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Headed For The Ditch

We all know when a man is driving a car, that if he doesn't observe the rules and regulations of the Law, and good judgment, he is headed for the ditch. So it is in the case of a man studying the word of God. If he fails to use God's word as he should, he is headed for the DITCH. God has given his way, and plan, and rules to go by, and when he fails to abide by them, that man or woman is headed in the wrong direction. Then he has to do some backing up, to get on the right road. If he won't back up, there is no hope for that man. The ditch is going to catch him. There are many roads being surveyed out by man, but God only mapped out one, and he said that was a straight road and few would find it. That road leads to eternal life, but the broad road leads to destruction, and many would go there. Christ said that upon this rock he would build HIS Church (Matt. 16:18). We start on that road today. Many signs we will see, pointing us to the other roads. Each one of those roads has their improvements, made by man. Each road

has its name. and different ways of distinguishing its road. God's road has been built for over 1900 years, and God has never changed his road. Man has tried to change it, and has dug many ditches in it, but man is going to pay for his violations of God's road some day. He is not going to get by with it. Man has sown the seeds of discord many times in the road (the church), but man is going to have to answer for those false doctrines. There is no promise of eternal life for that man, only in torment. We have one discord, not over fifty years old, called instrumental music, in the road called First Christian Church.

We have other discords called women teachers, and Sunday School. All originated in that road called First Christian Church road. We have another discord, individual cups, this ditch was dug in God's road in 1912. We have another ditch dug in God's road in 1928 called the non-bread breakers.

Another about 1925 is called fermented wine. I have asked for the scriptures that teach such, of either of those hobbies, for over ten years; and up to this time there has not been one single passage given me that will come in a mile of God's plan, and I am still asking for them.

Those big shots that are working on those false ditches, keep working on them. Brethren are continually falling into them. It seems that there would be some one that would please send me the scriptures for their authority to dig such ditches. Is there not some one that will make the effort; why not, if you can? We just want the truth. We want all of us to be of one mind, speak the same thing, mind the same thing. Is that not what Christ prayed to God for, that there be no division among us?

I will ask for just a few more passages, and then leave it waiting for some good brother to lead me to the light.

(First) Please give me the scriptures where Christ broke off a piece of the bread, called it his Body, and ate it in his Supper. Please tell me where Christ commanded his Disciples to

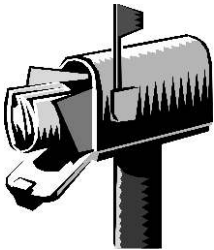
break off their part of the bread, called Christ's body, before they ate of the bread.

(Second) Please tell me where Christ drank of the fruit of the vine in his Supper, first or last.

(Third) Please tell me where did Christ command his Disciples to use fermented wine in the Communion? Did Isaiah (Isa. 65:8) know what he was talking about, when he said that new wine was found in the cluster? Is there any kind of a vine but the grape vine that grows fruit in the cluster that we make wine out of, but the grape vine?

Now Brethren, if those hobbies were laid down, as they should be, we could all be one in Christ, speak the same things, and there would be no division among us. Why in the name of common reasoning don't you stop such hobby riding as this and all come back to the Word of God, and all be one in Christ?

Your Brother in Christ, for the one Faith, and Unity, R. C. Clements, "*It Is Written*", May, 1953.



Cards and Letters

Glenwood, WA

We hope and pray this finds you all doing well.

We have quite a bit of news to share at this time. Bro. J.D. Logan had a heart attack this past summer and ended up having a 2-way

bypass open-heart surgery on December 7th. We're so thankful to the Lord that the surgery went very well and he is now at home recuperating nicely. On December 27th, Mr. Hudson Edward Smith was born to Bro. Levi

and Sis. Kayla Smith, weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long. We are so happy to report that Mom and baby are doing well. Such a blessing to have little ones among us once again! On December 28th, we were saddened to learn that Sis. Ellen McCay had passed away peacefully at the age of 94. Ellen was a faithful member of the Glenwood congregation, which she and her husband, Robert, started so many years ago. She was loved by many and will be dearly missed. Then, on January 6th, Bro. Greg Stacy underwent a 3-way bypass open-heart surgery. Our prayers were answered when we learned that his surgery had gone well. He is now recovering at home with his family.

Considering the health challenges our small congregation has faced this past few months,

we are doing very well for the most part. We are having some chilly but beautiful Pacific Northwest weather which we are enjoying [since then snow was at least 12" deep — Editor]. We are thankful for our visitors from time to time which is always uplifting.

We welcome you to our gospel meeting June 25th - 28th with Bro. Eric Harper speaking. Thank you Bro. Eric. We have several rooms in our homes available, as well as RV hookups at the building.

Our love and prayers are with you all, as always. Come be with us any time...we would love to see you.

In Christian love,
The Glenwood congregation

Lorenzo, TX

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

We have set our meeting date for 2019. We are planning on July 28th through Aug. 4th with Bro. Mike Harcrow and Bro. Roger Walkingstick as our Guest Speakers. Both are very good speakers and we should have a very uplifting week. Please make plans to attend. There will be places for you to stay, food to eat and a great time to be had!

The Lorenzo congregation is gathering together Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm for singing and fellowship. All are welcome.

Health-wise, we are generally doing okay; mostly the usual colds, flu, etc. Bro. Jimmy Loftis still has had some problems. We ask for your prayers on his behalf. We recently

celebrated Jimmie's 92nd birthday and Gene Boling's 90th birthday. Sis. Becky and Sis. Michelle Forsman are recovering from recent oral surgery

Bro. Willie & Sis. Mary Howe visited our congregation in December; it is always good to see them.

Bro. Ellis and Sis. Lynell traveled to the State of Washington in December to visit with Bro. Matt & Sis. Kelly Shepherd and Sis. Jeannean McSwane for the holidays. While there, Sis. Ellen McCay passed away on December 28th. A memorial for Ellen is planned during the Glenwood Meeting.

Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay went to Ringgold to be with Bro. Larry & Sis. Maxine Pollan and other members of the church there, then traveled on to Stilwell, OK, to visit loved ones there.

Gene Boling lost his sister and was gone for her funeral. Several had traveled to Broken Bow for 2 weekend meetings. But, now we are glad everyone is home. It is so obvious, when some of our family is gone.

We continue to support the African Fund and Bro. Qto Alvarez and we encourage the other congregations to do the same! They are in such need over there and we have such bounty. A little does go a long way. The Lord wants us to

help other Christians. We really need to help where we can.

Bro. Ellis is planning a return trip to East Africa and also is scheduled to go to Liberia where we have 12 congregations. He is scheduled to be gone for about 6 weeks.

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

Ringgold, TX

Hello to all in Christ. We are all doing well at Ringgold. We are blessed with having mild winter conditions so far. We keep everyone in our prayers and hearts. We always have room in our homes for church members traveling through our area and invite everyone to attend church with us and stay in our homes.

We are sending a check to help with the publishing costs of the *Courier*.

May we all rejoice in glory to our Lord and love each other as one in Christ.

Glory to God in Jesus' name.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Maxine Pollan
Ringgold, TX
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580-228-4131

Yuma, AZ

Our meeting for this year has been decided upon and again it will be in early March to hopefully miss weather that can get a little warm in the latter parts of March. The dates are March 10th to March 17th, 2019. We are hoping to have a lot of you in attendance as the more that we have the better the meeting. Please come if you are able and like I said, the more the better, we love

you all and want hugs and to see all of your smiling faces. May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a great new year ahead of you. God bless you all.

Bro. Denny and Sis. Susie Davis
For the Yuma Congregation



News From Abroad

Harlingen, TX (Jan. 18, 2019)

Appreciated brothers in Christ,

I comment that during December, I visited some churches in Central Mexico.

Also, in the church at Green River we had a series of meetings during a week for evangelization and edification.

We had some brothers' assistance and some new visits during these meetings where brothers from other congregations visited.

In this new year, if the Lord permits me, I have plans to visit different new contacts in Mexico to evangelize and maybe establish some new groups of Christians.

A brother in Colombia wrote me that there are new converts and, if the Lord permits me, I have plans to visit them.

Also, some brothers in Guatemala inform me the work of the Lord continues forward preaching in different places, especially in the frontier area of Northern Mexico.

Thank you in the name of the Lord for your participation and collaboration in the saving of other souls.

Evangelists in Spanish,
Bro. Otto Alvarez



Pictures submitted by Otto Alvarez; no caption.

Report From Liberia

Some Personal Works Done

In The Month Of November, 2018

In the Month of November, I visited seven (7) weak brethren and three (3) sick sisters of the Central Buchanan Congregation. Through my visit to the weak, I studied with them on the topic of encouragement. "Warning Against Apostasy." From Heb. 3:12-14.

Next, I went to the brethren of the Dehbah Town Church of Christ on Saturday, November 10th, and worshiped with the congregation on Sunday, November 11th, and preached on the topic: "Remain Strong In The Lord," taken from Philippians 4:1-3.

We were fourteen(14) in attendance and one person by the name of Matthew Whordorway at the age of 56 years, right after the worship service was baptized then being added to the body of Christ, the church.

Another evangelistic trip was made to the brethren in Tubmanburg of the Gbalasuah Church of Christ on Friday, November 23rd and during my stay with the brethren, I visited 5

weak brethren and 1 sick sister. On Sunday, November 25th, during the worship Service. I preached on the topic: "Perseverance, Go For It"; taken from the text of Isaiah 40:31. We were in the attendance of 29.

Central Buchanan Church of Christ Worship Activities Held In November, 2018

Date	Topic of Sermon Preached	Sermon preached by	Attendance
Nov. 4	"Opportunity is For Good Use" Gal. 6:10	Bro. Joseph Juah	97
Nov. 11	"Who is the Head of Religious Authority?" Matt. 28:18-20	Bro. Emmett Logan	79
Nov. 18	"The Worship of Christian" John 4:22-24	Bro. Emmett Logan	84
Nov. 25	"Whom Should I Talk to Again?" Jer. 6:9	Bro. David Robert	63

Some Personal Works Done

In The Month Of December, 2018

My Dear Brothers In Christ,

My greeting comes to you in the name of the Lord and hope you are doing well in good health.

Please be informed that due to my serious Malaria sickness which almost killed me on December 2nd I was taken to Monrovia where I was treated at the ELWA Hospital for 5 days, making me unable to do some evangelistic work in this month of December, 2018.

But, praise be to God for providing back my life and I am back home to my family in a good health. However, while I was in Monrovia, I worshipped with the ELWA Road Church of Christ on Sunday, December 9th. I did not teach or preach due to my condition at the time.

Thank you very much for your understanding and consideration in love in the brother-hood of Christ.

May the Lord bless you and your families.
In Christian Love,
Bro. James A. Suahgba

**Central Buchanan Church of Christ
Worship Activities Held In Dec., 2018**

Date	Topic of Sermon Preached	Sermon preached by	Attendance
Dec. 2	“An Active And Growing Church” Acts 2:41-47	Bro. C. Tero Troken	65
Dec. 9	“One Out of Four” Acts 2:41	Bro. C. Tero Troken	67
Dec. 16	“The Parable of The Sheep And The Goats” Matt. 25:31-46	Bro. James A. Suahgba	67
Dec. 23	“Christmas, Is It The Birth of Christ?” Matt. 2:1-12	Bro. James A. Suahgba	79
Dec. 30	“Developing Patience” Rom. 2:7	Bro. Oliver Teekpeh	97

**Some Personal Works Done
In The Month Of January, 2019**

Evangelistic Trips To Tubmanburg, Bomi, and Others. I went to the brethren in Tubmanburg on January 4-7, 2019. During my stay with the brethren, I visited 5 weak brethren and one sick sister of the Gbalasuah Church of Christ.

I worshipped with the brethren on Sunday, January 6, and had the opportunity to teach and preach. I therefore taught during the Bible Study on the topic, “Christian Growth,” from text of 2 Peter 3:18. I preached on the topic, “A Call To Action,” from Ps. 51:10-13. Attendance during the assembly was 31.

Secondly, another trip to Dehbar Town Church of Christ on Sunday Morning, January 20, 2019, with my wife, Ceedy Z. Suahgba. We worshipped with the brethren. During the Bible study I taught on topic, “The Lord’s Supper,” from Mark 14:22-25. I also preached on the topic, “Things That Encourage Church Growth”. From 1 Cor. 1:10. We were 23 in attendance.

Again, an evangelistic trip to Yarpah Town was made on Friday, January 25 to Sunday, January 27, 2019. I made this trip together with Bro. C. Tero Trokon and he went to the brethren in James’ Town and I stopped with the brethren in Yarpah Town of the same county of Rivercess. During my being with the brethren of the Yarpah Town Church of Christ, the minister, Bro. Nathaniel G. Miller and I visited 3 weak members and studied with 2 non-Christians on the topic, “How To Become A Christian,” taken from Romans 10:17.

On Sunday, during the assembly, I taught on the Bible Study from the topic, Patience (Endurance –Steadfastness). Text: Hebrews 12:1. I also preached from the topic, “Be Strong And Courageous,” from Joshua 13:7. The attendance was 22. After the worship services we baptized one convert by the name of David Weyongar at the age of 62. He is now member of the body of Christ, the church.

May the Lord be with you and all the brethren in the United States.

In Christian Love, Bro. James A. Suahgba

Central Buchanan Church of Christ

Worship Activities Held In January, 2019

Date	Topic of Sermon Preached	Sermon Preached by	Attendance
Jan. 6	"Batch of Christians" Gal. 6:16-18	Bro. Emmett Logan	90
Jan. 13	"Revival" Psa. 51:10-13	Bro. James A. Suahgba	85
Jan. 20	"Choose the Road That Leads to Salvation" Deut. 30:15-19	Bro. David Robert	86
Jan. 27	"Are You Blind?" Rev. 3:17-22	Bro. Emmett Logan	89

The Perfect Psalm

Perfect salvation: The Lord is my shepherd.
 Perfect Satisfaction: I shall not want.
 Perfect rest: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
 Perfect refreshment: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 Perfect restoration: He restoreth my soul.
 Perfect guidance: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness.
 Perfect protection: I will fear no evil.
 Perfect company: Thou art with me.
 Perfect provision: Thou preparest a table.
 Perfect consecration: Thou anointest my head.
 Perfect joy: My cup runneth over.
 Perfect care: Goodness and mercy shall follow me.
 Perfect destiny: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In Loving Memory Of Ellen Marie McCay

Sis. Ellen Marie McCay was born on March 18, 1924. She passed away on December 28, 2018, at the age of 94. She was born in Port Orchard to John & Maggie Forsman. She was the eldest of two girls & 8 boys, all having names starting with the letter "E" and only 5 letters long.



She helped care for her siblings until she was 18. She helped the doctor deliver Bro. Ellis Forsman at home in May, 1942. She gave him his first bath (and first spanking – Ellis).

In June 1942, she married Bro. Robert McCay. They moved to Alaska to start a family and a life together that lasted over 50 years.

When all of the McCay families moved south, Robert & Ellen returned to the Port Orchard area.

Ellen worked as a nurse and then later became the first woman ship-fitter in the Bremerton Naval Shipyard. She was a hard worker and very resourceful.

Once when Robert was out hunting deer and Ellen was staying at home, she saw from her kitchen window a deer approaching their apple orchard. She took down another rifle that Robert had, went into the porch, waited for it to get close in the orchard, then shot it under a big tree. She had that deer all strung up on the tree, and all dressed out before Robert got home. His reply? "Yea, but is supper ready?" Ha!

In 1971, Ellis & Lynell realized being in Yakima was beneficial, but not needful. They

offered to move to the Port Orchard area with their four young children if a building could be built so the kids could grow up with a sense of "going to church"(For several years Robert, Ellen, & Maggie Forsman had met in their home). Without hesitation, Robert & Ellen both said, "If you will move here, we will donate land and put up a building." Within 4 months it was finished and it still serves that same purpose today!

Together, their's is an enduring legacy of effort and faithfulness to God that lasted all their lives.

Their son, Bobby passed away last year, and Ellen is survived by their daughter Ellen Jean McCay and son Roy McCay. A memorial service is being considered for a time during the Glenwood meeting which is June 25-28.

African Missionary

Brethren,

Many of you have questions concerning the orphanage that the church has in Kakamega, Kenya. All church groups must be licensed with the government with each group listed on the church registration before they are allowed to worship in that country. Each licensed church group must provide humanitarian assistance as the government does not provide this service for its citizens . Each church group has a choice as to which type of humanitarian effort they will provide (i.e. such as hospital, school, clinic, orphanage, etc.). Because there are thousands of homeless children on the streets, our group in Kenya has chosen to provide quality care at an orphanage for as many of them as possible, as well as teach them the gospel.

Bro. Gerald Brockman of the Oakdale, CA, congregation has retired from his job and has suggested that he and I make a trip to assess the orphanage's situation and needs. (i.e. How many children are being cared for, get an idea of their sex, ages, clothing needs, shelter, and education, etc.)

Do they have adequate building space large enough (and supplies enough to educate the

children) that could be used for Bible study and church worship, as well?

We plan to leave from San Francisco on March 21st (after Yuma's meeting) and fly to Nairobi to meet brethren who will take us to Kakamega. Bro. Gerald and I want to touch bases with as many brethren as possible before Bro. Gerald flies back home on April 11th.

I have been asked to make a quick trip to Liberia to meet as many brethren as possible of the 12 congregations that are there before I return to Texas on or about April 27th.

If any of you care to help with donations toward this effort, please send to:

The African Missionary Fund

% Ellis Forsman

309 Monroe Ave.

Lorenzo, TX 79343

If you wish to direct deposit to the Wells Fargo account for this fund, let us know and Lynell or I can give you the account number.

Please know that while donations are appreciated, what we need most is your support, your love, and your prayers.

In Christian love, Bro. Ellis Forsman and Bro. Gerald Brockman

What Missionaries in the Bible Have Done

- Every book in the New Testament was written by a foreign missionary.
- Every letter in the New Testament that was written to an individual was written to a convert of a foreign missionary.
- Every epistle in the New Testament that was written to a church was written to a foreign missionary community.
- Of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus, every apostle except one became a missionary.
- The only one among the twelve apostles that did not become a missionary became a traitor.

Bulletin Board

Meetings

Mar. 10-17, 2019	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
June 25-28, 2019	Glenwood, WA	Eric Harper
June 30-July 3, 2019	Gleed, WA	Robert Davis
July 4-7, 2019	Yakima, WA	Jerry McCay & Ellis Forsman
July 14-21, 2019	Delta Family Camp Meeting	Guest speakers
July 28 - Aug. 4, 2019	Lorenzo, TX	Roger Walkingstick & Mike Harcrow

Births

Hudson Edward to Levi & Kayla Smith	Glenwood, WA	December 27, 2018
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Passings

Ellen Marie McCay	Glenwood, WA	December 28, 2018
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Baptisms

Matthew Whordorway	Dehbah Town, Liberia	November 10, 2018
David Weyongar	Yarpah Town, Liberia	January 27, 2019

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
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
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Mike Wilcher	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Carol Bauer	Gleed, WA	Received liver transplant & cancer treatment
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Ilene Thrush	Gleed, WA	Several strokes & heart issues
J. D. Logan	Glenwood, WA	2-way bypass open-heart surgery
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections, pain, blood clots, & falls
Greg Stacy	Glenwood, WA	3-way bypass open-heart surgery
Phillip Auslam	Goshen, AR	Cancer in remission
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	Gradual aging issues
Jim Loftis	Lorenzo, TX	Fever & general weakness
Madeline Nemece	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
Darletta Spencer	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting cancer
Terry James	Yakima, WA	Severe stomach problems
Marta Harrington	Yakima, WA	Cancer surgery recovery
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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