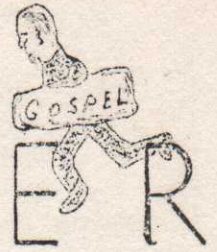


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# M E S S E N G E R

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

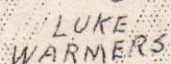
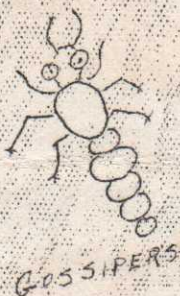
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## TERMITES OF THE KINGDOM



### TERMITES IN THE KINGDOM:

Termites are small white insects with powerful jaws, due to their much exercise. They delight in working under cover. They eat their way through floor sills, beautiful hardwood floor and varnished panels, leaving a hollow weakened structure ready to collapse when under strain. On the surface the floor or panel looks as lovely as ever but it is weakened by the gnawing of the termites.

The Kingdom of God is the house of God built of gold, silver, pre-

cious stones, wood, hay and stubble. (1 Cor.3:12) Paul warned the church of termites (wolves, perverse speakers, Acts 20:24-30) and charged the elders with the responsibility of termite control. They arise from our own number and by their powerful jaws gnaw channels through the superstructure of the Church. They do not affect the gold, silver or precious stones, but it is in the hay, wood and stubble wherein they work. They criticize unmercifully, find fault and gossip their way through the Church, leaving many fine looking people weak and hollow.

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NEWS

Brother Herman Landreth who was injured when a piece of timber fell and hit him in the head last Monday as a week ago, is improving. He is able to be up some now.

Sister Roxie Holder is still in the city hospital, but is improving steadily. She also is able to be up some.

Sister Elizabeth (Aunt Bett) Harper, fell last Friday night in the home of her daughter on Green Street in Winston-Salem, and suffered head injuries. She is reported to be improving at this writing (Wednesday).

Brother Clarence Sheets little son, Barry, has chicken-pox. He is getting along fine.

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\* G O S P E L M E E T I N G \*
\* Brother Chaffin is to do the preaching in a meeting with the church in Durham, N. C. beginning March 15th, and will continue through March 22nd.
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Below is some quotations on the subject of baptism. Here is what some well know denominational preachers have said:

John Calvin (Presbyterian) "The word baptize signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the primitive church."

Martin Luther (Reformer) "Baptism is a Greek word and may be translated immerse. I would have those who are baptized to be altogether dipped."

John Wesley (Methodist) "Buried with him in baptism -- alluding to the ancient manner of baptizing by immersion."

Wall (Episcopalian) "Immersion was in all probability the way in which our blessed Savior, and for certain the way by which the ancient Christians received their baptism."

Brenner (Catholic) "For thirteen hundred years baptism was an immersion of the person under water."

Macknight (Presbyterian) "In baptism the baptized person is buried under water. Christ submitted to be baptized, that is, to be buried under water."

Whitefield (Methodist) "It is certain that the word of our text, Romans 6:4, alludes to the manner of baptizing by immersion."

---Selected.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Table with 2 columns: Attendance description and numerical value. Rows include average attendance for January 1953 (116), January 1952 (113), February 1953 (123), February 1952 (112), and thus far this year (1953) (119).

Inspite of the "Flu" our attendance for 1st two months have been good!

DOING NO HARM

The following story is worthy of our attention:

"The battle was raging; men were falling all around like dead leaves. One soldier did not put in his appearance as the battle continued. No one knew where he was. At the first opportunity, his commander went in search of him, and, to his surprise, found the man amusing himself in a flower garden. He had been there wholly oblivious to the noise and din of battle. When called to give an account, he said, "Sir, I was doing no harm." But he was tried, convicted and shot.

It is not enough that it can be said of a Christian that he does "nobody harm". Along with harmlessness, he must have "fight the good fight of faith" as a "good soldier of Jesus Christ" in order to be saved in the last day.

---Selected.

GOD DOES NOT SETTLE ALL HIS ACCOUNTS NOW

A farmer once wrote to an editor:

Dear Sir: I have been trying an experiment. I have a field of corn which I plowed on Sunday. I planted it on Sunday, and I cultivated it on Sunday. I cut and hauled it on Sunday, and I find that I

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JAN. 1953

J. W. Warner, Treasurer

Balance on hand January 1, 1953..... \$780.04

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JANUARY:

Jan. 4 .....	\$182.97
Jan. 11.....	179.86
Jan. 18.....	168.49
Jan. 25.....	176.65
Received for coal.....	5.50
Total Contribution and coal.....	\$713.47
Total to be accounted for.....	1493.51

EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY:

WTOB Radio Station.....	\$57.60
Preaching.....	320.00
Bathroom supplies.....	1.30
Hearld of Truth program.....	25.00
Church at Boone N. C.,.....	25.00
Church at Tamarack, N. C.,.....	25.00
Stamps.....	8.60
Duke Power Co.,.....	7.63
Taylor Oil Co.,.....	30.56
World Vision (Tracts).....	5.79
Cleaning house.....	16.00
Total Expenditures.....	\$522.48
Balance on hand February 1, 1953.....	\$971.03

have more corn to the acre than has been gathered by any of my neighbors this October.

The farmer sent the letter, sure that the editor could have no answer to the sneer implied in it. But imagine his feelings when in the next issue of the paper he read his own letter in print, and at the end of it one sentence: "God does not make full settlement in October."

---Selected.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

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(TERMITES Continued from page 1)

Other termites who weaken the church are the "late sleepers", never making it to Sunday school, can't be out at night (crowds make them nervous). But brother, let something unusual or "Bank Night" roll around and where are these nervous individuals? Their nervousness leaves them only to appear when the disciples are to commune together in the services of the church. Where, oh where, is your sincerity?

Then there is that "light dieter" who has been fed on milk so long that strong meat is offensive. They want only the "soft soap" and run for the shelter of denominationalism when God's light is turned on error.

The "social climber" and "money lovers" sap the strength of the church. They are termites in God's Kingdom who want what they want even if the church fails. Preach a sermon on giving and see them scatter and how they gnaw, grumble and complain. All such termites need spraying with the gospel. They only work in materials that are open to them. They would not think of penetrating the gold, silver and precious stone--Christian. Oh no, theirs are those with eager ears, supping for woes of complaint and guilty conscience mooning condolence.

Don't be wood, hay or stubble, allowing these termites to work in you. Turn the truth upon them and they will flee from the light of

God's word. Christian friends, let us eradicate the termites in the Kingdom and repair weak points so the church may bear the strain of preaching the full gospel to a sin cursed world. Through this we may SAVE OUR NATION and the glories of Heaven is awaiting all who will stand for the Truth of God.

If we lend an ear to those who will criticize, will gossip, the fault-finder, the excuses of the indifferent, the light dieters--- we can be proud of nothing. Yours is not a happy face. If we glory in the social-climber and eagerly side in with the money-hoarders, then you are as guilty as they. What does it profit if we gain all and lose our souls?

----Avis Wiggins.

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### ONE COMMUNION CUP? ? ?

Did the Jerusalem Church commune from one cup? What a cup! A half teaspoonful per person would require 39 gallons for a number half as great as was that church. "Oh, there was more than one congregation there" has been offered. If "the church" means more than one church, why cannot "the cup" mean more than one cup?

-----Selected.

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Ignorance of, and indifference to, the scriptures is the cause of all error and sin.

The gospel of Christ is God's power to save us. Rom.1:16