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A Stone Speaks

“After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell



his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.” (Matthew 28:1-8)

Had we been there the first Easter morning, we would have noticed that it was an extremely sad day. Hopes had been dashed. Jesus Christ had been killed. And if we can picture ourselves as one of His followers, we would have been full of despair, puzzlement, and perplexity. We wouldn't really have understood what was going on.

The disciples had fled. Peter was beside himself. At one point, we read in John 21:3, he said, “*I am going fishing,*” which meant, “I am going back to my old profession. I was a fisherman before I met Him, and I don’t really understand what is going on. I just think I’ll go back and do what I did before.”

In the midst of the confusion we see of a couple of faithful ladies who had ministered to Jesus and who had been the recipient of His ministry going to do a last faithful service to Him. When they arrived a sight they had not expected to see confronted them. The stone was rolled away. What did it mean?

Well, they were about to find out. You see, there is a powerful message in the stone rolled away. If I could just step aside this morning, I would let the stone itself preach to you. This stone cries out with the great message of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and its implications for every one of you sitting here today. The resurrection of Christ was not merely an event in history, which we are invited to view with no challenge whatsoever. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is, at once, both the most significant event in history, and the most powerful challenge to humanity, saved or lost.

It does not really matter whether you are a Christian, an agnostic, or even a professed atheist. It does not matter what denomination with which you are affiliated. It does not matter whether you are rich or poor, educated or uneducated. Your station in life does not matter. A challenge is issued to you wherever you are. There is a message here for you. This stone speaks. Let’s listen to what it says. It says that ...

Death Comes To All

I believe that the stone is a symbol of death. Death comes to all of us. It came to Jesus and one

day it will come to us. We look at it, and at once we are made aware of the universality of death. We read in Hebrews 9:27 that ...*man is destined to die once and after that to face judgment.* Death will come to everyone.

And death is the great equalizer. It comes to those who are rich; it comes also to those who are poor. It comes to those who are educated; it comes to those who are without any formal training whatsoever. Death comes to the young as well as to the old. There are no family ties that death cannot loosen. We live every day in light of the fact that all of us will die. And we wonder why we live at all if we are only to be faced with death. We can work all of our lives, study, labor, amass great wealth, prosperity, success, but what is it for, if, at one point in our life, unknown to us, we will come face to face with death, and succumb to its power.

Man has long searched for the answer to death and that search has manifested itself in many ways. Some hold to various forms of religion and a hope that somehow, as they die, they will transcend this life and find some meaning in whatever there is beyond. Some hold to reincarnation because they just cannot let go of life. Faced with the idea that death ends it all—it is just too much for their minds to bear. They would rather believe that they might live again—even as a caterpillar—rather than face the alternative of ceasing to exist at all. But you see, the stone is too big to ignore. When we are faced with the reality of death, we need an answer, beyond our own human wisdom.

The stone rolled to the mouth of the tomb says that Jesus died a real death. On the Cross of Calvary, Jesus was executed. He gave his life that day for us. He became our substitute. He died in our place in payment for our sins. Because of his great love, he went to the Cross in

order to reach out to people who did not even care. Listen to what Romans 5:8 (NIV) says: *“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

This stone speaks of the reality of death. Christ died and we must also die. But the stone is not silent at this point. It continues to speak to us. It has something else to say. It says that ...

Christ Conquered Death

You see, the stone, which was rolled to the mouth of the tomb in order to seal it, did not stay there. It was rolled away. An angel of the Lord came to the tomb and rolled the stone away.

But what does this say to us? Remember, the stone is a symbol of the bondage of death. So the rolling away of it is a symbol of the freedom that Jesus Christ has bought for us. Listen again to the stone speak. It says to us that Jesus Christ conquered death. Acts 2:24 (NAS) says: *And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.* The stone rolled away reveals that Jesus Christ is victor over death.

But why was the stone rolled away? Do you think that the stone was rolled away for the Lord to come out? Not so. The stone was not rolled away for Him to come out. He did not have any need of that. We find, later on, in the accounts of His appearances, that at one point the disciples were hidden away in a room where the windows and doors were closed and locked and Jesus Christ just walked right in. He needed no door. No wall could hold Him out. In His resurrection body, He could walk through the stone walls of that tomb. No, the stone was not rolled away for Him to come out.

Instead, the stone was rolled away so that we could look in. It was rolled away for our sakes, so

that the empty tomb could be visible to all. The empty tomb is the greatest evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in all of history. I believe it is indisputable evidence. Cynics and critics have tried to explain it away, and they have not been able to. The empty tomb still stands as evidence to all that Jesus is not dead, that the bonds of death could not hold Him. He is alive today.

There is no other explanation. Some say it was the wrong tomb. But if it were the wrong tomb, the Pharisees and the Sadducees who put Jesus to death certainly would have found the right tomb, rolled the stone away, and produced the dead and decaying body of Jesus Christ. But they were unable to because it *was* the right tomb, and it was *empty*. All of the great religious leaders of history have lived and died, and their bodies are buried today. Only Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Only Jesus Christ broke the bonds of death and hell and came forth as victor.

The significance of the stone rolled away is found in the words of the angel, “He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.” The Gospel message is that Jesus Christ lived, died, was buried, and *rose again* from the dead. Skeptics have denied it, and philosophers have tried to explain it away, but the tomb is empty. He is alive. Had He not come forth from that tomb that day, He would have been no more than a fraud. He would have not been our Savior. We would still be in our sins. There would be no hope for the future, no power for living now. But on that first Easter morning, He arose.

On that first Easter morning, I believe God the Father looked down from heaven, as it were, through tears of sorrow, for He had seen His Son die. He had endured the heart-wrenching pain of watching Jesus suffer for the sins of others at the hands of cruel men. He had to endure the

spiritual suffering of watching His beloved Son writhe in agony on the Cross and be placed in a tomb. But it is as if, on that first Easter morning, He looked down from heaven and said to Himself, "It is time." And with a mighty arm, God the Father reached down and broke the bondage of death and pulled forth His Son, alive, from the grave. Jesus Christ came forth and the stone was rolled away.

All of you have probably heard that story before and know of the significance of what I have said thus far. But I want us to look at one thing further this morning, before we go. I want us to look at something else the stone says to us. What does the stone say? It says that ...

We Have Hope For The Future

Death, while it is a great enigma to our minds, is not an enigma at all; it is not a puzzle to God. God understands it fully. As a matter of fact, death is simply a doorway into His eternity. We do not see it from our side, often times, but He sees it clearly.

We dwell in the midst of time. We see birth, life, and death and that is all. God sees birth, life, death, and the life beyond. The resurrection of Christ means that there is hope for us for the future, even beyond death. Listen to the continuation of the passage we read earlier from Romans chapter 5:8, "*Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*" (Romans 5:9-10).

Salvation has been provided for us, because Jesus, far from being a fraud, was indeed who He said He was, the Savior of mankind. His death on the Cross was a just and final payment for all of

our sins, and because of that death, we can now be forgiven. The Gospel is true. Jesus is our Savior. There is forgiveness. There is freedom. There is eternal life. The resurrection of Christ proves one indisputable fact. It proves that He is Lord.

And He calls to us today, Christian and non-Christian alike, not from the Cross, for He is not there. He calls to us, not from the grave, for He is not there. He calls to us from the right hand of the throne of Almighty God, from where, one day, He will come to set up His kingdom on this earth. He will come to judge all the living and the dead. They will all stand before Him, for He is the resurrected Lord. He calls to us, "Look at what I did for you. Come and follow me."

The resurrection of Jesus Christ represents the fact that the Lord gave up His eternal glory in heaven, where He existed with God from eternity past. He gave it all up to come and be made a man, to suffer humiliation, ridicule, and scorn, to endure the cruel death of the cross, to be buried, then to rise again. The resurrection of Christ is evidence of God's plan and desire for us, of His love for us. It shows us that Jesus Christ thought it not too high a price to pay to give His own life for you and for me.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is really a call to a full and unconditional commitment. It is a call for Christians to live for Him. Let me ask you, are you living for Him? Are you really living for Christ? Look at your life in light of what Jesus did for you. What does it mean that God Almighty loved you so much that no suffering was too great for Him to endure so that you might have life eternal? The death and resurrection of Christ showed that God loved you so much that He was willing to give whatever it took to see that you had eternal life. Can we give less than our total commitment to Him?

Christian, the call to full commitment comes to you and says, “What will you do? Will you surrender your life to him? Will you pursue your relationship with Jesus Christ and put it above everything else in your life? Or are you just playing around?”

Will you be faithful? Being full of faith will make you faithful. And faithfulness in your relationship with Jesus is essential to following him. Just as faithfulness in any relationship is vital, so it is with our walk with God. If we consistently and faithfully meet with the Lord daily in prayer, in meditating on his Word, in listening for his still small voice— daily surrendering our lives to him— we will begin to be changed into his likeness in terms of our character and nature. But if we do not make following the Lord our first priority, we will not do it. Other things will crowd it out.

Our level of faithfulness is not necessarily God’s level. Someone once posed the following questions: “If your car started one out of three times would you call it faithful? If your refrigerator ran only one out of three days would you call it reliable, or dependable?” The answer is clearly no. Yet there are some Christians who try to follow Jesus like that— in a hit and miss fashion. Some even come to church like that— they make it to church maybe once out of every three meetings. And they have convinced themselves that they are somehow active and faithful to the Lord. You can’t live like that, as a Christian, and expect to know God. If you do, don’t be surprised that you have no real power as a Christian. Don’t be surprised that you have no real joy as a Christian. Some have also convinced themselves that if they don’t sin too much, they are OK. Not so with God. He wants a life laid down, a heart that is His, a Christian who is living out what he or she is professing to

believe, giving Him not just their spare evenings but the whole of their lives.

Sometimes we are hypocrites and we do not even know it. But if we would win the world to Christ, if we would share the Gospel, if we would be the kind of church God has ordained for our church to be, we need to walk in the fullness of the power of the Spirit of God, and we can’t do it on *our* terms.

What we need is the resurrection power manifested by the stone rolled away. You see, the stone was rolled away because Jesus could not be held by death. He said about Himself, in John 11:25, “*I am the resurrection and the life.*” In other words, resurrection power centers in Jesus. And in Him we can tap into that resurrection power. Paul knew the vital importance of walking in that power and revealed it when he said, “*I want to know Christ, and the power of His resurrection*” (*Philippians 3:10*). The power of His resurrection must become the power of our lives. It can only become so when we surrender to the one who rose again from the dead.

The stone speaks. It speaks to us of death, victory over death, and hope for the future through Christ. The stone was rolled away so we could encounter the risen Lord. He is risen! He is alive today. He calls us to live for Him. How will we respond?

Will we say – Lord I have heard thy calling. Lord I acknowledge that I am a sinner. I believe Jesus is your beloved son and that he died for my sins on the cross, and that he rose again the third day. Lord I repent of my sins. By faith I receive the Lord Jesus as my Savior. Lord you promised to save me, and I believe You are God and cannot lie. Lord I believe that the lord Jesus is my personal Savior, and that all my sins will be forgiven when I am baptized.

PLAN OF SALVATION

We have the plan of salvation

WE MUST HEAR

Rom 10:13-14, "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*"

WE MUST BELIEVE

John 1:12, "*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*"

Heb 11:6, "*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*"

WE MUST REPENT,

Acts 17:30, "*And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.*"

WE MUST CONFESS

Matt 10:32, "*Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.*"

WE MUST BE BAPTIZED

Acts 2:38, "*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.*"

WE MUST HAVE WORKS & FAITH

Rev 2:10, "*Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*"

WE have the invitation to come to Jesus

Matt 11:28-30, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*"

Jesus has provided us with the plan of salvation

To HEAR, to BELIEVE, to REPENT, to CONFESS that He is the Son of God, and to be BAPTIZED.

Are we going to hear Jesus say to us, "*Come ye blessed...*"

Matt 25:34, "*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.*"

Given by Stanley Goodwin

Easter 2007

Newcastle Church of Christ

J W McGarvey On The Individual Cups

The following quotation is from J W McGarvey, late president of the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, and acknowledged to be one of the great scholars of his day:

“About two years ago, I think, I published an article under the head of ‘Microbes’, in which I ridiculed, in the manner I thought it deserved, the pretense by which the use of individual cups in the Lord’s Supper is defended. The ‘sanitary feature’, as Brother Keeler styles it, is proven to be a pretense by the fact that though the use of cups in common has been universally practiced for nearly two thousand years, not a single instance has been produced of persons contracting contagious diseases from it. And if there had been a few instances, or a few thousand among the multiplied millions, what is that compared with the strict observance of an ordinance appointed by the Lord Jesus Christ?

Shall we dare to change or modify such an ordinance for fear that one of us may prove to be the one out of millions who shall thus suffer? The ‘sanitary feature’, as everybody knows, has been arrayed with great pertinacity against the ordinance of baptism as it was instituted by Christ, and it has been paraded as a justification of those who modify this ordinance. The shallowness of the reasoning in both instances forces the suspicion that want of faith, and not real fear of disease and death, lies at the bottom of it. If there is danger of swallowing microbes by drinking from the same cup with

consumptives, what about being baptized in the same pool of water? Shall we have the baptistery emptied, washed and chemically disinfected after every baptism? If not, shall we always resort to a running stream, in which a dead dog may be floating some distance above us? Or shall we abandon baptism altogether, for the sake of keeping our immaculate persons from coming into contact with the invisible bugs which exude from our neighbors?

Some people are too nice for this world. They ought to carry a smelling-bottle all their days and pray the Lord to take them as soon as possible to a healthier country. It is my opinion that when the Lord instituted the Supper he knew as much about microbes as does any modern medical alarmist.”

Ignatius on the one cup

The one cup practice, as instituted by Jesus, dates back in history almost to the days of the Apostles, as Ignatius wrote the latter part of the first century:

“For there is one flesh of the Lord Jesus Christ, and his blood which is shed for us is one. One loaf is broken for all, and one cup is distributed among them all.”

(Anti-Nicene Fathers, Vol 1, Page 81)

The Old Paths

Jer. 6:16 tells us, “*Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.*”

God has always had one right way; or one right way for each time in history. God had a right way for Adam and Eve in the Garden; Adam and Eve went against God’s way and He cast them out of the Garden. God also had His way, which was the right way, for the old patriarchs; most of the time they followed God’s way, and God blessed them for it.

Then the Old Testament showed the right way for the Jews. At times they followed God’s way, and God blessed them for it; at other times they went against God’s way, and God caused them to have trouble until they came back to the path He had given them. Starting in Jer. 6:17, Jeremiah tells of the evil that God would bring on the people because they wouldn’t go back to the old paths.

When Jesus came to the earth, the Jews were walking in many ways. The two main ways were the Pharisees and the Sadducees. They taught and practiced two different laws (or ways), and both claimed that they were the paths of God. To get back to the right way, the Jews had to read and do the will of God in the Old Testament. Isaiah in the 35th chapter, 8th verse, told the Jews that there was to come a new way which would be the way of holiness.

Coming down to the New Testament, we find Christ revealing the new way: John 14:6 Jesus tells Thomas, “... *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*” Jesus said there was one way; man says there are several hundred ways. Jesus revealed the new

way, and it was confirmed by the apostles, who also tell us there is only one way.

Christ showed sinners what their duty was, and what they should do to enter the way of holiness. They had to first believe in that way, or have faith that it was the way to God; then they had to decide that was the way they wanted to go, or they had to repent of the fact that they were going to the wrong place. Then they were told that they had to confess Christ before His Father which was in heaven. Also Rom. 10:10, “... *and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*”

Then the sinner had one more duty. In Acts, the 2nd chapter, when the people realized they were sinners, they asked what they should do. In the 38th verse, Peter told them, “... *Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins ...*” Isaiah had said it would be the way of holiness; there could be no sin; the act of baptism remitted their sins so they could enter the way.

God, through the apostles, shows what the Christian’s duty is, or how he can stay in that way. We can go to the letters of the apostles, and they warn us of the dangers of getting out of the way, and tell us how to stay in it, and grow in it. It is not enough to just have faith in it, but we must also work to move along this way. There is something at the end of the way to which we wish to get, and we cannot reach it unless we move forward.

Today, men are walking in many ways. We cannot walk in two ways at the same time; either we have to walk in one of man’s ways, or in God’s one way. God’s way is only found in the New Testament; that is the “good way.” We only travel that way as we walk by faith. The New Testament tells us that, “*whatsoever is not*

of faith is sin.” (Rom 14:23). Sin, again, cannot walk in that way.

Many souls are shipwrecked on the rocks of men’s opinions. They may even start on the right way, but the trials and troubles of life are too much for them, and they are shipwrecked; they cannot reach the goal.

Today, are most people asking for the OLD PATHS, the one that was laid out close to two thousand years ago? I’m afraid there are very few that are really looking for it. They are more interested in the crowd or this world’s goods, power, or something else of this world. Yet, the

only place we can find rest for our souls is at the end of the ONE and ONLY PATH that Jesus has given us; and it is the oldest path given to Christians. Can we afford to leave it, even for an hour, when we don’t know if we will be alive 30 minutes from now?

God will bless us if we don’t leave it; God will condemn us if we die in our sins.

In brotherly love,

Bro. Robert E. McCay

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Cards and Letters

Canton, GA

From the Canton Ga. Church of Christ

Happy to announce the baptism of Devin Watts on Lords day Oct 12th... an edifying sermon from Brent Berry preceded the confession and event and helped to rejuvenate our small congregation, as it was our first Baptism since Sister Wendy Wilkerson in 2005.

Would ask that prayers continue for us from all, as we have been through trying health issues over the past month including knee replacement surgery for Mom (Doris Ridlon) Carpel tunnel surgery on both arms and elbow’s (Pam Berry), Ovarian surgery (Monica Berry) and Grandma (Verta (Mae) Wilkerson) Chest pains and shortness of Breath.

Standing invitation for any traveling to the Atlanta area to come meet with us.

Best regards with Christian love,
Skip Berry

Citrus City, AZ

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Hope this message finds all are well. We at Citrus City are doing reasonably well.

Sorry about being slow in sending our contribution to help with the expenses of *The Christian Courier*. We appreciate and thank you for the time and effort in writing and preparing this newsletter.

We at the Church of Christ in Citrus City send our love and prayers to all.

Lorenzo, TX

Greetings from Lorenzo, TX:

Not too much news to report this month.

Sis. Kim Matlock underwent surgery and is still recovering. Sis. Nell McCay is continuing to have medical treatment for her eyesight problems. Sis. Wynetta McCay’s upcoming surgery was postponed for now. Other than that

there is just the usual colds and flu that come with the season.

Bro. Jerry & Sis. Wynetta McCay and Bro. Ellis Forsman attended the Broken Bow, OK, weekend meeting. The speakers there were Bro. Ellis, Bro. Jerry, and Bro. Stanley Goodwin. During this meeting, Bro. Jack Dean Warford proposed to Sis. Amber Lynn Bunn. Congratulations to this fine young couple!

Be sure and schedule your summer vacation time to attend the Cypress Lake Campground Meeting this next summer. The date of this meeting is scheduled for June 20th – 28th, 2009. RV hookups and rooms are available. More about this meeting to come later.

Also, the Lorenzo, TX, congregation is tentatively planning to have their meeting start in the middle of the week just following the Cypress Lake Campground Meeting. The tentative date is July 1st – 8th, 2009. Bro. Mark Perigen has been invited to be the guest speaker. Come and be a part of the good fellowship that always occurs during these meetings.

Bro. Ellis & Sis. Lynell Forsman plan to be away for a few weeks, as they are making plans to head to California for Thanksgiving, and then on up to the Northwest for Scott Staley's wedding and visiting.

Love to all,

The Lorenzo, TX, congregation

Yuma, AZ

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

A short message from the Yuma congregation with prayers that all are doing well or improving. We are doing well except for Sis. Florence Fuller. She is starting treatment for cancer in her throat.

This past Sunday, November 2nd, Bro. Tony & Sis. Louise Brister were here and Tony gave our lesson. He does well with his messages. They brought six others with them, which made quite a difference in our small group.

We had a long summer this year, but it has finally cooled down. That's a welcome relief.

Our meeting this next year will be March 15th – 22nd, 2009. There are several who have plans to come. I hope the price of fuel keeps going down. Everyone is welcome, so be here if you can.

Can't think of much else to say, so will close for now. Let us all be watchful and vigilant of Satan and his devices, for he is always present to discourage and turn us from the faith.

The congregation in Yuma, AZ

Precious Memories

It Is Written, Nov., 1948. 📖 Bro. W. R. Farrar, Carter, OK, writes of Bro. Earl Atchley's success at building a congregation at Carlsbad, NM. They had just gained four more new members. 📖 Bro. W. E. Daniels, Ozone, AR, mentions of some success in their community in discussing doctrinal worship differences. He

also indicated that Bro. Lloyd Treat planned to come and help out.

It Is Written, Nov., 1958. 📖 Bro. F. H. Logan, Modesto, CA, asked for prayers on behalf of an old Christian soldier, Bro. Condor, who was sick. 📖 Bro. Coy Garrison, Grand Prairie, TX, mentioned they were moving their

meeting place to an area that was more convenient for some interested in the gospel.

☞ Report from Eugene, OR: Sis. Ellis had suffered a heart attack and would have to stay in bed for some time; Sis. Phoebe McCay was recovering from eye surgery.

The Christian Courier, Nov., 1968. ☞ Bro. Abram Lobato, Tucson, AZ, mentioned that Bro. Roy Dabbs was gravely ill in a hospital in Albuquerque, NM. ☞ Bro. Ken Harper, Grass Valley, CA, announced the marriage of Bro. Ronnie Tibbs and Sis. Gail Deschaine on Sept. 19th. ☞ Report from Somerton, AZ: Bro. W. A. Nelson and family attended the funeral of his brother W. B. Nelson of Farmington, NM. Also mentioned: Sis. Carrie Long was about to celebrate her 85th birthday October 17th. ☞ Bro. Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, OK, reported on their meeting with Bro. Howard McCay. ☞ Report from Bellflower, CA: Bro. Ray Shea and his wife of the La Habra congregation had a baby girl, Julie Ann. ☞ Bro. N. E. Bergstrom, Stanton, TX, wrote of the passing of Bro. I. F. Berkstresser, who was in his 80's. ☞ Bro. J. D. Logan, Stockton, CA, reported on his daughter, Patricia, who was injured in a serious automobile accident. ☞ Bro. Jack White, Munday, TX, wrote that Sis. Olene Howe was recovering from a goiter operation.

The Christian Courier, Nov., 1978. ☞ Bro. Bill McCay, SR., Yakima, WA, announced that Bro. & Sis. Roger Lamb were expecting a baby in December. He also mentioned that Sis. Phoebe McCay (90) was placed in a nursing home. ☞ Bro. Don Taylor, Lugert, OK, reported on their camp meeting. He also mentioned that his son Mark was injured in an automobile accident and required surgery. ☞

Bro. Dan Ross, Yakima, WA, reported on their meeting with Bro. Al Way.

The Christian Courier, Nov., 1988. ☞ Bro. Ken Harper, Penn Valley, CA, expressed his deep appreciation to all who called and wrote of their concern about the forest fire that got within three miles from two different sides of their property and a mile and one-half on a third. One church family lost their home in the fire. The church building was close to the fire, but escaped damage. ☞ Bro. Ken Baldwin, Cedaredge, CO, announced that Bro. Abram Lobato of Phoenix, AZ, was recovering from back surgery. ☞ Bro. Sonny Boling, Yuma, AZ, reported on their meeting with Bro. Terry Warford; Susan Brister was baptized. ☞ Bro. Gene McKinney, San Pablo, CA, announced the birth of Christopher on October 15th to Bro. Rick & Sis. Barbara Carter of the Glenwood, WA, congregation. ☞ Report from Randlett, OK: Roy Mullens and Kimberly McCormick were baptized during their Labor Day Meeting.

The Christian Courier, Nov., 1998. ☞ Bro. Larry Pollan, Ringgold, TX, announced the baptism of Andrea Pollan on September 27th. ☞ Bro. Joseph Davis reported on the passing of Bro. Hite Davis on Sept. 10th. He also reported the baptism of YeVette Northern (11). ☞ Report from Yuma, AZ: Sis. Betty Carlson celebrated her 89th birthday. ☞ The Sea-Tac, WA, congregation reported on the passing of Bro. Howard McCay on Sept. 29th and his sister, Sis. Anna Lee Warner of Springfield, OR, on Oct. 24th. They also reported that Bro. Garold Morris had missed services for several months, as he was having a serious battle with cancer.

BULLETIN BOARD

Meetings

March 15-22, 2009	Yuma, AZ	Guest speakers
June 20-28, 2009	Cypress Lake Camp Meeting	Guest speakers
July 1-8, 2009	Lorenzo, TX	Mark Perigen

Baptisms

Devin Watts	Canton, GA	Oct. 12, 2008
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Prayer of Faith for those in need

Duane Bixler	Aztec, NM	Alzheimer's disease
Abram Labato	Aztec, NM	Numerous injuries
Minnie Davis	Broken Bow, OK	In nursing home
Ruth Johnson	Broken Bow, OK	In nursing home
Brenda Treat	Broken Bow, OK	Severe blood disorder
Edwin Crowell	Broken Bow, OK	Chemotherapy treatments
Monica Berry	Canton, GA	Ovarian surgery
Pam Berry	Canton, GA	Carpel Tunnel surgeries
Movelle Wilkerson	Canton, GA	Chest pains & shortness of breath
Doris Ridlon	Canton, GA	Knee surgery
Tony Schell	Cedaredge, CO	Heart irregularities
Gene McKinney	Gleed, WA	Heart trouble & diabetes
Jeannean McSwane	Glenwood, WA	Severe infections
Suzie Warford	Glenwood, WA	Back pain
Christy Burkhart	Goshen, AR	Back pain
Melvin Daniels	Goshen, AR	Bad heart & lungs
Dana Garner	Hillsboro, OR	Breast cancer
Joan Boling	Lorenzo, TX	Heart problems
Brenda Casarez	Lorenzo, TX	Surgery
Kim Mattlock	Lorenzo, TX	Surgery
Nell McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Eyesight problems
Wynetta McCay	Lorenzo, TX	Surgery
Bonnie Johnson	Pleasant View, OK	Ill health
Robert Fuson, Jr.	Pleasant View, OK	Spinal Bifida
Vivian Baker	Waterford, CA	Fighting cancer
Florence Fuller	Yuma, AZ	Fighting throat cancer
Jean Orendorff	Yuma, AZ	In nursing home