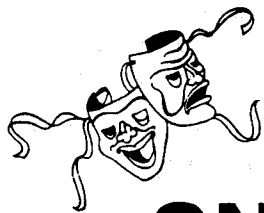


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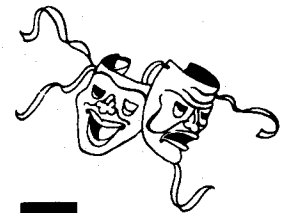
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SNOWBALL RETREAT

WITH

TOMMY OAKS

Tommy Oaks will unveil the theme of the 1983 C/A Snowball Retreat--Hiding Behind Masks--beginning at 9:00 on January 29th! Tommy is no stranger to our area, having spoken at two retreats in the past, one at Mapleview and then last year at the 1982 C/A Snowball Retreat.

A great day of festivities has been planned including workshops, indoor and outdoor recreation [snow, we hope!] but best of all--feasting on the WORD!

Teenagers from the 7th grade up are invited to come. We need to know no later than Jan. 16th how many are coming from your congregation. Either mail the packet information sheet you received in by that date or call us and let us know how many are coming.

Please bring your sleds, slides, or just plain cardboard in the event of snow. Wear warm clothing with even maybe a change of nice clothing for the closing youth rally service. Bring your \$5 registration fee and your Bible, pen, and paper. Also bring any good games that four or five as a group could play.

We would also like to encourage any singing groups to bring special music. We have a space in the program for an "On the Solid Rock" concert.

Below is a tentative schedule of events:

9:00-9:30	Registration in Cafeteria
9:30-10:30	Opening Session with Tommy
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:30	Workshop I
11:35-12:20	Workshop II
12:30	Lunch
1:30	"On the Solid Rock" Concert and Tommy Oaks
3:30-5:30	Recreation
5:30 or 6:00	Supper
7:00-8:30	Youth Rally with Tommy
8:30	Go home--without Masks!

The Youth Rally, which will begin at our regular time of 7:00, is for EVERYONE! Tommy will be closing out the retreat with his final message at that time. New Officers for 1983 will also be elected so churches please have your representatives selected. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

19 ATTEND PREACHER/WIFE FELLOWSHIP!

December 3 was the great gathering of area preachers and their wives at the Bonanza Steakhouse. Those who attended were Scott and Betsy Morris, Neil and "Sam" Gilliland, Tom and Clara McFadden, Gary and Shari Morris, Rick and Joanna Mathena, Dic and Rodi Burbage, Glen and Joanne Tabor, Ken and Marjorie Sherrod, John Arnold, J. E. Meadows, and Sam White.

Our hats off to you all for bringing the area that much closer together in fellowship in the Lord!

NEXT AREA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS JAN. 28!

The November 26th meeting of the Area Men's Fellowship took place at the Falls Mills Christian Church. Forty-two area men were present; they received a \$143 love offering for Don Cooper. Rick Mathena presented a combination presentation/slide program on the Restoration Movement.

At the meeting, Neil Gilliland was chosen as Chairman for the Bluefield Area Men's Fellowship. Trevor Butterworth was chosen as Sec./Treas. We have upmost confidence in them both.

The next meeting of area men will be held on January 28 at the Evangelistic Christian Church at 7:30. The building for the church is located on Rogers street in south Bluefield. Go past the Bluefield Community Hospital until you come to the first red light, turn left, go 2 blocks and turn left again. A great program is being planned!

Men's Fellowship Attendance Breakdown November

Falls Mills	17	Montcalm	1
Evang. C.C.	5	Pine Grove	3
Lerona	8	Mapleview	1
Grandview	2	Hillcrest	5

C.A.K.E. AND C.A.G.E. GIFTS!

Teresa Barie--70 Soup Labels
Nellie Brown--Marigold flower seeds
M/M Jack Kaluk--various storage containers
Ramona Jones--Marigold flower seeds
Dellas Barlow--39 Campbell S/Labels

MAPLEVIEW DONATES RAINBOW SWEEPERS!

The Church of Christ at Mapleview has donated two Rainbow sweepers to C/A. Having experienced themselves how difficult it is to clean those dorms after each week of camp, they decided to do something about it! Thanks to all our special friends at Mapleview for the way they have continually backed us here, not only with their support, but through special projects like this one!

500 CLUB ADDITION!

Mary Lockhart became our 58th individual to participate in the 500 Club. We appreciate your monthly support, Mary!

5 JOIN THOUSANDAIRE, 1 REJOINS!

168 are now members of the Thousandaire Club. Five new additions include Gene and Jenay Leedy, M/M D. L. McMorris, M/M Bob Stanley, M/M Stuart Helm, and the Bozoo Christian Missionary Society. M/M Jim Hale, who were members at the beginning have let us know they desire to be re-instated as contributing members.

Our special thanks to all these folks. If your name was not listed in last months edition of the Chronicle and you desire to become a member, please just drop us a note and let us know.

C/A SLIDE PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

Jan. 16	Springville
Jan. 23	Roderfield
Jan. 30	Pine Grove
Feb. 6	Church of Christ on Rt. 20
Feb. 13	Claypool Hill
Feb. 20	Falls Mills

We have bookings already into May and June with only a limited number of appointments left. If your congregation desires to have the slide program presented please contact Rick immediately for a booking.

C/A 1983 CALENDAR EVENTS

Jan. 29	Snowball Retreat
Feb. 26	Spaghetti Dinner
April 3	30 Pieces of Silver Offering
May 21	Fish Fry
June 3-4	Men's Clinic
June 19-25	Jr. I Camp
June 26-July 2	Jr. II Camp
July 3-9	Jr. III Camp
July 10-12	First Chance Camp
July 17-23	Jr. High Camp
July 24-30	Senior I Camp
July 31-Aug. 6	Senior II Camp
Aug. 12-13	Ladies Retreat
Sept. 10	Ham Supper

PETERSTOWN ADDS C/A TO BUDGET!

Stafford Davis, minister at Peterstown, has given us some great news. The Peterstown church has added C/A to the missionary budget and will be sending a sizable donation once a year sometime in May or June of each year. Our special thanks to this congregation for becoming the 14th congregation in the area to pick up or add support in the last two years for C/A.

500 CLUB MEMBERS--PAST AND PRESENT!

Below is a list of those who have or continue to support C/A on a monthly basis. Many of these listed below signed up for a year, some six months, and some for longer periods of time. If your name is listed and you have completed your pledge, but would like to rejoin, then please contact me at the C/A office. You may clip the card in the Chronicle and use it to re-commit yourself to so much monthly.

This list below is our way of saying thanks to the 500 Clubbers as we did last month to the Thousandaire Club members.

NAME	AMT. PLEDGED MONTHLY
W. R. Angles	\$ 5
M/M Frank Beavers	\$ 5
Chrystal Berry	\$ 5
Wayne and Judy Black	\$15
Tom and Nellie Brown	\$ 5
Susan Brummett	\$ 1
M/M C. K. Buffalow	\$10
M/M Dic Burbage	\$10
Walter and Alice Burnopp	\$10
Trevor Butterworth	\$ 5
M/M Darrel Burton	\$20
Ruby Carter	\$ 5
M/M Pat Carter	\$10
M/M Randy Compton	\$15
M/M H. R. Conley	\$ 2
Mabel Cook	\$10
Glen and Martha Corner	\$10
M/M Stephen Crouse	\$10
Mary Dale	\$ 5
William Dillow Jr.	\$10
Gary Duncan	\$ 5
M/M Floyd Ferguson	\$10
Mary Gaminde	\$ 5
Bill and Mary Goodman	\$ 5
Walter Hudson	\$10
M/M Ken Hylton	\$10
Glada Iddings	\$ 1
Ike Keaton	\$10
Mrs. W. L. Keesee	\$10
Johnnie and Peggy Lamb	\$10
M/M Abe Lawrence	\$10
J. E. Leedy	\$10
Mary Lockhart	\$ 5
Rudy Martin	\$25
Chad Mathena	\$.50
M/M Danny Meadows	\$ 5
M/M J. E. Meadows	\$10
Stewart and Carol Osborne	\$ 5
Petry Youth Group	\$ 5
M/M Pat Pickett	\$10
Oscar Roberts	\$ 5
Bill Ross	\$10
John Scott	\$ 5

M/M J. G. Shrader	\$ 5
Robert Shrader	\$ 5
Gary Thompson	\$50
Elizabeth Thurman	\$ 1
Bernice Via	\$ 5
Larry and B. J. Walkup	\$10
M/M Frank Watkins Sr.	\$25
Kim Watson	\$ 5
Edith White	\$ 5
Dave Willis	\$10
Steven Wills	\$10
Pearl Youngs	\$ 5
M/M David Yuhasz	\$ 5

500 CLUB

Box 3005, Bluewell, WV 24701

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() 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 _____ PH. _____

Address _____ Zip _____

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

FEB. 26th IS SPAGHETTI DINNER AT C/A

Last year we started our first Spaghetti Dinner. It was such a success that this year we decided to do it again! The date is Feb. 26th. In the event of extremely bad weather, it will be moved to the Falls Mills annex. The time is 5:00.

A FINANCIAL REPORT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS MONTH'S **CHRONICLE**. NEXT MONTH'S EDITION WILL CARRY THE REPORT FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY AND INCLUDE THE JESUS' BIRTHDAY OFFERING REPORT AS WELL. WE ARE STILL PRAYING THAT WE WILL REACH OUR GOAL OF \$2,000 TO BUILD THE PUBLIC RESTROOMS IN THE CAFETERIA!

300 x \$120 = \$36,000

CENTRAL LADIES AID SENDS GIDEON SUPPORT!

The Central Church of Christ Ladies Aid group mailed us a check for \$233.39 to go toward the Gideon's 300 Program in paying off the pool indebtedness. They had already sent \$71.90 before and mailed \$48.10 to complete their first pledge. In addition then was \$185.29 to go toward another Gideon's payment.

Below is an excerpt from the letter that was also included in the envelope:

"The Ladies Aid have been saving the register tapes at Acme and A-Mart and will continue to do so. We know of no better place to send this money at this time than to Christian Acres for the wonderful work you all are doing to spread the gospel and bring joy and love to so many people."

JIM AND I SAY THANKS!

To the Executive Board and to all supporters of C/A, Jim and I would like to thank you all for the generous Christmas bonus given to us just before Christmas. We both enjoy our work, and this bonus is just icing on the cake to let us know of your Christ-like love!

EVANGELISTIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH NAME OMITTED LAST MONTH!

In our list on the back page of last month's Chronicle, we accidentally left out E.C.C. for also picking up support to C/A in the last two years. They have been faithful contributors and we apologize for this error and oversight.

CHRISTIAN ACRES

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Address Correction Requested

We now have 57 members, leaving us 243 more to go to complete our Gideon's Program. If only 1/8 of those we mail the Chronicle to would respond, we could be DEBT FREE THIS YEAR! Please prayerfully consider clipping the card below and becoming our 58th needed member--300 Gideon's XXXXX \$120 - \$36,000!

GIDEON'S 300

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 2 months
- _____ 4 gifts of \$30 for the next 4 months
- _____ \$10 monthly for the next 12 months
- _____ Other (please specify) _____

Name _____ PH. _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 9-11 Revival at C/A chapel sponsored by Church of Christ on Rt. 20 with Mike Breidenbaugh. 7:00 on that Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

ATHENS DOUBLES SUPPORT!

We were informed at the C/A slide program at Athens that they have decided to increase our support from \$10 monthly to \$20 monthly. We appreciate the way Athens has both received and given to the C/A ministry! Thanks!

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Have you heard about the **Resolutions** or the **Acts** of the Apostles?