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M E S S E N G E R

"This then is the message which we have heard of Him,
and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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THERE IS SOMETHING IN A NAME

So often we hear one say, "Oh, there's nothing in a name. It doesn't make any difference what name a man wears; he can be a Christian and wear any name he wants to."

A man can not be an acceptable Christian by wearing just any name. A Christian wearing some other name is wearing an alias, an assumed name. Peter said, "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name." (1 Pet.4:16 R. V.) So much cannot be said for any other name that men may wear in religion.

One thing that Jesus commended the church at Philadelphia for was "For thou.....hast not denied my name." (Rev.3:8) The prevailing fault with so many religionist today is that they have failed to do this for which the Philadelphians were commended. Today they are not holding fast to the name, but have assumed other names for which they can find no justification in the Bible.

In Hebrews 6:10 Christians were assured that God would not be so unrighteous as to forget "your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward His name." God remembers the love a person shows

toward His name! Selah. Our God is a jealous God, and if He notices and remembers the love of His Children toward his name, will He not remember the love they show toward another name?

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) We must be saved in a name, the very thing sectarian preachers tell us there is nothing in! How could they be safe leaders making such grievous errors as this?

When Paul persuaded King Agrippa, the King said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (Acts 26:28) Imagine Paul persuading King Agrippa to wear a name there was nothing in in the first place. How much more vicious could a position be when it reduces the earnest plea of an apostle of Christ to foolish prattle?

Jesus commended the church in Pergamum, saying, "Thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith." (Rev.2:13) But what about a church today that is not holding fast the name of Christ, but has written on it, on its literature, and upon the hearts of

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WHAT DOES A PREACHER DO ALL THE TIME?

Yes, his time is his own (?), which means that (like a doctor) he is busy and on call all the time. You see the man who is cursed with punching the time clock in the morning, is also blessed with the privilege of punching one out in the evening. The preacher teaches, although he must solicit his own classes. He heals, though without pills or knife. He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, sometimes an editor, a bit of a philosopher, an entertainer, a lecturer, a salesman, a handy decorative piece for public functions, a local representative for distant relief and building programs---and a pretty good janitor. He is supposed to be a scholar as well as a promotional man. People come to see him and he goes to see people continually, and he rejoices with exceeding joy when in the midst of this an opportunity arises to be a genuine personal, spiritual help. He visits the sick, marries the young, and buries the
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We have had quite a few absences at our services recently due to sickness. We say to the sick-- we hope you all will soon be well.

We were happy to have Aunt Cooch Warner back with us at the services Sunday, after visiting in Mt. Airy for some time.

We had nine at our Ladies Bible Class Wednesday afternoon.

There were 64 present for the Bible Study Wednesday night.

Are you listening to the radio program on Sunday morning? Be sure and tune in at WTOB at 9:15 each Sunday morning and listen to this.

Do you know of someone that should be visited and encouraged to attend church services or someone who can be talked to and persuaded to obey the gospel? If so, Bro. Chaffin would appreciate your writing the person's name on a slip of paper and handing it to him. Let us all co-operate in this great work of building up the church.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last week.....	107
Attendance a week ago.....	117
Attendance a year ago.....	119
Average attendance for 1952.....	125
Average attendance thus far 1953.....	118

NOTE: Let us work as we have never worked before to keep our attendance up, and to even increase it week by week.

BIBLE CLASS
ATTENDANCE DOWN

Did you notice that our attendance in the Bible Classes has been down for the past two Lord's Days? Why has this happened? Could it be that you are to be blamed? We should ask, "Lord is it I?"

Would it not be a fine thing if at the end of 1953 we could say, our average attendance for the year has been 150 per Lord's Day?

Why can't we have an average attendance of 150 for this year? Is there any good reason as to why we can't have this? No! Let us remember that God does not accept any excuses. The only answer is, and will be, because the members here are not hungry and thirsting after righteousness as they should. **THINK ON THESE THINGS!**

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR
DEC. 1952

J. W. Warner, Treasurer

Balance on hand December 1, 1952.....\$1495.55

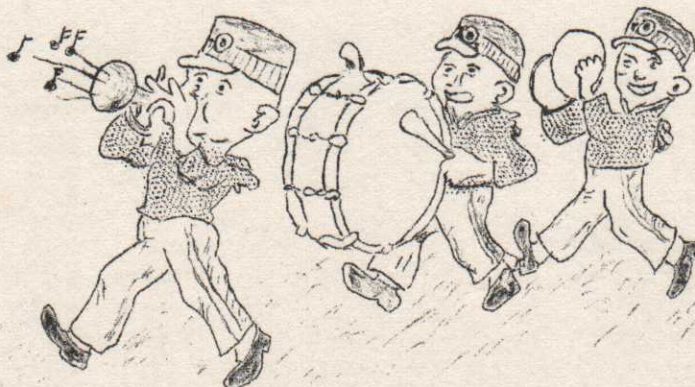
CONTRIBUTION FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 7.....	\$180.92	
Dec. 14.....	187.19	
Dec. 21.....	183.08	
Dec. 28.....	213.41	
Total contributions.....	\$764.60	764.60
Total to be accounted for.....		\$2,260.15

EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER:

W. H. Landreth, labor and mat.....	\$810.02
Preaching.....	320.00
Gospel Advocate Co.....	2.50
Church at Tamarack, N. C.....	25.00
Church at Boone, N. C.....	25.00
Hearld of Truth program.....	25.00
WTOB Radio Station.....	57.60
Gray & Creech Co.....	16.00
Gospel Advocate Co.....	43.34
Duke Power Co.....	6.86
Books for mid-week classes.....	7.00
Postage on Box of Clothing.....	6.50
Stamps.....	12.00
Taylor Oil Co.....	23.74
Care of Church Bldg.....	16.00
Communion Ware & Floor wax.....	70.58
Telephone bill for Nov. & Dec....	12.97
Total Expenditures.....	\$1480.11
Balance on hand January 1, 1953.....	\$780.04

LET'S GET GOING



NOW IS
THE TIME
TO BUILD UP
OUR BIBLE STUDY
ATTENDANCE

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(SOMETHING IN A NAME Cont. from P.1)

its members such sectarian names as we find about us everywhere? Not holding fast the name, but having chosen and worn other names men will come to the bar of judgment without one excuse for so doing.

"The churches of Christ" (Rom. 16:16) are striving to hold fast the name of Christ. Baptism, methods, the presbytery; unity, the congregations, and the universality of the church are all fine, but they are not great enough, no, nor important enough to name the church after them. If we keep first things first, we will junk these denominational names that exalt baptisms and methods and such and keep the name of Christ before the world.

In the New Testament we read that the "disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." (Acts 11:26) And James asks, "Do they not blaspheme the honorable name by which ye are called?" (Jas. 2:7 R.V.) The dictionary says that "honorable" means "Worthy of honor conferring honor." If there be nothing in a name, honor would be nothing.

Yes, beloved, there is plenty in the name of Christ. So as of old, disciples are called Christians, and the churches of Christ still hold fast the ancient name. No person professing to be a Christian should wear some other name, and a Christian, alias something else, is unworthy of the name.
---Adapted.

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dead; prepares and delivers speeches to every organization under the sun, labors to stay sweet when chided for not calling enough. He helps plan the work of the church, is "on call" for a special mission of the elders and is concernedly asking a personal question, "Am I using my valuable time rightly?" At night, he lies awake and wonders about certain "sheep", their weaknesses, their problems, (for their problems are his problems too) their absences. He could be found on his knees praying for them when they know it not. Oh, yes, and between times he prepares several sermons, other Bible lessons, and instructions for those who "labor" to get there and sit through a 30 minute sermon. Then on Monday, he smiles heartily (forced it is sometimes) when a jovial chap roars, "What a job. Two hours of work a week!"

---Selected from,
Main Street Observer
Tulsa, Okla.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THE CHURCH?

I can attend all the services possible! I can take my children and not just send them! I can invite others to attend with me! I can speak to some one about his soul, and his obedience to the gospel! I can pray earnestly for the success of all efforts to teach!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE CHURCH?