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Open Ten New Church Areas

The Church of God is a growing Church! It is **leaping** ahead! not only has it grown in its capacity to proclaim the true Gospel in new areas of the world as a witness by means of the recently acquired time on the additional 14 powerful radio stations in America, but also in its ability to "feed the flock," the **members** of the Church of God, by the raising up of **nine new Churches and one Bible Study!**

Read this information and take another look—the map you received with the July, 1964 GOOD NEWS is now a little out of date!

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Look at these smiling faces! They belong to the officials of a combined spokesman club meeting in Milwaukee. On November 1, the Chicago Saturday Night Spokesman Club traveled to Milwaukee for the Sunday afternoon combined meeting. This was the first of a series of combined spokesman club meetings scheduled during the coming winter. Left to right are Messrs. Kleier, secretary; Strickland, vice president; Roenspies, Local Elder and Meeker, Preaching Elder, club co-ordinators; Larsson, president; Wolbeck, treasurer.

Chicago Area Plans for December Activities

1964		DECEMBER				1964	
		1	2	3	4	5	
			Bible Study	Basketball Practice		Combined Club	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Basketball Games	Combined Visiting Team Meeting		Bible Study	Basketball Practice		Movie at Keyman Club	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
Family Activities	Physical Fitness		Bible Study	Basketball Practice		Combined Club	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Basketball Games	Physical Fitness		Bible Study		Xmas Camp-out	Movie at Keyman Club	
27	28	29	30	31			
Family Activities	Physical Fitness		Bible Study	Basketball Practice			

Dec. 5—Milwaukee Sunday Club and Elkhart Evening Club at Elkhart.

Dec. 6—BASKETBALL
Milwaukee vs. Chicago
LaGrange vs. Colored
Elkhart vs. Indianapolis
Peoria vs. Danville

Dec. 19—Saturday Night White and Colored Clubs (Combined)

Dec. 20—BASKETBALL
Milwaukee vs. Elkhart
Chicago vs. Grand Rapids
LaGrange vs. Peoria
Colored vs. Danville



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New Church Started In Duluth, Minnesota

by Fred Bauer

On the Sabbath of October 10th, at 9 a.m. another one of God's churches was started in the Woodman Hall in Duluth, Minnesota. "The city of Duluth had no special welcome awaiting us," Mr. McMichael told us, "There were no reporters or TV cameras, no 'red-carpet' treatment. No one was aware of this most important event in the history of the city. The first Church of God was about to be established in that area for the first time in all of time by the Creator God and it was done without recognition."

Mr. McMichael then stressed how vital this new church is to the people who will be attending. Many of them would never attain the Kingdom if the church were not started in their area. With this in mind, we rejoice with our brethren in Duluth for the opportunity God is offering them to grow and overcome.

Mr. Dean Blackwell Speaks on Healing

by Harold Cormany

One of the doctrines that confuses the Christian more than any other is healing. Why God **heals** instantaneously in some cases, and waits **months and years** to heal in others. Are all afflictions the result of sin? Our Evangelist, Mr. Dean C. Blackwell answered these questions for nearly 300 in LaGrange last Sabbath.

He opened his sermon with the nearly instantaneous healing of a heathen, a general from Syria, a man named Naaman, who was afflicted with leprosy, and how God healed him through a simple act of obedience. (II Kings 5)

And in the very next scripture our minister revealed to us in II Tim. 4:20 how one of God's chosen ministers, who obviously had been annointed by another of God's ministers, was left sick, so ill that he was unable to continue with Paul's party. Why does God do this, was the question of nearly everyone in that assembly?

Mr. Blackwell went on to show how one of the most zealous Evangelists in God's church had a life time of stomach troubles and was admonished by God's Apostle, to no longer drink water and to drink wine to relieve this stomach problem. Yet Timothy was not healed of this affliction.

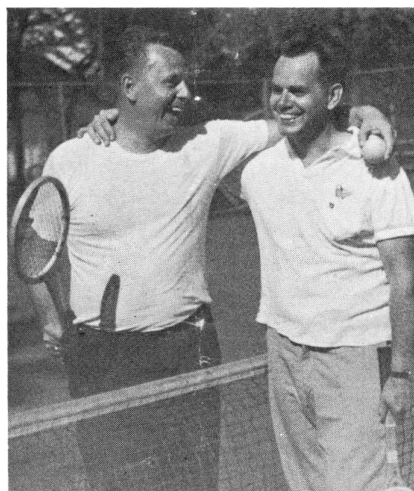
Paul actually supplicated God on three separate occasions to be relieved of His 'thorn in the flesh.' Yet God said in II Cor. 12:9 that "His grace was sufficient." Our Bible reveals to us that through a natural old age process two of the greatest patriarchs who ever lived spent the waning years of their life in nearly total blindness (GEN. 27 and GEN. 47). And how the woman who depicts the 'Church of God' (Rachael) died in child birth.

God revealed through out his scriptures a **natural** old age process that at times results in blindness, hard of hearing, overweight and senility.

He healed certain unconverted individuals to show the world who His chosen ministers were (John 9:1). Also to prove Christ was indeed the Messiah. Yet He left some of His **chosen and called** in their infirmities knowing that in physical weakness they would depend more on God for deliverance.

Paul had the answer in II Cor. 12:9 and 10, 'Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **FOR WHEN I AM WEAK (physically) then am I strong. (spiritually).**

In other words God delays our healing sometime, in order that we will depend more on him, for we build no faith or character in continuing, instantaneous healing.



Two deacons complete summer activities with a "set" each. Play off will be in the spring. Left, Wilbur Ball, right, John Kredich

Basketball League Standings

	WON	LOST
LaGrange	3	0
Negro	2	0
Chicago	1	1
Indianapolis	1	1
Grand Rapids	1	1
Peoria	0	1
South Bend	0	2
Milwaukee	0	2

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Negro	1	0
LaGrange-Chicago	1	1
Grand Rapids-Elkhart.....	0	1

Knowledge Knots



See page six for answers



GRAND RAPIDS MARRIAGE—Mr. Michael Mazzukelly and Miss Frances Savage were united in Holy Matrimony October 24 at Grand Rapids, Minister Frank McCrady officiating. Left to right are: Miss Carol Bowman, Maid-of-Honor, the Bride and Bridegroom, Mr. McCrady, and Mr. Gene Balzeski, Best Man. The bride wore a turquoise dress with satin trim, and carried white carnations and pink roses. One hundred ninety guests attended the ceremony and reception at Diamond Street Hall. The Mazzukelly's reside at Wyoming, Michigan.

Excerpts taken from a recent letter written by John Homyk (a freshman in Ambassador College, Bricketwood, England) to his brother Anthony.

Dear Tony;

I was happy to receive your letter.

Now to give you some information concerning life here at Ambassador. Everything I tell you will be truth and you will be held accountable for this knowledge. So, I pray you will act upon it and not just read this letter: That is an important point. That is why they teach us at Ambassador College — "Knowledge is of no value but how it is used."

You could take tons of notes from the sermons and Bible studies but if you are not taking those notes and studying them of what value are they? Why did you take them in the first place? You have to act upon the principles set forth in the sermons or your notes are worthless. Pore over those notes, dig out the principles and apply them in your daily life.

At the college we students are up at 6:00 A.M. for morning exercise. We have breakfast at 7:00 A.M. I'm carrying 18 credit hours, and I am working 19 hours. We have dinner at 6:00 P.M., and we have club in the evening and other activities. When bed time comes around it is usually 10:30 P.M. or later. Plus, we have to get morning and evening prayer in, which is very important.

Responsibility is very important and stressed, cleanliness (shower daily), neat appearance, well dressed, hair groomed, being on time, paying bills, keeping things neat and in order, doing what is required, etc.

Ambassador club is very lively. Hands fly into the air for business, tabletopics, etc., real drive and zest.

God will take into consideration every detail when we are judged (read Mat. 16:24-27, notice vs. 27). If you can grow and overcome and do what we are working to do, change and become more like Christ, just think of the reward you can have. You are responsible to God for your own activities daily here on Earth. So drive, study, pray, overcome, get on the ball. Help people in the congregation, get to know them, talk with them, have the personality of Christ. Read the Gospels. See Christ. Be Christ.

Don't DECEIVE PEOPLE, DON'T PUT ON A SHOW! (I am not saying that you will) but be sincere in everything. Don't try to impress people or the ministers — but help — put your whole heart into God's work, and he will reward you for it. James 4:10; 4:6; 4:16 and Prov. 6:17.

Also study James 3 very carefully. Dig out the truth and watch your tongue.

Finally Prov. 23:12. Pour your whole heart, your whole being into God's work. Pore over this letter, study it, apply the points in your daily life. Visit the widows, get on the ball.

One last comment, get the booklet on the "New Morality," read it carefully, study it, dig out the principles. It contains many things we are taught in many classes. So study it.

I miss you and the family. I pray for you. We must make it into the kingdom. That is the main thing, that is our purpose in life. Just think of what it all means.. Get your mind on the vision, "The World Tomorrow."

Say hello to everyone,

Love,

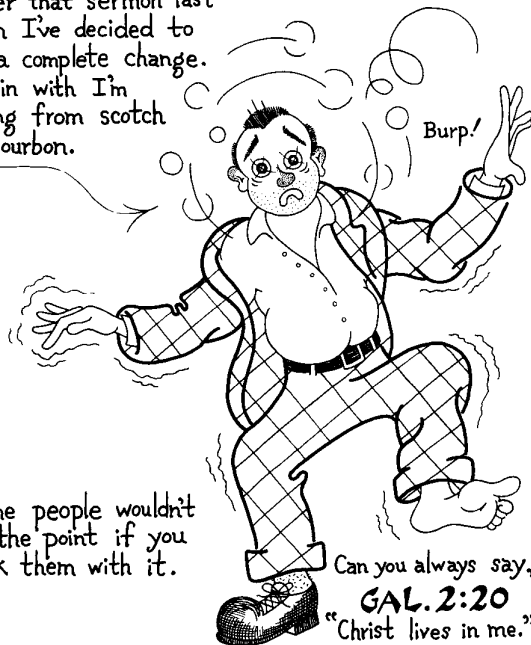
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New Negro Spokesman Clubs Officers

by Elisha Crim

LAODICEAN JONES

After that sermon last Sabbath I've decided to make a complete change. To begin with I'm changing from scotch to bourbon.



Some people wouldn't get the point if you stuck them with it.

Can you always say,
GAL. 2:20
"Christ lives in me."

The spokesmen of the two clubs of the all Negro church have recently enjoyed unusual and outstanding meetings.

The spokesman clubs help to develop the whole man, provide opportunities to have true fellowship and to demonstrate God's government in action.

Saturday night of October 31st, we held our first combined dinner meeting with the wives and dates of the spokesmen as guests. The delicious meal was prepared by the men's wives and served by young high school boys of the church. The highlight of the meeting was the announcing of the new officers of both clubs by Mr. Harold Jackson.

Saturday Night

President Maceo Hampton
Vice Pres. Charles Watson
Sect'y Jessie Bellamy
Sgt. at Arms Charles North

Tuesday Night

President Robert Jones
Vice Pres. Maurice Welch
Sect'y Terry Williams
Sgt. at Arms Donald Williams
Treas. Melton Adams

Another treat came on November 6th, when the Saturday night club had the honor of being host to the Thursday night club of the Chicago Church. It was a combined meeting with over one hundred guests in attendance.

This was the second meeting of its kind; these meetings were very interesting, filled with outgiving love and warmth, as they brought back memories when some of the men were in clubs together. Many are amazed over the improvement and development of various men. We are thankful to Mr. Blackwell for planning these meetings and we are looking forward to having more in the future. These meetings have proved to be a real spark for the entire church.

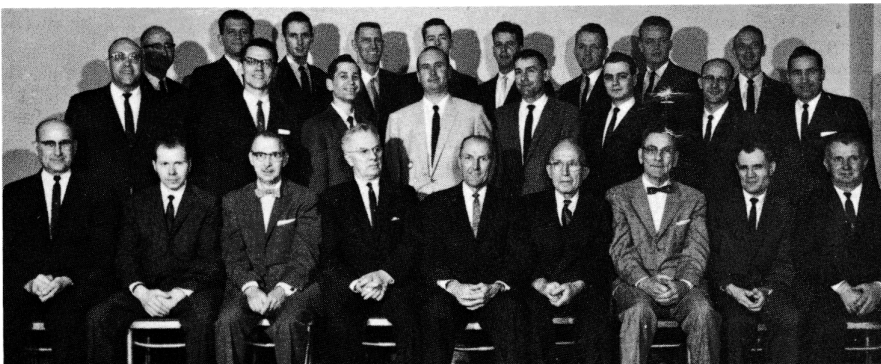
Added Benefit for Chicago Spokesman Clubs

by Jim Howell

Here is the official portrait of the Saturday Night Spokesman Club! This is a sample of the work done by Mr. Wilbur Vandermolen in behalf of the Midwest Area Church of God News.

Each of the Chicago Spokesman Clubs has had a sitting in front of the "birdie." Every member has an opportunity to purchase a portrait of his club, suitable framed, for one dollar. One quarter of this amount is returned to the respective clubs while the remainder goes to the area newspaper.

The Church of God News recently spent \$150.00 for purchase of a professional type camera for Mr. Wilbur Vandermolen. This purchase will make possible an improvement in both the quality and quantity of pictures used in our area newspaper. The Chicago Spokesman Clubs are indeed grateful for this service performed for them by the newspaper staff.



What is this Thing Called Man?

by Joanne Christian

*What is this thing called man, O Lord,
That you're so mindful of?
What has he done, this wayward one,
Deserving of thy love?*

*Is not he selfish, vain and proud
Deceitful above all?
His sins and faults are mountainous,
His virtues oh, so small.*

*But as he's stumbling in the dark
And trying to find his way,
Your blessed truth is shown to him,
And darkness becomes day!*

*Then what a wonderful happening!
There's peace within his soul!
He works and strives, he learns and grows
thy kingdom is his goal!*

*And when that glorious day arrives,
When Christ will then come down,
That faithful servant will receive
A precious, golden crown!*

"What Did He Say?"

by Gene Madison

Are you having a hard time hearing in church lately? Well, Chicago, Chicago Colored, Milwaukee and La Grange churches now have headphone sets for you and anyone else who is experiencing difficulty in hearing at church.

The response from those who have taken advantage of this added benefit has been most heartening.

Even those who wear aids are surprised! No background noises! No battery fading, no ear molds and "whistling," just a soft foam rubber earphone on each ear—bi-naurel hearing!!!

One such user was encouraged to leave the set on during the hymn singing between sermons. He turned around beaming and in his own words said, "Hey, this is all right! I heard him singing too!" Imagine, brethren!!! He had never heard Mr. Mancewicz leading in song before!!! Afterward, he told me that except for the recent Feast Days, where he had worn a headphone set, this was the first sermon he had heard in three years—the entire time he has been in Gods church. Similar comments have been made in the Milwaukee church.



MR. DAVISON assists **Mr. Heachock** with the new bi-naurel hearing device in the hard of hearing section.

The four churches have sets that are interchangeable and can be used in any hall with any amplifying systems. They will all be used together at future combined convocations and holy days.

So the thing to do, if you are one of those saying, "Oh, he talks so fast, I just can't understand him," or "He speaks too softly," or if you miss key scriptures, is to try one on!! But be prepared for a pleasant surprise!!

Your family or friends can sit right with you, even though they won't be wearing one.

Open Church Areas

(Continued from page 1)

The members of nine previous "no Church" areas have, in the weeks since July, received this joyous opening statement in a letter from Mr. Armstrong: "Here is GOOD NEWS! We are now able to begin holding regular Sabbath services in (your area) . . .!" Words heralding the answer to the prayers of many **hundreds** of people!

Three of the new Churches began in the month of August.

Two were started on August 15 in the state of Florida. Mr. Kenneth Swisher is the pastor of both. Mr. Swisher is able to feed the newly organized flock in **Lakeland, Florida** each Sabbath morning and the people of the new **Miami, Florida** Church of God in the afternoon.

Just across the northern border of the land of Manasseh, August 22nd saw the beginning of another Church for the peoples of **Ephraimitish** stock. The new Church now meets regularly each Sabbath in **Toronto, Ontario, Canada**. Mr. Gary Antion is the regular pastor to that Church of the Canadian brethren. You'll find Toronto located on the north shore of Lake Ontario.

The month of October saw the beginning of no less than **5** new Churches of God in the land of Manasseh.

The Church in **Duluth, Minnesota** was begun on October 10. Mr. Sherwin McMichael is its regular pastor. Also on the same date the **Nashville, Tennessee** Church of God was started. The regular pastor there is Mr. Bob Steep. You will notice there was already a Bible study being conducted in Nashville.

Two Churches were initiated on October 17. One is in the northeast of the continent at **Buffalo, New York** where the pastor is Mr. Gary Antion, while the other is located half way across the continent in **Omaha, Nebraska**. Mr. Glen White is the pastor there. You will notice from your map that the members in Omaha were already being nourished by means of a regular Bible study. Now they also have the benefit of full sermons every Sabbath.

Jumping one state to the southeast and one Sabbath later, the Church at **Columbia, Missouri** got its start on October 24. The Church at Columbia is ministered by Mr. Hal Baird.

Now in going to the northwest area of the states, in fact, the most northwest state south of the Canadian border we

First In Indianapolis

by Donald Hofmann

On September 29, 1964, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davidson. Her name is Annette Lynn and she weighed 9½ pounds at birth.



Now, granted that there is nothing unusual here, but, let us go back a little and recap the sequence of events.

Mr. Carn Catherwood was the first minister of the Indianapolis Church. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were the first couple from the Indianapolis church to be married and it was the first marriage ceremony performed by Mr. Catherwood.

To further add to the enjoyment of the occasion, Annette is the first grandchild of the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Landes, who are faithful members of the Indianapolis congregation.

can pinpoint the location of the new Church started on October 30. Notice here that this would be the evening portion of the Sabbath. The location is **Spokane, Washington**. Notice also that this area previously had a regular Bible study. Mr. Bill McDowell is ministering to the Church in Spokane.

And now the month of November is apparently keeping pace. A new Bible study was scheduled to begin on November 8. Mr. Arthur Mekarow, pastor of God's Churches in **Detroit, Michigan**, and **Toledo, Ohio**, will be conducting this new Bible study in **Saginaw, Michigan**.

So there we have nine new Churches and one new Bible study being started in the past three months. Hundreds more of God's people are being fed the pure Word of God week after week. Do you rejoice with these people and will you remember to pray for them and their pastors? If your heart is really in God's Work and you are watching where Jesus Christ is working, you will.

Grand Rapids Church Has Steady Growth

"Stability" perhaps best describes the Grand Rapids Church. Or, it may be simply a characteristic trait of its many members, descendants of Zebulun, which heavily populate lower Michigan. In any event, the average Sabbath attendance of 245 has had a variance of less than ten for many weeks now!

Formed in May 1963 with 125 attending, church growth was moderate for many months. In the summer of 1964 attendance jumped by 75 to its present level prompting a return to meeting at the Ladies Literary Club. The church is blessed in having nearly 500 cushioned seats giving us room for future growth.

Spokesman Club Overflows

The Grand Rapids Spokesman Club filled up quickly. Its quota of 30 was filled to overflowing at its inception last September. Three or four are now on the "waiting list."

Building Projects

Elkhart-Grand Rapids churches have collaborated in developing the camping area at the Glen Keeley farm, near Gobles, Mich. A ball diamond has been seeded for next year's use, and a 20' x 30' shelter has three walls erected, sufficient to house picnic tables and swing sets for the winter.

Other "building projects" include the newly-formed basketball team now participating in league play, and a softball team for '65!

Sabbath Services

Sabbath services begin at 3:00 p.m. following a 120-mile drive by Minister Frank McCrady from Elkhart morning services. Mr. McCrady is aided by Mr. Ronald Reedy, Ministerial Assistant, and Mr. Roland Van Slooten, Deacon.



"Chicago's Broken Bone Club" accidentally developed in one week when Marvin Edelbach, Mrs. Ted Efimov, and Tom Vandermolen broke a bone in their arms. It makes you wonder what they are smiling about!



A handshake joins 99 years — 19 on the left and 80 on the right. Mr. Charles Cary is the youngest club member and Mr. Henry Riem the oldest.

Going All Out

by John Coco

On Sunday, November 7, in the little town of Leiters Ford, Indiana, our basketball team of high school boys from the LaGrange and Chicago Churches won their first game in inter-Church competition by defeating the Grand Rapids and Elkhart high school team. It was a close game and it really had everyone on his feet the last five minutes of play. With each basket scored there were AH'S and OH'S from each side. This showed our youth being taught God's ways of balance and going **all out** in everything they do. The final score was LaGrange-Chicago 45 and Elkhart-Grand Rapids 44.

The Grand Rapids and Elkhart young boys are Ron Saryer, Randy Fritz, John Green, Sherman Hochstetler and his brother, Allen Hochstetler. The Chicago and LaGrange young boys are Ken Svehla, Keith Regnier, Randall From, Harvey Ales, Roy Ales, Danny Landes and Kenny Prickett.

In the men's games, the scores were LaGrange 87, Elkhart 58 and Indianapolis 53, Grand Rapids 45.

To put the icing on the cake, the final game was played between LaGrange and Indianapolis with LaGrange victorious 98 to 76.

A very nice time was had by all, with great fellowship from different areas. It was like a Feast day without the sermons except for the correction in basket ball. The ministers present were really pleased with the young people.

Everyone arrived home knowing they had a day full of joy, happiness and wonderful memories.

Answers to Knowledge Knots

1. Ruth, a Gentile, was a type—a forerunner of the opening of salvation to the Gentiles (see Acts 10:28 and 11:1). She was an "outsider" grafted into the royal line. Ruth was yielded and was rewarded for it—see Ruth 2:10-12.
2. Suburban LaGrange was the champion over runner-up Indianapolis 98-76. This was an unusual tournament because it OPENED a season of basketball competition.
3. Did you get this one? Trogyllium is a place—a city through which PAUL traveled. (Acts 20:15.)
4. The culprit is the Lamprey eel. This snake like creature is responsible for destroying untold numbers of fish in all the Great Lakes.
5. (1) Zebulun, Holland), (2 and 3) Asher (Belgium and Luxembourg), (4) Assyria (West Germany), (5) Reuben (France), (6) Babylon (Italy). Six is mans number of organization, see Rev. 13:18.

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