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Why Do You Wait?

Are you waiting for saving power?

- Rom. 1:16, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”*
- 1 Cor. 1:18, *“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”*

Are you waiting for converting power?

- Psa. 19:7, *“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”*

Are you waiting for sanctifying power?

- John 17:17, *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”*
- Eph. 5:26, *“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,”*

Are you waiting for perfecting power?

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17, *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

Are you waiting for God to pour His faith on you?

- Rom. 10:17, *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*
- Gal. 1:8-9, *“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”*

It is deceptive for you to wait for a certain feeling.

- James 1:22, “*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*”
- 1 John 3:7, “*Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.*”

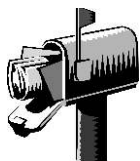
It is hypocritical for you to wait until the church is better.

- Rom. 14:10, “*But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*”

It is dangerous to wait for a more convenient time.

- James 4:14, “*Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*”

(Lesson given by Bro. Howard McCay).



Cards and Letters

Broken Bow, OK

Hello and greetings to all,

We hope this update from the Broken Bow congregation finds our brothers and sisters in Christ well. With school starting, and several other late summer and fall activities to attend to, our congregation has experienced a busy last couple of months.

Sis. Jean Camp has taken a couple tumbles over the past months, but thankfully with only bruising and nothing broken. She does remarkably well to be 86 and still live at home with some assistance. Bro. John and Sis. Betty McKinney are now settled in for Oklahoma's winter months. Hopefully the winter weather in Oklahoma will be a bit milder than what they're accustomed to.

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of our friend and Brother in Christ, Ray Queen on September 4. He was a faithful and kind church member, always happy to see you. He worked hard, loved his family, and enjoyed

life. Ray's presence is greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He left us with many wonderful memories and stories to be shared, until we meet again. Please continue to keep his family and our congregation in your prayers.

Prayers would also be appreciated for Linda Camp (aunt) and her daughter Vicki Camp Perrin (cousin). Both have been diagnosed with cancer. Linda completed her treatments on the day Vicki received the news of her diagnosis. Their family would greatly welcome being lifted in our prayers.

Our fall meeting with Bro. Randy Buckner was a great success! He is a very capable speaker and presented us with three wonderful lessons (Paul, Thomas, and Noah)! We are thankful Bro. Randy (and family) accepted the invitation to hold our meeting and look forward to hearing him speak many more times in the coming years. The weather was also great, which allowed those attending the meeting to

participate in the Beavers Bend Folk Festival, games, and a hayride. Thank you to everyone for your attendance and support.

We are excited to announce Bro. Randy Queen made the decision to renew his life to Christ. His faithful attendance and willingness to assist during services have been a blessing to us all. Also, on September 29th, Shayla Queen obeyed the gospel and was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. Much rejoicing took place (on earth and in heaven) over their decisions to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Bro. Casey Dover has presented two wonderful lessons in recent weeks. He is a great speaker, connects well with his audience, and delivers his message from God's word in a manner that is clear, accurate, and thoughtful. Our congregation is blessed!

Phil. 4:4-9 *4 Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be*

known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you.

In spite of life's storms as 2019 comes to an end and we reflect back on the year, we have much to be thankful for! Throughout the coming year, our blessings to you and yours.

The Broken Bow Congregation

Goshen, AR

Hello from Goshen Church of Christ.

Most of our members are okay, we have 2 older sisters that have age-related things going on.

Bro. Phillip Auslam has returned to the church and is beginning to help with reading and leading singing in church services.

Another brother, Aaron Brown, and his wife and 3 children have been some time in the church. I just love their kids, one 6 and another 9, and the baby 1 year old.

I've had a rough September, but I thank God my heart is mending. I have a condition, "broken heart syndrome"; no cure, no medicine, or rest for 4-6 weeks. It acts just like

a heart attack, very painful. I spent 4 days in the hospital. I've had this 3 times in 10 years. No, they don't know what causes this.

You may take Phillip Auslam off the prayer list; he's doing good.

We have finely cooled down; it's been in the upper 70's for a week now; just beautiful weather.

Bro. Roger Smith returned to the Lord after being away many years. He has many problems going on, so please put him on the prayer list. They are starting testing on him shortly.

In Christian love from the Goshen church,
Sis. Rachel Daniels

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters,

A lot has transpired since the last *Courier*. Our weather has gone from fall to winter, but mostly it is still nice.

We have had several visitors including Kevin Forsman who spent 5 months helping with several various needs. He returned to Seattle promising to return at some point.

Other visitors include David & Sarah Orendorff & family, Bro. Paul Warford spent several days in October, and he and Bro. Ellis have started researching church history in the United States from old letters. We also enjoyed hearing him speak for us.

In addition, Paul Forsman, Kelly Shepherd, Lori Harper, and Leah Mollohan & son MJ were here at various times to visit Bro. Ellis &

Sis. Lynell Forsman. Bro. Austin & Sis. Rose Ann Bryant & Eli were here & Austin spoke twice over the holidays.

On Nov. 16th Shiloh Boling married Peggy Huber.

This month (Jan.) Bro. Gene Boling will be 91 and Bro. Jimmie Loftis will be 93. Others have birthdays also, but we are extra thankful for these two brothers.

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell visited the families in Washington & California over the holidays and worshipped at Sacramento, CA.

Several of our group have suffered from flu and other challenges. Yet we are so thankful for so many blessings.

Yours in Christ from the Lorenzo, TX congregation.

Oakdale, CA (Nov. 3, 2019)

Dear Brethren,

We send our love to the brotherhood hoping all is well with everyone and that God's blessings are upon you. All of us here at the Oakdale Church of Christ are doing well, except for Sister Okja Way who is fighting cancer. Please keep her in your prayers. We are all busy with our daily routines of life and the struggles it throws at us. But God continues to bless us and keep us in his care, for which we thank God.

I'm happy to report that we have had two weddings in the last two months. My daughter Monica married Jeremiah Lujan on September 14th. Of course, Monica was a beautiful bride, and had chosen a beautiful country club to host the ceremony. It was such a joy to see her and Jeremiah so happy together on their special day. We certainly welcome Jeremiah into our family.

On October 4th Alyssa Perigen married Brock Whitting in a lakeside wedding ceremony. It was a beautiful backdrop for a wedding and Alyssa looked amazing coming down the aisle with her dad. We look forward to when Brock and Alyssa are able to move back to Oakdale.

We are very proud of both couples and wish God's love, blessings and guidance upon them as they start their new lives together.

The work of the orphanage in Matundu, Kenya is starting to take shape. We have bought the land and it is being cleared so we can start construction once all the paperwork is completed. The orphanage committee is working hard to make it all happen. As to be expected, there are lots of challenges and government red tape to go through, but if it's God's will it will happen.

In Christian Love, Bro. Gerald Brockman

Ringgold, TX

Greetings,

All of us of the Ringgold congregation are doing well. With the winter weather being so mild, we have been blessed with excellent health. We have so many blessings to be thankful for as we begin a new year.

We are very few in number as many congregations are. We keep everyone in our prayers and hope those who have winter-related sicknesses are blessed with quick recoveries. Also, we should pray for all who have devastating diseases such as cancer, heart conditions, injuries, and other such like things. This is flu and cold season and there are

many who are struggling. We are commanded to pray for one another and we all need the prayers from each other.

We are looking ahead to the Yuma meeting in March and church camp in July if it is the Lord's will for us to attend. The Ringgold congregation is sending a check to help with the publishing of *The Christian Courier*. We always invite everyone traveling through our area to drop in and worship with us and stay in our home.

In Christ to all,
Ringgold, TX

Yuma, AZ

Brothers and Sisters,

Just a short note to let you know that we here in Yuma are still here and active. Everyone that left for the summer have all returned to our beloved city; it's not so loved from July to September, but still the home that most of us have known for a lifetime. My aunt Alice Davis is still suffering from her Alzheimer's and rarely is able to attend services anymore. My Uncle Harry, our senior brother here, is still having problems getting around due to his knees and strength in his legs and is going through Chemo for the prostate cancer that has returned; that is a good part of why he is having difficulty getting around. As you know Chemo helps in the process of keeping the cancers at bay but robs your body of strength. His last results have shown a decrease in his PSA numbers that were quite high; he needs your prayers. Teresa, married to Joe Davis, is having a great deal of pain in her neck and other health problems in her life. Prayers for all in need, both here and across the country.

Everyone else is doing about the same as usual. Austin and RoseAnn Bryant, along with Eli have been in Lorenzo, Texas for the holidays and should be returning after the new year. My wife and I traveled to New Orleans, LA, and were gone for about one week. We traveled by train and were on it for 46 hours. It was quite an experience for us. We really enjoyed visiting the sites in and around the area; really a lot of history. We managed to stay away from Bourbon Street. There are some amazing sites to see there.

Another bit of information that we are proud to mention is that our Sis. Betty Walling has returned to Yuma and is once again in our midst; glad to have her back. Terry and Debbie Wilkerson have made it back to Yuma and will be here, God willing, until after our March meeting. They are such an addition to our small group and bless our lives. We already have received a loaf of pumpkin bread from Deb who is a great cook and baker, Terry always busies himself doing things around the church

that needs doing. Thanks for joining us again, guys.

I'm sure that most if not all have heard that my Aunt Verda Nelson has passed away on October 10, 2019. She is well known around our church circles and is well loved and respected by all that had ever come in contact with her. She never forgot the love of her life, my Uncle Bill Nelson, and now is able to rejoin him. Aunt Verda, as were the rest of the family, was born in Pocahontas, Arkansas, and moved to Somerton, AZ, just a few miles south of Yuma, back in 1936. A lot of you know that my Aunt did love to cook and hunt. She would go hunting with her sons just about every year, but her love of church was what she lived for and was quite knowledgeable in the Bible. We are going to miss her very much, not being able to see her sitting in her place at church.

Another death to tell you about, our dear Sister Debra Davis' mother, Estella Banda Robles passed away on December 4, 2019. Debra and Robert lived next door to her parents and Estella was taking care of her husband Frank, of 65 years, that had lost his leg to diabetes when she passed. She was a very small and petite lady with a generous smile and a kind heart every time that I was in her presence. A very lovely lady and our Debra, if you see her mom you see Debra. Deb's Mom too will

be missed greatly not only by her family but by those of us that have met her even if for a short while. God be with those of us that are without these beautiful people in our lives.

We are having a meeting again this year during the month of March beginning on the 8th and ending on the 15th. We are looking forward to the time that we will have to be together once again. It is so important to gather together as often as we possibly can to visit and have the discussions and to re-ignite our relationships. Our groups have been dwindling over the last year or two but no matter the size come and join in on the fun and the serious business of learning of Jesus. Please, if it's possible come and be with us. We will make an attempt to plan for anything that we as a group would like to do while we are gathered here. Singing, we love to sing praises to God our Father and love to hear as much knowledge of scriptures as possible. It is just good to sit down and talk of our lives here as we live this life that God has given to us. Make plans if you can to take time off for this short week to help us in this meeting. If you are planning to be here please let us know so that we can plan ahead. I can be reached at 928 502 3709 if I can be of help.

For the Yuma congregation, Bro. Denny and Sis. Susie Davis



News From Abroad

Harlingen, TX (Oct. 1)

Dear brethren,

I greet you in the name of the Lord and desire that God blesses all the faithful in your congregations.

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I inform you that during September we had the opportunity to preach in different places in Central Mexico. Many brothers attended the meetings and several people also accompanied

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with them. We have hope that with this work some will obey the gospel.

In Refugio City we had the marriage of two people that were at the meeting and the following day they were baptized. There was also another person who was baptized. This brother has sickness and trusts that the Lord will help him recover and serve Him.

If the Lord permits, I plan to visit the area of Zacatecas, Mexico, to encourage the brethren there in their evangelization work with contacts we have in that area.

The brethren in Guatemala inform me that they are visiting the area of Huehustenango and expect some baptisms there.

The brethren in Colombia inform me that they continue preaching and now they have more assistance in the congregations. If the Lord permits me, before concluding the year I will travel to visit the brethren in that country.

Your brother in Christ,

Bro. Otto Alvarez and some other evangelists.

Harlingen, TX (Nov. 2)

Greetings,

During the month of October I visited some brethren in Zacatecas and also again in Rio Verde San Luis Potosi. We had many blessings of the Lord concerning the congregations that we visited. They are animated and preaching the gospel.

We studied with people that we contacted of which three obeyed the gospel and were baptized. These new brethren were members of an evangelical church for quite some time, but when they understood the truth they obeyed it. These new brothers also made contact with other people who now want to study with us. I have plans during November to study with these new Christians and others for edification.

I also comment that I need to continuously visit some congregations in Southern Guatemala and Colombia; however I need to wait for the Lord to help me with my health and money for these trips. My contacts with the brethren in Guatemala and Colombia inform me that the brethren there continue the Christian life with fidelity.

Also, I comment that the brethren in Green River (Rio Verde) bought a field to build a meeting place. They have plans to build in this new location because it is impossible for them to continue meeting at their existing location.

Your brother in Christ, Bro. Otto Alvarez and evangelists in Spanish.

Harlingen (Nov. 23)

Greetings,

I comment that from November 11th to the 18th we worked again among the brethren in Green River San Luis Potosi. These brethren continue making the work of evangelism which grows the church quickly in this area.

The month of October, I baptized three people in this area (I sent a picture of these new brethren). In this trip I contacted and studied with other people and a daughter of one of the brothers, who all were baptized.

For several years this church met on the property of a brother, but was too small. It caused them to build a meeting place on other

property with the help of them all in the construction.

I sent a picture of the beginning of the construction.

Your brother in Christ, Bro. Otto & Others

Harlingen, TX (Jan. 2)

I comment that during 15 days in December we worked with the brethren in Green River, Mexico, in the construction of a building. I sent pictures of the building and congregation. The congregation at this location is growing every day and the brethren are very happy in making their evangelization work.

The brethren in different places of Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia inform me that the

brethren continue firm in the faith and healthy doctrine.

If the Lord permits, I have plans to visit some congregations in Guatemala and Colombia (Jan. 15 – Feb. 5) to support in the evangelistic work and edification of the churches.

I request your prayers so that the Lord will carry these plans among the churches in these areas.

Bro. Otto & Mariela Alvarez.

Report From Kenya

Brethren,

I am so happy and delighted to inform you of good and great things that are taking place right now in regard to the Lord's work at this end. The three brethren who came to Nakuru yesterday Nov. 12th), came with good news, saying that the lessons on the Lord's Table that Bro. Ellis taught and handed to them some, copies have been accepted and are being taught and practiced by eight congregations around Londiani county (situated along the highway from Kericho to Nakuru). Also Kedowa is another small township on the same way. This is the home area where Bro. Benjamin Ronoh comes from. This means, according to the report, the churches of Christ who have been using many cups in this place would be converted to "one cup" worship if more effort is put to this work.

Again, I support what you (Bro. Ellis) wrote to all of us, leaders in Africa, that money contributed by Christians in US should be put

into good use for the work of our Lord's church. The most important is evangelism, the backbone of church growth. A lot of money sometimes is used without first considering the evangelism work. Let us put the first things first. Then the rest shall follow. I am so excited and feel happy about the way those brethren are responding to the teachings.

Bro. Gerald asked if the other 4 congregations went back to multi cups. The answer is no, they also converted and are still with us. They are saying and kindly asking Ellis to support them to organize a big rally or evangelism meeting in this region which will bring together all the eight congregations. During that time we would invite other brethren like Bro. Laban, Bro. John Mbithi and Bro. Thomas Situma to give a hand with the teaching.

Brethren who came to Nakuru were Nahashon Koriri, Samuel Sambu, and Harun Rotich.

The cost of the meeting for the two days was \$380 plus the transport. Members of Barut church were present.

One of their reasons for coming to Nakuru, apart from the meeting, was to come and pray for me. I was more thankful to them for praying for me. Yes, I am so weak as I continue with medication. I need such prayers; they really encouraged me.

God bless you brethren. We also pray for you and thank everyone of you for your contributions financially and prayers for the Lord's work.

As I told you, according to the doctor's instructions, I must continue with medications in order to control the high blood pressure and the heart's functions.

I thank God always for you and His grace that was given you in Christ Jesus to be His servants in His church. I thank those who have been praying for me during the entire period that I experienced bad sickness. Kindly continue praying for me. God bless you very much. Indeed without your prayers perhaps I would not be alive today. On Dec. 25th, I woke up feeling quite unwell, and very weak. I went to bathroom to take a shower. When I came back, I started feeling headache right at the middle of my head. Then I was sweating all over the body. I collapsed in the chair where I was sitting. I was alone in the house. I shouted. My wife and children rushed in to find me now vomiting. My son Charles came and rushed me to the nearest hospital. I was treated and discharged back home. From that day, I have just been at home unable even to wake-up or eat any food except some little milk and bread. The problem was the same, high blood pressure which had risen up to 189/77. Yesterday it had dropped to 150/77.

Every time we come to an end of every year, there is always need to evaluate the work of the

Lord to see where we succeeded and where we failed and then finally the achievements.

During the first of the last year 2019, Bro. Ellis Forsman and Bro. Gerald Brockman visited this part of Africa, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. Good things for the Lord happened during this visit. At Nakuru, for example, we had invited some brethren from a place called Total Junction in Londian sub-county. Brother Sambu and other two brethren attended seminar. When they went back, their minds had been changed after listening and learning from Ellis about The Lord's Table "One Cup". We passed them on our way to Kakamega, accompanied with Bro. Sadat (Tanzania). Ellis, Gerald, our driver Ochieng and I, John Kombo. Bro. Ellis, again revisited the lessons he had taught at Nakuru. Later, I went back after some months accompanied with Bro. Robert Keyio from Barut congregation. I am happy to report to you that 10 congregations who previously worshiped using many cups at the Lord's Table have been restored back to the Bible teachings concerning Lord's Table.

We thank God our Father that throughout our travel on roads in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda we did not have any serious problems, whatsoever. The car was driven by Ochieng and Bro. Sadat. I thank the two for being very keen on the roads all through. God bless you.

We also had good meetings wherever we visited. At Kakamega, we met the orphans and members of the Church from the community. Bro. Laban his wife and his committee of the orphanage did an excellent job. We had many people baptized here. At Sio Port we met Christians who had gathered at Bro. Milton Ohanga's home. We crossed to Uganda, where Bro. Julius Wandera, Sis. Jesca Nakiwu prepared good meetings and many people attended.

After Uganda, we went to Tanzania where Bro. Sadat had organized two meetings one at

Shirati and the other one at Arusha. At Shirati we met Bro. Kachege who was in charge and we saw many people who came to hear the word of God. But let us not forget that the devil is an adversary of God and Christ (Matt. 4:10, 12, 26; Mark 1:13 etc). The devil is an adversary of God's people, particularly those who serve in His Kingdom (Luke 22:31; Acts 5:3). I became very sick at Mlolongo in Nairobi after taking Bro. Gerald to the Airport to fly back to US. I was taken to hospital by brethren in Nairobi. On our way to Arusha, Tanzania I was not feeling quite well. I was even unable to sit in the Bible study class conducted by Bro. Ellis. We came back to Kenya still feeling so bad. The trip was concluded at Machakos where Bro. John Mbithi, Bro. Johnstone Muteti organized a very good meeting. The attendance was good.

We are now praying for Bro. Laban and the Committee in charge of orphanage project at Kakamega. Bro. Gerald Brockman is very

much willing to help the orphans in Kenya. God bless him and the Oakdale, CA, Church.

There is much that was done and to be done and accomplished this year 2020. We pray that God will give us strength and means to do His work, and accomplish where we have not.

God bless Bro. Ellis and Bro. Gerald and others in United States.

God bless Sis. Jesca Nakiwu, Bro. Julius Wandera, and others in Uganda

God bless Bro's. Sadat, Alex, Caleb, and others in Tanzania.

God bless Bro. Laban, Bro. John Mbithi, Bro. Thomas Situma, and Bro. Sambu in Kenya.

Pray for me during this hard period that I am experiencing sickness in my body. I believe through your prayers the devil will be defeated. Amen.

Your Brother in Christ, John Kombo

Report From Tanzania

Bro Edward fell sick of Malaria and was in the hospital for two days. The weather in Dar es Salaam is very bad right now (Oct. 24th) because it is raining and water is everywhere.

Yesterday, two of us attended the government-required meeting (checking on all churches to see if groups are scammers) where Edward was still in the hospital. One of the things which the government officials mentioned to us is that three containers were captured in Dar port. They mentioned that there is a church (denomination) which ordered Bibles, but in each Bible in three containers there were drugs. And so they mentioned churches in Tanzania are not paying tax and when they get help with things like Bibles, that help comes with evil things in them. They

mentioned the name of the particular church as Free Pentecostal Church of Tanzania (F.P.C.T). According to them, they are going to eliminate the registration of this church until the judgement in court is done. After hearing this, everyone asked himself that this may be the reason as to why we were called.

This (email dated Oct. 31st) is to inform you that Bro. Edward was taken back to the hospital here in Dar and his health is worsening. Let all pray for him.

We just came home yesterday Nov. 8th) but with hardship and sickness. I'm sick and we found our families with no food. I know the missionary account is now empty. If you can dig deep into your pockets and help us we will appreciate.

Before traveling to Dar we did several teachings and admonishing people to become Christians. And when we came back a number of people obeyed and were immersed and they became Christians. We pray that we can have a property for a church building. We have been longing to have one but it has not been possible; but I believe that at one time He will open the way so that we also can get one like Arusha, Nakuru, and anywhere else that has been enabled to have church buildings.

Attached are pictures for those that were baptized yesterday (Nov. 20th).

I need your prayers on behalf of my sister back home. They did an operation and the baby died. Later, after the first operation, another problem occurred, the doctor here said that may be during the operation the bladder was

chopped off and also one tendon that goes to the feet.

This last meeting with the government, we talked about the hardship that they are placing on churches that are not associating with what they claim to have been taking place. Their respond was “This concerns every church that has been registered according to the law of the land, Failing to comply with this is breaking what had been planned.” However, they slightly changed the meeting periods. Instead of meeting every month, they scheduled multiple meetings in one month.

By the way, they claim that after three meetings they will send spies to spy how churches worship together with their teaching; and then this will be over.

Your brother in Christ, Sadat.

Report From Uganda

I greet you brethren in the Almighty God on behalf of Christ’s congregation here. We are praying for greater achievements during this year and other years to come. Our church elders’ team is sending greetings and thanks to all brothers and sisters in Christ over there. May God continue to bless us and bind us all together in true life and care at all times!

Am glad to report to you that our Church registration in Uganda is finished. Only that we in Uganda agreed to indicate that we are strongly working hand in hand with all the churches of Christ in the world especially in USA. It is at this point that we included Bro. Ellis and Bro Gerald to be the contact persons of the church of Christ in America. This means that whoever wants to send something here for God’s people or for the church will be recommended by Ellis or Gerald so that no tax is charged. Before registration, all care boxes have been taxed which has been very painful to me and to those sending, I believe, but after

registration, all is going to be free of charge. Amen.

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed towards our church registration in Uganda. It is such a great achievement that we have waited for long. Many thanks to Bro Ellis for all the time and energy invested. However, the task ahead of us is to have a self-sustaining church project which will help in providing basic needs for the Church to serve smoothly. We agreed to register the candle making project that we have in place at the moment, but we started it with very little capital from our church collections. Now that it is the understanding for our church project, we request brothers and sister to support us with \$2000 so that we can add power in the project to do the needful and to get a good recommendation from the government inspecting team which is preparing to come reach out to our church to confirm our presence and services we are rendering God’s people.

We are praying for God to make you all able to support our church project because the demand for our products (candles) is high in the community.

However, we are glad to report to you dears that our church congregation is very active spiritually, socially and economically. We are working to our best to save lives by preaching and spreading the Gospel, teaching people to

work for a good living as well as working for incomes plus loving and caring for each other as Christ loved us! We have church elders leading the rest of the congregation in all church activities. This is a very strong and faithful team serving God's people with passion. Amen.

Regards to all, Sis. Jesca Nakiwu

Report From Central Buchanan, Liberia

Prepared by Bro. James Suahgba

Sermons

Sept. 1 – “Know Whom to Keep Conversation With” by Bro. Robert

Sept. 8 – “There is Dependable Thing For Us” by Bro. Robert

Sept. 15 – “Are We Enemies of the Truth?” by Bro. Emmett Logan

Sept. 22 – “Changing What the Enemies Declared Unchangeable” by Bro. Suahgba

Sept. 29 – “God’s Plan of Salvation for Mankind” by Bro. Emmett Logan

Oct. 6 – “Believers At War” by Bro. Robert

Oct. 13 – “What Is In A Name?” by Bro. Suahgba

Oct. 20 – “God Will Reject People Again” by Bro. Robert

Oct. 27 – “Don’t Waste It” by Bro. Suahgba

Dec. 1 – “Suffering For Christ’s Sake” by Bro. Suahgba

Dec. 8 – “Make a New Heart And a New Spirit in Us” by Bro. Emmett Logan

Dec. 15 – “Going Everywhere” by Bro. Suahgba

Dec. 22 – “Will It please God to Observe Unscriptural Religious Day?” by Bro. E. Logan

Dec. 29 – “Be Awarded of Quick Destroyers” by Bro. Robert

Sept. Activities

Baptized: James Thompson (Sept. 1st); Abraham Kolleh (Sept. 2nd); Freeman Garpue (Sept. 8th).

Bro. Emmett Logan visited church at Dehbar Town congregation.

Oct. Activities

Bro. James Suahgba visited four weak brothers and one sick sister. He also studied the scriptures with 3 non-Christians and baptized Cecelia Nathon (Oct. 22nd).

Dec. Activities

Baptized: Annah Gibison (Dec. 29th).

Prayer request: Remember those working in Liberia for their betterment.

We regret to say because of the amount of content in this issue, there is no space for pictures. - Editor

In Loving Memory of Curtis Ray Queen

Curtis Ray Queen, 77 year's young of Broken Bow, OK. passed from this life on September 4, 2019. Ray was born on November 13, 1941, in the north part of McCurtain County, OK. The family moved to Broken Bow, OK, when he was 7 or 8 years old, where he lived the remaining years of his life.

On February 23, 1960, Ray and Rita Ellison were united in a marriage that lasted a lifetime. To this union, 3 sons were born. Rita adds that Ray is the love of her life, and that she will love him forever.

In 1971, he became a contractor for Dierks Lumber Co. and later for Weyerhaeuser Co. When he first started, there were very few logging roads in this county, most of what are being driven on today were made or improved by Ray and his crew.

Ray was always trying to problem solve. He figured out a way to attach a backhoe to the back of a road grader so the operator could clean out tin horns without having to change equipment. Weyerhaeuser took a picture to

hang in the main office in Tacoma, WA, and it is still on display.

For anyone who knew Ray, they knew he loved his hunting, fishing, and camping, which became the annual vacation that the whole family enjoyed. Ray and Rita took a few very memorable vacations usually connected to hunting in some form, but not all; some were exploring the beautiful country. One of his favorite trips was when he and Rita went to a lodge in New Mexico where he bagged a 6x6 elk.

Ray was always willing to help anyone in need; sometimes, with equipment or monetary, always anonymously.

He loved going to church and singing the old-time gospel songs. It always lifted his spirits.

Ray leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Rita; 3 children, Randell Queen, Bradley Queen (Karla), Terry Queen (Carolyn); brother, Wayne Queen; sister, Fay Gray; 8 grandchildren & spouses; and 7 great-grandchildren.

In Loving Memory of Verda Mae Nelson

June 16, 1929 – October 10, 2019



Verda was born June 16, 1929 in Pochontas, AR to Jessie and Margrete Davis. In 1936 the family moved to Somerton, AZ. She married the love of her life, Bill Nelson, in 1947, and they

moved to Yuma, AZ with their 3 children in 1957.

Our Mother was an avid outdoors person. She loved hunting, fishing, and camping with her family as well as gardening and cooking - and she excelled at all of them.

Mom was a totally devoted wife, mother and Christian (Ave B. Church of Christ). Her loving family and deep faith were her refuge

and joy throughout her 90 years of life. She especially enjoyed the Spring meeting.

She is survived by her children: Claude (Diane), Steve (Melanie), and Vicki (Gary). Also 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, her brother Harry Davis (Yuma), sister Dorothy Calhoun

(Oregon), many nieces and nephews and cousins as well as her Christian family.

Verda was preceded in death by her parents, husband, an infant child, 3 brothers, and 3 sisters.

Per her wishes, there were no services.

Bulletin Board

Meetings

Mar. 8 - 15, 2020 Yuma, AZ Guest speakers
July 12-19, 2020 Delta Family Camp Meeting Guest Speakers
(Camp opens at 4 PM on July 11th, don't enter before then; everyone is invited)

Marriages

Jeramiah Lujan Oakdale, CA Sept. 14, 2019
to Monica Brockman
Brock Whitting Oakdale, CA Oct. 4, 2019
to Alyssa Perigen
Shiloh Boling Lorenzo, TX Nov. 16, 2019
to Peggy Huber

Passings

Curtis Ray Queen Broken Bow, OK Sept. 4, 2019
Verda Mae Nelson Yuma, AZ Oct. 10, 2019
Estella Banda Robles Yuma, AZ Dec. 4, 2019

Baptisms

James Thompson Buchanan, Liberia Sept. 1, 2019
Abraham Kolleh Buchanan, Liberia Sept. 2, 2019
Freeman Garpue Buchanan Sept. 8, 2019
Shayla Queen Broken Bow, OK Sept. 29, 2019
Cecelia Nathon Buchanan, Liberia Oct. 22, 2019
Annah Gibison Buchanan, Liberia Dec. 29, 2019

Restored to the Faith

Randy Queen Broken Bow, OK Sept., 2019
Phillip Auslam Goshen, AR Sept. 29, 2019
Roger Smith Goshen, AR Sept. 29, 2019

Prayer of Faith for those in need

John Kombo Nakuru, Kenya Diabetes, high blood pressure, enlarged heart

Emmett Logan	Liberia	Sick from chest cold (pneumonia)
James Suahgba's wife	Liberia	Sick, needs medical treatment
Julius Wandera	Uganda	Malaria and back pain
Julius Wandera's mother	Uganda	Needs medical attention
Edward	Gaita, Tanzania	Malaria
Wilkister Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Malaria
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Jean Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Age-related issues
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Vicki Camp Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Family of Ray Queen	Broken Bow, OK	Who passed away
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
Rachel Daniels	Goshen, AR	Broken Heart Syndrome
Roger Smith	Goshen, AR	Unknown problems; going for testing
Otto & Mariella Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travel, Otto - Pacemaker installed
Jaetta Loftis	Lorenzo, TX	Gradual aging issues
Jim Loftis	Lorenzo, TX	Fever & general age weakness
Okja Way	Oakdale, CA	Fighting cancer
Jessica Chastain	Pleasant View, OK	Health issues
Reba Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Lupus, pneumonia & recent surgeries
Retha Morris	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting Parkinson's disease
Darletta Spencer	Pleasant View, OK	Fighting cancer, MRSA infection
Hal Spencer	Pleasant View, OK	Heart attack
Paul Warford	Pleasant View, OK	Hernia surgery & gall bladder surgery
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	Knee pains & prostate cancer
Alice Davis	Yuma, AZ	Alzheimer's
Teresa Davis	Yuma, AZ	Neck pain & health 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.

Editor's Note — As you read these various letters, you all can see the huge need for financial help as well as lots of prayers. In other countries, they do not have the blessings of adequate medical insurance to help with various illnesses and accidents and yet they continue to fight the good fight of faith as they are able.

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