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Brief Church News . .

Five were baptized and one restored in a meeting conducted at Black Rock, Ark. last month by Bro. Boyd Morgan. Bro. Morgan has arranged some dates for the early winter months and preached three nights at Viola, Ark., Nov. 2—4. He will deliver five lectures at Sturkie, Ark. Thanksgiving week and will deliver the Thanksgiving day address at their annual service. Also he has arranged to speak at Liberty church (near Hardy) on the second Saturday night of each month. He will conduct a six nights meeting at Poughkeepsie, Ark., Nov. 27 — Dec. 2. You are invited to attend any service possible.

Slightly more than a year ago, the Mammoth Spring, Ark., church was indebted \$5000 on the new preacher's home. The first Sunday in November saw this indebtedness reduced to a little more than \$500. Present plans are to completely pay the debt in the next two months. The church plans to have the debt paid and some surplus toward the planned new auditorium the first week of the New Year (1962). The elders and the preacher visited the new building with the view that the Mammoth Spring church building may be built on a similar pattern to it.

The Winona work continues solidly. Brethren Les Spachet, Boyd Morgan, and Lonnie Smith are conducting services one Lord's day each month. Bro. Bobby Hilburn conducts services on Fifth Sundays. A preacher or able brother should volunteer his services for the third Sunday.

Bro. Wesley Hylton conducted a very successful meeting at Camp during October. Four were baptized.

Bro. R.H. Robbins of Ash Flat preached at Williford on the second Sunday in October.

Bro. Eldon Coil preached at Pilot the fourth Sunday in October.

THE LORD'S SHOVEL

A man was once asked how he managed to get along so well financially, and give so much to the Lords work. He replied, "Oh, I just keep shoveling it out and He keeps shoveling it in. And the Lord has a bigger shovel than I have." The Bible says, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom" (Luke 6: 38).

The Christian's Attitude Toward His Work . .

Two men of equal strength, ability and intelligence may work at the same job. One may do his work in an efficient way while the other may not. What is the difference? Very likely the difference is to be found in their attitude toward their work. Some employees want to get as much as possible for as little as possible. Others take their work and responsibility seriously, willing to give of themselves. The worker who does no more than he has to do to get by seldom does it any better than he has to do to get by. This is true also of the workers in the vineyard of Christ. The member of the church who expects to get much from giving little seldom does his best in that which he does.

Some are willing to take any part of the work necessary while others are willing only if they can through it reap some glory. If they can't "pitch" they won't "play". The fellow who is impressed with his own wisdom will work if everyone does what he wants to do in the way he wants to do it, but stands along the side-lines and pouts if he doesn't get his way. And haven't you seen

those who become so obsessed with what others may or may not be doing that they evidently forget that they, too, have a responsibility to meet. Most every congregation is plagued with some members who are indifferent toward their work. In all probability no other attitude has crippled the growth of the church more than this.

The church grows as it works. Whatever progress the church makes will be the result of those who with willing hands and glad hearts enthusiastically attend to that for which they are responsible.

Cliff Stewart.

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Any time you feel indispensable, take a walk through the cemetery. These fellows were once big shots, also.

Today is the tomorrow that you worried about yesterday, such worry is sand in the machinery of life.

Glass, china, and reputation are easily cracked, but never well mended.

Would you be satisfied if God prospered you "as you give" instead of asking you to "give as you have prospered"?

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Jesus Christ - - the Sure Foundation

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When God determined to build a spiritual building, which was to last for all time to come, he naturally chose the best foundation that was to be had. When men today plan an earthly building, that we hope to last for a long time, we pay particular attention to its foundation. If we did not build a strong foundation the life of the building would be short, no matter how well the superstructure was built.

The prophet spoke concerning the foundation of God's spiritual house hundreds of years before it came into existence. "Therefore thus saith the Lord, behold I lay in Zion for a foundation; a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste Isaiah 28:26. Note that the stone was to be a tried stone. Jesus was tried by the foolish questions of men: Matt. 22, by Satan: Matt. 4, also we learned that he was tried by God: Heb. 5:8. In each instance he stood the test and was found to be perfect.

The stone was to be a precious

corner stone, precious to God John 3:16, and precious to men, — Peter 2:7. With these qualifications Isaiah was able to call him the sure foundation.

Today mankind has the opportunity of living and abiding in this spiritual building based upon the sure foundation, Jesus Christ.

We are told in Acts 4:12 that there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. The reward for dwelling in the Church of our Lord is eternal life. Paul states that to dwell upon this rock will never cause us to be ashamed. Romans 9:33.

Don't Give Up !

By - CLEON LYLES

We cannot close our minds to the fact that this is a serious age in which we are living. We know that on every hand we are in a position to lose our freedom, our country and our hopes of the future. But these things have happened before, men have prophesied doom, and the world continues to exist, and in some places grow better.

In 1801 William Wilberforce, an English philanthropist, refused to marry on the grounds, "I dare not marry; the future is so unsettled."

In 1806 William Pitt, an English statesman, bemoaned the state of things. "There is scarcely anything around us but ruin and despair."

In 1848 Lord Shaftsbury, another English statesman, declared, "Nothing can save the British Empire from shipwreck."

In 1849 Disraeli, one of the greatest English statesmen, said, "In industry, commerce, and agriculture there is no hope."

In 1852 the Duke of Wellington, who won the battle of Waterloo, said in his last hours, "I thank God I shall be spared from seeing the consummation of ruin that is gathering about us."

In 1860 our own President Buchanan said, "Indeed all hope seems to have deserted the minds of men."

More than a hundred years have come and gone since these men predicted the ruin of the world, but the world continues to exist, and along

all lines we have made progress.

People have been predicting the downfall of the church throughout the years. It is a very common thing to find writings of men today who earnestly believe the church has gone to the dogs. Every change that takes place is a sign of weakness to them. Of course, we all realize that we have no right to change the word of God. We must do things God has demanded, and in the way He suggested they be done. But there are some things in which He made no suggestion as to the manner of operation. In such cases there is sometimes an established way of doing things that might be followed for a period of years, then a better way found. Taking advantage of the better way, yet doing the same thing, is not a violation of the law of God. Some people thought the church was gone when some churches began to spend as much as one hundred thousand dollars for a building. The same kind of thinking, although accepting later the hundred thousand dollar idea, rebelled when some church spent a half million dollars. Each time those who had such thoughts predicted the apostasy of the church. Some thought the church was gone when it started having a period of Bible study for people of different ages. Some thought it was gone when the individual communion sets were used. Some thought the church was headed for apostasy when some brethren happened to eat in the building. Yet these things have been done and the church continues to grow stronger in every way. The reason is the same. When men prophesied the downfall of the world there were many who did not believe it. They continued to make progress and the world grew better. In the church there have always been enough people who would not listen to these prophets of doom. They do not close their eyes to the dangers with which we are confronted, but believing the statement of the John that "greater powers are in you than are in the world," press on in spite of the criticism of those who have less knowledge, and the church grows stronger. Thank God for people who will listen to him instead of false prophets.

Southern Christian Home is Not A Lending Agency !

BOYD E. MORGAN

Southern Christian Home, Morriton, Ark. is a home for indigent children operated by members of the Church of Christ. Policies for the home are made by a board of trustees and management of the home is under supervision of Bro. Olen Fullerton. Generally the home cares for around one hundred fifty and upward of homeless children.

In spite of the fact that operation of the home is well managed, it has its enemies. These enemies have circulated from coast to coast the notion that Southern Christian Home, is a lending agency and is so wealthy that it has money to lend to churches to construct meeting houses, yet will beg little churches for their funds to enrich it farther. I know that these enemies have done that because I have seen and heard it done.

Southern Christian Home is not a lending agency. It has never been a lending agency. It will never be a lending agency. It is not wealthy and never will be wealthy. Our erroneous anti-cooperation brethren, who believe that it is a sin for churches to send a contribution to any of the orphan homes among us have circulated this story in an effort to do harm to the home and many brethren who are willing to swallow any tale have swallowed the story. Besides, its cheaper for them to swallow it. It salves their conscience when they do not want to give.

Feeding 150 children is quite a task when it is properly done. The home did need a new dining hall very badly. Through contributions they did accumulate one fund toward this purpose which they did put out on interest for a very few months to increase the amount to a sufficient fund for the stated purpose. They held a note due one day from date which made their money

available at anytime desired. They collected the interest, built the hall and completely furnished it. It was a matter of business and paid them well and increased their means. If the brethren who oppose the home had had sufficient care and contributed to the home instead of endeavoring to destroy it, no doubt the time for collecting interest would not have been necessary. The hall could have been built and used sooner.

The truth is that these brethren know that Southern Christian Home has NO MONEY to lend. They are unable to defend their belief, therefore they endeavor to prejudice people against the home by circulating the notion that the home is a lending agency. The home remains in need and no doubt will continue to remain in need as it continues its child care.

This notion has been circulated in Fulton County and I am taking this means of setting the record straight. I am sure that Bro. Fullerton will be glad to discuss the home, its operation, and any matter of its business with any church in this area.

NUGGETS OF GOLD!

It is a man's inalienable right to make a fool of himself, but he should not abuse the privilege.

Remembering the Lord's Day reminds God that the Christian is still interested in Him.

The children who are brought up in Bible school are not brought up in court.

The world steps aside to let the man pass who knows where he is going.

You can't take your money with you but you can send it on up ahead.

The best spiritual exercise for man is reaching down and lifting other people up.

Put heart into your work, and the quality of your work will put heart into you. The same is true of your religion.

If you'd like to improve the value of your lot in life, why not build a service station on it?

"It is difficult to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY:

A graduate student working on juvenile delinquency reported in a Wisconsin University sociology seminar that he was having difficulty in collecting data. His project was to telephone a dozen homes around 9 p.m. and ask the parents if they knew where their children were at this hour. "My first five calls," he lamented, "were answered by children who had no idea where their parents were"

Sel.

Look into the Furnace

An old Scotch preacher was passing a glass factory just before going to the church to preach. As the door was ajar and it was some time till the service, he stepped inside. One of the large furnaces had just been opened. He gazed into the white, blue and purple mass of liquid flame until it nearly seared his face. As he turned away unaware of anyone being present, he exclaimed, "Ho man, what shall hell be like!" A stoker standing in the shadow heard him. Several nights later at the services of the church a man responded to the invitation. Grasping the preachers hand he said "You don't know me, but the other night when you stepped into the furnace room I heard what you said. Every time I have opened that furnace since then the words ring in my mind, "What shall hell be like!" I have come tonight to find out the way of salvation so that I will not have to find out what hell is like." —Christian Beacon

"Some people have buzzard religion; they never go near the church unless someone dies."

Teacher: "Is your mother or your father boss in your house?"

Child: "My daddy is the boss, but mommy does most of the talking, and that's what we go by".

The most disappointed people in the world are those who get what is coming to them.

Man May Do Several Things and Still Be Lost

There is a danger attached to the idea of thinking that we can do something that pleases us and leave off the thing that doesn't appeal to us and be saved.

Man may do several things and still be lost.

(1) May hear and be lost. This was true of the people in Antioch - Act 13: 4-46 and of Felit, he heard but would not obey - Acts 24: 24-25.

Hearing and not doing is self deception - Mt. 7: 24-27; Jas. 1: 22-25.

(2) May believe and be lost. This was true of the rulers, they believed in Christ, but would not confess him, lest they should be put out of the Synagogues. They loved the praise of men more than the praise of God - Jno. 12: 42-43; Mt. 10:33.

(3) Can be almost persuaded but lost. King Agrippa is an example of this. Paul preached unto him and he was almost persuaded to become a Christian, but was lost - Act 26: 28.

(4) Simon who had been a sorcerer was baptized and later became lost. The Bible says Simon believed and was baptized - Act 8: 13. He later tried to purchase from Peter and John the power of God with money, and was in a lost condition by so doing - Act 8: 21-22.

(5) May be a disciple and be lost. This was true of some when Jesus was here on earth. They turned back and followed him no more - Jno. 6: 66.

The Lord said the one who turns back is not fit for the kingdom of God - Lk. 9: 62.

(6) Judas was unusually close to the Lord for awhile, but was lost - Lk. 22: 3; Act 1: 25. Judas by transgression fell.

To be saved one must endure to the end - Mt. 10: 22; Rev. 2: 10.

(7) The Pharisees were religious, but were condemned. Jesus called them hypocrites, blind guides, child of hell, whited sepulchres full of dead men's bones and finally con-

cluded by saying, oh generation of Vipers, ye serpents how shall ye escape the damnation of hell? Mt. 23.

Religious but lost, why? Their religion was the wrong kind of religion vain - Jas. 1:26. They said and did not. They did their works and prayed to the seen and heard of men.

(8) Jesus stated that many who had done wonderful works would be condemned - Mt. 7: 21-23. This will occur because they did not the fathers will - Mt. 7: 21.

Obedience is essential along with our works - Heb. 5: 8-9; Rev. 22: 14.

(9) Many who have zeal will be condemned because they had not knowledge. - Rom. 10:2.

Knowledge precedes conversion - Mt. 13: 15; Jno. 8:31 - 32.

(10) The five foolish Virgins made some preparation to meet the bridegroom, but were not permitted to enter - Mt. 25: 1-13. They had made enough preparation.

They were not ready - Mt. 25: 10.

We can see that in order to be safe instead of sorry in the judgment we need to strive to do all the things the Lord requires of us in order to be saved.

Naturally

Whatever happens to the hair cut price, customers can expect to get trimmed.

-Toronto Telegram

When you get into a crowd where one fellow is talking louder than the rest, and most of the time, disengage yourself adroitly and let the rest of them listen.

Street Vacuum?

It is a mystery to me why someone does not invent a vacuum cleaner for our streets, stations, subways and parks.

- New York Herald Tribune

The danger of inflation may not worry everybody at this time but it will.

We know old men who remember the compliments that came to them as little boys.

A Misnomer - -

I have heard that Abraham Lincoln once ask a group, "If you called a sheep's tail a leg, how many legs would he have?" "Five" was the answer he heard. "Wrong", replied Mr. Lincoln, "Calling his tail a leg would not make it a leg, he would still have only four".

I was in a town to hold a meeting. I walked down the street and someone said, "Hellow Max". I crossed the street and someone else said "Hello Max, when did you get back to town"? After some inquiry I found that I looked like some fellow named Max something- or other. But I WAS NOT MAX. The fact that I was so called didn't change that fact.

Neither does calling one a Christian. Nor, is a church a church of Christ just because it is called a church of Christ. Only those individuals who have obeyed the teaching of Jesus are Christians and only a church that is built according to the New Testament pattern is a church of Christ.

Cliff Stewart

It is well to remember that mansions in the sky cannot be built out of the mud thrown at others.

Patience is the ability to throttle your motor when you feel like striping the gears.

In business we have big steel and little steel. Politics has them too, but they spell them differently.

The church will grow no faster and no larger than the vision of the members.

Just because you have plenty of iron in your blood is no reason for letting it get rusty.

Getting an idea should be like sitting down on a tack; it should make you get up and do something about it.

Some folks give their mite, others give with their might, and some don't give who might."