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MESSENGER



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

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" I wish my Daddy
would take me to
Bible Study - And not
Always Just send
me _____



IS THIS YOUR BOY?

BRING HIM TO BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAY

Warners Chapel
CHURCH of CHRIST

39 IN ADULT CLASS LAST
SUNDAY. HELP US REACH OUR
GOAL OF  SUNDAY!

BRING A NEW MEMBER TO YOUR CLASS _____

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1951

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Contributions:

December 2nd.....	\$154.79
December 9th.....	164.27
December 16th.....	162.19
December 23rd.....	175.61
December 30th.....	158.75
	815.61
Balance from December 1st.....	564.98
Total.....	\$1380.59

Expenditures:

Radio program.....	72.00
Postage stamps.....	20.00
Pine Hall Brick Co.....	18.50
Building Loan Payment.....	100.00
Duke Power Co.....	6.68
J. W. Pegram, Material and Labor.....	26.64
Walker Florist.....	4.50
Telephone Company.....	4.20
Care of Building.....	10.00
Gospel Advocate Co.....	11.02
George Harper, oil, paint and labor..	38.85
Two, Air wicks.....	1.30
Taylor Oil Co.....	24.90
Tuttle Lumber Co.....	46.98
A. P. Warner, Mortar mix, Cement and Vacuum Cleaner.....	105.12
Preaching.....	400.00
W. H. Landreth, Labor on Garage.....	84.75
Total Expenditures For December.....	\$975.44

Balance on hand January 1, 1952.....\$405.15

NOTE: Brethern, you will notice that our contribution for the month of December averaged \$10. less per week than it was for November. Did we rob God to pay Santa Clause? Brethern if we give as the Lord has prospered us, don't you think our contribution would be much larger than it is? Let us give as though the Lord was standing by looking at us. FOR HE IS! ! !



We had 88 subscriptions to the Apostolic Times.

The Carolina Lectures will be held April 14-18 at Salisbury.

Brother Thurmond Carter preached last Sunday night for the Abilene Church of Christ congregation.

Sister Tom Cartwright, Sister Metzel Doub and Pamela were on the sick list last Sunday.

We are glad to see the attendance increasing and last Lord's Day we had the largest crowd since Bro. Chaffin started his work here.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK-EDITOR GONE TO TOWN!

QUESTIONS—BIBLE ANSWERS

LETTER REVIEWED ——— INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Our readers are again asked to read last week's article, in our review of Mr. Miller's letter.

The next passages of scripture that Mr. Miller refers to is: Rev. 14:2, and Rev. 5:8. I have already dealt with these scriptures, but let me say again, that our respondent's idea seems to be, that we can have any thing that God has not expressly forbidden. Thus by so doing he puts a premium on the silence of the scripture, rather than on what they say. His contention is, because musical instruments are mentioned as being in Heaven, it is right to have them in Christian worship. Let me ask Mr. Miller a few questions. Mr. Miller would you permit me to come to the church where you worship and set up a "throne" and teach your people to fall down before that throne and worship? Would you permit me to set lamps of fire in the church where you worship and insist that they should be connected with the worship? Would you permit me to bring four beasts and put them in the church where you worship? Now remember Mr. Miller, that God has not said thou shalt not have these things. So according to your own theory, we can have them if we want them. In almost every letter I have received from Mr. Miller, he is insisting that because Jesus and his apostles did not speak against instrumental music it is alright to have them in worship. Now one more question: Would you permit me to come to the church where you worship and put some steak and a bowl of beans on the Lord's table? Remember the Lord has not spoke against it. Therefore according to your own line of reasoning we can have them if we so desire. Now, those questions are asked not to irritate Mr. Miller or any one else, but to try to get him and our other readers to

see the utter lack of foundation for reasoning that we can do any thing in religion as long as God has not expressly forbid it. I hope Mr. Miller or others will give us an answer to these questions.

Mr. Miller says in his letter, "If we are wrong, may God lead us to know it." This is certainly a fine spirit, but will he stay with that kind of an attitude? He did not so indicate in another letter I received from him. But, if Mr. Miller is honest with himself and with God's Word, (and I presume that he wants to be) he cannot help but see that he is wrong. Now will he be honest enough to change from this error and accept the truth? I sure hope he will.

Now let us notice the teaching of the New Testament on the kind of music authorized in worship. You will notice that I said the kind "AUTHORIZED". We must learn to respect the silence of the scriptures as well as what they say.

1. AT THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

"And when they had SUNG an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." Matt. 26:30; Mark 14:26.

2. PAUL AND SILAS AT PHILLIPPI:

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and SANG praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." Acts 16: 25.

3. TO THE CHURCH AT ROME:

"And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles and SING unto thy name." Rom. 15:9.

4. TO THE CHURCH AT CORINTH:

"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also; I will SING with the spirit, and I will SING with the understanding also." 1 Cor. 14:15.

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(BIBLE QUESTIONS CONT.)

5. TO THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS:

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, SINGING and making melody in your hearts to the Lord." Eph. 5:19.

6. TO THE CHURCH AT COLOSSEE:

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, SINGING with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col. 3:16.

7. TO THE JEWISH CHRISTIANS:

"Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I SING praise unto thee." Heb. 2:12.

8. TO THE DISPERSION:

"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him SING psalms." James 5:13.

Now, here are all the passages in the New Testament that bear directly and specifically on the matter of music in Christian worship, and we therefore have in these passages what God says, and all that God says, on the subject.

Christians are instructed to SING. This settles it, if language can settle anything, they are to make vocal music in the praise of God, and not instrumental. This is not some man's opinion, but it is what God says. Are you willing to accept what God says on this subject and be guided by it?

The Apostles guided by the Holy Spirit preached the Gospel, and that Gospel included singing. Paul said, "But though WE, or an ANGEL from Heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, LET HIM BE ACURSED." Gal. 1:8. Those who prea-

ch that we should have instruments of music in worship are preaching another "gospel", one that is different from what Paul preached. Therefore, the curse of God rests upon them.

My friends, God gave man the Bible to guide him from this earth to Heaven. If he refuses to accept what it says, and is guided by what the Bible does not say, he will never reach that glorious home of the soul. May God hasten the day when all men will accept the teaching of the apostle Peter, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." 1 Pet. 4:11 Let us speak where the Bible speaks, and remain completely silent where the Bible is silent.

----Vestal Chaffin.

IS ONE AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

If you are seeking a wife---Is one as good as another?
IF you are calling a doctor*---Is one as good as another?
IF you are buying a prescription--Is one as good as another?
IF you are catching a bus---Is one as good as another?
IF you are needing a mechanic---Is one as good as another?
IN computing figures---Is one answer as good as another?
WHY BE SO PARTICULAR IN MATERIAL MATTERS, YET SO CARELESS AND "BROADMINDED" ABOUT CHURCH MATTERS?

---A. C. Williams, in
Gospel Visitor.

Ed. Note: Friends, we earnestly ask you is one church as good as another? STOP! THINK! Is a man-made church as good as the Lord's? NO!