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When we can say "no," not only to things that are wrong and sinful, but also to things pleasant, profitable, and good which would hinder and clog our grand duties and our chief work, we shall understand more fully what life is worth, and how to make the most of it.

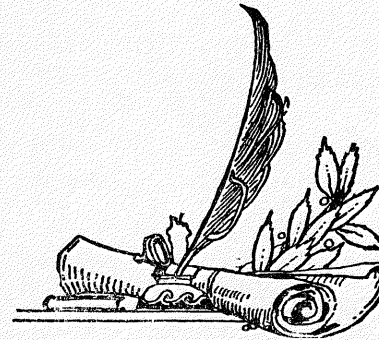
—C. A. STODDARD

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God Filled Her Pen

With Balm



By Jessie Truman

Carrie Ellis doled out tickets to the berry pickers on her father's farm in south New Jersey. As she kept tab on the boxes of berries, she dreamed of some day writing poetry. Abraham Lincoln was president of the United States at that time.

Girls have a way of growing up, and the dream of writing poetry was replaced with dreams of a home and family. Carrie married a fine young man by the name of Frank Breck. Children came to bless the Breck home. Death, sorrow and tears came too. Their little boy died.

With a heart overflowing with grief, one day Carrie picked up her pen and wrote:

*"When grief overshadows my journey
When I must pass under the rod,
When death's angel enters my dwelling,
And takes my beloved to God—
And when I tread the dark waters
And Jordan shall roll over me,
Be near me, my Saviour, be near me
And let me lean closer to Thee!"*

Through her own grief and suffering, Carrie Ellis Breck had gained a deep understanding of the suffering of others. From her compassion for others was born the desire to bring comfort. She wrote many poems, each inspired by something in her own experience.

Once, a man condemned to meet death on the gallows requested that her hymn, "Face to Face," be sung just before his execution.

"Face to Face" is probably her best known and loved hymn. It has been translated into many languages and sung round the world. Once, when she was living in Portland, Oregon, the evangelist, Billy Sunday, held a series of revival meetings there. One night Carrie Breck was in the audience. An usher escorted her to the platform where Mr. Rodeheaver, the music director, introduced her to the throng. Then he led them in singing "Nailed To the Cross," "I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus," and "Face to Face," all works from her pen.

There can be no doubt that Carrie Breck knew the Saviour. Christ was very real to her. He was her Comforter, her strength. Her aim, as she expressed in these lines, might well be the aim of every Christian:

*"O Lord, I am not brave, great truths to speak;
I am not wise, the skeptic to assure;
And oh, I am not strong, to help Thy weak,
Nor rich, that I could much relieve Thy poor.*

*But, Father, I would serve Thee in some way;
I might seek out for Thee some wand'ring sheep;
For some of Thy dear tempted ones might pray,
Or with Thy weeping ones my heart might weep.*

*Thou wilt not care, I know, how small my task,
Although Thou rulest all the stars above;
The thing supreme that Thou of me dost ask,
Is that the prompting of my heart be love."*

THE GATES OF THE YEAR

The shadow gates are swinging
That hide the dawning year;
The sound of muffled ringing
Is swiftly growing clear;
The far-off music, falling
Like flute notes soft and low,
Becomes a trumpet, calling,
And I must rise and go.

Lord, let my feet be surer
To walk the way unknown,
My heart a Kingdom purer
With love upon its throne;

And let me have a vision
Of truth, and life, and need,
And hands of quick decision
For every noble deed.

And thus with humble gladness
I greet the dawning year,
With hope that conquers sadness,
And love that casts out fear;
With courage for my roaming
In mingled peace and strife,
Till some day, in the gloaming,
I find the gates of life.

—John Mervin Hull

By Joy Meader

In Sorrow, Where Is God?



Anthony stood motionless, staring out the window into outer space. His whole being was possessed with grief and pain. Fear and anxiety were in his brown eyes and perspiration covered his brow.

"How could God let such tragedy come to him? Why was God so cruel?" thought Anthony.

He walked to the couch and slumped down in utter despair, clasping his head in his hands.

It had been over a year since it happened. A man who was once as strong as a lion, happy and contented, and able to conquer anything, it seemed, now only a walking skeleton with nothing to live for. He had been at work when the furnace had exploded and their home had gone up in flames, taking his wife and five small children. Tony, the oldest child had man-

aged to escape with the baby, only for both to die within two hours. Could a man ever get over such a tragic loss of losing his whole family—everything worth living for? Would Anthony ever find the faith in God which he once had? He had stopped going to church and refused to have anything to do with religion since the tragic loss of his family. He had started drinking liquor and smoking cigarettes, and had turned his back on God.

The door bell rang for the first time in several months. Anthony glanced at the door with a startled look. Who could be calling on him? The door bell rang again and again before Anthony managed to bring himself to open the door. His eyes shifted nervously and his mouth fell open. He looked like a little boy who could not be-

lieve his eyes or understand why she was there.

"Hello, Anthony. I know it took me a long time to come to you. I was in Japan when I heard about your tragedy, and was unable to come to you then, but I'm here now to express my deepest sympathy.

Angela and Anthony had been old sweethearts in college and were once planning on getting married. When Anthony gave up his plans for the ministry, Angela had told him:

"It is not just because you aren't going to be a minister that I can't married you; but I want to marry a *man*. When God called you into the ministry you said *yes*, but you failed to keep that promise. How could I be sure that you would keep your promise to me, just a woman, when you aren't man enough to keep your promise to God, the Almighty?"

Angela had gone to Japan as a missionary and had been there over five years helping in a Japanese orphanage. She had never married.

Looking straight into his eyes, in a low but gentle voice, Angela said, "Anthony, in your deepest need for God, you turned Him away. God did not forsake you—you have forsaken Him! Why, Anthony?"

Anthony could have rejected her and treated her like all the other people who had come knocking at his door trying to bring him back to God and to the church. But Anthony only stared at her and tears filled

his sad, brown eyes.

He took her hands in his and pressed them tightly. Looking down at her he said, "You have always been a true friend to me, even after . . ."

"Sh-h-h!" whispered Angela, "What's in the past remains in the past. I am your friend, Anthony, and I came to help you in any way you will let me help you."

"If God can't help me, how can you?" asked Anthony in bewilderment.

"God *can* help you. Up till now, you have refused to let Him help you. 'He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day' (Psalm 91:15 and 16). Why don't you call upon God? He has promised that He will answer. God never breaks a promise."

"Angela, I turned away from God the day He took my wife and five children in the fire. I have turned away from God day and night since that dreadful day. Could God hear the prayers of such a sinner?"

"God is a loving God and longsuffering. His hand is reaching out still. 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened'" (Matt. 7:7, 8).

Anthony could no longer hold back the tears he had held within the past year, not even shedding a tear at the funeral. He fell to his knees and began to cry in an anguished voice.

In choking sobs he prayed to God, repenting of all the sins he had committed. The tears ran freely as Angela went to his side and prayed with him. After much praying and weeping by both of them, Anthony looked up at her and said:

"Angela, you are a wonderful person, a real friend. How did you know that I needed you? What made you come?"

"'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). When I heard about your wife and children, I knew you would go through hell, for

you were not strong enough to take it. I didn't have the finances to come to you at once, but I started praying to God that somehow I would find the way to come back to help you. I believed that God would answer my prayers, and He did."

"You have much faith in God. It is wonderful to know that I have such a friend as you, who will stand by me through anything."

"You have a much greater friend than I—Jesus Christ, Who is standing by you and He is ready to help you."

"Yes, I know. This moment I have learned a lot from you. And I know now why God put me through this trial. I know now that I must keep my promise to God. I must go into the ministry no matter what!"

IN WHOM I TRUST

By Israel Bravo

*In whom I trust and never fear
in whom I put all faith and confidence
I feel secure.*

*I have no doubt in whom I trust
and call my own, that chill the hearts
of those who know not the holder
of my being.*

*To express the one I hold in high
esteem would be to count the stars
in heaven deep.*

*So uncomprehensible is He in
whom lies all my strength and hope
of tomorrow's destiny.*

*And yet invisible is He in whom
I trust and call my KING!*

Some time ago a friend of mine took me to a restaurant where they must have loved darkness rather than light. I stumbled into the dimly-lit cavern, fumbled for a chair, and mumbled that I needed a flashlight in order to read the menu. When the food came I ate it by faith and not by sight. Gradually, however, I began to make out objects a little more clearly. My host said, "Funny, isn't it, how we get used to the dark?" "Thank you," I replied, "You have given me a new sermon subject."

Van Harner in

Why Not Just Be Christians?

(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

For Youth — — A Goal

By Mona Davis

Does our youth have a goal? Where are we going? Every individual needs a purpose which consumes all the energy of spirit, soul and body. Full dedication is demanded.

I have noted a great majority of youth, Christians included, do not know their work, what God expects, nor yet have made full dedication.

Goals of Dictatorship

Nazism, Communism, Fascism, KKK and other totalitarianism creeds have taught earnestly and too often succeeded in fully inoculating their youth in great loyalty through disciplined training.

Even in our beloved America, we see storm troopers of the Nazis organized and marching in Washington—a false concept of freedom. In two years these created unspeakable havoc in Europe, murdering Jews and our boys; yet we let them in like rats to spread their doctrine among our youth.

Hitler reached out and taught kindergarten children of the superiority of their race, to hate the Jews, and caused young boys to march in disciplined order across the country to take them away from their parents' influence. He at least knew where to begin training.

America's Slackness

With a far greater heritage of freedom, based on God and His Word, we in America have failed to give our youth a strong basis of teaching and disciplined training. Rather, too often they have been left to choose for themselves before they have a just basis for choice. This training God leaves to parents. We have called ourselves a Christian nation and our presidents take their oath of loyalty on a Bible unread by most. So our youth have been cheated.

One Goal

If they had read this marvelous Bible wherein is given our Creator's will for us, they would have discovered the one purpose toward which all creation is moving—the Kingdom of God on earth!

In our Lord's prayer, which is repeated in all churches almost weekly, is found this goal, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Did He mean this or was it just thrown in for meaningless repetition?

Education has too often given youth spokes for the wheel of life but no hub. They come away with knowledge but no purpose. Here lies not

only our national but our Christian dilemma! Let us be one-pointed in directing our education, discipline and power to the Kingdom of God on earth!

Are we fools?

"Oh, fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." Jesus said this in Luke 24:25.

Are we going to be so foolish that we let minor goals obscure or obliterate entirely the universal Kingdom of God on earth?

Who then is the only dictator who will reign supreme with His saints? "There was given Him dominion, glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (Daniel 7:14).

King of kings and Lord of lords

The angel Gabriel told Mary in Luke 1:32, "He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his father David; and He shall reign over the House

of Jacob for ever; and Of His Kingdom there shall be no end."

"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies . . ." (Isaiah 34:1, 2).

Seek "First" His Kingdom

Do you seek a secure, comfortable home, a good salary, fame or earthly success with the education from men to secure it?

Matthew 5, 6, and 7 give the Gain, the Giver, the Goal and the Gauge.

Do you know His Words by heart to say and do? In all things we have One Master—Christ; One Day—His seventh; One Name—Jehovah, and One Kingdom—His universal reign.

A Challenge

You are now challenged to give *all* to His Kingdom, seeking it first in disciplined training.

The body must be trained as the temple of the living God. No soft living from now on. Walk, rather than ride. Know and follow the Sargeant-Christ. No excuses or personal preference allowed. Set a schedule of exercise, a diet to build health and

strength even as Daniel and his three friends chose the simple pulse diet in preference to the rich food presented by the King's servant, and became seven times wiser than they—rosy and strong in health. So can you!

Mental Training

This is a phase forgotten by followers of Christ as their conversation testifies. What are we trying to prove? By not being conformed to this world's traditions, habits and prejudices, we become transformed by the renewing of our minds to *prove* the good, acceptable and perfect will of God. You must learn it first by reading His Words in the Bible. Second, you must know His individual will for you by *listening* in daily communion. Have you been doing all the talking in your prayer time? Much of our prayer time should be spent by listening to the all-wise knowledge of God, absorbing His strength, joy, peace and power.

"Let every thought be in obedience to the Mind of Christ." This takes a constant and persistent discipline of every thought and word. A most practical way to do this, which also provides a testimony of our asking of God, is to carry a small notebook which contains the words you think in conformity with the will of God, and in every area of life. I did this for seven years twenty years ago and found a transformation of mind and affairs. This is overcoming by faith. This is the victory which overcomes (more than conquers) the world.

Start today. Do not put it off or you will not get around to it. The phrasing of new thoughts, cancelling out old

habits, is difficult—and we do not do it easily.

Your Rightful Work

"...He gave to every man his work." This is within the Kingdom. Who but the Creator knows your destiny, work and education needed? He placed you in your town, community and nation for a purpose. Ask Him!

Your Supply

You have a service to render and not a living to make. Your Father knoweth you have need of these things. But seek *first* His Kingdom and all these things shall be added unto you.

"With what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again." This is the inevitable law of sowing and reaping. Use it positively. Life is a boomerang which returns to you what you have sent out.

Every careless word may register in others' thoughts and reproduce and multiply in one's life. How often have you claimed a burden—a trouble which God never gave you? Read Jer. 23:33-40. "Your word is your burden."

Every conversation, sermon, discussion, thought and effort must then be compatible with one's life having the Kingdom as its center. Jesus, John, Paul and the elders went forth from town to town, house to house, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. Will you cancel it all out by a lack of love for God and neighbor? We are to daily see, enter, live in it, proclaim and inherit this Kingdom. Is not this a glorious goal?

Denominationalism divides us; the Kingdom unites us. God is the All-

Power, All-Love, All-Life by which we promote this reign.

Let us completely dedicate our lives and every avenue of expression

to His Kingdom on earth. Let His will—good, acceptable and perfect—be fully fulfilled in us through the grace of His Spirit.

The Incomparable Christ

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of life. This Man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, and had neither training nor formal education.

In infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed the multitudes without medicine, and made no charge for His service. He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students.

He never marshaled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun;

and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms; and surrender without a shot fired.

He never practiced psychiatry, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

Once each week the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wind their way to worshiping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone. The names of the past scientists, philosophers, and theologians have come and gone; but the name of the Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread nineteen hundred years between the people of this generation and the scenes of His crucifixion, yet He still lives. Herod could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, and feared by devils, as the living, personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour. We are either going to be forever with Him, or forever without Him.

—Selected

Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

Why do young people like to kiss?

ANSWER:

They are not the only ones! Even President Johnson likes to kiss the ladies, according to press reports.

All of us have basic appetites, the sex appetite being strongly registered among them. A kiss is a display of affection that represents feelings for another that go beyond that of casual friendship. When repeated and intense, it incites basic passions which call for the satisfying of an appetite. It is a bit like following the scent of good food when you are hungry. Contrary to the food appetite, one has no right to engage in sexual activity until qualified by legal marriage to do so. Consequently, ev-

en though kissing may give pleasant sensations, it is also dangerous.

No doubt young people also indulge in this because it has come to be a status amongst those of the age group. It reflects an accomplishment to them in this adult world. It is "getting away with something" that parents and adults do not entirely approve of and yet are quite helpless to put an end to.

QUESTION:

Should young people of our church date young people who do not belong to the church?

ANSWER:

In numerous localities there would be no dating by our young people if they could not date someone outside the church. Occasional dating outside the church, though not ideal, must be expected. A youth would do well to keep his head and remember that under these circumstances, no serious courtship should develop until the matter of religious differences is resolved. If it cannot be resolved when interest in each other is new, it surely cannot be resolved more easily when the differences cause greater hurt.

Young people who have no other youth of their church to date should make special efforts to attend church events which bring our young people from various areas together, such as summer camps, camp meetings, church schools, etc. These offer excellent opportunity to meet

others of their age group who are of the same Faith.

QUESTION:

Where should young people go on a date?

ANSWER:

See your pastor about this, or drop me a line. It is difficult to make suggestions for every area. There are a few general principles you may keep in mind.

Church is an excellent place to take a date. You may not think so offhand, but it has the advantage of bringing out the best in each other. It will find you thinking and doing more worth-while things. When you part after the evening's activities, you will feel cleaner and happier.

Also, consider activities that will satisfy your better selves, such as musical concerts (good music), and other media of dignified nature. These will mature you, enlighten you, and make you feel delightful together. When young people go on dates and carry on activities that are doubtful and demoralizing, they end up feeling miserable. If you do something worth-while, you and your date will like each other better, and you will feel the date has been of value to you.

QUESTION:

When my girl and I are parked in a beautiful spot, do I kiss her first, does she kiss

me first, or do we just sit there looking stupid?

ANSWER:

I get the message! Now I have one for you. Just sitting there is being less stupid than this necking you are wanting someone to approve. If you feel a bit silly just sitting in a parked car, get the car moving.

If your girl is quick to kiss you first, you had better forget about the parking and run for it! You are on your way to serious trouble. In this explosive activity of intense hugging and kissing, it must remain the girl's responsibility to see that progress does not get out of hand. An aggressive girl would probably do little to keep things under control. Once you get out of control, you've had it!

QUESTION:

What do you consider to be a proper length of engagement?

ANSWER:

The proper length of time is from the day a couple decides to get married until the day they are sure they are ready to be married. Some very short engagements are adequate; some long ones were not long enough.

The engagement is a period of time when a couple should use their heads as well as their hearts in determining how right they are for each other. Any threats to their marriage, such as religious differences (no couple should get this far with reli-

gious differences, but it happens), background differences (in-laws), vocational plans, tastes, should be worked out, if necessary.

Engagement is *not* a time when a couple may be free to express overly compassionate af-

fection for each other, nor simply a matter of "tying each other down." Rather, it should be wisely used to seriously and carefully consider suitability for marriage. Once this is accomplished the engagement has been long enough.

"Behold, What Manner of Love"

By Mary Holbert

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God..." (1 John 3:1). From this verse we may conclude there are different manners of love.

Man has one kind, which considers others with a warm interest of approval as long as they favor them. This warmth of approval is difficult for man to maintain in the face of disapproval and antagonism.

God's love is of another kind. When man turned away from God to serve His greatest enemy, God did not desert him. Instead, He gave man an opportunity to repent, left him comforting words of instruction, and gave the Holy Spirit to help man live up to God's standard.

The greatest evidence of

God's superior love is found in John 3:16. "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*" God's justice caused Him to punish man for his sins, but His love caused Him to send His Son to die for mankind. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin on Calvary. At the cross, God's love for us was revealed.

Psalm 85:10 describes that moment, "*Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*"

"*Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite*" (Psalm 147:5). God knows our every deed, our every thought, yet He loves us. This love of God does not compro-

mise with iniquity. He weighs the deeds of man on an exact scale. We need not fear to have our deeds judged if we respond to God's love with love for Him. "... God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:16, 17).

Our love for God should be a strong love, not a lukewarm one. Jesus says we are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. See Matthew 22:37. If we possess such love in our hearts for God there will be noticeable effects.

In Proverbs 10:12 we are told that love covereth all sins. In 1 Corinthians the thirteenth chapter, we find many effects of love. A person possessing the love of God and the love of his fellow man in his heart will be longsuffering, and kind; he will not envy, behave unseemly, or become puffed up.

I know now, looking back, that in the living room of my home that day, in the simple act of believing that Jesus died for me, the power of God's Word began to work. I saw, for the first time really, that a live, flesh-and-blood Person had suffered an agonizing death because of love for a boy named Robert Richardson.

In that moment a tiny flame of desire was kindled in me, a desire to know this Man, to follow Him, to show Him my gratitude. And though there have been detours along the way, that flame has never gone out.

Bobby Richardson in THE BOBBY RICHARDSON STORY (Fleming H. Revell Company)

This persons will
think no evil —
rejoice in truth—
bear all things—
believe all things—
hope all things—
endure all things.

Another profound effect of love in our lives will be our obedience to God. Repeatedly Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." See John 14:15. In fact, 2 John 6 gives a definition of love in terms of obedience. "And this is love that we walk after his commandments..." The love of God is perfected in us if we keep His Word. "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him" (1 John 2:5).

If we need a test to see if we possess love for God we can apply the one in John 4:21, "And this commandment have we from him that he who loveth God loveth his brother also."

Only

Half-Baked!



By Dorothy Nimchuk

"I don't know what you're harping about. I go to church with you all the time. I'm just as good a Christian as the next one," stormed Cecile.

"But, dear," Mother protested, "You know they need more help this afternoon to pass out tracts. If you don't go, perhaps someone will not get one."

"What does it matter if they all get them or not—half the people in this town will only throw them away anyhow. So what's the difference?" Cecile flounced out of the room, picking up a book from the library table as she went past on her way to the terrace. Why did they think she was always at their "beck and call" for every project dreamed up? She'd show them!

She stuck to her resolve and stayed home all afternoon reading. At least she gave the impression that she was reading! Somehow she couldn't concentrate and the words were a jumble before her eyes; but she would not give in.

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Monday morning Cecile was about to leave for school when her mother stopped her in the hall. "Old Mrs. Matson just phoned, Cecile, and she wants someone to read to her this afternoon. You could run over on your way home from classes. She has just received a letter from her grandson in Viet Nam

and you know she has great difficulty reading. Such poor eyesight!"

"Oh, no," groaned Cecile. "The last time I went there I didn't get home till after 6:00 o'clock—hungry as a bear. You'll not rope *me* in again."

Mother sighed. "But, Cecile, what about your Christian duty to help others? I'm sure you don't. . . ."

"Stop," interrupted Cecile. "I thought I made it clear that I do perform my duty by attending all the services of the church. Let someone else be the guinea pig from now on! I'm through.

Now I'd better run—I'll be late for school."

The house was quiet with the younger children at their play. Mother went into her room alone and knelt with her heavy load of care. More and more she found herself in the "secret place"—alone with God. Here she brought her burdens and left them at the foot of the cross. From here, she rose, refreshed by the "fountain of life," ready to carry on once more.

"Dear God," she prayed, "What am I to do with this girl of mine? She has always been so sweet before. Could it be the influence of the new girl at school—Shirley? They *have* been chumming together a lot of late; and, oh, such a change in Cecile. Please keep my girl safe, dear Lord. Don't let her drift the way of the world. She seems to have changed so. . . . I'd also like to pray for Shirley, Lord. May we all be witnesses to her so she will become one of us in Christ. Amen."

Although she still didn't know exactly what she was going to do with her daughter, Mrs. Anderson rose from her knees with peace in her heart and a look of serenity on her brow. She had left her burden with the Lord and she was confident in His ability to work things out in His own time and way.

Busily she worked through the day. Then she engaged a babysitter to stay with the little ones while she went to see Mrs. Matson. They had a de-

lightful time together and Mrs. Anderson jumped up in dismay as she glanced at the clock. "Oh, I must be going. My family will be home soon for supper and I must get something ready. I was planning on baking some potatoes but now there just won't be time." Bidding her friend goodbye, she hurried away.

It was on her way home that she received her inspiration. Hurriedly she entered the house, changing her coat for an apron as she went through the hall. She worked busily about her neat kitchen and she sang as she worked. There was even a trace of a smile on her lips, as though she had some secret to be shared.

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Mother was putting the finishing touches on her dining room table when the hungry horde arrived. "Oh, boy!" exclaimed Billy coming in from his play, "baked potatoes!"

"Fresh garden peas, ummm ummm, my favorite!" added Father who had just come in from the office.

"Oh, Mother, what lovely flowers on the table! I think flowers lend such wonderful atmosphere to a meal."

"Only thing is, you can't eat them!" said Jenny, who was known for her tremendous appetite.

"Well, come on, sit down, all of you, before everything gets cold," and Mother sat down in her accustomed place.

As soon as the blessing was asked, Billy grabbed a hot potato and split it open on his plate. With his spoon he began to dig it out of the shell. "Hey, Mom, what's the matter with this potato? I can barely get my spoon into it. How'm I going to eat it?" he wailed.

By this time the rest of the family were experiencing similar difficulties.

"Edith, I'm surprised at you," Father said. "Why, in all our married years I have never eaten such a meal as this one! These peas aren't even cooked!"

Mother simply smiled on them all, "They do *look* real nice, don't they? I picked them soon as I got home today and washed them real clean. They certainly look good enough to eat." Father merely muttered something under his breath.

"Mother, these potatoes are only *half baked!* Whatever did you do with them? Billy's right. You can't even eat them," complained Cecile.

"Well," said Mother in an off-hand manner, "I certainly did *my* duty by them. I scrubbed them and popped them into the oven the minute I got back from Mrs. Matson's. It was late when I got home. It's too bad if the oven didn't cooperate and do its part."

"Oh, oh," grinned Father. "Someone's in need of an object lesson. Only it's pretty tough on all of us, doing it this way!"

"I don't care about object lessons; I'm hungry!" and Billy began to butter a piece of bread.

"What lesson—and for who?" asked Cecile.

"Could there be a sweet girl in this house," wondered Mother kindly, "who is just like these potatoes—half baked? Only half baked in her Christian experience? It may be too easy to feel that just being in church every week qualifies one as fulfilling her obligation to God. Just putting the potatoes in the oven doesn't insure that I'll have a good supper. I must be sure to get them in soon enough, have the fire hot enough, and take them out in time. In our Christian life we all must work and witness to others of the love and saving power of our Saviour in order to be effective followers of Christ."

Cecile had hung her head as Mother began to speak. She now raised her eyes to Mother's face and there was a glint of tears in them. "I see now what you've been trying to tell me, Mother. I wanted to be a Christian in name only, without any of the responsibility which goes along with it. When it came time to witness or work, I just wasn't to be found."

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven," quoted Father.

"I'm going to start being a worker right away. Maybe I can get Shirley to come to church with me this week. She really needs the Lord in her life," promised Cecile.

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The following letter from Joyce Weir was selected from the New Auburn local Midweek Reminder. It is her testimony concerning a recent mishap when she was caught by the belt of a saw and injured.

Dear Readers,

I would like to try to tell you how it feels to realize that God has saved me from a terrible fate and tragic death.

How unsuspecting I was of what fate had in store for me.

I'll try to relate to you the thoughts that went through my mind during that brief second before I went into shock. The last thing I can remember is that for some reason everything turned around; my hand fell over my face in this turn about. (I didn't know the belt had caught me and thrown me through the pulley.)

I heard my mother cry out "Oh Joyce!" and then I knew that she thought I was gone. But I knew I was living. I realized that she must have seen my body in a frightening condition. But, I felt nothing. Even though I knew I was living, I figured I was *soon* to die. Then my mind went blank, before I had time to call upon the Lord or prepare to die.

While in shock, my breath left me—leaving my body in a cloud of grayness. But praise His name He had a reason to bring me back and, working through Daddy's hands, brought that precious oxygen back into my lungs and my natural color returned to me. Oh, how insignificant are my cuts and bruises compared with life itself.

I do realize all things happen for a reason. I owe so much to God. Is His price really too high? Do we enjoy life so much that we leave God standing in the shadows, alone?

Life has a new value now; I hope people can see Christ through me. I'm not ashamed of Him and I hope I *never* do anything to make Him ashamed of me.

I have often heard people say "Why be a Christian and be saved now? Why, I can go out and have my fun and change my life before I die." But I want to warn all who are reading this, "If I would have died! (I praise God I didn't) I *didn't have* time to call upon God and ASK His blessings and forgiveness. If Jesus should call you NOW—would YOU be ready?"

Constant Prayer

By Nathan Straub

"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Is it unreasonable for God to expect His children to have a prayer constantly in their hearts? Indeed, we would not ascribe unreasonableness to our God. What can we then say about constant prayer?

There is an immediate blessing attached to constant prayer, which is this: when we are in constant prayer to God, it is sure that we have God in mind constantly. Right there is a blessing.

Let us think of a radio for a moment. A radio is no more useful than a small apple box if it is not tuned in to a radio station. It may have all the proper equipment within it, but if it is not tuned in properly, it does not act as we think a radio should.

In this respect we are like little radios. God is willing to bless His children. He is willing to help His children, but we must tune in to Him in order to receive what He is willing to give. Prayer—constant prayer—keeps each one tuned to God. If one is out of tune with God he cannot be what he should be.

In the Lord's Prayer these words are found: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Is God's will done in heaven? We have no reason to believe otherwise. Is God's will done in earth? Indeed not. It would be wonderful beyond the expression of words if God's will were done in earth.

God's will can be done in each of His children if they are willing to keep in tune with Him through praying without ceasing. Christ was our example and He said, "... not as I will, but as thou...."

The song, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," reminds one of this thought. "Thou art the Potter; I am the clay..." Clay necessarily submits to the hand of the potter at the potter's wheel. Clay does not and cannot object to the hand of the potter. We as a different kind of clay ought to submit ourselves entirely to the hand of the Potter. Though we are able to object to the hand of the Potter, and even sometimes do, we should not. We should remember that we are clay and He is the Potter.

There is no happier life than one completely surrendered to God. How is this done? One step, a very important one, is constant prayer.

By Paythe Piper

When I was growing up, I had a very pessimistic outlook on life. If a school picnic were planned, I was sure that I wouldn't get to go. It would be just my luck to come down with the mumps, or more likely, it was apt to rain, and nobody would get to go. My mother tried to help me overcome my pessimism by teaching me a wise old saying, "Look for good and good will come. Look for something bad to happen and you'll realize your expectations." In other words, we usually get no more nor less from life than we expect.

I believe this same lesson is taught by the Bible. An example is found in Genesis 11:1-9. If some of our very early ancestors had trusted God to bless them with good as long as they loved and obeyed Him, they would never have built the Tower of Babel and very likely we would be one world family with one language and a common understanding of our fellow men.

According to the passage in Genesis, the people suggested the building of the Tower of Babel because they were afraid they would be scattered abroad. They seemed to believe that by building a great city, giving themselves a name, and building the Tower of Babel, they could prevent themselves from being scattered. They trusted in themselves and their

abilities rather than in God's wisdom and mercy.

This lack of faith was displeasing to God. The city they sought to build was never completed. God confounded their language, making neighbor unable to understand neighbor because of the difference in speech, and the people were scattered abroad. The people had expected the worst and the worst had come because of their lack of faith.

Expect only good from God as long as you love Him and keep His Commandments, and good will surely come. Distrust God and His plans for you, and you will probably realize your worst expectations.

A Realization of One's Expectations

The Editor's Page

THE CARES OF THIS LIFE

The "cares of this life"—perhaps this is a familiar expression to us as found in the Bible in various passages. We are told that the word of God may be choked out with cares and riches and pleasures of this life (Luke 8:14).

In another passage (Luke 21:34) we are admonished to "take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your ears be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

It may be that we rather unthinkingly categorize all of this with such offenses as drunkenness, and revellings, forgetting that the "cares of this life" may be a classification that includes many things around us daily—even in our Christian lives.

The cares with which our minds are daily and constantly taken up may not be sinful in themselves. At the same time, it *can* be that as the cares of this life crowd out the fulfillment of a desire to put God and His Kingdom first, these may become offensive to God.

With the pressures of the social level around us and the accepted "necessities" of life today, it can become very difficult to keep things in their proper perspective—the perspective that is fitting for a Christian, one who is to have the "mind of Christ."

So often we are not appreciative for the intangible gifts of family togetherness. Too often we are constantly reaching out for more social life, more material comforts, more social acceptance, while all the time right at our fingertips may lie the ingredients for the greatest and most worth-while happiness—a home, a family, and the sharing of God's daily blessings to us.

Were you to suddenly have occasion, as I did, to be in a home where death has come and suddenly snatched away a much-loved and much-needed young person, perhaps you would be once again struck with the folly of so much of our thinking, our desires, and our efforts in this life. Suddenly we realize what a wonderful, heavenly bliss it would be to the ones left behind, if only the circle were complete again—within their own little home—even if all other desires and "cares of this life" were not fulfilled.

Also we are struck at such a time, perhaps as never before, with the thought of what a wondrously beautiful place the kingdom of God will be. We are impressed with the unmatched beauty of this plan of redemption God has so freely offered us.

Might we borrow a portion of this appreciation before we must face it in tragedy? May we somehow grasp the significance of being "content with such as ye have . . .," seeking first—truly first—the kingdom of God

and His righteousness, then recognizing that God does add to our lives the blessings that are truly worthwhile.

"But godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6).

What Is An Evangelette?

The difference between a "professing" Christian and a "possessing" Christian seems to be the fruits displayed by each. They both claim a personal acquaintance with the Lord, but the works of one tend to disclaim his profession. The Bible indicates that this type of person (who professes, not possesses) is merely deceiving himself, and someday will hear the sad words, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

F.Y.C.er's, now is the time for us to mean business with our God. Let me speak frankly: a short, formalized prayer before mealtime and on Sabbath will never unlock the gates to God's kingdom; comic books, televisions, and "love" magazines will take us down the road to destruction when the Bible is left unused; failure to uplift the widows, the sick, the needy, and the unloved means only that one's religion is in vain! An honest look at these facts should shake us from our indifference. How will you react?

The Evangelette program is designed to help you move out from behind the "stuff," and into the action-packed center of a life dedicated to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It encourages Bible study, prayer,

personal growth, visitation, and F.Y.C. group support. If you really get serious about it, you will see changes in your life. Where there once was laziness, you'll find energy; where there was worldliness, you'll find Godliness; and where there was indifference, you'll find a real compassion for your own salvation and for others.

Don't miss the real benefits afforded by a working agreement with the Almighty God. A real Evangelette is not on the sideline; an Evangelette really lives!

For your copy of the Evangelette program booklet, please write

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Master



Several years ago I went to Santa Monica, Calif., to see a horse. He was very famous; people from many parts of the world had beaten a path to his corral. A life-sized bronze image of this horse is exhibited in a large museum. But when I saw him he seemed to be just an ordinary cow pony. His name was as unspectacular as his appearance. He was called Soapsuds. His only possible claim to fame lay in the fact that he was the favorite cow pony of the late Will Rogers.

These were my thoughts as I looked at that horse: "Soapsuds, you would never have been heard of. There are blooded horses in the world who would not associate with you! You would have lived and died in the common herd. People would never give you a second look but for one thing—you had the right master. He made you famous. Yours is a borrowed glory!"

And I found myself adding something else: "I can tell you this too, Soapsuds. There was a fisherman once. And we never would have heard of him, either. He would have lived and died,

and left his boats rocking on the water, his nets rotting on the rocks. That would have been the end. But, Soapsuds, countless boys bear that fisherman's name. High cathedrals climb skyward and are called 'St. Peter's.' His name is bright in the greatest Book on earth. He got the right Master, too!"

It has been said that everybody on earth is mastered by something or someone. As Jesus pointed out, "No man can serve two masters." But our very nature demands that we have that one master. Such being the case, we should choose carefully which master we will serve.

And mastery is not to be associated with slavery—unless we have the wrong master! Contradictory as it may sound, the right mastery is a form of freedom. Only when we are mastered by the highest are we free from the lowest.

Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:29, 30). —Lon Woodrum (Selected)

Radio Log

FAITH FOR OUR TIME—Speaker: K. H. Freeman

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| <i>Canada</i> , Drumheller, Alta.
CJDV (910 kc)—10:45 a.m. Sun. | <i>Nebraska</i> , McCook
KBRL (1300 kc)—9:15 a.m. Sun. |
| <i>Alabama</i> , Scottsboro
WROS (1330 kc)—7:15 a.m. Sab. | <i>New Jersey</i> , Newark
WVNJ (620 kc)—8:30 a.m. Sun. |
| <i>Colorado</i> , Grand Junction
KEXO (1230 kc)—7:00 p.m. Sun. | <i>New York</i> , Horseheads
WEHH (1590 kc)—8:45 a.m. Sun. |
| <i>Illinois</i> , Macomb
WKAI (1510 kc)—8:45 a.m. Sun. | <i>Ohio</i> , Toledo
WSPD (1370 kc)—8:00 a.m. Sun. |
| <i>Iowa</i> , Cedar Rapids
KCRG (1600 kc)—5:00 p.m. Sun. | <i>Oklahoma</i> , Durant
KESO (750 kc)—7:15 a.m. Sun. |
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KBYE (890 kc)—1:00 p.m. Sab. |
| <i>Michigan</i> , Holland
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WARO (540 kc)—9:15 a.m. Sun. |
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KNOF (FM 95.3)—12:15 p.m. Sun. | <i>Tennessee</i> , McMinnville
WBMC (960 kc)—12:15 p.m. Sun. |
| <i>Missouri</i> , El Dorado Springs
KESM (1580 kc)—9:30 a.m. Sun. | <i>Washington</i> , Puyallup
KAYE (1450 kc)—9:30 p.m. Thurs. |
| <i>Missouri</i> , Kansas City
KCCV (1510 kc)—9:30 a.m. Sun. | <i>Washington</i> , Walla Walla
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| <i>Missouri</i> , St. Louis
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KXEN (1010 kc)—8:15 a.m. M—F | <i>West Virginia</i> , Ravenswood
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SEARCHLIGHT BIBLE BROADCAST—Speaker: Trinidad Padilla

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| <i>British Columbia</i> , Abbotsford
CFUR (1240 kc)—8:30 a.m. Sun. | LA VERDAD PRESENTE (Span.)
<i>Mexico</i> , Radio Bahia, Ensenada B.C.
XEHC (1590 kc)—6:00 p.m. Sun. |

FAITH AND LIFE

Speaker: W. H. Olson

- Virginia*, Alexandria
WPIK (730 kc)—9:45 a.m. Sun.

Speaker: Ivan Harlan

- Arkansas*, Van Buren
KFDF (1580 kc)—8:00 a.m. Sun.

THE SPANISH HOUR

Speaker: Noah Camero

- Minnesota*, St. Paul
KNOF (FM 95.3)—12:30 p.m. Sun.
- Michigan*, Saginaw
WKNX (1210 kc)—7:15 a.m. Sun.

2T₄G - Take Time for God

Haggai - A Piece of Puzzle

By Jessie Truman

One of the fascinating things about studying the Bible is that it is sometimes like a puzzle. A piece by itself doesn't make the whole picture. But by putting the pieces together correctly, as indicated in 2 Tim. 2:15, the picture becomes clear.

The book of Haggai, (could you find it on your first try?) is one of those puzzle pieces. It has only two chapters, so it is a small piece and well hidden between Zephaniah and Zechariah. Have you found anything familiar about it, so you'll know just where it should go?

The first line gives us a hint. "In the second year of Darius the king. . . ." Whoa! Where have we heard of Darius before? I found him mentioned first in Daniel 5:1 where he took over the reign of the Chaldeans, following the death of Belshazzar. Darius was the king of the Medes who was tricked into signing a decree which resulted in Daniel being thrown to the lions. Now we know who he was.

Next, let's place the book of Haggai in its proper time-setting, in regard to other prophets. Turn to Ezra 5:1. There Ezra recorded that Haggai and Zechariah prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem. It appears, then, that Haggai lived at the same time as did Daniel, Ezra and Zechariah. The book of Haggai is a record of the prophecy he made at that time.

Dec. 15	Haggai 1
Dec. 16	Haggai 2
Dec. 17	Zech. 1
Dec. 18	Zech. 2
Dec. 19	Zech. 3
Dec. 20	Zech. 4
Dec. 21	Zech. 5
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Dec. 23	Zech. 7
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Dec. 25	Zech. 9
Dec. 26	Zech. 10
Dec. 27	Zech. 11
Dec. 28	Zech. 12
Dec. 29	Zech. 13
Dec. 30	Zech. 14
Dec. 31	Mal. 1
Jan. 1	Mal. 2
Jan. 2	Mal. 3
Jan. 3	Mal. 4
Jan. 4	Prov. 3
Jan. 5	Prov. 4
Jan. 6	Prov. 5
Jan. 7	Prov. 6
Jan. 8	Prov. 7
Jan. 9	Prov. 8
Jan. 10	Prov. 9
Jan. 11	Prov. 10
Jan. 12	Prov. 11
Jan. 13	Prov. 12
Jan. 14	Prov. 13
Jan. 15	Prov. 14

In order to get the story in its proper sequence, I hope you will read the first four chapters of Ezra. Then read the two chapters of Haggai. Return to Ezra and read chapters 5 and 6. It is the story of the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem, restoring the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon, and resuming the observance of the passover.

The message in Haggai's

prophecy is recorded for our instruction in righteousness, as well as for a record of history. There is a definite warning to God's people who have sought for their own wealth and neglected the house of the Lord. He cannot bless those who choose to put self first. Christ, with the mind of God, put it in a nutshell. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

News from Midwest Bible College

The month of November has been very busy and eventful at Midwest. We are busy not only during the week, but are usually just as busy on the weekends.

The weekend of the 6th, Elder Dale Godfrey, Dan Camero, and Dan Coulson went to Wichita, Kansas, where they enjoyed very much the fellowship with the people there.

Then the weekend of the 13th, three carloads went to Boicourt, Kansas, to hold an all day meeting there. These people are isolated, and do not have a pastor. They are always very happy to have visitors come and worship with them.

This same weekend, the Ken Lawson family, Ken Knoll and Mike Weir went to North Liberty, Iowa, to visit relatives and friends.

Also on the same date, Elder Dale Godfrey went to Michigan, and preached at Spring Vale, and at the

West Olive Church.

On November 20, we again rented the high school gym and had recreation for everyone. Afterwards, refreshments were served.

On the evening of November 21, the college held a "pizza supper" in the church basement. The basement was decorated very appropriately in fall colors. Violet Knoll made the pizza. Dan Camero and Israel Bravo supplied a background of music.

After classes on November 24, the students will separate, and go to various places for the Thanksgiving holiday. Let us all remember to be thankful to the Lord, and give to Him as He has given to us.

—Mark Ling

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He who receives a benefit should never forget it; he who bestows should never remember it.—CHARRON

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The Homeward Trail

By Cecyl Fischer

Approaching the end of another year always seems to lead us to measure our progress throughout the ending year, as though computing our mileage after a long trip. It is comforting to know that with the end of the current year a new one begins. December 31 will be much the same as January 1 of next year; there will be no drastic change taking place at midnight December 31 as the New Year arrives by the calendar. We are, however, approaching an end which will truly be a dead end as far as this familiar life is concerned. When Christ comes, there will be no second chance, no opportunity to make up for the days before. There will indeed be a drastic change when that day arrives and whether that change is for better or for worse is ours to decide today.

To us who know Christ it is not as though we are traveling to an end nor toward a frightful event. We are traveling homeward, a happy thing. Home—where we are safe, where we can rest at last. We must beware, for there are many obstacles on this homeward trail, many who would waylay us. A strong faith is the thing that will overcome these obstacles for us.

I thought of this as I traveled homeward on a dark, foggy night recently. I could see only a few feet from the car and how thankful I was for the white lines marking the center and the side of the roadway. Without these lines my way would have been very slow and difficult, but with them it was swift and easy. I needed pay little attention to what was on my left or on my right, for my way was well marked and I knew I was where I belonged. And then I thought, "What if I really had no faith in these lines? If I were suspicious that the workmen might, either with mischief or malice, paint the lines out into a field or ditch, I would again need to go carefully, feeling out my path laboriously lest I be led astray. But such was not the case. I had every confi-

dence in those who attended to the roadway markings and so my path was sure and swift.

Romans 12:12

Matt. 7:13

Matt. 10:39

Eph. 5:15, 16

James 4:17

Col. 3:17

Phil. 4:8

Eccl. 3:14

God has sent us His Word to mark our path, so that we need not doubt which way leads homeward. If we have complete faith in Him we will be guided by the white lines He has painted for us. We will not have to wonder at each bend in the road whether it is meant for us, for our way will be clearly marked. The guidelines He has left for us are the scriptures and our acceptance of them is a measure of our faith. If we are torn by doubt, our way will be toilsome and uncertain, but if we follow unwaveringly, our goal is sure and simple to attain.

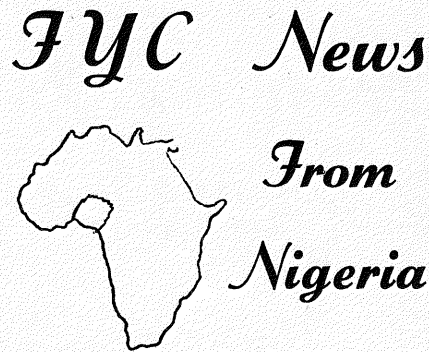
Throughout the year we have been memorizing verses of scripture as guideposts to our Christian living. Those who have learned all of the verses in this program are crossing the finish-line first in this competition, but in this race there are no losers, for if you learned even half of the verses, you now know forty-eight more than you knew at the beginning of the year. That alone is a prize to treasure.

On this page you will find the last eight verses in this year's Minuteman Program.

NOTICE: If you have been following this program and have learned all or part of the verses we would be happy to send you a test over all 96 verses so you can see how well you have learned them. **YOU WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE WRITTEN TEST** unless you wish to, but those which are returned will be compared and the "Minuteman" with the highest score will be announced in AIM.

Write for your final test to Minuteman Director, 25 N. 35th St., Corvallis, Ore. 97330.

As 1965 draws to a close, we praise God for the thankfulness found in the hearts of our brethren in foreign lands, as shown in this month's message from Brother Ben I. Tikili, Youth Leader in Nigeria and son of our Nigerian Overseer, Elder B. I. Tikili. He writes:



"I thank God for the privilege He has given me to write at this time and for all He has done for Young People everywhere. I am young Ben Tikili reporting once again from Aba, the headquarters and heart of the Church of God-7th Day in Nigeria.

"I hereby return a word of thanks to the American brothers and sisters who have assisted in promoting the spread of the Gospel here in Nigeria, and thank you beloved friends, sisters and brothers for your love, prayers and liberal offerings you have offered to our Father's work here. It would take much space to mention all that your prayers have worked but I give grateful thanks to God for hearing your and our prayers.

"I WAS HAPPY WHEN I SAW THE LORD'S HANDWORK IN ONE OF OUR BIGGEST CHURCHES . . .

"I am happy to report about the Young People's work here in Aba District in Eastern Nigeria. By the Lord leading His people we will truly know the good seed from the bad one. I was very happy when I saw the Lord's handwork in one of our biggest churches at Aburuike. This church was once very weakened by — (other ministers) who came . . . with their mighty dollars and confused the poor ones in the Church to worship them rather than worshiping God the Creator. The condition of this particular church had been very discouraging since the visit of these . . . American Brethren. But thank God that a great change has taken place since the transfer of Pastor F. O. Nwakwoe to take charge of the Aburuike Church. This particular Church is now an important place for the FYC's meetings.

"YOUNG PEOPLE SAY 'WE WILL FOLLOW THE LORD' . . .

"A month ago, I invited all the youths of my district by a circular letter and a very large number attended the meeting at the Aburuike Church of God Chapel. I gave a talk to the Youths, stressing on the importance of their present life, and the account

each and every one would give unto God when He shall send His Son Jesus Christ to judge this sinsick world. After the talk, I made a straightforward appeal, and the whole number of Young People present raised their hands up and said, "We will follow the Lord and His ways, and shall win souls for Christ." We then sang a song, "JIHOVAH DIRIM," meaning, "God is with me." After this song, Miss Violet Njoku took a scripture reading from the book of Hebrews 4:4-9. I commented on the keeping of the Sabbath.

"Enrollment followed and officers were elected as follows:

1. Chairman: Mr. Ezekiel Onwere
2. Miss Nelly Nkonna: Treasurer
3. Miss Violet Njoku: Secretary
4. Miss Rosaline Ekpendu: Assistant Secretary
5. James Onukwunma: Song Leader

"Mr. J. N. Ohia made out bylaws to suit them. Bible studies to be held fortnightly, and open air preaching to be on an appointed day. The motto chosen is "Spreading of the Gospel of the Kingdom with songs and solos among the FYC'ers."

"ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR IS THE COMBINED WORK OF COOPERATION OF OUR FYC'ERS . . .

"The FYC's were happy and expressed that they all have more confidence in the leadership of their honorable leader. The number of new enrollments of FYCs from November 1964 to August 1965 is 74. Another important factor to which attention should be drawn is the combined work of cooperation of our FYCers. Let us all work in oneness and serve the Lord as the elect ones. I have been in the Young People's Department for the past 26 years, and have again been appointed the Youth Leader in Nigeria with Brother John E. Orie as Assistant to lead the FYCers in the Ahoada District. Praise the Lord, O my soul; all that is within me, praise the Lord. Let us play our part and get acquainted with God. This is my prayer. My love to all youths of the Church of God-7th Day.

I am,
Yours in the Lord,
Young Ben. I. Tikili"

Surely letters such as the above have, through the year of 1965, made us all more aware of the World across the waters and its joys, problems, and Christian endeavors. It is our sincere prayer that this contact with our foreign brethren has served to bring us all closer together in true Christian unity.

We pray that 1966 will be a progressive year for God's Church, both here and abroad. May we all seek the Lord's guidance and blessings for our brethren across the seas.

—Jewell Linville

FYC NEWS and REMINDERS

A Director for the F.Y.C. Audio Visual Library

Brother Jerry Pedersen, student at M.B.C., has consented to be the director of the audio-visual library for the national F.Y.C. Plans are being made to organize the library so that it can be of greater service to you. The library has a fine collection of material and we are happy that Jerry has consented to take charge of proper filing, etc., to insure promptness in filling orders. We encourage you to order and use material from the library. It is being used by several groups and has been a big help to their programs. Send your orders as before to: Audio-Visual Library, Bible Advocate Press, Stanberry, Missouri. All orders for library should be separate from other orders. Postage and handling charges should be prepaid.

Extra Projects for the Merit System

Tacoma, Wash.—New Auburn, Wisc.—Stanberry, Mo.

It has been noticed in the merit reports that these three FYC groups always have from two to three extra projects listed on each report. The projects are all very worth-while efforts and include such things as regular rest home evangelism, shut-in

evangelism, special-effort meeting sponsored and advertised, many fund raising efforts for special projects, working around and on their churches, spreading of tracts several different ways, sponsoring youth to youth camps, distant treks to churches to help encourage and strengthen the youth work there, foreign missions projects, and on and on. All the groups should AIM for projects this year and much will be accomplished.

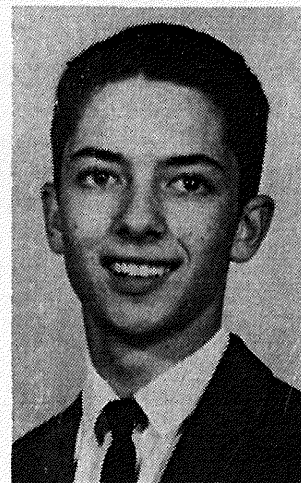
New Merit Director for 1966

The new merit director for 1966 will be Nathan Lawson. He would like to have all the FYC groups in the program for 1966. You should begin now to plan for earning a Gold Mark of Merit. Your group is needed in the program—and your group needs the program. Start in January, 1966. Nathan's address is: Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Missouri.

Aim for AIM in 1966

Make your F.Y.C. a Christian Readership group in 1966 by making sure that AIM is in the home of every FYC'er in your church. This year we want to get AIM to all your homes. Don't let your F.Y.C. be the last one to have the AIM for everyone. Rather, let it be one of the first to complete this project.

To Go on International Tour



Jimmy Fischer, an FYC'er who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fischer, Eureka, South Dakota, has been chosen to participate in the 1966 International Music Camp Tour Choir.

In order to be eligible to audition for the Choir a student had to be a member of the 1965 Music Camp held at the International Peace Gardens near Bottineau, North Dakota. The selection involved personal interviews and preparation by tape of several numbers which displayed musical technique, range and expression. The 69 voice choir was chosen from more than 400 select students who submitted the required tapes for review.

The members of the Tour Choir will assemble at the International Music Camp on Sunday, July 24, 1966, to begin their training session. The tour itinerary will include Canada, England, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and the United States.

Jimmy is the Eureka FYC secretary, and also assistant Sabbath school secretary. Congratulations on such a fine honor, Jim!

Youth Missions Team Record

The youth missions team record is now for sale and available for immediate mailing. If you want a record, you should order soon from the Church of God Publishing House at Stanberry. The record sells for \$3.98 and the profit from record sales will go into the Youth Department of the Church of God to be used for greater promotion of the youth work and the gospel of our Lord and Saviour. The record features the special singing that you heard as the youth team visited your churches.

Evangelette Covers Others

We would like for you to become an Evangelette. Booklets are available to help you become an effective worker for Christ. The Evangelette Program has included within it two of the other programs of the National F.Y.C. So, become an Evangelette and at the same time you will "2T4G:" and be a Minuteman in the memory verse program. Order your booklet from Calvin Burrell, Spring Vale Academy, Owosso, Michigan.

F.Y.C. Lighthouse Award

The F.Y.C. lighthouse award will be given away next month to some hard working F.Y.C. of the 1965 merit program. The merit points will be added to the bonus points and the F.Y.C. that totals the most points will be the winner of the award and get to keep it for 1966. To keep the award permanently, any F.Y.C. must earn the award two years in a row. F.Y.C.'s, set your sights on the Lighthouse Award. It can be yours.

Additional Third Quarter Merit Scores

The third quarter reports were recently received from the Elmira, Oregon F.Y.C. and from Trinidad. Thank you for your reports.

Elmira, Oregon

1st quarter	120	Bonus	20
2nd quarter	85	Bonus	20
3rd quarter	60	Bonus	30
	265		70

Cumunto, Trinidad

1st quarter	115
2nd quarter	40
3rd quarter	65
	220

Religious Skit Featured at Rally

Harrisburg Youth were host to Oregon State FYC Youth Rally for November. Theme was "In Favor with God and Man." A skit was put on by the Harrisburg Youth called "Trial of Mr. Nominal Christian." Harris-

burg church won the plaque this month. Attendance was 189.

Looking for Progress Resulting From Youth Team Visit

We are praying that there will be special progress over the field because of God's blessings during the youth tour. Real progress and added participation in worthy National Youth Programs would give reason for plans for similar tours in the future.

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ONLY HALF-BAKED!

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"Wonderful!" exclaimed Father. "I don't think I'd be able to live through many more object lessons such as this. I'm about to starve. Come on, all of you. Grab your coats. We're going out to dinner."

MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

Second Semester Begins January 17, 1966

- At present, fifteen men are attending and taking full time college work, in preparation for the gospel ministry. The ages of the men range from 20 to 40.

Others who feel called to the ministry and who wish to begin training the second semester, should begin now to make plans to do so.

- At present there are five women taking full or part time college work in the Bible Workers course at Midwest. Others are invited to join with these for the second semester.

God is calling for more workers. The harvest is white, the need is great. Will you answer the call?

Write today for the Midwest Bible College Bulletin and application forms.

Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Missouri

AUDIO-VISUAL Materials Available

Several colorful filmstrips on Bible stories are now available from the Young People's Department. Each filmstrip is accompanied by a 33 1/3 rpm recording (12-15 min.); one side of the record is for teaching use, and the other side for devotional use. A printed guide accompanies each set. All you need to use these filmstrips and records is a projector and a phonograph.

SET A—LIFE OF CHRIST, EARLY MINISTRY

1. *Calling of the Four*
2. *Marriage at Cana*
3. *Healing of a Leper*
4. *Healing of a Paralytic*
5. *Visit to Mary and Martha*
6. *The Man Born Blind*

SET B.—LIFE OF CHRIST, LATER MINISTRY

1. *Story of the Twelve*
2. *The Centurion's Servant*
3. *Rejection at Nazareth*
4. *Attempted Arrest*
5. *Fate of John the Baptist*
6. *The Raising of Lazarus*

SET C—SERMONS FOR Y.P. (7-8 minutes)

1. *A Big Decision*
2. *He Lost His Head*

SET D—LIFE OF SAINT PAUL, PART I

1. *Stephen, First Christian Martyr*
2. *Conversion of Saul of Tarsus*
3. *Years of Apprenticeship*
4. *Return to Jerusalem*
5. *Ambassador for Christ*
6. *First Missionary Journey*

SET E—OLD TESTAMENT, PART I

1. *Abraham, Man of Faith*
2. *Jacob, Bearer of the Promise*
3. *Joseph, the Young Man*
4. *Joseph, Ruler of Egypt*

SET F—THE PASSION STORY

1. *The Last Supper*
2. *Gethsemane*
3. *Arrest and Trial*
4. *Judgment and Crucifixion*
5. *The Resurrection*

THIRTY-MINUTE TAPES recorded by Church of God folks

1. *Elder and Sister Padilla Sing*
2. *Kansas City Mixed Quartet*
3. *New Auburn FYC*
4. *New choruses (with printed words)*
5. *Patchens Sing and Play*
6. *Oklahoma State FYC (15 min.)*
7. *Delores Fischer at the Organ*
8. *Elder and Mrs. John Kiesz Sing and Play*
9. *Fairview, Okla., FYC Sings*
10. *MBC Spring Concert, 1965*
11. *Faubion Family*
12. *Conroe, Texas, Special Music*
13. *Spring Vale Sings*
14. *New Auburn Male Quartet*
15. *Eureka FYC Sings*
16. *Eureka Girls' Trio*
17. *Elder Christenson Tells Bible Stories*
18. *Former Nienhuis Sisters' Trio*
19. *Midway, Okla., Ladies' Trio*
20. *Butrick Family*

SLIDES

Missouri-Oklahoma Youth Camp
Michigan Youth Camp
Midwest Bible College
Scenes from the Life of Christ
Church of God church buildings

ALSO AVAILABLE ARE . . .

Filmstrips of 22 hymns with words of hymn on illustrated background.

"Don Lonie Talks to Teenagers," a recording of good advice for youth.
Hymns of Cross Filmstrip and Program.

Borrow these materials from the Audio-visual Library, Publishing House, Stanberry, Mo. Send only 25¢ for the use of each item for postage and handling.