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Eureka In Fifteenth Year

The congregation at Eureka, near Meadville, will celebrate its fiftieth year of existence, with the fall meeting which will be held the last two weeks in October. The congregation was established a half-century ago by L. P. Johnson. When the buggies and wagons gave way to the automobiles, it was found that the church was often hampered by reason of its location, on a side road which often became muddy, and hindered traffic. But recently, brethren have been able to have an all-weather road constructed and thus the congregation now can meet any time of the year.

The Fiftieth Anniversary meeting will be held by W. Carl Ketcherside, Arthur Freeman of Chillicothe, is directing the advertising for the campaign which it is hoped will take the gospel with full force into all the regions round about. It is planned especially to utilize the opportunity presented for getting into the schools with assembly addresses and thus assist in battering down the problem of juvenile delinquency, at the same time the meeting is being held for the spiritual enrichment of the community.

Brother Skinner and W. R. Saltee of the Eureka congregation will advise and counsel on matters of publicity and other phases of the meeting. Brethren in north Missouri are asked to look forward to this great occasion and take advantage of the opportunity to congregate in a grand good old-fashioned meeting, with plenty of gospel singing and gospel preaching, as well as sincere Christian fellowship.

There is an opportunity open for a good song leader who would like to work with Carl in this effort for two weeks! If you know of anyone who would be interested, have him contact us at once. Just address your letter to this office and it will be forwarded immediately.

When you have read your Messenger, Pass it to someone else.

Special Bible Reading

A special one-week Bible Study will be held for five days, from Nov. 27—Dec 1, at Saint Louis this year. Elders, leaders and preachers are especially invited, with all others welcomed, who can attend. Sessions will be held daily from 9 a. m. to 2:30 p. m., with an hour off at noon. A course in church problems, government and discipline will be given for an hour in the afternoon, and special meetings will be arranged for each of the five nights at the three Saint Louis churches.

The study will be conducted by W. Carl Ketcherside, and will consist of an analytical study of the Hebrew letter. This new method of study has virtually displaced the older methods insofar as the Saint Louis Reading is concerned, when it comes to New Testament books. It is calculated to give an over-all picture of the book under consideration, as well as showing its relation to all other parts of the Bible is concerned. In addition, it also provides a wealth of sermon material, which can be used in every congregation by local speakers. The Book of Hebrews has been selected as an excellent medium for introduction of this form of investigation to the ones who will secure a week of vacation and attend. It is urged that in every congregation, brethren ascertain how many may get free and urge them to attend this five-day Saint Louis event. Those who come are especially cautioned that they should expect to spend all of their time in ardent investigation and there will be little time for extra activity.

Rooms may be secured at hotels, with a limited number available in private homes in the vicinity of the church. Meals may be obtained at the restaurants which cater to students of the Bible Readings, these places being located near the church at Manchester Ave., where classes will be held. Equipment needed will be Bibles, pencils and notebooks. All who plan to attend are urged

New Book Planned

We are now making one of the most sensational announcements we could make in these war times. For months we have been seeking opportunity to produce a book called "New Testament Questions", the manuscript of which was prepared by E. M. Zerr. It looked though as if it would be impossible under existing conditions. Now we have the "Go Sign" and have let the contract which will involve an exchange of some \$2700.

The book which will be on the market around December 1, will consist of more than 400 pages (perhaps 448). It will be printed on 55 pound eggshell paper, bound in cloth stamped on front cover in black. It will make a real library volume and will be one of the largest books ever published by the faithful brethren. It will sell for \$2.00 per copy, a remarkably low price for a first edition.

The volume will contain 16,000 questions on the entire New Testament, and will enable each family in the church to conduct a Bible Reading of their own. There are 50 questions or more on each chapter in the New Testament, including Revelation, and the questions are so phrased as to lead one to an understanding of the text. It will be invaluable to all teachers, directors of Ladies' Meetings, etc. Those who have had a hard time in the past conducting a review will now find it easy to do so, as in addition to the regular questions the book is well interspersed with True-False Test questions. It will make an excellent gift volume and will be treasured by every member of the church who receives one!

We realize that this is a risk in war time, and will require a great expenditure, but we also know that it will be a great thing for this brotherhood. Those who wish to purchase one or more or

to write immediately to Robert Morrow, 7117 Manchester Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri.
WRITE AT ONCE!

"SEEKING THE OLD PATHS"

A ready demand for the new book of radio sermons is cutting down the available supply rapidly. Here's one of the best books for the nonmember we've ever seen! Just look over these sermon subjects, and you'll know why we say that.

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- "The Value Of Old Things"
- "Things That Do Not Change"
- "Safety and Simplicity"
- "Jesus Only"
- "The Modern Pastor System"
- "Why We Sing And Do Not Play"
- "Our Money and The Gospel"
- "The Lord's Supper"
- "God's Purpose and Pleasure"
- "David's Unity Song"
- "The Standard of Unity"
- "Liberty In The Lord"

There they are—all thirteen of them, just delivered over WFTM on Sunday afternoons, and the cost per person to you is a little over two cents each, for the whole book is just 35 cents or three for a dollar. Surely such lessons are worth two and a half cents each in anyone's library. You may obtain yours by writing your orders to this office at once. If you care to do so, we would appreciate having you call these to attention of others in the church there, and sending all orders at once! It will help us save wrapping paper, time and postage. Thanks a lot! We're not just bluffing on this book, when we tell you that you had better order soon if you want to be in on them! Why not just send your order today?

the first edition may place their orders any time, and the books will be mailed immediately upon receipt from the printer. We urge you to get your orders in early, and you may remit in advance or upon receipt of the book. Here's a book for every member of the church. Don't put off getting this big, mammoth study volume!

Do unto others as you want them to do unto you.

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PLAN THE SERVICE

It is right and proper that our services be planned in advance that they may be most effective. Songs should be chosen to blend in with the theme of the speaker. A little foresight is better than too much hindsight. A stitch in time saves nine.

It is related that a certain minister, when giving a temperance sermon, closed with the remark: "If I had my way, I would dump all the liquor in the world, into the river. Let us sing, in closing, hymn No. 231." He was shocked, and the audience burst out in laughter, as the leader began the song, which turned out to be, "Let Us Gather at The River."

In a certain large church it is said that the choir went to a great length to render complicated music. Once though, when they had concluded their anthem, the minister arose and read as his text, "Now when the uproar had ceased." But they bided their time patiently and when the sermon was concluded, they rose and in most melodious fashion rendered another anthem, beginning, "Now it is high time to awake out of sleep."

That's about like the time when John Oat and Molly Wheat were married. The minister at the close of the little informal service which was held after the regular meeting asked the congregation to join in a hymn dedicated to John and Molly. The singer announced a number which proved to be "What Will the Harvest Be?"

So I still say that to avoid embarrassment, it is well to plan the service in advance. In the early church the Holy Spirit did the planning directly. It revealed what was to be said, who was to say it, and when it was to be inserted into the worship! But the Holy Spirit does not operate that way today. God expects us to use our sanctified common sense—which seems to be all too uncommon in a lot of places.

AMONG the CHURCHES

GALLATIN—Outside interest and attendance good. A near capacity audience heard Bro. James W. Trull on recent preaching appointment. Among those from a distance were two whom local people knew as boys several years ago. One is a chaplain in the army. Accompanied by his wife, a local girl, he was enroute from a camp in Arkansas to California. The other now lives in Texas, and was visiting here. We expect to have Bro. Harold Hays speak for us next Lord's Day. Last Sunday afternoon, a group called on a shut-in sister and held a song fest, followed by a short talk and prayer by Bro. Hays. The group was not forgetful of temporal welfare also. The church recently gave a "LARGE PRIMER TYPE New Testament" to a local man who is deaf and dumb, and who had made known his need for such a book. In appreciation he has done some work on the lawn. He is being furnished printed radio sermons as given over WREN, Lawrence, Kansas.—D. PATTERSON.

GREEN CITY—Brother Otis Crandell, of Salem, Missouri will hold a two weeks meeting at Holiday beginning, October 8. C. I. WAGGONER

NEOSHO—I am here trying to help this congregation get ready to go forward. They are giving me good cooperation, and I think we will have them in shape to edify themselves in the near future. Two men have been in training for public speaking ever since I came, and I think have made fine progress. There are only a few left at church but what there are here are united. I just heard today of a Christian Church man who was convinced on Instrumental Music and preached what he learned to his congregation, with result that they let him go. I am making arrangements to see him. Maybe he can be lined up on the other things on which we differ, or better, perhaps he can come to Saint Louis and attend a Bible Reading, and thus get the Bible in continuity so he can see for himself. I am confining my work to the Ozarks as much as possible. Pray for our work here. Yours in Jesus name.—EDWARD BUTTRAM.

BROOKFIELD —The two week's protracted meeting with Bro. R. O. Webb is history. Attendance was fair, starting with 24 the first evening and increasing to 40 the last Lord's Day morning. Many interesting ser-

mons were presented. One was immersed, and two were lost by exclusion from the fellowship. Visitors from other places included representatives from White Oak (Ethel), Chillicothe, Purdin, Saint Louis, Kirksville, Des Moines and Denver. Our new song books were placed in use and several new songs were learned by the congregation with assistance of Sister Webb. Much improvement in the singing was noted by close of the meeting. We enjoyed very much having the Webbs with us and hope they may come again soon.—DOROTHY STUART

GOODWATER—Brethren have been busy painting the church house inside and refinishing seats in preparation for our meeting with Bro. Bernell Weems, which will start Sept. 17. We look forward to a good meeting! Visitors with us this month were Ed and Mildred Flowers from Saint Louis (Lillian Avenue), Mrs. Walter Wood and Jim Mayberry from St. Louis, Mae Thompson (Manchester Ave.); Cecil Thompson and family from Salem; and the Esteps from West Fork. Pray for us in the work.—LOUISA THOMPSON.

BETHANY—Bro. C. R. Turner and Bro. Otis Crandell are here and laboring hard in the town of Bethany. We will report results later.—VESPER WHITE.

ALMARTHA—We are still pressing on with the hope we can do more for the Master in the future. Bro. Ed Oxley and family, and Bro. Charles Fry and family have gone to California. We miss their work here in the congregation. Bro. Otis Herndon and wife are visiting in Oklahoma. Bro. Carl Isham is home at present on furlough. I preached for the church at Souder on a recent Lord's Day. The tract "Did You Know?" was very good. HUBERT JAMES.

SAINTE LOUIS—(7121 Manchester) —With vacations nearly over our audiences should show an increase during fall months. Among those out of town were Marjorie Cochran, Ruth Woodruff, and Margie Meyers, all three of whom have been visiting their husbands in the armed services. Word has been received that Bob Johnson is somewhere in France. We send our greetings and hope it will be possible for him to see some of the rest of our boys in that area.

Congratulations to Hayden and Ella Cobb. They have a fine baby boy, named Douglas.

We are happy that Thelma Wolford is able to attend services again. Mary Martha Grover is back from Jamesport where she has been caring for mother, who is much improved. We hope for her complete recovery soon.

We have had three additions this month: Sister Owens and son, and Jimmie Mann. The latter two were added by baptism.

REMEMBER: Women's Bible Study on second and fourth Thursdays of each month, starting at 1:30 p. m. All women free to attend should enjoy the fellowship and receive the benefits from regular attendance of these spiritually uplifting meetings.—EVELYN ROBINSON.

IBERIA—Bro. Buell Boyce was with us recently and spoke on "The Feast Of The Passover." Dad Bilyeu read Exodus 4, by request, while Freeman Bilyeu directed songs, and T. J. Duncan led in prayer and waited on the Lord's Table. Visitors were also present from other places, among them Dixon and St. Paul. Those present included Bro. Boyce's aged mother (83 years old), Mrs. Katie Hamilton, Mrs. Frank Crismon and family of Kansas City, Mrs. John Edwards and family of King's Bluff, Mrs. Dora Bilyeu and family of Iberia. Our little congregation was happy to see so many present. We like to read the Messenger.—MRS. JOHN BILYEU.

EAST CONCORD—Closed at Carrollton, Aug. 20, with all-day meeting. Brother Campbell was present and spoke in afternoon, at which time we also had a talk by Bill Gonder, just returned from St. Louis Reading. Had a large crowd for the final Sunday night in spite of rain. Carrollton has a fine group of young people as well as older, and they seem at peace among themselves. I'd like to see them engage in more extensive development work as they have some good talent. Began here at East Concord, Aug. 20. We plan a short song drill each night preceding the service. ROY HARRIS

UNIONVILLE—The class in song instruction, taught by Bro. Otis Crandell of Salem, closed July 30. It was a very successful undertaking with the class in general being assisted as well as the development of additional leaders. The four who have now taken active part in the leadership of the songs are: Noel Montgomery, Fon Casady, Charles Buckalaw and Claude Allee. Bro. Crandell also conducted a two weeks Vacation Bible Study with an average attendance of 33. An ex-

change of talent plan was worked out, whereby every two weeks a speaker and song leader from each congregation will be sent out to assist in other places, while they also send out a team. There are 7 churches within a radius of 25 miles of here, which will participate. Bro. C. R. Turner will begin a 3 weeks meeting here Sept. 25. North Missouri is in good shape to really spread the gospel. The time was never better for a real harvest for the greatest cause on earth. Let's unite our efforts and operate like the New Testament teaches. **CLAUDE ALLEN**.

NEOSHO (Grant and Young Sts.)—Bro. Buttram is with us working hard to develop talent and do mission work. On Aug. 26, we were pleased to have Bro. and Sister Roberts of 59th and Kenwood (Kansas City) meet with us. We enjoy having those who are on vacation stop and worship and encourage us. We would like to see some faithful brethren interested in diversified farming and dairying settle in southwest Missouri. It is a land of good opportunities. Write us for information. **MARY COOK**.

INDEPENDENCE—Attendance is good on Lord's Day mornings but there is a drop on Sunday and Tuesday nights. We are meeting at Bro. Walter Kreeger's home, 1212 South Noland, through September and October. All who may be in the vicinity are urged to attend. Bro. Willie Bauegger has been with us for three Lord's Days, as he has been here going to the doctor. At this writing he is at his son, Lawrence's home, in Kansas City.

We have completed the outline for study on Tuesday evenings, as left by Bro. Brumback, and are now studying in Genesis. It is very interesting and those who do not come to midweek meetings really miss something. Bro. Wilford Landes gave us two good sermons on a recent Sunday. He and wife, his parents and Bro. Norman Selby and wife, were guests in our home, and we spent an enjoyable day, though it did rain all afternoon.

Morris Acree is stationed in Texas, and Flora has gone to be with him, taking little Sharon Kay. We miss them so much as they were always present when possible, and was one of our song leaders, while both sang on the radio broadcast. Three more tonsillectomies this summer, included Teddy Taylor, Wayne McBride, and our son, David. All got along fine.

The eleventh wedding anniversary

of Glenn and Mary Ellis was celebrated with a surprise dinner at Swope Park last Friday night. In spite of rain and cool atmosphere an enjoyable evening was had by all. They were given a beautiful pottery vase filled with rosebuds, and also a large three-tier cake which graced the center of the table. The Young Folk sang beautifully and a crowd of sixty-three persons were present. **IVA KREEGER**.

UNIONVILLE—Bro. C. R. Turner will begin our meeting on September 25, and will be preceded one week by Brethren W. Carl Ketcherside and Lionel Burton of Saint Louis, who will conduct services nightly until Bro. Turner arrives. They will come here directly from Kirksville where they will hold a two weeks meeting.

SPRINGFIELD—We have lost some of our number to other places, but have also gained others since last report. Bro. Edward Buttram is engaged in mission work at Neosho. Frank Dunbar and family have moved to Carthage. Joe and DeAnna Stracke from Granite City, Ill., who have been visiting their aunt, Faye Farriman, have returned home to start school. Joe, Frank and Bro. Buttram are all song leaders and the last two are also speakers, so it leaves us short of talent especially in song leading. On the other hand we have the three following families meeting with us now; Noggles from Almartha, Smiths from Brixey, and Nettletons from Salem. Norman and Valerie Medlock from St. Louis are also with us for a short time. We are glad to have all these and wish they could settle in Springfield to stay. We would also like to announce a new arrival, Shirley Ann, born to Bertrand and Faye Wilson on July 17.

SALEM—We are still keeping house for the Lord. Have had three added recently, one by immersion. Elmer Crocker and mother have returned from Saint Louis, so Elmer may finish his High School work. He has been attending the St. Louis Bible Reading and we note a great improvement in his ability. We are glad to have them back with us. Bro. Herbert Estep, wife and son, were with us recently on Lord's Day and he gave us, as usual, a fine message.

We wish to announce our meeting with Bro. Buttram of Springfield, which will start here on October 1. Remember that date and come if possible. Bro. Otis Crandell is in Bethany directing singing for Bro. C. R. Turner. From

there he will go to Hammond, Illinois to lead song services for Bro. Roy Harris. Sister Otis Crandell will join her husband at Bethany soon, and go with him to Hammond, after which they will return home the first week in October. **PEARL CRANDELL**.

SAINT LOUIS (5344 Lillian)—Another star on our service flag tells us that Bob Fraser is in the army. We are not concerned about Bob's faithfulness while he is away, for we have utmost confidence that he will remain steadfast in the teaching he has received from parents and grandparents, however, we will miss him until we see him return and take up where he left off.

Little Marlene Parks suffered a painful injury, August 12, when she fell and cut her tongue. At Christian Hospital the cut was stitched, and in 4 days the injury had sufficiently healed that the stitches could be removed, which reminds us that all in the medical profession know that an injury to the tongue heals quickly but an injury by the tongue may never heal.

On August 6, after a sermon "Footprints On The Sands Of Time" by Bernell Weems, we rejoiced when Gilbert C. Rogers of Scott Field, renewed his covenant with the Lord. Martha Kimzey also confessed her faith and was immersed into Christ on August 16. Our attendance and contribution for the month have been good; the peak attendance being 221, the contribution \$115—**JESS PARKS**.

SAINT JOSEPH—We were greatly disappointed this month to receive a letter from Bro. John Rhodes informing us he could not hold our meeting which was scheduled for the last Lord's Day in September. At this late date we'll probably not be able to get a preacher for this year. Any preaching brother who still has time open, please communicate with us as below.

We welcome our newest members, Pvt. Herman Vallance and wife. He is now stationed at Rosecrans Field. Bro. George Sell and wife visited here Lord's Day, Aug. 27, and their son occupied the pulpit. It was the first time the father had heard Vllas deliver a gospel message.

Olga Lee Carr, whose father is now somewhere in the Pacific, has undergone a tonsillectomy. She is doing fine. Sister Grace Langdon and 3 children are visiting her parents in southern Missouri this week.

CLEO GIBSON, 1127 N. 19th St. St. Joseph 19, Mo.

SUGGESTED SERMON SUBJECT

OUR THREE COMMANDS (Acts 5:20)

INTRODUCTION: The religious leaders moved with prejudice caused imprisonment of apostles. But God sent his angel to deliver them. Man cannot thwart God's plans or purposes! The purpose of their delivery was to give them an opportunity to resume work for God. The purpose of our delivery from sin is the same. The angel voice bid them to do the same 3 things we are commanded to do.

They are:

1. **GO!** A Christian cannot stop. To do so means to lose ground! Ours is a forward looking religion (Heb. 12:1,2). We cannot shut ourselves off from the world and do our duty. Jesus said "Go ye into the vineyard" (Matt. 20:4,7). We are to go into highways and byways to invite others (Matt. make progress in a given direction. It is not conditioned on excuses. He did not say go if you feel like it; if the weather is right, if it isn't too far! He said "Go!"

2. **STAND!** When we get to where we must face the world the command is to stand. This word implies determination. It suggests faith! To equip us to make a stand we should have on the whole armor of God, (Eph. 6:11-13). We must stand in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1). We are told to stand fast in four things: In the Lord (Phil. 4:1); In the faith (1 Cor. 16:13); In the liberty of Christ (Gal. 5:1); in one spirit, that is united (Phil. 1:27). There is a time to Go, and a time to Stand.

3. **SPEAK!** The apostles were told who to speak to, what to speak and how to speak it. (See text). They were to speak to the people! What were they to speak? The words of this life, that is the gospel way! How were they to speak it? In its fullness, "all the words" of this life! Paul kept back nothing (Acts 20:20). Speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15). But be sure you don't make it so "loving" that it is no longer the truth!

WANTED!!

One gas water heater. If you have such a heater not in use, will you please contact the Lillian Avenue Church in Saint Louis. They are preparing to install a baptistery and would like to purchase a heater. Just address: **DEACONS**, Lillian Avenue Church of Christ, 5344 Lillian Ave., Saint Louis, Missouri.

SAINT LOUIS CLASS, 1944 (Summer Session)

