

“Wise Men



Still Seek Him”

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE HALES AND THE MATHENAS

JESUS BIRTHDAY OFFERING SET FOR DECEMBER 18th!

The 1983 Jesus Birthday offering for C/A is set for December 18th! On that day we ask all area C/A member churches and friends to give a sacrificial gift in behalf of God's greatest sacrifice for us!

We have set a goal of \$1983 for this year's offering, a \$1 for each year since our Lord was born! We therefore ask you individually to give directly to C/A or to your local congregation. We believe that your money is going toward a worthy project here at C/A - a 30 ft. x 60 ft. PAVILLION! If we receive enough money through the Jesus Birthday offering and the 30 Pieces of Silver in April of next year, then the pavillion will be built this coming spring. It will be located in the grassy area across from the pool. Wild rose bushes form a natural fence to guard against any small children wandering down to the lake, while at the same time, providing easy access for parking, for use of the pool and other recreational activities, and for fishing.

We offer the following methods of receiving the offering only as suggestions to build enthusiasm among local Christians.

1. Announce the offering at each service of the church leading up to December 18th.
2. Preferable take the offering on Sunday morning or at a special Christmas service in the evening.
3. Pass the offering plates; setting a plate at the back for people to give as they leave is not a very effective method for people will forget and some will not even see the offering basket.
4. Set a goal for your congregation and strive hard to exceed it!

JESUS BIRTHDAY OFFERING MY PERSONAL GIFT!

Because Christ is the center of my Christmas, I am sending the following gift to C/A:

AMOUNT _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

SNOWBALL RETREAT JAN.28 - TOMMY OAKS!

The Snowball Retreat is a great way for teens to get started out with a new year in 1984! We have the best speaker, the best program, and the best food being lined out! We even hope (for once) that we will have the best weather - which in this case means snow!

The Retreat as in years past is for 7th graders and up! Pre-registration is required if you plan to attend. The cost is only \$5 so save some of that Christmas money to be able to come. The retreat will last from 9-9, some of the best 12 hours in your life! Invite all of your friends -bring warm clothing, especially if it snows, indoor games, and an open heart ready to hear the Word of God preached in a style you will love and understand!

All the necessary information and forms should be in your hands by December 15th. The registration must be returned by Sunday, Jan. 15th. You do not have to send any money but we do need the number coming.

500 CLUB ADDS ONE!

In January of 1984, we will rename the 500 Club the KEY CLUB, because we believe that monthly support is the "key" to our success as a vital ministry in the area!

This month M/M Erman Ratcliff joined the 500 Club, upping our income by \$10 a month for the next 12 months!

If you individually, your S.S. class, your ladies circle, your church, etc. would like to help C/A out on a monthly basis then clip the 500 Club card below and mail it in.

500 CLUB

Box 3005, Bluewell, WV 24701

589-6296

() Yes, I want to share in the ministry of Christian Acres by joining the 500 CLUB. I pledge, with God's help to give the amount circled below for the next _____ months.

\$1 \$5 \$10 \$15 \$20 \$25 or _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

() Yes, I want to be placed on your mailing list.

GIDEON'S 300 GETS MORE VOLUNTEERS!

We edge closer and closer to being DEBT FREE in '83 with the help this month of M/M Tom Brown, and M/M Clendal Brown who joined the Gideon's 300 this month. We also want to thank M/M Marvin Meadows who gave a one-time gift of \$50 for the pool. With help like this, multiplied by others and blessed by God, we will soon be debt free!

In Nov. of 1981 we owed \$30,437.62. In Nov. of '82 we owed \$24,935.96. NOW we owe less than \$17,000! Praise the Lord that the pool debt has been reduced almost 50% in the last two years! Won't more of you help us be DEBT FREE in '83! Join the Gideon's now! Clip the card below and mail it in today!

GIDEON'S

With God's help I will help pay off the indebtedness of the Christian Acres pool by giving -(check one of the following)

- _____ a one time gift of \$120
_____ two gifts of \$60 for the next 12 months
_____ 4 gifts of \$30 for the next 4 months
_____ \$10 monthly for the next 12 months
_____ Other - please specify _____

NAME _____ Ph. _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

C.A.K.E. GIFTS!

We know of a kitchen shower that the Lerona Church of Christ ladies group had for C.A.! What a fitting way for these fine ladies to help! We will give you a complete breakdown next month of the many things they collected. We would also like to thank the following folks for their contributions:

Karen Hess - 185 Camp. Soup labels; Acme Receipts

Susie Tabor - Acme Receipts

Clara George - Acme Receipts

Bernice Via - Soup Labels

Grace Thompson - 35 soup-labels, 44 B/C coupons

Church of Christ at Bramwell - soup labels

FITTING GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS!

FOR KITCHEN - Silverware, especially spoons and forks; money to purchase more trays (approx. \$40 dozen) and bowls (\$18 a dozen); dishcloths and rags; meat slicer, industrial heavy duty; food processor.

FOR DORMS - Curtains, window and shower; (call Rick for exact measurements and type), clothes lines inside and out.

FOR ALL BUILDINGS - Industrial carpets - \$28 for 3 x 5 and \$45 for 4 x 6.

FOR RECREATION - Ping pong balls, paddles, and net; aluminum bats, frisbees, indoor games, etc.

ONE JOINS THOUSANDIARE CLUB!

This month the Bozoo Christian Youth Group became our latest Thousandaire Club member. We appreciate the youth of the area supporting THEIR camp!

We would like to remind any of you who forgot to send your Thousandaire pledge of \$10 in November to rush it on in. We appreciate all of our Thousandaire members!

INCOME DROPS 3% THIS YEAR TO DATE!

The actual giving income for C/A Jan.-Oct. 1983 has been \$44,030.15. Last year Jan.-Oct. we had received \$45,348.90, or a decrease of \$1,318.75, representing a 3% decrease. Considering the tight budgets of many area congregations, we praise the Lord that it hasn't been more. One congregation alone a few months ago had only one man in the church working, and therefore had to drop C/A for a time. This giving alone would amount to more than the \$1300 we are down.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Duhring - Jim Hill TV Rally - Dec. 3 at 7:00

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CHRISTIAN ACRES
NOVEMBER 1983**

Balance	177.58			
Coming Receipts:		Fayetteville Church of Christ		10.00
Reinstate Check No. 4005	22.40	Bozoo Christian Church		45.00
Reinstate Check No. 3976	19.10	Community Christian Church, Hinton		22.00
City Provision (Dup)	48.19	Peterstown Christian Church, CAP		37.00
Purity Baking (Dup)	135.05	M/M Russell Mathena, Rug		32.00
M/M Clendale Brown, Gideons	10.00	M/M Russell Mathena, Rug		20.00
M/M Thomas Brown, Gideons	60.00	M/M Russell Mathena		43.00
M/M Gary Christian, Gideons	10.00	M/M Russell Mathena		40.00
Mary Harris, Cooler Repair	10.00	M/M Russell Mathena		40.00
M/M R.L. Lambert, Cooler Repair	20.00	M/M Russell Mathena		40.00
Margaret Ann Scott, Cooler Repair	50.00	Evangelistic Christian Church		30.00
Mary Harris, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Hillcrest Church of Christ		10.00
M/M Johnnie Lamb, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Lerona Church of Christ		20.00
M/M James E. Meadows, Jr., Thousandaire Club	20.00	M/M Clarence Bowman		20.00
Bernice Via, Thousandaire Club	15.00	Church of Christ Rt. 20		10.00
Treavor Butterworth, Thousandaire Club	15.00	Lindsay Christian Church		50.00
M/M L.W. Buckland, Jr., Thousandaire Club	10.00	First Church of Christ, Chapmansville		10.00
Jon Arnold, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Ingleside Community Church		20.00
June Cottle, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Mudfork Church of Christ		60.00
M/M Chris Phillips, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Mudfork Church of Christ		269.50
Pettrey Youth Group, Thousandaire Club	20.00	Williams Chapel Church of Christ		50.00
M/M Robert D. McManaway, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Church of Christ, Pettrey		60.00
Bozoo CMS	10.00	Central Church of Christ		75.00
M/M Eugene N. Ranson, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Church of Christ at Athens, CAP		150.00
Bernice Alvis, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Williams Chapel Church of Christ		100.00
O.Ike Keaton, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Cedar Grove Church of Christ, CAP		50.00
Mrs. Chester Tabor, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Cedar Grove Church of Christ		40.00
M/M Marvin C. Meadows, Thousandaire Club	50.00	Pine Grove Church of Christ		400.00
M/M Russell Mathena, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Church of Christ, Goodwyns Chapel		60.00
M/M Donald Dunbar, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Roderfield Christian Church		20.00
M/M Joseph H. Dewees, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Roderfield Christian Church		20.00
M/M Eugene M. Belcher, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Memorial Church of Christ		10.00
Mrs. T.E. George, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Willowton Christian Church		20.00
Memory of Francis Broyles, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Grandview Christian Church		100.00
Ma Coulter, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Bluefield College of Evangelism		433.40
M/M Donald Lee Thomas, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Midway Church of Christ		400.00
Bozoo Christian Youth Group, Thousandaire Club	10.00	First Christian Church, Hinton		25.00
Mrs. Hattie Tabor, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Hollybrook Church of Christ		20.00
M/M Roger Meador, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Duhring Church of Christ		50.00
M/M Roger Stansfield, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Falls Mills Christian Church		400.00
M/M James Williams, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Oak Grove Christian Church		178.00
Lillian Shawver, Thousandaire Club	10.00	George F. Burnett		25.00
Vida M. White, Thousandaire Club	20.00	Springville Christian Church		25.00
M/M L.E. Hopkins, Thousandaire Club	10.00			<hr/>
M/M Danny Meadows, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Total Monthly Income		5,136.64
Ambassadors for Christ, Peterstown, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Net Income		5,314.12
M/M Walter C. Scott, Jr., Thousandaire Club	10.00			
M/M Acie Albert, Thousandaire Club	10.00	Less Expenses:		
M/M Carl Walkup, Thousandaire Club	10.00	4013 State of W.Va., Taxes	50.57	
Ada Berbert, Thousandaire Club	10.00	4014 Roy J. Hale, Salary	271.05	
M/M Claude T. Hankins, Thousandaire Club	20.00	4015 Roy J. Hale, Salary	271.05	
Mrs. J.G. Meadows, Thousandaire Club	20.00	4016 Roy J. Hale, Salary	271.05	
M/M Harold Ball, Thousandaire Club	10.00	4017 Roy J. Hale, Salary	271.05	
Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Brackenrich, 500 Club	25.00	4018 Russell Mathena, Salary	164.51	
M/M Danny L. Meadows, 500 Club	5.00	4019 Russell Mathena, Salary	164.51	
Edith White, 500 Club	5.00	4020 Russell Mathena, Salary	164.51	
M/M George Zutaut, 500 Club	50.00	4021 Russell Mathena, Salary	164.51	
M/M Floyd F. Ferguson, 500 Club	10.00	4022 Commercial Bank, Tax Deposit	664.50	
Mrs. W.L. Keesee, 500 Club	10.00	4023 Commercial Bank, Thousandaire & Gideons	530.00	
M/M David Yuhasz, 500 Club	60.00	4024 Commercial Bank, Note Payment	522.39	
Walter E. Hudson, 500 Club	10.00	4025 Russell Mathena, Petty Cash Oct. & Nov.	45.96	
M/M Stanley Berry, 500 Club	5.00	4026 Russell Mathena, Mileage	93.30	
M/M Robert Shrader, 500 Club	5.00	4027 Bailey Lumber Co.	17.92	
M/M James C. Shrader, 500 Club	5.00	4028 Pet Dairy, Camp Food	46.04	
M/M Donald Belton, 500 Club	10.00	4029 General Telephone	66.02	
Bernice Via, 500 Club	5.00	4030 Baker Sanitary Supply	242.79	
Mrs. W.L. Keesee, 500 Club	10.00	4031 A.E.P. Co.	31.40	
Treavor Butterworth, 500 Club	5.00	4032 The Print Shop	135.00	
M/M Fred B. Caldwell, Jr., 500 Club	10.00	4033 U.S. Postmaster	150.00	
Ma E. Carter, 500 Club	10.00	4034 U.S. Postmaster	20.00	
Bozoo Christian Church, CAP	25.00	4035 Commercial Bank Note Pay.	522.39	
Midway Church of Christ	277.00	4036 Roy J. Hale, Truck Exp.	20.00	
Mrs. Clifton Elmore	10.00	4037 Roy J. Hale, Telephone	23.30	
Hillcrest Church of Christ	10.00			<hr/>
M/M Lawrence Phipps	20.00	Total Expenses		4,923.82
Evangelistic Christian Church	30.00	Balance		390.30

CHURCH OF CHRIST AT RT. 20 NOW MEMBERS!

We are pleased to announce that Rt. 20 was accepted in the C/A supporting family this past November. The General Board voted unanimously to add them to the list of nearly 40 churches now members.

Evangelistic Christian Church withdrew their request to become members at the last minute because of the uncertainty of their future plans. We appreciate the fine support of this congregation and wish them the best in their decisions.

JOE HALL TO LEAVE LERONA!

Due to failing eye sight, the doctors have ordered Joe to limit the use of his eyes, especially in reading. As a result, Joe has had to resign his ministry at Lerona. He will be leaving around the middle of December, returning to North Carolina, where he will be serving in a part time associate ministry. Joe and Marlene, we will miss you both! Thanks for gracing our area with your fine preaching and lifestyle!

FREEZER FUND STILL GROWING!

An additional \$30 has been received this month for the "Freezer Fund" to help us repay the general fund for the \$803 cooler repair. We wish to thank Richard and Emily Lambert for their \$20 gift and Clara Anderson for her \$10 contribution. This brings our total now to \$408.38 - leaving us almost \$405 to go to break even! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, MARK YOUR GIFT "FREEZER FUND," making your check out to Christian Acres. All such gifts of course are tax deductible!

C/A 1984 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 28..... Snowball Retreat with Tommy Oaks
- Feb. 25..... Spaghetti Dinner
- April 22..... 30 Pieces of Silver Offering
- May 12..... Fishfry
- May 18-19..... Men's Clinic
- June 17-22..... Junior 1 Week of Camp (4-5 graders)
- June 24-29..... Jr. II (5-6 graders)
- July 1-7..... Jr. High I (7 graders)
- July 8-10..... First Chance (3 graders)
- July 15-21..... Jr. High II (8 graders)
- July 22-28..... Senior I (9-10 graders)
- July 29-Aug. 4..... Senior II (11-College)
- Aug. 10-11..... Ladies Retreat
- Sept. 8..... Ham Supper
- Dec. 23..... Jesus Birthday offering
(clip and post near your telephone or on the refrigerator)

C/A PRESENTATIONS THIS PAST MONTH!

We appreciate the kind receptions of the Bozoo, Peterstown, Cedar Grove, Bramwell, and Midway congregations. In all \$162 above and beyond their regular gifts were given to offset the expense of traveling to these congregations. We have heard no negative comments about the slide programs thus far - they have been all positive. The "Potter's Clay" concerts are also receiving favorable response. Better get your request in soon if you want to see the 1983-4 slide program! We are booked into late January already!

**Don't forget SNOWBALL RETREAT
with Tommy Oak on January 28!**

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