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News and Notes

The meeting held in Williford, Ark. by brother Doyle Kinder, resulted in twentyone baptisms and three restorations. This was one of the best meetings ever held in Williford as to the number of additions.

Persons who are planning to change their address should notify this paper in advance, else they will stop receiving the Fulton County Gospel News. It costs the paper ten cents per person for the postal authorities to notify us of a change of address.

Lynn Hixon, who preached for the church in Mtn. Grove, Mo., for a couple of years, reports a successful meeting at Olathe, Colo. One was restored. Brother Hixon will start a meeting with the Mtn. View congregation, near Richland, Mo. on Sept. 2 through 11. Brother Hixon now preaches for the church at Eldorado Springs, Mo.

The church at Stephens, Ark. is in need of a man to locate and work with the church there. They would like a man of experience and to be free of hobbies. If interested contact W. H. Hogg, of Stephens, Ark.

The new auditorium is under construction in Mammoth Spring. Brother McNeese, the contractor, says it will be ready for us sometime in December.

Those who send contributions to the KALM radio program should know that Brother Bob Simers in Mammoth Spring is now handling the finances since Brother Honeycutt was moved from Thayer.

Egotism is the anesthetic which nature gives us to deaden the pain of being a fool.

Great men never feel great; small men never feel small.

The Church: Human and Divine

By Orbie Bobbins

The church we read about in the New Testament is both human and divine. It originated with God. Eph. 3:10, 11. Christ was the builder. Mt. 16:18. The Holy Spirit was sent to reveal the way of salvation to men. Eph. 4:4; 2:20, 22.

God the Father, His Son Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit give the church its divine nature. The human side of the church, as evidenced by New Testament teaching, consists of those who have obeyed the gospel.

On the day of Pentecost, following Christ's resurrection, the gospel was proclaimed for the first time in its purity and simplicity. When the people heard it they cried unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37.

The answer given was, "Repent and be baptized everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.

Those who gladly received the words were baptized, and "there was added unto them that day 3000 souls." Acts 2:41. The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:47.

This example presents the two sides of the church, the human and the divine. On the divine side, God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit provided the gospel. The gospel was God's plan from the beginning, and was inaugurated by the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. But men and women had to obey the gospel. Many did, thus making a combination of the hu-

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Meeting Schedule

CAMP, ARK. - Aug. 12-19
Harvey Elder
GOSPEL HILL. - Aug. 12-19
Doyle Kinder
LIBERTY, ARK. - Aug. 26 - Sept. 4; O. L. Grisham
NEW LIBERTY - (near Elijah, Mo.) Sept. 23-Oct. 2
O. L. Grisham

man and the divine.

In their obedience, the people heard the gospel, believed it, repented of their sins, and we baptized for the remission of them. When these same conditions are complied with today, it produces the same results that it did on Pentecost. It makes a Christian individually, and collectively a member of the body of Christ, and institution composed of the human and the divine.

A preacher once announced there were 726 sins. He was besieged by requests for the list by people who thought they might be missing something.

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Editorial - -

Little Character Studies

Moses was great enough to lead approximately two million souls from Egypt to Canaan because he was little enough to accept the job of leading a few sheep to pasture for forty years. Let us not despise little things of life if they be honorable.

Joseph went to Egypt as a slave and worked his way to the throne; Moses was adopted into the royal family but gave it up to be a slave. Joseph endured affliction to gain prosperity; Moses gave up prosperity to endure affliction with his people.

The youth who will rule tomorrow is the youth who today is storing up resources of knowledge and wisdom, of self-reliance and courage. It is said that Milton spent thirty-four years of "solitary and unceasing study" gathering the material in his immortal work of "Paradise Lost." Pasteur gave our generation much, because for

thirty years he isolated himself and had "much to give."

No one can give much to the world without planning and working hard and long toward that end.

Little Things Count:

A thing cannot be too small to deserve attention. The first thing Sir Isaac Newton had, leading to his most important optical discoveries, was derived from a child's soap bubble.

The art of printing was suggested by a man cutting letters in the bark of a tree.

The telescope was the outcome of a boy's amusement with two glasses in his father's shop.

Charles Goodyear neglected his skillet until it was red hot, and this guided him to the manufacture of vulcanized rubber.

The web of a spider suggested to Captain Brown the idea of a suspension bridge.

Watching a spider weave its web gave Robert Bruce the courage to try again.

Henry Ford's idea about a perfect watch plant gave him a plan for his giant motor industry.

J. L. Kraft's idea to put cheese in a sanitary package was the start of his enormous business.

THE DEVIL LAUGHS - -

To hear a man say he has no way to come to church services when he can attend all the sports events held in miles around.

To hear a woman say she can't attend services because she has nothing to wear when she can parade before hundreds in any up-town bargain sale or movie.

To hear a man say he doesn't have money go give to the Lord as he breaks open another pack of cigarettes.

To hear some filthy-tongued hypocrite tell a smutty story to attract attention of other weak and feeble-minded persons.

To hear a spineless church member excuse sin by saying "Oh I guess there's no harm in it just this one time."

To see the pains a gossip takes to find something or someone to gossip about.

To hear a church member say, "I can't" when he never really tried.

To see some women try to put on airs when they really don't put on much else.

How to Kill a Meeting

The gospel meeting is responsible for the preaching during the meeting. God is responsible for the increase as a result of the meeting. And the members of the church are responsible for the audience, conduct and enthusiasm engendered during the meeting. Here are some meeting-killers that will work every time.

1. Come in late — this will disturb those who are trying to worship.
2. Sit in the back of the building — then those who come in late will have to go all the way to the front to find a seat.
3. Let the song leader sing alone.
4. Watch the clock.
5. Criticise the preacher.
6. Sleep through the service.
7. Don't speak to the visitors.
8. Apologize for the truth.
9. Don't invite your neighbors to attend.
10. Don't talk about the meeting.

"If I could get a message over to the youth of this country, it would be that success in life does not depend on genius. Any young man of ordinary intelligence, who is morally sound and not afraid of work, should succeed in spite of obstacles and handicaps if he plays the game and keeps everlastingly at it. The possibilities are measured by determination."

—J. C. Penny

"No matter what your lot in life may be, build something on it!"

"Every church has all the success it prays for and pays for!"

Complaint to a Preacher

Dear Preacher:

You are so busy trying to tell other people how to live that you seem to forget that we live in a free country. You preach against social drinking, in which I see nothing at all wrong. In fact, as I write this, I have before me a fifth of Scotch, and I intend drinking a little during the course of this letter. I'm here in the privacy of my own home, and I see nothing wrong in my drinking a little now and then. As I take my first drink, I feel better. Nothing picks me up and settles my nerves more than a good drink of scotch.

You preachers are always complaining about something, and seem to delight on picking on the social drinker. I just had my second drink of skitch and am feeling butter.

You would classify a decent citizen as a bum just becuas he takes a little drink now and then. Just to prove to you that I'm no bum, I am now going to take another drink. My grandfather always kept a little whiskey around the old house. It nevrerr hurmed him. Are you trying to till me that garndson owght to be better than his gunfather? I just took another drink and I fellel butter than my grofather ever velt.

I hop the days come when all you prishers wake up to the fact that lettle drunk never hurps any-booby. And if you will quit harpen on the soshkial drunkers you do lot better for the shirsh and communnity. You prolaby dew things a lot worsh, if the trooth were none. i just had my forth drunk, or wass it the filth?

Reed thus to yur congrashun. I hup i straten yu ot ona few thinks. Bouy, u rilly n?edit—spekly &uors?

Uour Mikkor Lerkchint

A "name" made is better than a name inherited.

Complainers

"When I find someone who complains that a preacher, or the elders, say too much or write too much about giving, I can show you a person who is not giving like he should. His conscience is hurting him; select some liberal person in the same congregation, and he does not complain. He enjoys learning all he can about the subject. I have not found an exception to this rule.

When I find someone who complains that too much is said about Bible school, I find the person that is complaining does not attend. He does not want to be reminded of his failure. What is true of the Bible school is true regarding other services. It is not difficult to figure out what is bothering him. His own conscience is hurting, and he is trying to ease it by getting even with the fellow who preached that which pricked his conscience.

Everytime I find one who does a lot of complaining about being mistreated by others, I find a person who does not know how to deal with his neighbor. You can almost be sure that when you are kind and considerate of others they will be kind and considerate of you.

What is the answer? When we are right in our hearts, we are usually right with everything else.

— Cleon Lyles.

Musings of a Worshipper

We finally made it, — in the nick of time,

Wonder if I remembered to give Junior a dime?

Is He going to lead singing again?

We need a change,
He sings much too fast an' has too high a range.

MY, It's hot and the fans don't help much

With all this singing, standing, sitting and such.

Who's that one who's going to lead

prayer?

Never saw him before — I'd remember that stare.

I can say one thing — he's long winded enough,

God don't expect all those flowery words and stuff.

"Sister, would you please stop kicking my knee?"

Don't know why my kids make a football out of me.

LOOK AT THAT HAT, Well, did you ever???

She's kinda cute and her dress is right clever.

But that hat, Oh, well I don't have to wear it.

"Junior, turn loose her sash and don't you tear it."

Oh, me, another sermon on giving that's all I need.

Wonder if he has a house full of kids to feed?

I give all I can and that's all I give.

Vacation next month — Oh, what a dream.

A tour of Texas and fishing in the gulf stream.

"Junior, don't put that dollar in your mouth again."

"That's what I was giving to God, now you've ruined it"

I honestly believe that preacher has two sets of lungs.

He's preached so long, I forgot when he begun.

Coming to church is so tiring for me.

I'm getting so sleepy, I can hardly see.

Hope my roast isn't burned and dry—

Oh, it' so hot, I think I'll die.

Thank goodness, he's all through preaching.

He sure does his share of teaching

Come on kids, Let's run on home to dinner.

"Oh, good morning preacher, twas a fine lesson for a sinner."

"Now-a-days people who say it can't be done are being interrupted by someone else doing it!"

"Most of us may never be able to be big things for God, but perhaps all of us could do little things in a bigger way."

When Gods Word enters the soul, evil occupants flee.

Why be Rebaptized

By Clovis Ragsdale

In the nineteenth chapter of Acts we read of a group of people who were rebaptized. They had been baptized with the baptism of John and apparently unaware of the fact that Christ had died on the cross and that the church had been established.

Paul instructed these people that the baptism of John was of repentance and of faith in a coming Savior. After Christ died on the cross and after the church came into existence on Pentecost, the baptism of John became outdated. From that time on people were to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for the remission of sins, Acts 2:38. When these people understood this we are told that they were rebaptized, Acts 19:5. In verse seven we learn that this group was about twelve in number. Their willingness to be rebaptized showed their desire to do what was right to please the Lord.

Many religious bodies today do not administer scriptural baptism. Some baptize people because their sins are already forgiven and baptism points out that they are now church members. They claim that baptism has no part in the forgiveness of one's sins. Others sprinkle people many of whom are too young to believe or repent. The Bible teaches that baptism is a type of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord. That when we practice baptism we become dead to sin, Rom. 6:1-7. In every example of conversions in the book of Acts we are told that those wanting to become Christians were baptized. Baptism is the final act of obedience that one takes in becoming a Christian. All who have not been baptized in the right manner and for the right purpose need to be rebaptized.

Occasionally some people demand to be rebaptized who have

been members of the church for many years. They do this because they are afraid that they did not understand what they were doing at the time, or they may have been overpersuaded. Being baptized just to please some one could hardly be scriptural baptism. They are making sure that they are doing what the Lord commands. This removes all doubt from their minds.

Anyone who loves the Lord enough and who wants to go to Heaven will willingly submit to being rebaptized if they decide their first baptism was not according to the teachings of the Bible.

"Old Scarecrow and the Cows"

Just suppose there were one hundred and fifty million cows in America. Let's suppose there is an industry doing a great business in selling certain kind of hay called "Old Scarecrow", which is made entirely of locoweed. Advertising describes it as a blend of old straws, aged in the cornfield. As a result cows by the millions turn from their sober diet of alfalfa and begin using "Old Scarecrow".

Now let's suppose that this stuff makes the cow do silly things, such as running into automobiles, jumping off bridges, or running into barbed wire fences — so much that some 500,000 are killed or injured each year. Suppose milk production is cut down because the users of "Old Scarecrow" lose 50 million "cow days" a year. And suppose four million of the cows get so sick and are so useless the farmer has to spend money and time caring for them.

Now, the merchants of this fodder continue to advertise it in every pasture with pictures of "cows of distinction" munching away on "Old Scarecrow."

The farmers of America would do something about a situation like this because their money and

cows are involved. And if we cared as much about our children and the future of our nation as the farmer cares about his cows, we would begin to voice our protest to the sale of alcohol! —Via Brunswick, Georgia Bulletin.

Why Do You Believe What You Do Religiously?

Not that anyone is scorning your intelligence or belittling your sincerity, but can you trace what you believe in religious matters to the Word of God? The authority to which you allude? The religious names you wear? The way you worship God in song, the time and manner of the Lord's Supper, the way of supporting the cause, and the manner of prayer and edification? Can you give chapter and verse of a "Thus saith the Lord?" I could be wrong, I have been before, but God is right. It is sufficiently evident, however, that until I can show "WHY" by God's Word, I am standing on a bursting bubble.

Some people have never asked themselves why they believe what they do religiously. Some cherish creeds because they have been handed down from generation to generation. Others respect certain tenets because some preacher, teacher or other respectable person holds to them. A few have their convictions based on what they call "A reasonable approach to religion." Pseudo-prophets and haber-dasher theologians serve as a basis for other doctrines. A faulty foundation in material structures.

Would you like to be sure you are right? Here is the only way, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17). Anything less should cause a conscientious, eternity-bound human to quake at the thought of a day of reckoning.

By Doyle Kinder