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LIVE BY GOD'S WORD!

Exalting CHRIST among the Deaf

Personally from Billy

Early in June we sent out letters to most of our readership. This was done after the elders of East Frayser Church of Christ requested that we ask help for **Sam Roach**, our missionary to the deaf in Southeast Asia. Sam had to have surgery in Singapore.

As of this writing, our readers have already sent in over \$3,500.

I am truly amazed and humbled, and encouraged by the ex-

pressions of love and concern that poured in from our readers.

Some are on Social Security but made great sacrifice in order to help with Sam's expenses. One said that she did not pay attention to the many solicitations she received in the mail, but when she read our letter about Sam, she said this was a "must", and sent in her contribution.

Some of the letters showed a desire to know how Sam Roach did after the surgery.

I can answer that Sam is doing fine now. The doctors have told him not to lift any heavy weights for six weeks. Apparently this is the only restriction being put on him now.

We praise God and thank Him for all you out there who poured so much of your love in your generosity!



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Billy Leavell, Editor

THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL ABIMELECH

This story based on
Judges 8:22-35, 9:1-57

**GIDEON WAS THE HERO OF THE ISRAELITES--
WITH ONLY 300 MEN, HE DEFEATED
THOUSANDS OF THE MIDIANITES!**



THE ISRAELITES
ASKED GIDEON
TO BECOME THEIR
KING, BUT HE
REFUSED.

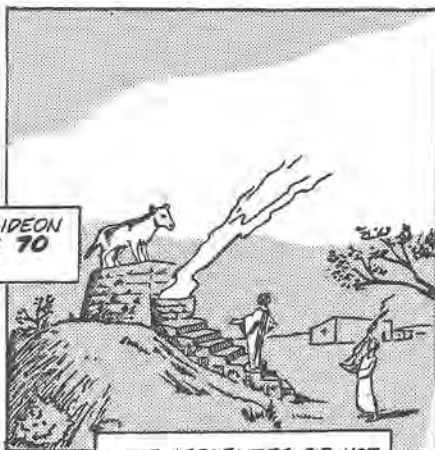


**GIDEON WAS A GOOD
MAN, BUT HE HAD A
WEAKNESS--**



HE LOVED WOMEN...
AND MARRIED MANY
WOMEN!

THIS IS HOW GIDEON
CAME TO HAVE 70
SONS!



**GIDEON LED THE ISRAELITES
FOR FORTY YEARS, BUT
WHEN HE DIED, THEY LEFT
GOD AGAIN, AND BEGAN TO
WORSHIP THE FALSE GODS
OF CANAAN AGAIN.**

THE ISRAELITES DID NOT
EVEN SHOW KINDNESS TO
THE FAMILY OF GIDEON,
WHO HAD DONE SO MUCH
FOR THEM!

ONE OF
GIDEON'S SONS
WAS
ABIMELECH--



WHOSE
HEART
WAS
EVIL!

ABIMELECH WENT TO
SHECHEM, A CITY
WHERE ABRAHAM,
FATHER OF THE ISRAEL-
ITES, ONCE BUILT AN
ALTAR.



SHECHEM WAS ALSO
THE CITY FROM WHERE
ABIMELECH'S MOTHER
CAME.

SHOULD ALL
SEVENTY SONS
OF GIDEON RULE
OVER YOU, OR
JUST ONE?
WHICH IS
BETTER?



REMEMBER,
I'M RELATED
TO YOU!

LET'S
FOLLOW
ABIMELECH!



YES, HE'S
OUR RELATIVE!

THE PEOPLE OF THE
TOWN OF SHECHEM TOOK
MONEY FROM THE TEMPLE
OF THEIR FALSE GOD
BAAL-BERITH...

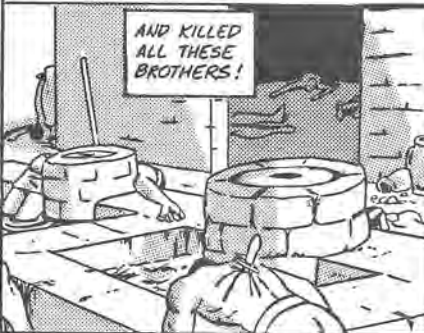


AND GAVE ABIMELECH
SEVENTY PIECES OF
SILVER.

WITH THIS MONEY,
ABIMELECH PAID NO-
GOOD MEN TO FOLLOW
HIM.



THESE WORTHLESS MEN WENT TO
OPHRAH, THE TOWN WHERE ABIMELECH'S
OTHER BROTHERS WERE...



AND KILLED
ALL THESE
BROTHERS!

BUT NOT ALL!



THE YOUNGEST BROTHER, JOTHAM,
HID HIMSELF AND ESCAPED WITH
HIS LIFE!

NOT KNOWING JOTHAM WAS STILL ALIVE, THE PEOPLE OF SHECHEM MADE ABIMELECH THEIR KING.

A MESSENGER TOLD JOTHAM.

JOTHAM WAS ANGRY! HE DECIDED TO RISK HIS LIFE AND TALK TO THE PEOPLE OF SHECHEM.

JOTHAM STOOD ON MOUNT GERIZIM AND SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE.

LISTEN TO ME, PEOPLE OF SHECHEM... THEN GOD WILL LISTEN TO YOU!

THEN JOTHAM TOLD A STORY...

THE TREES WANTED A KING TO RULE OVER THEM!

THEY ASKED THE OLIVE TREE TO BE THEIR KING.

MY OIL HONORS BOTH GOD AND MAN. WHY SHOULD I LEAVE MY OIL JUST TO BE PROMOTED OVER THE TREES? **NO THANKS!**

WHY SHOULD I LEAVE MY SWEETNESS AND GOOD FRUIT JUST TO BE PROMOTED OVER THE TREES? **NO THANKS!**

THEN THE TREES ASKED THE FIG TREE TO BE THEIR KING.



NEXT THE TREES ASKED THE VINE TO BE THEIR KING.

MY WINE CHEERS GOD AND MAN. WHY SHOULD I LEAVE MY WINE JUST TO BE PROMOTED OVER THE TREES? NO THANKS!

FINALLY, ALL THE TREES ASKED THE BRAMBLE, A LOW PLANT THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY GIVE ANY SHADE TO ANY OTHER TREE...

SO YOU REALLY WANT ME TO BE YOUR KING? THEN COME AND PUT YOUR TRUST IN MY SHADOW! IF YOU DON'T TRUST MY SHADOW --

LET FIRE COME OUT OF THE BRAMBLE AND DESTROY THE TREES OF LEBANON!

JOTHAM'S STORY WAS CLEAR-- JUST AS THE BRAMBLE IS A LOW AND NO-GOOD PLANT TO BE MADE "KING OF THE TREES", ABIMELECH'S CHARACTER WAS LOW AND NO-GOOD FOR HIM TO BE KING!



HAVE YOU DONE HONESTLY AND SINCERELY IN MAKING ABIMELECH YOUR KING?

BUT YOU HAVE RISEN AGAINST MY FATHER'S FAMILY AND KILLED HIS 70 SONS!

HAVE YOU HONESTLY AND SINCERELY RESPECTED GIDEON AND HIS FAMILY?

HAVE YOU SHOWN RESPECT FOR MY FATHER GIDEON AND FOR HIS FAMILY?

THEN BE HAPPY IN ABIMELECH... AND MAY HE BE HAPPY IN YOU.

MY FATHER FOUGHT FOR YOU!

BUT IF NOT, THEN FIRE WILL COME OUT FROM ABIMELECH TO DESTROY YOU...

HE SAVED YOU FROM THE MIDIANITES!

AND FIRE WILL COME OUT FROM YOU TO DESTROY HIM!

JOTHAM RAN AWAY TO THE CITY OF BEER FOR SAFETY.

THREE YEARS LATER, MANY OF THE PEOPLE OF SHECHEM WERE NOT HAPPY WITH ABIMELECH AS KING OVER THEM.

GAAL WAS THE LEADER OF THESE MEN OF SHECHEM.



THEY TURNED AGAINST ABIMELECH-- JUST AS HE HAD TURNED AGAINST HIS BROTHERS.

THEY HID IN THE MOUNTAINS AND ROBBED ALL WHO PASSED BY.



ABIMELECH IS NOTHING! WHY SHOULD WE SERVE HIM? IT SHOULD BE ME WHO IS KING-- NOT HIM!

ZEBUL WAS THE GOVERNOR (MAYOR) OF SHECHEM, AND HE SUPPORTED THE EVIL ABIMELECH.



MY KING ABIMELECH, I HAVE LEARNED THAT GAAL IS TRYING TO STIR ALL THE CITY OF SHECHEM AGAINST YOU... AND HE PLANS TO KILL YOU, SO THAT HE HIMSELF CAN BECOME KING!



SO ABIMELECH AGREED WITH ZEBUL TO HIDE AROUND THE CITY AT NIGHT, AND WAIT FOR MORNING...

IN THE MORNING, ZEBUL AND GAAL WERE STANDING AT THE CITY GATE.



GAAL'S EYES WERE SHARP-- HE SAW MEN HIDING IN THE MOUNTAINS!

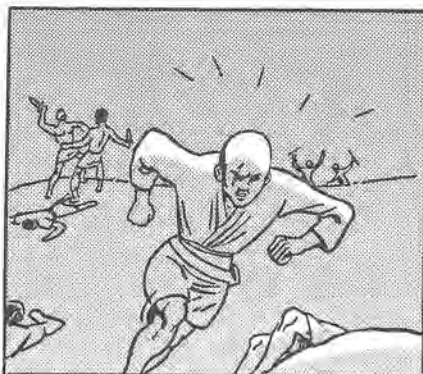


HEY! THERE ARE MEN COMING DOWN FROM THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAINS!

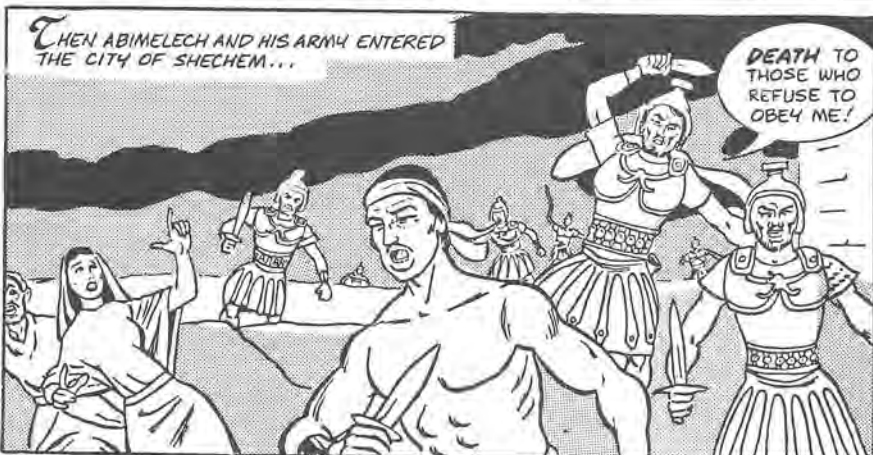
ONLY THE SHADOW OF THE MOUNTAINS-- AND YOU THINK THEY'RE MEN?



UH-- ER--



IN THE BATTLE THAT CAME, ABIMELECH DEFEATED GAAL, AND GAAL RAN AWAY FOR HIS LIFE.



UT THE FALSE GOD BAAL-BERITH WAS NO HELP TO THE PEOPLE OF SHECHEM! ABIMELECH'S MEN SET FIRE TO THE TOWER'S DOOR... AND A THOUSAND PEOPLE DIED IN THE FIRE!

THE CRUEL ABIMELECH AND HIS MEN DESTROYED THE CITY OF SHECHEM...



AND POURED SALT ON THE GROUND AS A SIGN THAT THE CITY WAS FULLY DESTROYED.

THEN, WITH THE CITY OF SHECHEM GONE, ABIMELECH STILL WANTED A CITY TO RULE OVER.

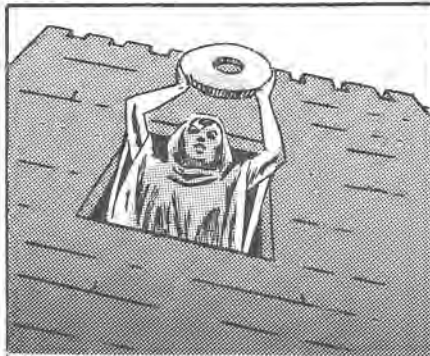


SO THEY ATTACKED THE CITY OF THEBEZ, A LITTLE OVER TEN MILES FROM WHERE SHECHEM WAS.

YOU HEARD WHAT ABIMELECH DID TO SHECHEM!



BUT MAYBE OUR TOWER CAN PROTECT US FROM HIM!



BUT IN A WINDOW ABOVE, A WOMAN DROPPED A MILLSTONE-- AND IT HIT ABIMELECH'S HEAD!

ABIMELECH FELT HIMSELF DYING. HE CALLED HIS ARMOR BEARER...



GASP... PULL OUT YOUR SWORD... KILL ME... THEN PEOPLE WON'T SAY... THAT A WOMAN KILLED ME...



THE ARMOR BEARER OBEYED ABIMELECH'S LAST WISH.

AN UNEASY PEACE CAME TO ISRAEL AFTER THE DEATH OF ABIMELECH, THE EVIL SON OF GIDEON.



SO JOTHAM'S PROPHECY CAME TRUE-- ABIMELECH AND SHECHEM DESTROYED EACH OTHER!

PROBLEMS

Preachers or elders or other leaders of local congregations know the feeling of frustration when members do not attend regularly or when members "quit" the church. These leaders hear all different kinds of excuses from these members. Are you guilty? Below are some excuses-- and some answers for them.

Sorry I couldn't come to morning services, I stayed up all night watching late movies on TV.

Is a movie worth your soul?

"It is worth nothing for a person to have the whole world, if he loses his soul in hell." (Mark 8:36)

I'm mad at the preacher or someone in the church.

Why don't you go to him and tell him why you are angry with him?

"If your brother or sister does something wrong to you, go and tell that person what he did wrong. Do this alone with that person. If that person listens to you, then you have helped that person to be your brother again." (Matthew 18:15)

"When you become angry, don't let that anger make you sin. And don't continue to be angry all day. Don't give the devil a way to defeat you." (Ephesians 4:26,27)

All Scriptures quoted are from the English Version for the Deaf (EVD), copyright 1987 by World Bible Translation Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

I like to hunt on weekends.

Faithful Christians also hunt, but they go out on Saturdays and return in time for Sunday worship.

"Be wise in the way you act with those people who are not believers. Use your time in the best way you can." (Colossians 4:5)

I have company.

Invite them to worship with you!

"So go and make followers of all people in the world." (Matthew 28:19)

I have an headache on Sunday morning.

Stop drinking Saturday night!

"Surely you know that the people who do wrong will not get God's kingdom. Don't be fooled. These people will not get God's kingdom... people who get drunk..." (1 Corinthians 6:9,10)

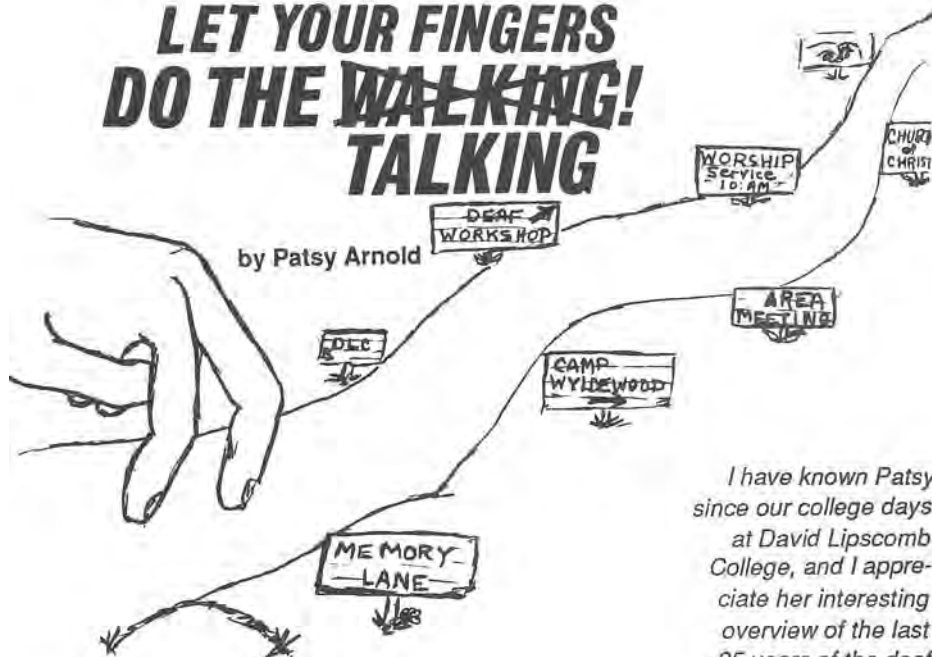
I want to stay in my sin!

Goodbye!

"Let the person who is doing wrong continue to do wrong. Let the person who is unclean continue to be unclean." (Revelation 22:11)

LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE ~~WALKING!~~ TALKING

by Patsy Arnold



DRAWING BY PATSY ARNOLD

I have known Patsy since our college days at David Lipscomb College, and I appreciate her interesting overview of the last 25 years of the deaf work. "Oldtimers" will appreciate this article. --Editor

The advertising part of the telephone book, **the Yellow Pages**, for years had a slogan that said, "Let Your Fingers Do the Walking."

"Walking" sounds like "Talking", and there are those of us, deaf and hearing, who have let our fingers do the talking over a period of many years. The happenings of these years have given many rich, great memories. Every year the pleasure of remembering seems to be more and more pleasurable.

Remembering is clearly a part of Biblical teaching. Ecclesiastes 12:1 teaches the young to remember their Creator in the days of their youth. Not remembering is dangerous: Jeremiah 2:32, "...My people have forgotten Me days without number." Luke 16:25 tells that the rich man remembered that wiser choices would have made him happier, and Acts 9:39 relates the people remembering the kind acts of Dorcas.

Letting our fingers do the walking down Memory Lane for a few minutes, remember with me some of the moments we have shared, and what has come from these times in our efforts together to share the wonderful Word of God with the deaf. How many working with the deaf in the church today came through some of Bill Leavell's Sign Language classes at Lipscomb? Do you remember his sign for "Lipscomb", and "Understand"?

Camp Wyldewood was the site for the making of many lasting impressions. Were you there to see the fireball go through the darkened sky, hitting and putting ablaze a cross? "Nursie's" caring was so warm. Loyd Williams came to the rescue when the youngest camper, Patty Hocker's legs got too tired on the hikes: Loyd just lifted her up to his shoulders and gave her a ride. The Maynards and Andersons were the sparkplugs that kept those camping sessions hopping. The Leavells tested out Harding's swings, and the tradition of the swings has worked well with them. Does anyone know where the young girl is who was there at camp, having become deaf when a train explosion happened near her home? Somewhere it was learned that she may have had surgery restoring her hearing, and was going into nursing. Who has more information? The Sam Roach family was as much a part of Camp Wyldewood as was Inspiration Point. Gladys Holland and her son, Benny, have been so important in this great work and are esteemed so highly.

Which of you were in Detroit for the **Jimmy Allen Campaign** at Cobo Hall? Our young signers made fine ushers for the deaf in that meeting. Several nights there were so many being baptized that we would pull the wet socks off of someone just baptized to put on another person in the line so they would not slip and fall on the wet floor. Do you remember the daughter of the deaf couple who requested to be baptized in the tank nearer where we were sitting so her parents could see her better? The deaf group in the church in Detroit at that time was the largest group of deaf persons meeting in the state.

Brother **Marshall Keeble** dearly loved the deaf. The young boys with him had learned at least the alphabet, and worked hard to be especially friendly with those of us in the deaf group. Interpreting for Brother Keeble was a special challenge. How do you sign "Augh-ugh", the throaty sound he would make when he made a special point in his speaking? He would always take time to visit with us, and his friendliness and warmth came through loud and clear.

Brother Woods really enjoyed being with brother Eldon Birdwell there at Eastside Central congregation in Detroit. The two men shared a comradeship that did not need an interpreter.

The workshops are a whole chapter of fond remembrances! None could be more memorable than the year the EVD was first presented. We saw the "pioneers" in the work with the deaf there on the stage; Dr. Jon Ashby said that if he were deaf, he would wish to have lived either during the time our Lord gave hearing to the deaf, or that night, when for the first time, the deaf had the New Testament in their own language. The smell of the ink and bindings of the EVDs being taken out of the crates in the back rooms came across the people there like a cloud. Was there anyone whose eyes did not have tears of appreciation and thrill?

In Maryland, the local preacher was trying to locate the deaf of the area before their meeting, since the preacher's wife would interpret for the deaf. The congregation had no luck locating the

On page 13 it is mentioned the Billy Leavells tried out the swings of Harding. This photo, snapped by Patsy, shows Billy and his girl friend Marilyn Allgood doing exactly this. On June 9, 1987, Billy and Marilyn celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.



deaf before the meeting, but a visit to the local Social Services office, and then the newspaper started the contacts with each deaf person giving the names and addresses of deaf known to them, and the congregation there had a good deaf work started by the end of the meeting. One deaf couple lived just down the street from the local preacher, and there were tears of joy as the deaf woman told of how thrilled they were now to have a place where they could learn more about God. When a family had the visiting preacher and his wife over to their home for a meal, they were often shocked when a large number of other people would come too, wanting to learn a few more signs in every minute of that meeting. There was even signing and checking signs through the window of the plane as the meeting preacher went back home.

A group of the deaf from the Canton, Ohio congregation appeared at our door in Detroit New Year's Eve, about 1:00 a.m. They were far away from home, but wanted to be certain they had found the church before time for the worship service the next morning.

The thrill of meeting deaf persons who live far away from other deaf has been great. The eyes become so wide, and then the questions begin to fly as friendships happen in a minute. A meeting in Mississippi let us meet a fine Christian man who lives a long distance from the nearest deaf person. The week of the meeting was as important to us as it was to him. We live far apart but he writes the richest letters to us. In New Mexico, the lady was the only deaf person in that town, and we both enjoyed talking together. Soon some of the children on the church bus route learned enough signs to be able to talk with this lady as they met in the grocery store and other places in town. An Ohio man became ill at a meeting in a distant city. The sign on his hospital bed said "Deaf" but the nurse stood behind him and yelled, "ARE YOU FEELING ANY BETTER YET?" The nurse had a funny look when fingers flew for a minute, and then the voice of the man's new friend told the nurse, "He may be feeling a little better but he **really** would appreciate it if he could at least hold some crushed ice in his mouth.

At a Christian home and school, there is a dear deaf lady who is the only deaf person working and living there. She and the children

here are an example of how much communication can go on even when they do not use the same language: she loves them, and they love her. The deaf who are isolated from other deaf must be very lonesome for friends they can easily communicate with, and the **LIGHT FOR THE DEAF** and other publications meet a special need here.

Being in the hospital in a strange town was not comfortable. The hallway was full of people. Above the heads of all the rest was a hand saying "Hi!" The Bob Andersons were ready to do everything they could to help, and their being there did help, a lot!

Sunday a deaf couple from another state visited with us for the worship services. The man was known from earlier workshops, and the woman was a delight to meet. They were very knowledgeable about the Bible, and obviously very active in the church.

Even before a public figure used the phrase, I had a dream: it was the dream that a deaf person in any part of the country could attend services in any congregation, and there would be an interpreter so all could "hear". The woman at the services Sunday told of coming to this area years ago, and sitting in a congregation where there was no interpreter. She said she did this because she was "not to forsake the assembling...", and so she went to the services regardless! Sad, that there was no interpreter, but how great that she had such an understanding of what she was to do!

There has been much progress. Young people will find it hard to believe that there was a time when the deaf group had to meet in the back of the auditorium for the worship service. There was the thought that signing would be distracting to the hearing. It took time, but now the understanding is that the hearing can more easily train themselves not to be distracted, that signing is more like "instant replay" on television than it is a distraction, and the deaf sits up front, where the speaker's expressions and mouth can be more easily seen. Interpreters in some places are even paid. Imagine that! In some places, it is understood that their time, effort and even gasoline are as worthy of compensation as the preacher's. Fantastic! (I recall flying to the other end of a certain state to interpret a meeting, and there was not even a "Thank you." My ticket had cost me a lot of money.) Deaf take an active part in the worship service, waiting on the Lord's Table, serving in many ways. The EVD, now in the Old and New Testaments will permit the deaf to better "study to show themselves approved unto God..." and let them become even strong Christians, more knowledgeable of God's Word.

These remembrances are just a few of many dear, valued and important happenings over a twenty-five year period. These are happenings and people who have enriched my life, and hurdles that have been overcome in a work that is very dear to me and my family. I wonder what wonderful things will have happened by the time, perhaps in another twenty-five years, that we again take a walk down memory lane, where we have "let our fingers do the talking!"

Our Position on HOMOSEXUALITY

Recently it came to our attention that in an article this editor wrote in the January/February/March 1985 issue, it appeared that he was saying that a homosexual could be baptized without his first stopping his sin.

We took out our copy of this issue and examined the afore mentioned article closely. After making our examination, we are satisfied that our language never once showed that homosexuality is a sin that we can tolerate in the church. Our article did encourage the homosexual wanting to break his sin to seek counseling from a qualified Christian. Since we did not mention the homosexual having to stop his sin before baptism, it is easy for some readers to misunderstand us this way.

So on these pages we are attempting to make our position clearer than in the January/February/March 1985 issue. We would appreciate any response or comment from any reader who thinks we are in error.

1. Should a homosexual stop his sin before he is baptized?

Yes! Peter in his sermon to the Jews on Pentecost Day, told them that they must repent and be baptized before they could be forgiven. (Acts 2:38) The word "*repent*" is the King James Version's translation of a Greek word meaning *to think differently* (Strong's Concordance). This is why the *English Version for the Deaf*, in trying to make the Greek clear to deaf readers, translated "change your minds and hearts".

The idea behind the word "*repent*" is that the sinner changes his attitude toward his sin, whatever it is (as well as to sin in general). The sinner must realize that his sin separates him from his God. (Isaiah 59:2) Homosexuality is clearly taught to be a sin in God's Holy Bible. (See Leviticus 18:22, 20:13; Romans 1:24, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10) So if a person is a homosexual when he hears and believes the gospel, he must realize he is to stop his sin before he can obey the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism.

2. Is it possible for a person to be baptized when the church does not realize he is a homosexual?

Sadly, yes, because the church cannot read his heart and because they cannot see every act the person does. This is true of any sinner. A lady might be a prostitute or a man might be an alcoholic without our knowledge, etc. But if we know that they are guilty of these sins, then we should strongly advise them to stop these sins before we will accept the task of baptizing them.

3. Should a Christian visit a homosexual to teach him the gospel?

Certainly! Our Lord sent us into all the world to all people. He wants us to teach the gospel to homosexuals as well as to other kinds of sinners. Romans 10:14 clearly teaches that sinners cannot believe if someone does not teach them God's Word first.

4. Can a homosexual be completely cured?

Forgiven of his sins, yes, but in some cases he cannot be fully cured of his lust for homosexuality. By this we mean that since he has habitually exercised his sin, the feeling of pleasure that he received will be hard to erase. It is the same with alcoholics and drug addicts. They can be forgiven of their sins, but their desire for alcohol and/or drugs cannot disappear in one day. It is possible that some of them can overcome their lust so that they never again desire further homosexual experience. This can be done by Christ's help! (Philippians 4:13) But we believe that for many of them, we should be patient and help them overcome this desire.

5. Are homosexuals responsible for the AIDS epidemic?

Partly! Experts believe the AIDS virus was first spread in Africa by *heterosexuals* (people who use normal sex). Some people who contracted the AIDS virus were *bisexuals* (people who accept sex with a person of their own sex, or of the opposite sex). This is how homosexuals spread this disease to the United States. This fits what Romans 1:27 talks about when it says homosexuals received "*recompense*" (King James Version) or "*penalty*" (Revised Standard Version) or "*punishment*" (English Version for the Deaf) for their sin. This does not mean the AIDS disease alone, but *any* sexual disease. However heterosexuals will have to share responsibility for spreading the AIDS disease in the United States.

6. Will a homosexual's sins be really forgiven him if he is baptized?

Only if he truly believes in the Lord Jesus and changes his attitude toward his sin! (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38) Baptism has no power in itself, but it is our faith and obedience that cleanses our hearts. (See 1 Peter 3:21; Acts 15:9; 1 John 1:7)

WHAT DOES JESUS MEAN TO YOU?

TO NICODEMUS-- "A teacher sent from God." (John 3:2)

TO NATHANIEL-- "Rabbi, You are the Son of God. You are the King of God's people." (John 1: 49)

TO OTHER PEOPLE-- "You are John the Baptizer... Elijah... Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
(Matthew 16:14)

TO PILATE-- "I am not guilty of this man's death." (Matthew 27:24)

TO JUDAS-- "I sinned. I gave you an innocent man to be killed." (Matthew 27:4)

TO PETER-- "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)



Light on



"Would you like to send Light for the Deaf to -----.
He is a deaf man. He said he love to read the Light for the Deaf book."

--Winston Goldsmith,
Austin, Texas

Certainly, we would like to send your friend LIGHT FOR THE DEAF. We have

now put him on our mailing list. We're glad he enjoyed your copies of LIGHT, but now he can read his own copies! By the way, we enjoyed meeting and talking with you at the National Workshop for the Deaf in Lubbock, Texas.

"Gladys Holland showed me the booklet called 'Light for the Deaf'.

I read the topic, 'The One True Church', and enjoyed it very much. My wife, Marshitah and I attend the Church of Christ for the Deaf here in Austin. Yes, we believe that Jesus is true Son of the living God and were already baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. We have then received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Now, we try to continue to be faithful to Him as much as we can. It's not easy because we give up earthly pleasures for Jesus Christ, and we share the suffering with Him. We know that life on the earth is short as comparing to the everlasting life in the Heaven."

--Rick Garbacz,
Austin, Texas

Thank you, Rick. Gladys is a precious and dear friend from way back. I am glad she introduced you to LIGHT FOR THE DEAF. You are now on the LIGHT FOR THE DEAF mailing list. I hope you will enjoy the material that is coming your way. And like Winston Goldsmith, I enjoyed meeting and talking with you at the National Workshop for the Deaf in Lubbock, Texas.

"It has just been brought to our attention that you have a publication that may be of interest and help to us in our efforts to be of service to the hearing impaired of our city. We would appreciate being placed on your distribution list, or at least obtaining a sample copy. If there is a subscription price, please let me know."

--Kenneth L. Lucas,
Church of Christ,
San Angelo, Texas

Thank you for your request. LIGHT is now being sent to your congregation. LIGHT is free to all who

request it. East Frayser Church of Christ here in Memphis takes the responsibility of financing its publication and mailouts, but donations are always certainly welcome.

"This is just a note to say we are thinking of you. Also, we want to thank you for the special work you do in the Lord's kingdom."

--Teresa Hogan,
Sikeston, Missouri

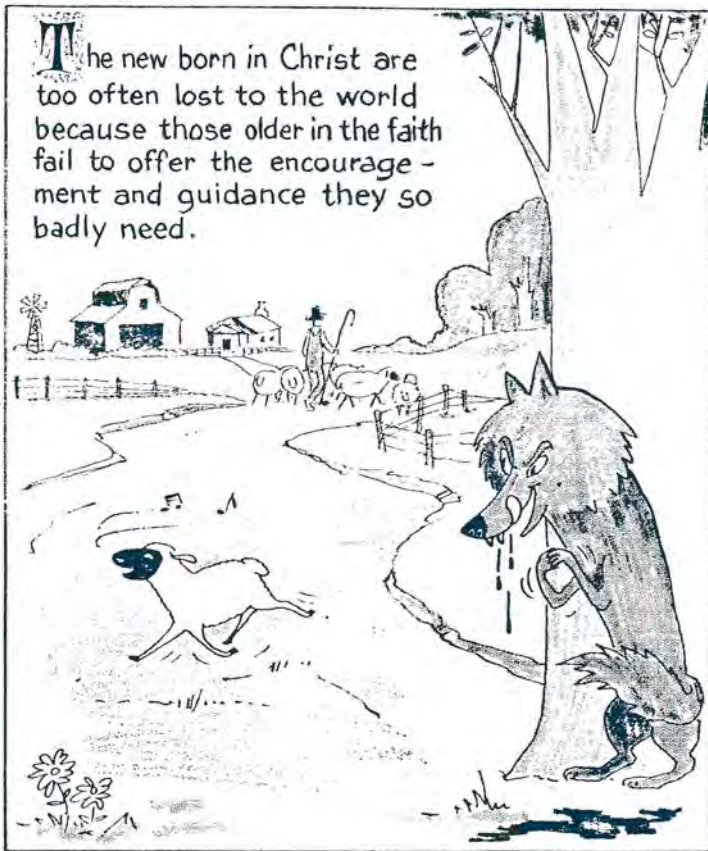
Although Teresa was the one who sent the card, it was also signed by the members of the Monday Evening Ladies' Class at Shady Acres Church of Christ in Sikeston, Missouri. One of the members is Barb Scott, who is married to a deaf man. Thank you very much, sisters, for your sweet note and thoughts!

"Will you please remove our names from your mailing list? Sorry! We aren't Church of Christ members any more. Now we are ----- members."

--E.E.,
Florida

I am truly sorry that you are not comfortable with LIGHT FOR THE DEAF. It is not designed for "Church of Christ" members, but for Christians who believe the New Testament way. You would be surprised at the number of readers from other religious groups who enjoy reading our publication. We have no intention of forcing people to believe the way as we do, but we do want them to search their Bibles and see if what we say is not true! For an example of honest people who searched the Bible when they heard preachers teach something different from what they believed, read Acts 17:11.

The new born in Christ are too often lost to the world because those older in the faith fail to offer the encouragement and guidance they so badly need.



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