

Please Grant An Introduction

Let's Be Observers

This old world is in a turmoil politically, economically, socially and religiously. Confusion reigns on every hand and millions of honest hearts are stranded at the crossroads wondering what to do and which way to go. Similar conditions disgraced the populated world when the Son of God walked among men almost two thousand years ago. The Saviour did not try to adjust the disorganized condition of human society by external force, but revealed a sacred message from heaven which went to the hearts of listeners and worked outward. As a result millions have enjoyed a peace that passes all understanding (John 14:27).

Let's Get Acquainted

We are a group believing in Christ Jesus as the divine Son of God. We have obeyed from the heart that "form of doctrine" authorized by the Redeemer (Rom. 6:17). We have been saved from past sins (Mark 16:15, 16). We are "new creatures" in Christ Jesus (2nd Cor. 5:17). We are just plain Christians—no more, no less (1 Peter 4:16). We are "children of God" and "heirs of the promise" (Gal. 3:26-27).

We believe in a thorough change of heart from the love of sin and worldliness to a devotion to righteousness and the fruits of the Spirit of God (Rom. 8:1-4). This complete change was wrought by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit through His chosen instrument—the "sword of the Spirit" which is the word of God (Eph. 6:17). In undergoing this change, we became believers in Christ through the Spirit's testimony—the simple gospel (Rom. 1:16).

Our faith was living and active leading to obedience (Rom. 16:26). At this point, Christ became the "author of our salvation" (Heb. 5:9); and our souls were purified through "obedience to the truth" (1 Peter 1:22). The Spirit's testimony, in the New Testament, convinced us of God's goodness (Rom. 2:4) by the manifestation of love divine in the sacrifice of Christ for sinful men (Rom. 5:8). We were moved to repent of our sins in deep anguish of heart; in our sorrow and helplessness, we acknowledged "Jesus as Lord" (Rom. 10:9-10).

Let's Get Associated

Our hearts were impressed with the fact that salvation is "in Christ" (Acts 4:11-12); and through the inspired message, we learned that individuals are "baptized into Christ" (Gal. 3:27). The sacred record of early conversions, under the age-lasting and worldwide commission, says that water was the element (Acts 10:47); the applicant and administrator "both went down into the water" in order to baptize the believer, after which "they came up out of the water" (Acts 8:36-39). Plain gospel preaching produced believers who were commanded to "repent and be baptized" in the name of Christ unto the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). We were, therefore, "buried with him in baptism" (Rom. 6:4); and raised—resurrected—to walk in newness of life—"new creatures" (2nd Cor. 5:17).

The Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, took care of the church membership: He "added to the church" those that were being saved (Acts 2:41, 47). With utmost confidence in the Lord, who is "no respecter of persons," we rest assured that he added us to the same church in the same way! The Lord's church is his "body" (Col. 1:18-24); by the sacred teaching of the Spirit, in the New Testament, we were "baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13); the church which Christ built (Matt. 16:18). We thus became "sons of God" in Christ Jesus—"heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17). Because we "are sons" God gave us the Spirit (Gal. 4:6); and promises to give the same Spirit to all who believe and obey (Acts 5:32).

Let's Be Communicants

The Lord's death is to be proclaimed until he comes (1 Cor. 11:26). One glorious method of proclamation takes place "upon the first day of the week" when the saints assemble to worship in "spirit and truth" (Jno. 4:24 and Acts 20:7). We humbly endeavor to imitate the worthy example of the early disciples who "came together to break bread"—partake of the Lord's Supper. We heed the solemn warning: "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the matter of some" (Heb. 10:25).

The congregational singing of

"psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19) is a divinely authorized avenue of praise. In the song service, we also "teach and admonish" one another (Col. 3:16). The vocal "organ" is used freely in the service, and the spiritual heart is the only authorized instrument—"making melody in your hearts unto God" (Ibid).

The disciples of the Lord are enjoined to "grow in the grace and knowledge" of the Saviour (2nd Pet. 3:18); we, therefore, engage in orderly Bible study—continue in the apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42). We are persuaded that our fervent prayers reach the heart of almighty God when we "keep his commandments, and do the things that please him" (1 John 3:22).

Out of respect for inspired instructions, we "lay by in store—treasure up" upon the first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1-2); and thus provide a fund to be used in preaching the gospel of Christ (1 Cor. 9:14), and meet emergencies (2nd Cor. 9:4)—distribution of necessities to "each man as he has need" (Acts 4:35). We joyfully embrace the opportunity of doing good at any time (Gal. 6:10).

Let's Be Participants

We are fully persuaded that the church which Christ built is a missionary institution with the whole world as the field of operation and every responsible person as a gospel subject (Matt. 28:19-20 and Mark 16:15-16). Individuals may develop a burning desire to win souls to Christ; and when qualified, the leaders of their congregation may recommend, send, support, and encourage them in their chosen field of evangelism.

Caring for the widows and orphans is an exalted privilege which we encourage in the light of New Testament precedent. We deplore the squeaking machinery of human organizations which have cluttered the pathway of Christianity, and have robbed the Lord of honor and glory through his blood-bought church (Eph. 3:21).

We believe in congregational autonomy—organization and government—under the monarchical rule of the Christ of God (Acts 2:36). Evangelists tell the good news and baptize believers. New converts are grouped in local congregations; and when material qualifies, elders and deacons are appointed to serve in righteous capacities (Phil. 1:1). We are simply "brethren" in the Lord (Matt. 23:8); and refuse to countenance the exaltation of human beings (3rd Jno. 9).

Let's Be Christians

We are fully persuaded that the Lord's Way is the safest for travel through time to eternity; the wisest counsel for the construction of souls for mansions in the skies; the sanest for the production of genuine goodness; the most economical with the greatest dividends. Will you share the responsibilities and joys with us? (Rev. 22:14).

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Monroe (near) 5th

Cottage Grove Oregon

J. Emmett Wainwright

Evangelist

Latham

Mrs. Hazel Chapman of Drain came to spend Monday with Mrs. Merle Porter. It was the latter's birthday.

Richard Buffington of the Latham Garden club was also a winner of the first award of Sears, Roebuck and Co., given for submitting a plan and story of his prospective 4-H garden. He received \$250 of his choice of plants and seeds.

The Latham school club will meet Thursday evening, June 7th for their regular monthly meeting. At this time some one will be chosen to keep track of the rodent tails to be collected this summer. The school club and the grange will continue to pay a bonus during the summer months for tails.

Hebron grange will meet June 2 for the regular meeting.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Swearingner (Grace St. Elmo) in Great Falls, Montana, last week.

Gene Means left Monday for the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris attended the funeral of an aunt of Mr. Harris at Stayton last week. Lester and Betty Jane Miller spent several days last week with their aunt, Mrs. Fred Harris.

LECTURE CONFERENCE

A lecture conference for the Oregon State Osteopathic Association will be held at the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Oregon, May 31, June 1 and 2. This is to take the place of the annual convention.

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First Services in New Church Christ Building June 3rd



Initial services of the Church of Christ will be conducted Sunday, June 3rd, in their new building on Monroe avenue near 5th street. Out-of-town speakers will take part in the special afternoon service.

"Four Reasons for This Congregation" will be the introductory subject of Evangelist J. Emmett Wainwright of San Diego, California, who will assist the new congregation in a series of meetings for three weeks. Special attention will be given "Evidences of Christianity" and "Church Organization and Government" by the evangelist who has specialized in those troublesome fields.

Mr. Wainwright is well known in the northwest having formerly resided in Seattle; and some five years ago pioneered in radio work during a special campaign in Portland. His work as a writer, traveler and lecturer has taken him into every state in the union, parts of Canada and Mexico. His pleasant manner of dealing with complicated problems in the religious world appeals to all thinking people regardless of belief or unbelief.

The new building is the finished product of an old building which has been renovated and enlarged. It is equipped with class rooms and baptistry. Special provisions for mothers with little babes. The project has been financed by members of the churches of Christ and paid for as the construction progressed.

Cedars

Mrs. Emelia Quie of Long Beach, California, who has been staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laubach, left for Long Beach last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hemenway took Miss Hazel Hemenway to the hospital in Eugene last Saturday.

Miss Betty Hathaway is working at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hemenway.

There will be a regular annual school meeting at the Cedar school house on June 18 to vote on two school directors. Vote on a special tax and also to consolidate with town school.

Mrs. Ruth Holliday and son Willis of Walker spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hemenway.

Word has been received that Pvt. June Addy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bolton, is now stationed at the army air base at Fairfield, California.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bolton spent Saturday in Roseburg.

The Cedar school will hold a picnic at the school Friday. There are two graduates this year, Elizabeth Peacock and Richard Parsons, but there will be no graduation program.

COST OF SUPPLYING SOLDIER INCREASES

Cost of supplying an American soldier food, clothing, individual and barracks equipment for one year has increased 14.8 per cent over 1944, it was announced today at Ninth Service Command headquarters.

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A Gas Coupons To Be Upped To 6 Gallons June 22

Civilian motorists will get an increase allotment of gasoline according to a joint statement issued by the Petroleum Administrator for War and the Office of Price Administration.

The value of "A" coupons will be increased from four to six gallons on June 22 when Coupon A-16 becomes valid. "B" card ceilings will be raised to 650 miles per month uniformly over the country, on June 11.

"The car owner who has had only the 'A' ration during the war period has been severely limited in the use of his car," Chester Bowles, OPA Administrator, pointed out. "That is why we are particularly pleased that there will be enough gasoline to increase his ration by 50 percent starting June 22."

Bowles continued: "I must make it clear, however, that the increase in the 'B' ceiling will not mean more gasoline for all 'B' users. Both 'B' and 'C' rations are based on the individual needs of the car owner. Many 'B' ration holders now have all the gasoline they need. But those who do need more gasoline will be able to get it by applying to their local war price and rationing board after June 11 and showing their need for it up to a ceiling of 650 miles a month."

The Deputy Petroleum Administrator, Ralph K. Davies, said: "While the military requirement for oil in the Pacific alone will exceed even the former requirement for the two war fronts, the demand is more for fuel oil and somewhat less for gasoline. Hence, we are able to give the civilian an increased share of the latter."

"The additional quantities to be made available to the civilian are not guaranteed for any certain period of time but must always remain dependent upon changes in the military demand. The military has always had, and must always have first call," Davies concluded.

London

Mr. and Mrs. Verle Reeves and daughter Nancy of Woodards Camp at Blackbutte, have moved to Veneta.

Mrs. Josie Phillips has returned home after several weeks visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holm at Oakridge. Mr. and Mrs. Holm recently went to Canada, called there by the death of Mr. Holm's mother.

Miss Uleta Small and Miss Maxine Goodwin have gone to Eugene, they both are working there, Maxine at Penney's, and Uleta at Woolworths.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McBride of San Francisco are visiting at the home of Mrs. McBride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Raiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl King and daughter Mrs. Virginia Shults spent Sunday with Mrs. Josie Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Newton and daughter Edith Ferguson of Milwaukie, visited recently at the

FREE AIR

A column of
Fun 'N' Facts
By Mike



Howdy Folks: Many inquiries have come in as to where the editor of this column gets his literary ability. So as to settle that question for all time, the editor wishes to state that he comes from a literary family. His sister writes shorthand, his brother writes insurance and his wife writes checks.

We are all like the guy who has been itching to write and has been scratching for a living ever since.

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