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Why I Believe In The Church Christ Built

(Radio Sermon by Robert H. Brumback)

Two thousand years ago the world's greatest teacher came to earth and lived among men to bring them back to God. After thirty years of preparation He quit the carpenter shop at Nazareth and began His ministry at Cana. Crowds gathered to hear Him because His teachings were for the humble, the poor, the oppressed. From a boat He would address the multitude on the shore. Sometimes He would resort to the mountains and there call the people unto Him. Because He was intimately acquainted with the farmer's field, the fisherman's net and the housewife's mixing bowl, He used them as illustrations in His sermons.

He knew how to interest men, so the common people heard Him gladly, for never man spake as this man. One day, near the close of His work He asks His disciples the opinion of men concerning Him.

A second question brought the matter close home to them. "Whom do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of God." Upon that truth Christ announced that He would build His church.

The weeks and months, roll by, all Palestine has heard His gospel, which promised salvation to those obedient to His will. The Scribes and Pharisees smart under His brief, vivid parables. The Sanhedrin is crumbling before His teaching. This must be stopped. Then came Gethsemane.

Peter, James, and John, left to watch, fall asleep while He prays. He chides, "What could ye not watch with Me one hour?" The Roman soldiers, the leaders of the Jews, and the rabble with swords and staves, lead Him away. His disciples see Him led to judgment. They see Him crowned with thorns, arrayed in a scarlet robe, treated as a criminal, and then led to Golgotha to be crucified. Afar off, they see Him pinioned to the cross. The hours pass, the sun grows dark, the earth quakes, Jesus bows His head

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Things That Need Doing

It occurs to me that there are several things which we should do in this state, that would help the Cause immeasurably. One is to compile a list of churches with their locations, together with the names of the eldership, or at least the names of the leadership. Thus with that special edition of the paper at hand, those who are on vacation or traveling on business, in our state, would know just where the nearest faithful congregation was meeting. Too, it would assist churches in mailing out bulletins and other information which should be made available to all congregations.

Each church should have a reporter who definitely is responsible for their brotherhood publicity. It should be the duty of such reporter to make a report to the Missouri Mission Messenger every month stressing especially the interesting things that are going on. We know of several rather large and working congregations that never make a report of any activity. Brethren wonder if they are still alive and what they are doing to prove it. Reports should be regular and not sporadic. Many reporters start out with fine zeal, and some of them maintain it for two or three months.

... Do you notice the regularity of the reports from Saint Joseph, Galatin, and a few other places? Their reporters are on the job. If a little late they send the letter "Special Delivery." We need a few hundred more regular contributors like Harry and Jerry Mooney, Iva Kreeger, Daisie Patterson, Cleo Gibson. We might have to enlarge our paper, but boys, it would make interesting reading to see every place in the work and going strong, wouldn't it? ... We need a sort of circulating library for those who have few books. My books are all ready to loan out on a thirty day basis. Write for any book that you need for a month. I'll send it to you! All I ask is that you pay the postage both ways, and that is very little, while the hook rate for mailing is in effect. Can we help you? We are sure that not all of you will turn out to be bookkeepers!

PLANS FOR SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Anticipating the largest attendance in the history of the Saint Louis Bible Reading, plans are being laid to care for an influx of students from other sections of the country. Since the Reading is being arranged for High School students and others who cannot attend a winter session, it is expected that many of the students will be quite young. The membership at Manchester is being canvassed to determine how many of them can make available rooms, especially for the girls who come. Inasmuch as Saint Louis is a city of one million persons, most of the members do not live near the church. This is rather inconvenient and thus many of the students in former years have had to stay in other homes near the church. A good spirit of cooperation is being shown however.

Social activities for the summer session are being limited to one group gathering per week under proper chaperonage and supervision. The students themselves will not be permitted to arrange any such group picnic or gathering without first having it approved by a committee working directly under the eldership. A group of mothers has been designated to act as special counsellors and advisers to the girls who will attend, and strict discipline is being maintained from the very start of the Study. A time limit has been placed for lights out at night at the various homes, and students must be in by that time.

A hike will be sponsored to Forest Park and the municipal zoo, one of the most outstanding in the country. It will be so arranged as to permit visiting students to observe all of the animal performances which are staged by professional trainers daily during summer months. Other points of interest which will be visited are Shaw's Gardens, with the most outstanding formal display in the world today; the old Cathedral and riverfront, and other places of municipal interest. There will also be a trip to Temple Israel where the class will be permitted to observe a Jewish

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THE GOSPEL ALL OVER THE LAND

Many congregations lacking the speaking and singing talent have wished for a program of their own, on a local station, so that they could place the truth in the homes of their friends whom they have invited to come to church, with no success. At last the hopes and dreams of many may be nearing realization. The Saint Louis program has been on the air for eight months now and has proven to be a success when it comes to the matter of securing response from the world. The tremendous crowds that have been built up at special services, used as tryouts for the effectiveness of radio announcing, have demonstrated the effectiveness of this medium. We are now working that we may make that program available to every section of this country.

The plan is to transcribe the program, using twelve stations as our original nucleus. Now let us for example, say there are six congregations in the vicinity of Decatur, Illinois, who really want to carry the truth to their neighbors. They can secure a half hour per week on their local station WSOY. We will have the Transcription Syndicate book them, and a transcription will be sent to WSOY each week in time for the broadcast. There will be no Saint Louis announcements as on our local program. But in the middle of the transcribed program will be a break for announcing addresses of the Churches of Christ sponsoring the program. At the end sufficient time will be reserved for the Decatur announcer to repeat those addresses or announce any meetings, etc., that are being held by the faithful churches. This probably would cost the six churches around \$48 per week including the transcription, less than that if the station time is less. We will pay \$110.50 for 12 transcriptions, and we are furnishing them for \$10 each, which with mailing is just what they cost. Our time and the time of the Saint Louis Singers is absolutely free. Thus you can see on the above basis it would cost

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ALONG THE WAY

Brother Robert Brumback has completed his scheduled work with the churches in the Kansas City area, and is leaving for the east where he will work with the church at Bridgeport, Connecticut. During July he will assist the church at Shippensburg, Penn., in a meeting, in which he will be aided by Otis Crandell, of Salem, Mo., as song leader. . . . Brother W. E. Ballenger is reported considerably improved on May 29. He was able to sit up some, but will of course not be able to return to the active preaching field for some months. His address is Hale, Mo. . . . Bro. William Hensley, of Red Cloud, Neb., has been secured by the Kansas City churches to carry on their broadcast work over station WREN. The radio sermons were first delivered by Brother Brumback. Brother Hensley will fit into that work nicely we believe, and we predict that the "Churches of Christ Broadcast" will influence many souls for Christ and the One Body. . . . Bernell Weems, young man from Manchester Avenue Congregation in Saint Louis, will assist Roy Harris in the Vacation Bible Study at Springfield, Mo., preaching at Ozark, Nixa and other localities in the area surrounding Springfield. He contemplates holding a short meeting at Brixey, Mo., before returning to Saint Louis as an assistant director of the three city Bible Studies which will run concurrently. . . . Brother Harold Ottwell of Hartford, Illinois, is scheduled to be with the Bridge Church near Dexter, Mo., on one Lord's Day during this month. Other speakers from the Saint Louis area will be furnished them to assist on other occasions. . . . Buford Mabery preached for the Mine La Motte church recently on Lord's Day. One made the confession and was immersed by Bro. Henry Mabery, father of Buford. The latter is a member of the Webster Groves Church, St. Louis. . . . Joe Provencher, Jerry Ketcherside, and Bob Fraser spoke for the Flat River Church on Sunday, May 14. They were taken to Flat River, by J. W. Watts, elder of the congregation, and grandfather of Jerry. All three boys are members of Lillian Avenue Church, Saint Louis. . . . The Hartford, Ill., Church was host on June 4, to three boys from Manchester Avenue in Saint Louis. The speakers were Lionel Burton, Kenneth Fleck and Raymond Wofford. All are planning to attend the summer session of the Saint Louis Reading. . . . Otis Crandell of Salem, Mo., is open for meetings and classes in song development. Those in need of either type of work will find him both capable and sincere. Write him as mentioned. . . . Arthur Freeman of Box 525, Chillicothe, Mo., has re-

ceived some fine expressions of appreciation from men and women in the service, over the reception of the little monthly publication, "SERVICE TIE." If there are service men from your congregation who are not receiving it, be sure and send their names and correct addresses to Art, as above. . . . You can obtain a free sample of the booklet, "The Road to Happiness" by sending a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Missouri Mission Messenger, along with your request. Other folders coming off the press soon are "Can God Bless America?" printed in red, white and blue; and "Did You Know?" printed in orange and dark blue on light blue background (if we can get the colors). A free sample of each, on same basis as above. Be sure you enclose a LARGE envelope! . . . A highly advertised meeting will be held the night of June 30 in the Woodrider High School Auditorium, Woodrider, Ill. It is being sponsored by the Hartford Church. The Lillian, Manchester and Hartford Singers will sing while the audience gathers. Congregational singing will begin at 8 o'clock directed by various leaders! An address on "America's Number One Problem" will be featured at 8:15 by W. Carl Ketcherside. It is estimated that 500 to 800 persons from the community will attend. It is the object of the meeting to pave the way for establishment of a new congregation at Alton, which will make six churches in the Saint Louis metropolitan area, and ten in the Mississippi Valley. Pray for the success of this endeavor.

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six churches \$8 per week for a half hour program (\$8 each). They would have no long weary nights of practice, they would need no special speaking talent. All they would need do is to book their time on the local station, see that the station announcer has his fresh announcement about the churches each week, then sit down at home and listen to a program which they have sponsored.

It is admitted that we really dread the additional work that will be involved in this, but we know that it will be our one great chance to take the pure unadulterated gospel into tens of thousands of homes. It will mean in many places that we will be able to eliminate factions by the sheer weight of gospel preaching. By ignoring them, and publicizing the truth, they will die of dry rot. It will mean that for the first time in this generation the gospel once more will come into the hearts and homes of a million or more people. We ask you this: Is it possible for millions to hear the

Word of God, and some of them not obey it?

We are ready to start when we get twelve stations lined up! Here is what you can do if you are interested! Talk it over with the local church AT ONCE! Write to the other faithful churches near you! See if they would be willing to put on a radio program for thirteen weeks, a half hour per week. See how much each feels they can invest in this type of work. Go to your station and ask them for a rate card! Send that to me and I'll tell you exactly what this time will cost in each instance, depending upon the hour you use for your broadcast. We suggest that it is best for the churches in each community to have a joint business meeting and select some one person to contact the station and correspond with us. I am far too busy to write to everyone in every church. The quicker you get going, the quicker we will get going! I suggest you pray over this! Think of the thousands around you who have never heard the pure gospel. Think of the other stuff that comes in to their homes. Then get up off your knees and get ready to take the gospel to the world. Would you invest the price of a cow in a human soul? Write us at once if you're at all interested or need further information!

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synagogue in operation, and hear an address by Ferdinand M. Isserman, outstanding Jewish rabbi of the Reformed Jewish faith. Negotiations are under way for a journey to Saint Louis Art Museum and a lecture on Egyptology, in the Egyptian room, which will be seated for the class by the educational division of the Museum Foundation.

Classes in Bible Study will be held daily, Monday through Friday, starting July 10; from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There will be special development work in the afternoon for one hour. Also there will be other class work and student participation in worship hours four nights per week, inclusive of Sunday. Those students who have had previous training in public work, will be given an opportunity to function in that capacity while here.

There is no tuition cost. The only expense is room, board and personal items while in the city. That cost will be high this year as Saint Louis is a defense center with 2500 firms wholly given to defense works. Room and board are at a higher premium under such circumstances. However, it has been decided that this course will be worth more to the student than it will cost, and Saint Louis churches are going ahead with plans, despite wartime

inflated prices. It is only fair to say to parents and other visitors who casually drop in that they will have to make their own hotel arrangements while in the city. Saint Louis churches are busy, working always at high speed. Many who live in small apartments are sharing them with students and there will be no available space for those whose principal objective is coming to the city for a sightseeing trip. Tourist camps and hotels are available, but we warn that even they are crowded. It is estimated that there will be an enrollment of more than 60 for the daytime Reading. Students who desire accommodations or who want someone to meet them, should write AT ONCE upon see this! WE ARE BUSY! PLEASE REALIZE THAT FACT! Write to Robert Morrow, 7117 Manchester Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri.

DIRECT YOUR ENERGY

The more I am associated with students, the more I am made to realize that one of our serious mistakes in this busy world is that of not directing our energy into a certain definite channel, and staying with the job until we complete it. Many fellows sit down to work out a lesson for Sunday, and with a hazy idea in mind, they began to look for certain scriptures bearing on the thought. But before long they are led off by their reading. A new thought arises from a passage and it seems better than the first. They pursue it awhile only to find a new light on a still different verse and take off after that one. Midnight comes and they are no nearer to having the talk completed than when they started.

Such students always remind me of the hunter who set forth one day to hunt for everything in general and nothing in particular. It is said that he first struck the trail of a deer and followed it for a few hours. Soon he came upon the trail of a fox and decided to take out after it. By and by that trail was crossed by the tracks of a rabbit, so he concluded that since it was getting late in the evening, he would just kill the rabbit. He followed it until near dark when he came upon the trail of a mouse. He decided it was too late to catch anything but the mouse, so he followed this trail until it was so dark he could not see. Then he returned home empty-handed.

Most members of my public-speaking classes admit that their biggest job is settling on a subject. They have a good idea, but as they study they suddenly come upon one which is deemed better. The truth of the matter is that they lack the ability to concentrate. In order to be able to direct your energies, you should know where you are going, and

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THE MANCHESTER SINGERS

FRONT ROW—

(left to right)

Marjorie Cochran, Warren Cochran, (director), Pearl Thompson, Thelma Johnson, Rosemary Bell, Louise Thompson.

BACK ROW—

Raymond Wofford, Eliza Akers, Lionel Burton, Carter Honn, Curtis Burton.



LILLIAN SINGERS JOIN OTHERS

The Lillian Singers, a group from the Lillian Avenue Church in Saint Louis, are now on the air over WTMV, 1490 on your dial, every third Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock! Personnel includes Leonard Bilyeu, director; Clinton Jones, T. N. Ratliff, Alton Harris, Bernice Scott, Evelyn Craig and Thelma Smith. The first program was presented on April 30, and the response was excellent. The songs were well arranged under capable direction of Brother Bilyeu, who has done more for the cause of music of a scriptural nature in the Saint Louis area, than any other one individual.

The addition of this singing group to the Saint Louis program means that it will be easier on all. As it now stands each church presents a program on its respective Sunday, and thus three weeks of practice time is permitted for each program. The Manchester Singers and the Hartford Singers have been alternating prior to this time, and both of these groups welcome the assistance of Lillian Avenue, which aided in the conclusion of six months of broadcasting. The Saint Louis programs now enter their third contract, each contract being taken on the basis of thirteen weeks, or three months.

Hundreds of non-members in the area have been contacted and their names are on file. One little group may soon be started to meeting, as a result of the broadcasts, as there were several members of the church in a community in northeast Mis-

ouri, all of whom wrote in and asked if we knew of other members located near there. The proposition of establishing another congregation in Saint Louis is now being given serious consideration having been introduced publicly in business meeting at Manchester Avenue. It appears there is no end to the value received from a coordinated program of radio, newspaper and personal work advertising. We look forward to the dawning of a brighter and better day, and ask the prayers of every Christian for the radio ministry of His Word.

MAKE IT EDIFYING

We who oppose the pastor system as a borrowed item from Rome and contrary to the system of development set forth in the New Testament, must recognize the necessity of showing to the world the workability of God's program. It is not enough to stand around and argue against a sectarian innovation without attempting to do anything to demonstrate the right and scriptural method. There has been too much negative argument in the past, without enough positive development! What matters it how loud you argue in favor of the right way, if when friends attend, a brother arises in slouchy dress, reads haphazardly through a chapter and starts out by saying, "Well folks, I ain't got anything prepared, but I'm gonna try to fill in the time?"

Brethren need to be taught how to conduct themselves in the house of God, literally as well as figura-

tively! How often has the simple gospel suffered by reason of the lack of dignity of the service. There is a lot of difference in maintaining apostolic simplicity, and acting like a simpleton. It is a law of life that a thing that is worth doing is worth doing well. My Bible teaches me, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." It further affirms, "Be not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." We need more of that fervency!

Approach the worship hour with proper preparation. Have the Lord's table prepared before the hour for the communion service. Have you: (Continued on Page 7)

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what you are going to do when you get there. In other words plan the subject before you begin to study. Think through the basic point you wish to develop, and then the main points relating to it. Draw up a skeleton outline, then work to clothe that skeleton in the flesh of comments appropriate to each part. If you don't do this all of your energy will be wasted. You'll be back where you started from after your effort.

A steamer was just a few feet from the dock, when there was a sudden commotion, and a wild-running man burst through the dock gates, yelling for the officials to wait a moment. Without pausing in his stride he flung his bag on the boat, took a desperate leap, and landed on the deck with a crash. "Good!" he gasped. "A few seconds

later I'd have missed it." "Missed if?" exclaimed the officer who helped him to his feet. "This boat is just coming in." Again I emphasize the necessity of knowing where you are going before you start.

Just as necessary is to know what you intend to do when you get there. Otherwise you'll be like the farmer's dog. Day after day the farmer and his wife watched as their little canine chased madly down the track after the four o'clock passenger train. He did it every afternoon, and always returned winded and panting. The wife said, "I wonder why he chases that train in that fashion every day?" "That's not what's bothering me," answered her husband, "I'm wondering what he'd do with it if he caught it."

One of the mistakes a lot of novices make, is that of wanting to get a "deep" lesson. They flounder and splash around attempting to reach solid ground, and leave the audience bored, distracted and disgusted. It is good to stay near the shore until you know how to swim, for it is hardly the custom to have an expert reach into the pulpit and rescue you, although I think a pulpit lifesaver might be worthwhile occasionally. He could rescue the audience! Some new members are natural born Athenians. They spend their whole time in trying to learn or tell some NEW thing. Most of my audiences are not yet up-to-date on the old things they've been hearing for years. Never be afraid to preach the gospel. True it is old but I've a notion it's still pretty badly needed in Missouri.

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VACATION BIBLE STUDIES

One of the most fruitful fields of labor by the churches in recent years has been in the matter of Bible Study during the Vacation periods for all school age children. Several such are reported in this issue. The church at Bonne Terre is conducting its study under supervision of Brother Henry Mabery, who took a two weeks vacation to launch this important endeavor. Saint Joseph is using all local teaching talent as they have for several years. They are ardent workers and produce a good annual attendance. Roy Harris will be in charge of the study this year at Springfield, and has his own carefully trained teachers working with him. The church at Chillicothe has decided to hold their study off until after the one is completed which is sponsored by other churches in the community.

Saint Louis area Vacation Studies will begin at four of the congregations on June 19 and continue for two weeks. Granite City started on June 5 under direction of Hershel Ottwell, who will also oversee the study at Hartford. W. Carl Ketcherside will look after the work in the three city congregations assisted in directorship by Bernell Weems. A specially prepared bulletin is being placed in all homes accompanied by the booklet, "The Road to Happiness." It is anticipated that there will be good attendance at all of the congregations, although students of High School age will not attend this year, since most of them are waiting the six weeks summer session of the regular Bible Study which will begin on July 10.

Vacation Bible Study teachers have been prepared, lessons have been assigned, methods have been inaugurated in the teachers' minds and all is ready for the close of school. Saint Louis schools close on June 16, with the Bible Studies beginning the following Monday.

AMONG the CHURCHES

PITTSBURG, KANSAS (Member at Nevada, Mo.)—Dear Laborers in Christ: I enjoyed the last copy of the Missouri Messenger so much, it was like a letter from home; as I either personally know, or have been privileged to hear most of the preaching brethren mentioned in the paper. I am enclosing a dollar for three copies of Radio Talks Number Two. I surely did enjoy Book Number One, and have been passing it around among our members. Am so glad the brethren are privileged to broadcast, thus making it possible—I hope—to pierce the world with the Sword of the Spirit. May God bless you in your work for the Lord is my prayer.—**NINA M. NORRIS.**

SALEM (Too late for May issue)—Bro. Herbert Estep preached for us on April 16. His morning subject was "Launch Out Into the Deep." His evening subject "Cain and Abel." On April 30, we were made happy to have Bro. and Sister Moses Breeden and family of Lillian Avenue in Saint Louis with us. We regret to report that Nina Leonard's mother has been bedfast for sometime, the result of injury sustained when a car struck her, and broke her leg. Bro. William Hensley is to labor with us in our meeting starting May 7, and Brother Otis Crandell is going to Hartshorn to assist the brethren there on next Lord's Day.—**PEARL CRANDELL.**

SHAMROCK—Our sick are all better now. Bro. and Sister Leslie Moore visited in the Harry Mooney home, May 22. Jimmie Moore who is overseas sent his mother a cablegram for "Mother's Day." She cherished most of all the words, "Safe and well." Ronald Moore is expected home soon on furlough. We have some children attending our services are very capable and should have the proper training during our study period. Wilbur Moore is making a good song leader and should be encouraged in that line also. We have considered Matthew and John in our studies, but plan now to go back and pick up Mark and Luke also, as each writer contributes additional vital facts to the story of Jesus. We want all the information we can get from all of these books.

UNIONVILLE—Our congregation is working. Older members say it is in the best condition it has been in years. We have a program worked out for Lord's Day morning about 8 weeks in advance, and including all male members physically able to do public work. Each has a card with this program printed on it and so are prepared when their time comes. Lord's Day evening services consist of talks made by

the young men and a very interesting class for children who are nearing the age of accountability. This is taught by Bro. Asa Hall. His desire is to teach them what the church is, and the steps to be taken to become Christians. It is surprising how much they are able to grasp. I'm sure they'll never be satisfied with any other doctrine when they grow up. Wednesday evenings, six or seven couples meet together in homes to study the Bible, visit, and discuss the work of the church. These meetings have tied us together. Bro. Joe Clay met with us a few times after he returned from the Saint Louis Reading and we all enjoyed hearing him tell about that study. We pray that the plan for broadcasting may be satisfactorily carried out, and our hopes fulfilled.—**CRYSTAL BUCKALEW.**

CANALOU—Brother W. Carl Ketcherside delivered the Commencement Address this year for the Lilbourn High School graduating class and remained over night, to visit with some of the few members here. Brother L. C. Roberts, of Bonne Terre, Missouri will conduct a short series of meetings with the congregation this summer and we hope that it will be productive of good. There are but few who meet, and yet that few are all faithful and at peace, for which we are sincerely thankful.

ALMARTHA—A number were present at the Lord's Day morning service, June 4. We had a good Bible lesson taught by Bro. Charles Fry. I did my best to preach the truth as it is in Christ, but there was no visible results. In the afternoon I spoke at Council Grove Cemetery. We had our Bible Study Lord's Day night with an increased attendance. Measles has tended to lessen attendance in this area. If the Lord wills I will preach at Gainesville on June 11. I trust that I may develop to do more in the gospel field as most of my work has been in the nature of appointments. I am enclosing money for Radio Talks.—**HUBERT JAMES.**

BONNE TERRE (June 5)—Just finished Vacation Bible Study and while attendance was not large, it was encouraging to note that those attending were very regular indicating interest on their part. The average daily attendance was 20. The ladies did a grand job and Brother Mabery used both weeks of his vacation. Hershel Ottwell is to be down and speak for us at the all-day meeting, and Brother H. L. Carlton is going to try and make it also.—**PERCY FAENGER.**

NIXA—Dear Carl: How are you? We are well! Find enclosed small

check to help finance the Radio Talks and the sending of them out. We have Radio Talks Number Two, and I think they are fine.—**GEORGE SACKETT.** (Note: Thanks a lot to Brother Sackett and the church at Nixa for their assistance in this work. Nixa as most of you know is located in my favorite section of the Ozarks. It is as near home to me as any place in the world, for I have almost grown up with most of the church there. Carl).

FRANKLIN (Nebraska) — The booklet "Road To Happiness" is a good one—nicely arranged, attractively prepared and printed, and material selected so as not to be offensive to anyone. Check enclosed for 250 of them.—**TREUMAN STERNER.** (Note: Brother A. T. Stern, business man of Brookport, Ill., is sending one of these booklets in with all of his statements, letters and business communications. That is "sowing the seed of the Kingdom." What ways have you devised for using them?)

GOOD WATER — We are glad to report our Lord's Day attendance has grown since weather has improved. Interest is good in all classes. Mae Thompson from Manchester Avenue Church in St. Louis, and Cecil Thompson and wife from Salem, were with us on May 28. As yet we have no one to hold our meeting, and would like to get someone during July or August.

—**HERBERT ESTEP**

Independence — Attendance has been good in spite of some illness. Sister Thelma Hammondtree was able to be at worship May 28 after having missed two Sundays. Little George Phillips was also back after having had a tonsillectomy. Bro. and Sister Norman Selby from Bethany placed membership with us bringing our record to 38. But our first member to enter the armed services from this congregation, Morris Acree, has been inducted. He was one of our song leaders, and is a son of Bro. Ralph Acree.

The members enjoyed a picnic at Slover's Park recently, our first of the year. It was attended by some visitors who are not members, and they seemed to enjoy it. We had a visitor at services on May 28 from Beloit, Kansas. It is always pleasing to have friends drop in and worship with us.

Farrell Rupe left for the Navy recently, taking with him our fervent and earnest prayers. Let us not forget those who are defending our freedom and liberties.

—**IVA KREEGER**

BONNE TERRE — Our annual all day meeting will be held again on the second Sunday in

June. We have Bro. Hershel Ottwell as one of our speakers, but have no definite arrangements as to the others yet. Our Vacation Bible Study had an enrollment of 37 at end of the first week, with 34 present on Friday. We have four classes with my assistant teachers being Lena Mabery, Margaret Faenger, and Elsie Stewart. We have recently redecorated the building, painting the walls and sanding the floors. It helped the looks a lot.

—HENRY MABERY

WEBSTER GROVES — At our last business meeting new seats were ordered. Henry and Evelee Koneg have a baby boy, born the same day as Bud and Ruth Woodruff's baby girl. Congratulations to all. Grandad Simpson and Floyd Kincaid were able to meet with us once this month. Anne Willoughby, sister to Paul Wright, visited the church on Friday evening and Sunday, May 19 and 21. Fannie Hunt's sister Minnie, and daughter Betty, were also visitors on May 21. We are sorry to lose one of our faithful teachers, Cloe Hammack to Salem. Arlene Atwell will take over her class.

We were happy to see Clarence Cochran of the Navy on the first Friday of this month. He presented a good talk on how the Navy teaches its personnel to cooperate. Robert Morrow and W. Carl Ketcherside also gave good talks on love, obedience and cooperation. It's very simple to cooperate! The army and navy make it compulsory. Our speakers in the churches merely ask for it! Sometimes the occasion calls for such simple cooperation as keeping your eyes on the speaker and letting the ushers take care of the rear of the room. This eye contact is very stimulating to the speaker, while head-waggers and latecomers are not very inspiring.

—EUNICE WRIGHT

BROOKFIELD — We regret to report the death of Verletta Potter, six year old daughter of Brother and Sister Earl Potter. She was killed while riding in her father's truck, which struck a cow and was overturned south of Laclede. Sister Potter, who sustained injuries in the wreck, is still confined to her bed.

Bro. Arthur Freeman of Chillicothe is scheduled to preach for us one Lord's Day in June. We hope that Brother F. O. Webb will be able to stop for a while on his way back from the West.

—DOROTHY STUART

SAINT JOSEPH — Plans for

Vacation Bible Study which started June 5 finds Bro. LeRoy Terry (15 years old) in charge of the singing, with Sisters Hays, Carr, Gibson, Sell, and Gabauer on the teaching staff. Good interest has been shown by the children in the community.

The WREN Broadcast by Kansas City brethren is being enjoyed as we have good reception of that station. Bro. Brumbach's sermons have been very edifying. Bro. Max Williams and family are visiting his mother. Mrs. Leah Williams, while Max waits induction call to the Navy which has accepted him. Bro. Henry Carr of the Navy and Bro. Eldon Pew are home on furlough. Looks good to see our boys return. We extend congratulations to Sister Grace Langdon on the birth of a daughter, and to Sister Ella Goucher at Savannah, on the birth of a son.

—CLEO GIBSON

NIXA — On Sunday morning May 28, Brother Roy Harris spoke for us on the word "CHRISTIAN" letting each letter represent a characteristic of that good life. He went home with John and Lucile Onell, who made it possible for him to attend Memorial Services at Chastain Cemetery in the afternoon. Sgt. Jack McLean of the Air Corps, who is stationed in Florida was at our meeting, May 7. His mother, Sister Bessie McLean of California was also with us that day. Pvt. Jack A. Herndon, completed training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and is now clerk in Personnel Office of Battery Headquarters, at Camp Beale. He was home on a brief furlough recently, visiting his parents, Bro. and Sister J. E. Herndon, and other close relatives, but his furlough did not extend over Lord's Day, so he could not worship with us.

Gordon and Opal Dunham entertained some of the members at a dinner in their home, after church, May 21, honoring Jeap Bussard, Joan and Jimmy Dunham. The afternoon was spent in singing and visiting. Bro. Otis Stine underwent a minor operation for removal of a growth from his left leg near the knee, and is doing fine. Sister Stine is about the same, and has recently been favored with visits by the daughter, Clarabell Wasson of West Plains, and a son Stanley and family, of Wichita, Kansas.

Sister Rose Stehnert is some better, and we hope for her complete recovery. Sisters Ida Staton and Kate Stehnert are also much better. The Ladies Bible Class met at the Otis Mc-

Lean home, May 24, with a continuation of Old and New Testament studies.

—HARRY & JERRY MOONEY

GALLATIN — A young lad obeyed the gospel when Bro. Harold J. Hays spoke on April 30, and was immersed that afternoon. A sergeant from Camp Polk, La. made the confession of faith when Bro. James W. Truitt spoke May 14, with baptism performed the same day. Both the sergeant and his wife placed membership with us, before leaving for camp. We have had recent visitors from Kansas City, Iowa and other places. Three new families moving here attend with us. Bro. Harold Hays has purchased property in Gallatin and expects to move in due time. We welcome all! A nice large pulpit Bible was donated to us by the wife and children of the late editor and publisher of a local paper for many years. This book had been the Family Bible. A local business firm has donated a number of fans, carrying the subject, "Faith Of Our Fathers." At our service last Lord's Day morning, were two brethren (also brothers in the flesh); one 90 years old, and the other more than 84. Both walked to church. We consider it quite an accomplishment.

—D. PATTERSON

SAINT LOUIS (5344 Lillian Ave.) — We present a streamlined report to save space. Sister Pearl Kincaid has returned to her former home in the south. **VISITING SPEAKERS:** Lawrence Thompson, Bernell Weems, Kenneth Fleck, Lionel Burton, Raymond Wofford, from Manchester; Emery Smith from Webster Groves; Ora Wheeler from Hartford, Ill. **OUR SICK:** Sister Alice Chranford, in Deaconess Hospital, with partial amputation of foot; Howard Holcomb, with pleural congestion; Edith Harris with rumps; **OUR SERVICE MEN:** Winford Lentz accepted by the Navy; Letter from Jack Lamb, also in Navy, says he is preparing a sermon on "Steering a Straight Course." **BUSINESS MEETING:** Linton Jones and Alton Harris appointed to the eldership. Their first act was to assist in withdrawing from a delinquent member. Also appointed as deacon, Bro. Arnold Shaw. **ADDITIONS:** Betty Kincaid by restoration; Bro. Higgins by membership transfer from Paragould, Ark.; Bro. Jones restored by confession of wrong; Clarine and Wanda Broccard by primary obedience; Carl Foster, acknowledgement of wrong and transfer from Chillicothe, Mo. **VISITORS:** Bro. Geo.

Miller formerly of Saint Louis, now residing in retirement at Lakeland, Florida. **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Brother and Sister James Brown, celebrated their 56th year of wearing double harness on May 15. Our congratulations to this grand and faithful old couple. **JESS PARKS**

OZARK—We welcome the Sheltons back with us after an absence of several Lord's Days. We also welcome our new pupil, Jesse St. Clair, in the children's class. Also we appreciate having some of our members who are employed elsewhere visit us recently. Bro. and Sister Otis McLean worshipped with us on May 14. They are much help in the study and song service. We are happy to learn that Bro. W. E. Ballenger is improving. He has preached here on several occasions and we have always enjoyed his work with us. Sister June Etta Mooney and Carol June, were with us recently while visiting her parents, the Ralph Thomases. On Lord's Day, May 21, Bro. Bertram Wilson of Springfield, met with us, and gave a very appropriate talk after the lesson. We appreciate having the brethren and sisters from Springfield visit with us, and are glad to see them any time. They are helpful to the cause here.

POLLOCK—I was so rejoiced to read of all the good meetings and spiritual work over the brotherhood, I just filled up and cried today for joy as I read the MMM for May. I had the blessed privilege on May 14, of attending worship at Pollock. Found them enjoying good worship and Bible Study. There is some young talent there now which is becoming very efficient. They now have a young People Class with one of the young teachers who is doing extra good work at present. My mother who has been an invalid and in bed most of the time since December 1, is now able to be up and about the house and yard again, for which we are thankful. My father is also able to resume his farm work after surviving a bad attack of the flu. **THELMA COOK.**

For Mission Work

If you want to do effective mission work now is the time. Send stamped, self-addressed envelope for new tracts, one a three color job. Written to sell people on our plea. **WRITE AT ONCE.**

Do you want Christ to represent you above as you represent Him below?

DES MOINES PROGRAM REACHES OUT

The broadcast by Harold Shasteen from Station KRNT (1350) on Saturday nights, from 10:30 to 11:00 p.m., has been picked up as



HAROLD SHASTEEN

far south as Springfield, Missouri. A great many in the Saint Louis area have tuned in to find the program available on their sets and are becoming regular listeners. There is no question but what with four stations as announced in this paper sending forth strong messages of truth, we must accomplish something. People cannot sit under the power of the gospel without it affecting them in some fashion. They will either get up and turn the set off or else they will become regular listeners to the proclamation of the truth. I would say that never before have so many been privileged to hear the truth in such a forceful way. We now have access, not to thousands, but to millions of homes

I wonder if as you hear these faithful brethren, it affects you as it does me. I sit there breathing a prayer to God that somewhere in the center of a great city, out on a lonely farm, driving along through the night, someone might hear that Word of the Gospel and be led to heed its call! If all who are interested in sounding out the Word would realize that money isn't ev-

erything—if they would all just get down on their knees and pray God to bless the message and the speaker. I tell you we could take a great part of this country for Christ.

We do not know as yet what effect the programs are all having on the local churches sponsoring them, but we do know what they are doing in the Saint Louis area. And for that reason we pray that all of the messages sent forth might be equally effective. May the power of the gospel spread until it reaches every section of this great land, until a missionary spirit is created that will roll over all obstacles! Lord hasten that day!

THE KANSAS CITY BROADCAST

The three Kansas City Churches went on Station KCKN, a small local unit, for their first broadcast, some weeks ago. They presented 10 programs thereon, using a Saturday night half hour. During the time they were presenting this program, they had responses from about 40 non-members and mailed approximately two thousand tracts.

With a constant prayer for a larger outlet, they worked to secure a strong station, and on April 30, those prayers were answered when they began a half hour with WREN, Lawrence, Kansas. This broadcast is presented at 1 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. It is planned to present a series of twenty sermons by Brother Robert Brumback, copies of which will be mailed to all who respond to the program. Tracts in bulk will be sent to congregations all over the midwest that are supporting the program financially, and all prospects will be turned over to the nearest faithful church.

The elders of the three Kansas City Churches have the oversight and supervision of the program, and the work of caring for such an enterprise is divided as follows: Glenn Ellis is program and business director; N. A. Comer is in charge of finances; Mary Ellis with the able assistance of others is directing the mailing; Carl Landes handles the bulk mailing to churches; Tom Booth sorts and groups the correspondence received; Bro. and Sister Frazier direct the mailing of tracts to the members of the armed forces each week. The churches are asking for as many names of men in the armed services as they can get for their mailing list. In the Kansas City program, two mixed choruses and a male quartet are available, the music being under direction of Vernor Ellis and Fred Fenton.

The Kansas City Star uses a 2 column by 1½ inch ad, carrying Brother Brumback's picture and news of the broadcast and its time!

SOMMER ON WIBC

The fourth program by faithful preaching brethren, within the last six months, was started on WIBC, Indianapolis, Indiana, by Brother D. Austen Sommer, May 18. A fifteen minute unit entitled "Home and Church" it will be presented each Thursday morning at 6:15 a.m., as a breakfast chat with farmers and defense workers. The style of the program will follow that of the recent articles in the Indianapolis News, which have brought such excellent response from readers all over the area.

We feel that this style of broadcast will fill a long felt need in that section of our brotherhood. For a number of years I have been of the opinion that Brother Sommer who possesses an excellent radio delivery as well as a news commentator style should be placed on the air. I have discussed it with him briefly on his trips to Saint Louis in years gone by. In spite of the early hour, we predict that this program will be heard by hundreds and the benefits will reach into eternity. We congratulate Brother Sommer, and the churches and individuals backing this program. In turn, we also ask all of you who read this paper to

remember this broadcast in your daily prayers. Ask our Father to bless this sounding out of the Word to the regions round about.

We likewise urge all who may be within reach of the broadcast to tune in to WIBC, 1070 on your dial, each Thursday morning, at 6:15 o'clock and enjoy this friendly visit in your home with one who has battled courageously through the years for those methods which will truly fill Jerusalem with the doctrine. More and more it appears to us that we may yet live to see the day when the accusation can be made by our enemies, "These that have turned the world upside down have come hither also." May God bless His Word in the radio ministry on WIBC!

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talk well in mind. Strive to bring some solemn thought that is appropriate. You need not be stylishly dressed to be well-groomed, but remember there is no scriptural command for you to be a slouch. Stand erect, speak distinctly, do not mumble. Recognize the importance to the world of humanity of the work you are doing as a servant of Christ! Let the world see Jesus in you!

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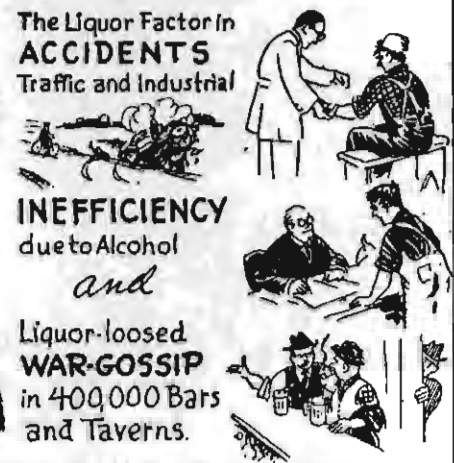
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THE GREENEYED DEMON

Jealousy has wrecked homes, destroyed lives, overthrown nations, defeated armies, and caused churches to go down into oblivion. It has been one of the most potent weapons in the arsenal of Satan. So insidious is it, that it is many times condemned by the Holy Scripture, hated of all men, yet finds its way into more of our lives than we like to admit. And when jealousy begins to work, it finds as its compatriots in crime, all slander, falsehood, pervarication and gossip of the worst types.

Perhaps some preaching brother has a little more ability than another. He baptizes more candidates, has more converts! Someone will whisper that Brother So-and-So must be compromising somewhere along the line. No one could have that success without letting down the bars. And so, instead of rejoicing over the souls brought to Christ, bitter envy soon destroys an influence and wrecks a congregation.

One man may receive more support than another! Instead of the second returning thanks to God that his brother has been so blessed, he finds that he cannot sleep well for thinking about the injustice of it. He does not consider that the first may work twice or three times as hard as he does, that even with what he receives he may be far underpaid according to his worth, but it is simply that "He gets more than I do" and whether you admit it or not, you sort of hate him for it don't you? Just rather wish that he was out of the way, in spite of all that he is accomplishing for the Master.

Brethren in the eldership often become jealous of each other. Not long ago it was called to my attention that at a certain congregation, the young people were going to one brother with most of their problems. He was helping them, taking time from his work, leaving his farm work go, in order to encourage them. But the other two elders talked it over and became envious because they were not consulted first, and began to devise a political scheme to get the other out of the oversight, although there are dozens of congregations where they are praying that the young will seek the advice of the older in the church.

Recently I talked to a brother who told me plainly that he was through with all public work in the church. The reason was that his name had appeared on the program, but a visiting brother was present and the elders asked that one to take the floor. This local man said he had spent four hours on his talk, and considered it wasted. The whole truth of the matter was simply that the other man received a lot of

compliments for his fine endeavor that day, and it struck the local brother to the quick, as he thought those compliments should have been for him.

I know of a sister who is bitten with the "society h.g." There isn't anything sillier than for someone to pretend that they, or their family have reached a social strata which they have not. But sometime ago, a certain prominent person visited in the home of one of the members. And because they did not invite the sister's family over and introduce them she got madder than "a setting hen." She told me that it was just downright jealousy that kept them from getting an invitation, that the innocent family wanted to "hog the limelight." The trouble with her is of course, she just got pushed away from the trough in the hogging process.

Jealousy is a sign of an inferiority complex. Everyone wants attention. All crave some notice. None of us want to die unhonored and unsung! But when we cannot get the attention which our childish hearts desire, we cover up our mental frustration by taking it out on the other fellow. If we can't be up in front, we'll ruin the one who is. Those who are intensely jealous are generally to be pitied, because it is a sign of intellectual littleness. It indicates a lack of proper development. It is a carry over of juvenile conduct! It brands the one who is jealous as disloyal. He puts his own individual wants and likes ahead of the Cause. Loyal persons always put the cause ahead of the individual. It makes little difference to them who does the job, and no difference who gets the glory for it. The thing is to get the job done!

If a hot flash of disappointment goes over you when you read about a successful meeting conducted by another; if you feel weak inside when you hear another complimented for work you may have done; if you sit back in the audience and envy the one who has been selected to speak; if you feel inclined to say that I'll have nothing to do with it if I can't be chairman; or if you decide not to attend if you can't run the affair; then, in any of these cases, my brother, you're troubled with the same thing that killed Abel and tacked Christ to the cross. Grow up!

One of the most heartening things about the restoration movement in which we are engaged is the utter lack of jealousy among those who are engaged in it. Radio speakers are on their knees praying for God to bless the radio ministry of all their faithful brethren; preachers are working to try and book others for work that will cause the Word of the Lord to increase mightily in power in our day; brethren are assisting older preachers of the gos-

pel who are forced to retire from active service. Best of all churches are free from envy to a great extent. Prayers of brethren go up for the work on the west coast. Places are mentioned by name, and the blessings of heaven implored upon the activity of those who have gone forth. Money is spent freely, generously to points most of those who contribute will never even see. The work of the Lord is moving on. In unity there is strength.

A southern paper the other day printed an article about Illinois. It said there were a lot of "Sommerite" churches in that state, but they had very few men capable of leadership, and the churches were torn with jealousy. They thought it would be a good time to come up and take Illinois! To a great extent some of what they have said about "Sommerite" churches (a false name) may be true. Will the brethren in Illinois meet this challenge? Will they elsewhere. Personally, I say to these southern brethren—come on! You are asking for a fight—you'll get it! We stand together and girded for the fray. Will these southern preachers and churches affirm that they are free from jealousy? We shall see!

OUR HELPERS

In the last issue we reported names and amounts given, to help us in furnishing copies of the book, "Radio Talks Number Two" to soldiers. We mailed out 300 of those books to service men still in the United States, thanks to your generous aid and help. But there came in still more money, so now we are sending a copy of "The Road to Happiness" to everyone of the boys. Enough copies of the same having been furnished to Brother Art Freeman to be enclosed in "The Service Tie." We gratefully acknowledge our thanks to the following additional donors, and thank you from the depth of our hearts for your kindness, your concern and your interest in the moral, spiritual welfare of those who are fighting for our freedom. We will make every penny count, in building up their morale. The following deserve and have our sincere, heartfelt thanks: Margaret Armstrong, Secor, Ill \$4.00 Minnie Price, Shelbyville, Ill. 1.00 M. H. Cook, Pollock, Mo. 70 Church, West Riverside, Calif. 8.00 Church, Anderson, Ind. 1.00 Dr. L. H. Sorey, Riverside, Cal. 5.00

It will interest you to know that many of the armed service men have written letters of appreciation for books and tracts received. A lot of them have written for extra copies to hand to their fellows in the ranks. One read his "Radio Talks Number Two" enroute to his assigned post, then loaned it to a soldier on the same train, who read

it through and gave it to a sailor to read. So the Word of the Lord was effective for good on that speeding westbound train. We thank all who have made it possible for men who need it, to receive such inspiration! May it be that "the Word of the Lord will grow in the hearts of men" even in the thick of battle, and may the seed you have sown be scattered to all the world. The blessings of the Lord abide with you all!

SHE GETS THE LISTENERS!

Here's the experience of a member of the Webster Groves congregation in arousing interest in the radio broadcast. Listen and profit!

"I know when you heard the first broadcast you thought it was very, very fine and you wanted everyone to hear it. I did! But my experience was that when I mentioned it I failed to arouse enough enthusiasm. One Sunday afternoon when the Manchester Singers were singing "Beautiful Garden of Prayer" I remembered that it was the favorite song of a former neighbor of mine. So I called her and she tuned in just in time to hear the last phrase. This amused her and she listened to the rest of the program. Now I wait until the program starts and rush to the phone and call to friends to tune in. One day, a former neighbor of Carl's in Nevada, Mo., called during the week and said, "You forgot to remind me to listen to the broadcast Sunday." Sometimes when I tell them during the week to be sure and listen, they ask me to call them just before the program starts. One lady sent her sister to the phone because she was already listening, and wouldn't be disturbed. It's a good plan! Try it next Sunday!"

The radio will only become effective when the hearts of the members are moved as was the heart of this sister to take the gospel to their friends and neighbors. If every member in the church would make it a point to tell five people per week about the broadcast, ere long we would be speaking to multiplied thousands of people! We who sit in our homes and enjoy the gospel as it comes in to us, so we think of others who need these soul-saving gospel messages? I spoke on the subject, "Why We Sing and Do Not Play" on Sunday afternoon, May 28. I wanted to see the reaction of the listening audience! It was favorable to this straightforward indictment of instrumental music in worship. The world is waiting for the gospel. Will you help us take it to them?

Many a self-made man knocked off work too soon.

Lots of blunt words have sharp edges.

WHY I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILT

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and surrenders His spirit. The disillusioned disciples see the centurion thrust his spear into the quivering flesh and wipe the blood from its blade. "Well, that is finished," he says. Finished? It has just begun. By His death He purchased the church—hullt a kingdom greater than any on earth.

Three days later He breaks the bars of death. Soon all Jerusalem hears that He is risen from the dead. Fifty days from that time, Peter proclaims Him as the Messiah. To that little group of disciples there was added three thousand souls. From that time we see the church militant, going forth to conquer. The apostles have cast aside their timidity and in its place we see a religious fervor which amazes the Jewish nation. On every occasion of public teaching they denounced the Jews as the murderers of the Righteous One. We read that "Believers were the more added to the Lord," to His church, to His Kingdom. Why? Because that was the place of salvation. People could be saved only in it, then, they can be saved only in it, today. **THAT IS WHY I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILT.**

The wave of opposition that was launched against the disciples caused only greater zeal, more willingness to bear reproach for His name.

Less than forty years after Jesus was crucified the church was found in every corner of the then known world. History presents no equal to the rapid growth of the church in apostolic times. Cities of pagan worship and political influence heard the gospel. The religion of Christ was devoid of every thing that would attract, uncompromising in its opposition to pagan worship, demanding of its followers purity of life, consecration to Christ, meeting with persecution, yet moving on and on, until it came to influence the thoughts and actions of mankind. Here is the institution which Christ established for the salvation of the soul, the one agency through which the light of God's love shines upon the world.

Where is that church today? Is it revealed in some stately structure of brick and stone, with lofty spire, which the poor and common people hesitate to enter? Those who build such structures have yet to learn that God dwells not in temples made with hands, but is more interested in what takes place in worship than in the height of a spire or the ornateness of a structure. What do we see in churches of today? We see them bringing the fair name of Christ into disrepute by aiding and abetting Bingo Par-

ties, gambling schemes and lotteries.

What a travesty in the name of religion! Does the church exist to tell what this or that great man said or wrote? Is its purpose to discuss current events, to give book reviews and special programs that appeal to the fleshy nature but leave the spiritual nature of man unsatisfied? Is this the purpose of the Church of the Living God?

Open God's word before you, read of the church in the New Testament. You will be convinced that the church of the Lord was not characterized by these things.

When Christ sent His disciples forth to preach, He gave them this command, "Teach them to observe ALL things that I have commanded you." Where in the New Testament do we read that the apostles taught the people of the Lord to do such things as these?

The Lord's Church was established for the spiritual welfare of man. This need must be first. Let us then forget about houses built for display, about dogmas, creeds, rituals, assessments and worldly entertainments in the church today and get back to worshipping the Lord in the beauty of holiness. People want to hear about Christ and the salvation He came to provide. Teachers and leaders of religious thought cannot say unto them, "Depart in peace, be ye warned and filled," and yet neglect to give them the things needful for the soul.

The world needs today to read God's book, to get back to the religion of Christ, and to the purity of His church. Picture the simplicity of the church as it was in the days of the apostles. They met on the first day of the week, in some private home or some upper room. As they came together, there was no pealing notes of pipe organ nor sound of stringed instruments, for these things did not come into the worship until hundreds of years later. That Christian assembly sang praises to God, with the spirit and the understanding. Their prayers were part of their sacrifices. They had no creed, no church manual, but continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine. Elders, or bishops, qualified according to God's word, supplied their spiritual food. As occasion demanded and ability enabled, others had a part in the edifying of the church. They observed the communion on the first day of every week. They contributed of their means as God had prospered them. No one had a right to tell another how much to give. This constituted the simple, yet impressive worship, of the early church. "What an odd worship," you say. Yes, but it was pleasing to the Lord, because it was from the heart and we read that the hand of the Lord was with

them. This was the Lord's plan. Why should we not follow His plan today?

This was the age in which the church covered the earth as the waters cover the sea. In this time Christ's Church was supreme. It was controlled by His law and at all times presented a united front against the devil. But today, those who profess to believe in Christ, divide their forces into groups and parties, and thus hinder the triumph of Christ's gospel.

This lack of unity among good and religious people is more productive of infidelity than any other cause. Today men are awakening to this evil and crying for unity. We profess to believe in the same God, to accept the same Bible and to acknowledge the same Christ. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if we could all unite in one church to oppose the devil? No kind of an excuse can be given today for the strife that separates disciples of Christ. There is no question about the early disciples of Christ belonging to one and the same body. They taught the same truth, believed the same doctrine, and worshipped the same God.

If we do the same things today, the same unity will exist now, that existed then. What was the basis of that unity? Simply the Apostles' doctrine, the teachings of the New Testament. Christ's Church provided salvation in the days of the Apostles, it is able to provide it today.

THAT IS WHY I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILT.

Christ prayed that His people might be one. The testimony of His word stresses the unity of His followers. Paul admonished the church to stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

The Lord never expected His church to be divided and subdivided into groups, parties, and factions for which there is no authority in His word. The need of the age is to get back to the religion of the Bible, to the unity, the peace and the harmony of Christ's church.

Christ prayed for the unity of God's people saying, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word, that they all may be one." What a force for good the Lord's people would present, working and praying together for unity, for oneness, speaking the same thing, walking by the same rule, being of one mind.

Such is the purpose of the Church of Christ. We dedicate our labors to bring about the answer to Christ's prayer for the unity of all true believers.

Are you dissatisfied with the churches of men? Come back to the Bible, take it as your guide, obey

Christ's commands, be a member of His church. God gave His word to prove that Christ is His Son, but you must BELIEVE it, for Christ said, "If ye BELIEVE not that I am He ye shall die in your sins." God offers reconciliation, but man must REPENT, for Christ said, "Except ye REPENT ye shall all likewise perish."

God persuades us to accept His Son, but we must CONFESS Him before men, for Christ said, "Whosoever therefore shall CONFESS Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven." God promises salvation, but man must be BAPTIZED, for Christ said, "He that believeth and is BAPTIZED shall be saved." God provided the straight and narrow way which leads to life eternal, but you must walk therein. Will YOU do this?

THAT INDIANA WORK

You will recall that in last issue we mentioned the work which was started under difficulty at Lebanon, Indiana. I asked for you to give it your consideration, and then after praying over the matter, to support it as God put it in your heart to do. I am informed of the following contributions received since that appeal:

Brother in Pleasant Hill, Mo.,	\$ 5.00
Percy Faenger, Bonne Terre, Mo.	3.00
Church at Bonne Terre, Mo.	10.00
Mary Somner, Indiana ..	10.00
Mildred Somner George, Indiana	20.00

We salute the churches and individuals answering this urgent appeal of a little group, starting under adverse conditions and fighting for a foothold against odds that are great! Will that be all of the money sent in to assist them in their efforts? There is still time to do your part, still time to send a check to assist. You'll recall that they began their work on the same day that a "college faction" started in the same town! But they are going forward and by the help of God and the assistance of faithful brethren they will stick! Bro. Somner is helping them, and other Indiana brethren are aiding by giving their time. What will you give. Send your contribution to A. L. Wakefield, Rfd. Lebanon, Indiana and it will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

Send us the names and addresses of soldiers who should receive books. We'll send them good reading material at once without cost or obligation. Stand behind our boys who stand for us!