuru, Kenya	Injured in motorcycle accident
John Mbithi	Machakos, Kenya	Injured in motorcycle accident
Sadat's grandmother	Bunda, Tanzania	Fell & broke her arm
Julius Wandera	Uganda	Malaria & typhoid fever
Julius Wandera's son	Uganda	Malaria, pneumonia, & typhoid fever
Brent Berry	Canton, GA	Heart problems
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer & back surgery
Phillip Auslam	Goshen AR	Heart surgert recovery
Gary Hooper	Goshen, AR	Possible lung cancer & car accident injuries
Thelma Hooper	Goshen, AR	Car accident injuries
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
Gordon Hoffman	Lorenzo, TX	In and out of the hospital
Jaetta Loftis	Lorenzo, TX	Hospitalized with blood clots
Jim Loftis	Lorenzo, TX	Fever & weakness
Madeline Nemec	Lorenzo, TX	Radiation for skin cancer
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
Cinde McCay	Yakima, WA	Fighting Parkinson's & broken hip recovery
Tony Brister	Yuma, AZ	Chemo & fighting cancer
Fred Commings	Yuma, AZ	Congestive heart failure
Harry Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back problems & prostate cancer
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Alzheimer's
Verda Nelson	Yuma, AZ	Knee problems
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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