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*Free will is not the liberty to do whatever one likes, but the power of doing whatever one sees ought to be done, even in the face of otherwise overwhelming impulse. There lies freedom, indeed.—G. MACDONALD*

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# Satan

## Scores

# Again!

By Noah Camero

Uninformed people choose to believe that idolatry in our modern age is but a dead sin. Nothing could be more naive.

Idolatry in the twentieth century is assuredly not dead; rather it is very much alive.

Certainly no intelligent individual can picture multitudes of prostrate worshipers in total adoration before literal dumb idols and images. But idolatry nevertheless does thrive. It has simply disguised itself and passed itself off as a mere sociological trend.

Thus Satan has scored again.

Young people, beware lest you too be tricked by that cunning Master of Deceit. The dictionary defines "idolatry" as: Number one: the worship of idols. Number two: blind adoration. Is blind adoration not present in our modern world? Indeed, and very much so.

Although Satan has cunningly changed the objects of adoration; the blind adoration still remains. The object of adoration is no longer a deaf and

dumb monstrous image made of stone. It is now a handsome, live young man with a twangy guitar.—A mature, suave, rich executive seated behind a beautiful desk.—A contented, pretty housewife in a lovely home.—A glorified athlete receiving the ovation of a crowded stadium.—Or a bearded, shaggy rebel denouncing the hypocrisies of blue-nosed Victorians. Believe it or not, these are but a few of the current images of adoration.

At first glance these things all appear to be perfectly harmless. But let's take a closer look. Satan has deceived our present world into believing and living for this present life only, so that men and women think and plot and work themselves to death to attain in life those things that have been presented by mass communication as valuable and worthwhile goals.

Today the masses are not adoring images made of stone, silver or gold. The current objects of today's blind adoration

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*Young folks, be sure and read these sobering and enlightening thoughts of one who is reaching the years of decline.*

*These lines are priceless to you, because you can yet benefit—with many years of your life still before you.—  
Editor*

These words are like life and death; one builds, the other destroys. Forty-eight years in selling construction material with time out for three years of trouble-shooting in a steel producing firm adds up to what? Measured in material progress it has seen miles of highways laid, hundreds of bridges built, and thousands of new buildings erected. Constructive? Yes, but often the old has been destroyed to make room for the new. There is no pity when progress is on the move.

Measured in years, forty-eight summers and winters is a long period of service. It has seen youthful strength and zeal taper off to the limited vigor of age. Zeal has been more thoughtful. Often the spirit was willing but the flesh was not up to it. The shadows have settled down and the balance comes into view more plainly. I wonder about my work and zeal. Has it been as worthwhile as it seemed to be? Have I expelled my zeal in the right direction? I look at the scale and hope it is not too late to adjust my life to a better balance. Life has been good to me but as I square up with the scale I find that my "rewards" are heavy on the material side and light on the spiritual. I have touched many lives in my journey of the years but have I left anything with them that has inspired them to better lives or convicted

# Building UP and Tearing DOWN

By N. Gustafson

them of their way of life by my example? Have my contacts only been like ships that pass in the night—soon out of sight, soon forgotten?

My story is a story of thousands like me. Now that we are stepping out of the arena and laying away our "working clothes" we look at the poll and learn that our life expectancy of 65 years is another few years. Without thinking, that is a happy span, particularly at our age. But is it? If it passes as swiftly as our previous years it will be over before we get comfortably settled in it. Have we become so habitualized that we cannot benefit from our past and direct our remaining years into channels that will help balance our lives with really profitable results? What will it profit us if we gain this globe only to part with it and from it in 15 years? The questions sober us. Fifteen years! Yes, and then what?

Happy the person who will be honest with himself and face the facts. The doors of eternity have already started to open to receive us. We are irresistably drawn to its portals. Can we escape what lies beyond them? If not, then why not prepare ourselves? What is it that lies beyond them? Judgment. We must give an account for the deeds done in the body, every one of us. This "robe of flesh" will be taken off and laid neatly in the ground but the person who wore it will arise one day to meet God.

The scales are now out of our hands, the balances are set and locked in place just as we left them. We cannot add an ounce to either side. They are the witness for or against us. Since all our material wealth stayed behind it has failed us here. Not a cent of cash or a square inch

of property is in the scale to help us. Our social standing stayed behind, so did our pride, our self-esteem and self-righteousness. What have we to witness for us since none of these can? Only Jesus Christ. That is, if He is our Advocate.

We left our will behind us in the hands of an attorney to see that our instructions regarding our earthly possessions were carried out. But did we see to it that we put our souls into the care of our Heavenly Advocate to see that our spiritual will was carried out? Or were we too busy for our Heavenly will? If our earthly will was not made, our earthly possessions are disposed of according to law. The same is true of our Heavenly will: the Law says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18: 20).

Have you given your soul, your life, to God and made Jesus Christ your Saviour, Lord and Advocate? Have you made your will for Heaven? It requires evaluation, thought and decision to make an earthly will. So does a Heavenly will. To be legally satisfactory, a will must be properly made. So must your Heavenly will. As a sinner (and all have sinned) you need a Saviour. As a subject you need a Lord and Advocate. Jesus Christ is All. Have you come to Him, laid your case before Him, received Him as your Saviour, Lord and Advocate? Are you trusting Him alone to clear you at Judgment's bar?

*"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto*

salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

"...these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation for our sins: ..." (1 John 2:1, 2).—Selected

## SATAN SCORES AGAIN

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are worthless goals, false impressions, distorted images. Effective modern advertising has helped to bring this about. Education has been sold as the only sure way to success. "Success" is spelled with dollar signs. Dollars are thought to spell security, pleasure, happiness, to total a profitable, worthwhile, satisfying life.

So men and women dream and plan in blind adoration, investing a lifetime of service to these worthless idols. This is idolatry, a blind adoration to **SOMETHING OTHER THAN MAN'S CREATOR**. Be it an object made of stone, or be it a mirage conceived in self.

God said we should worship **HIM** with all our mind, heart and strength. This we cannot do when our only love becomes **THE** pursuit of happiness. **LIFE WITHOUT GOD, IS DEATH**. Jesus said, "What would it profit a man if he gain the **WHOLE WORLD** and lose his own soul!"

"Little children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5: 21).

## A DAD AND HIS LAD

When you see a young fellow, an upstanding lad, go by in the street keeping step with his dad; when the smiles in their eyes as they mix with the crowds show that each one is pleased with the other, and proud, it's a heart-gripping sight, it's inspiring and fine to know that in life they are toeing the line—a dad and his lad together.

A lad and his troubles—to him they are real. Some troubles, perhaps, that he tries to conceal. But he likes to depend on a fellow who cares—a fellow who listens, a fellow who shares—and he feels mighty proud of the chance to confide in the man whom he honors, the dad at his side—a dad and his lad together.

The fame of a land is not measured in gold, nor judged by its mines and the treasures they hold. It merits distinction and confidence when throughout its dominion are real manly men. A sight that's inspiring, heart-gripping, and fine, is a dad and his lad who are toeing the line—a dad and his lad together.

—H. Howard Biggar in *The Young Soldier*, Canada.

It is said that one day Tolstoi came to view a picture of the Last Supper which an artist had painted. After looking at it for a while, Tolstoi's face seemed to show disappointment. The artist anxiously asked the reason, and Tolstoi said, "You don't love the central Figure." "What makes you think I don't?" asked the artist. Tolstoi replied, "If you did, you would have painted Him better."

How are you and I portraying the central Figure in the picture of our lives?

# Diamond in the Rough

By Dorothy Nimchuk

"I vote no," the voice of the first elder was emphatic and carried the weight of his office behind him. "Too young!"

Brother Gifford, close friend of the former, nodded assent with the opinion expressed. "Fred's right," he spoke firmly, "we need someone more experienced."

It seemed as though the rest of the board members were about to cast their negative agreement, when one old fellow, who had kept silent till now, rose to his feet. "Now wait a minute, brothers, before you all rush into this decision. You've scarcely considered his record at school or his recommendation. Seems the only thing you can think of is that he's young—and time will take care of that soon enough. Experience? Where's he gonna get it if we don't give him a chance? I say we hire him—on a trial basis if you insist—but hire him. He needs us and we need him."

Brother Peters was a member of the board, for the most part, in view of his long-standing membership in the church and his substantial support of the same. He usually went

along with most of the younger men's ideas, realizing that times do change. However, when he did speak, his words carried much weight. So now men, formerly ready to vote a hasty no, stopped to reconsider the facts in the case and soon the pendulum began to swing in the other direction.

"Fine idea, Brother Peters," responded one red-cheeked, executive-looking individual. "I was just going to say something like that myself," he added hastily, with a side-glance at Brother Pierce.

"Sure enough," echoed another, "I agree completely. Give the young man a chance."

Fred Pierce rose to his feet heavily, tasting defeat for the first time since his admission to the board. He disliked the situation, yet he knew when he was licked. "Looks like you'll have it your way, Brother Peters," he sighed. "Now, tell me, who's going to take the responsibility when this young whipper-snapper fails to measure up and the membership begins to lose confidence in their board?" he wanted to know.

Ray Peters faced his adversary, for such he realized this man to be;

squared his shoulders, heavy with the weight of years; and replied with dignity, "I'll personally take full responsibility for this man. If he doesn't work out, I'll resign from the board."

A hard gleam came into Elder Pierce's eyes. Now he could get the proverbial two birds with one stone and win for himself more prestige and prominence. No youngster fresh from college could possibly fill the pulpit of the Westside Church in a manner which it deserved.

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Randy stepped down off the train, feeling very small and inadequate for the task ahead. All of his former confidence had long since fled as the miles had disappeared beneath the clicking wheels of the train. He had spent a week at home with his aged grandparents before leaving on this new venture.

"Oh, Lord," he prayed silently, "please give me a sign that this is where I belong. I feel less and less able for the position." He hadn't told anyone when he was coming so Randy was indeed surprised to hear his name paged. He looked up into the most kindly face he could have hoped to see. The speaker reminded him vaguely of his grandfather back home. Someone meeting him when no one knew exactly when he would arrive! Surely this was a sign!

"Elder Randall Bates?" the tall stranger repeated. When he nodded assent, the man continued, "I'm Brother Peters, member of the board, self-appointed to meet you. Funny thing. Seemed almost like a voice saying to me to meet this train. Come on home with me before any of the others know you're here. Martha and I want you all to ourselves to get acquainted before they all come

knocking at your door." Smiling, he led the way to a late-model car standing in the drive.

Martha Peters was ready to greet the new minister with a heartwarming smile and a meal fit for a king. "I had a feeling we'd be having company," she explained, "when I saw Ray a'sneaking off that way to the station."

When they finished eating, Martha motioned them away to the living room, "Go set a spell. I'll clean up these few dishes and join you. Mind what I told you now, Elder Bates, you're to stay right here with us till I can get that parsonage cleaned up. It's been a spell since we've had anyone in it. I'll get Francie Pierce to help me do the fixing. I'm not as young as I once was!"

Martha bustled in from the kitchen as the sound of the doorbell pealed through the house. "I'm coming! I'm coming! These legs of mine just don't move as fast as they once did." A broad grin spread over her wrinkled visage as she admitted their visitor. "Well, Francie, just been talking about you. Come on in and meet..." "Oh," exclaimed Francie, "I didn't know you had company. I'll come back later. Mother just wanted some more quilt blocks if you have any to spare." Francie started backing out the door when Martha clamped a solid hold on her arm and piloted her back into the room.

"Don't run off, dear," she smiled, "I'd like you to meet our new minister, Elder Randall Bates."

"How do you do," Francie turned several shades of pink as she looked up into blue eyes that seemed to engulf her.

Randy seemed to be having his own problems at composure as he

**"Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed." Out of his suffering he found a new strength to press on. His ministry seemed to reach out and grip the hearts of his listeners.....**

took the proffered hand in his own friendly clasp.

Sensing their discomfiture, Martha spoke into the widening silence, "Francie, take Elder Bates and show him our city of Fairview. He'll have to learn his way around and you can help him. Then stop by and introduce him to your dad. As first elder, Fred Pierce would certainly like to be among the first to welcome him. But remember, he stays here with us. So don't forget to bring him back."

The new Elder Bates caused quite a stir when he walked up to the pulpit for the first time. Feeling not quite equal to the situation, Randy offered a prayer for help, and breathed easier afterwards. Francie had given him a shy smile from her place in the choir as he walked on, and then bent her head over her hymnal.

Once into his sermon, Randy's confidence returned as he warmed to his topic. The expectant looks on the faces before him turned into ones of first interest, and then genuine concern over the lost and dying souls about whom he was speaking. Afterwards, amid much handshaking and welcoming, each family tried to get to him with the first invitation to dinner.

During the weeks that followed, Randy kept busy getting acquainted with parishioners and learning the duties of his pastorate. He discovered a staunch friend in the person of Brother Peters, who never seemed to pry and yet was always there with the right word of encouragement or advice when the occasion warranted.

Brother Pierce, on the other hand, seemed to block him on every turn. At board meetings he always seemed to take the opposing view. It was hard for Fred Pierce to admit even to himself that they had obtained a good minister when his own judgment had been against hiring such a young one. Therefore, he tried everything imaginable to disprove this young upstart. The fact that Francie took such a profound interest in the minister didn't help Fred's disposition either. Even Mrs. Pierce had stated her approval of Elder Bates' ministry.

Fred decided it was time to act. "Francie," he swallowed at what he was about to say, "You've been mooning over this young fellow long enough. It's time you were told the truth. He's got a girl back home and he's hoping to get married soon. So will you straighten up and quit looking like a sick calf?"

"Oh, Dad, no!" exclaimed Francie. "He never told me that!"

"Well, it's true, and that's a fact!" stated Fred, disregarding the stab of guilt he felt.

The church picnic was in full swing and Randy looked about for Francie. He hadn't been able to see her alone for several weeks and he had the feeling that she was purposely avoiding him. Why? he wondered. What had he done? Randy mingled with his congregation, speaking to some; playing with the Gifford's new baby; enjoying a game of ball with the small boys; but all the time watching his chance to see Francie. Spying

her heading for the spring with a bucket over one arm, he excused himself from the group around him, and unobtrusively made his way via a roundabout route to that same destination.

"Here you are," he smiled down into her troubled eyes. "Now, tell me why you have been avoiding me of late. Have I offended you? Please, Francie," he pleaded when she remained silent, "you know I think a lot of you. . . ."

"Stop," she lashed out at him, a hurt look deep within her eyes, "it's not fit for any man, be he minister or not, to pay court to a girl when he is engaged to someone else." With that, she dropped her pail and fled back along the path she had come.

It was difficult for Randy to retain his usual genial appearance when he felt so mixed up inside. Who could have possibly told such an untruth?

The following day, Randy called at the Pierce's residence and found Francie's mother alone. After the conversation had drifted along a general course for a time, Mrs. Pierce pushed it headlong into the rapids.

"Elder Bates," she began, "I'm sure disappointed in you. Why, when Fred told us you were engaged, I was so surprised. Francie was so grieved. You haven't been leading her on now, have you?"

Randy welcomed the knock on the door which precluded any answer to the direct question. His thoughts were in a turmoil. Excusing himself as quickly as possible, he hurried on his way. Now he knew, and yet his hands were tied. He certainly wouldn't want to be the one to tell Francie that her father had lied, and she probably wouldn't believe it anyhow.

Randy spent much time on his

knees before his Maker, in agony of soul. He found comfort in his hour of need as he read the words of 1 Peter 4:16: "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed. . . ." Out of his suffering he found a new strength to press on. His sermons seemed to reach out and grip the hearts of his listeners; and his ministry was blessed as souls were added to the fold. He felt as though he had passed through the refiner's fire and was the better for it.

"Fred," said his wife one day, "Elder Bates hasn't been here much since the day I told him you knew he was engaged to another girl. Oh, he still makes routine calls, but it's not the same. I can't draw him out about this other girl either. Perhaps you should talk to him," she suggested.

"You told him I said that?" sputtered Fred, spilling his soup in his haste to rise. "Why . . . why . . ." he was at a loss for words. "Excuse me, I'm late for an appointment," and with that he left the room.

"What was that all about?" Francie wanted to know, entering from the direction of the kitchen.

"I don't know, dear," answered her mother in a puzzled tone. "I don't know."

Fred walked the streets of Fairview for several hours, fighting a tremendous battle within himself. He knew what he must do, and it would not be easy.

Francie was just ready to jump into bed when her father knocked at her door. "Call your mother, Francie," he ordered, "and come down to the living room. I have something to say to you."

"Won't it wait till morning, Dad?"

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# To Do -- or Not to Do?

By Larry Hadden

Now that summer is here and there's no more homework to do, a lot of young people are faced with what to do with many leisure hours, especially in the evenings.

The main kick is to get in someone's car and ride (or rod) around for several miles a night—all in the same area usually. Then it's in and out of a drive-in or two, stopping occasionally for a coke, but mainly looking around to see who and what is to be seen.

But if the age limit keeps some at home, boredom likely takes over. If there's a TV set in the house, it usually shines brightly, and anything that comes on is more-than-likely viewed.

The point is—Are these things actually wrong for young people to be doing, "as long as no one gets hurt by it"? I would say that it depends on two things: the convictions of the person involved; and the activities pursued.

Because Christian youth are to act as the name implies—Christian—their convictions will truly govern their actions, and will reveal to others how genuine their love for God is. The "lukewarmers" will be more inclined to follow the rest of the crowd, afraid to be noncon-

formed with the world, lest they be branded "sissy." But the deeper the conversion and the stronger the convictions for Christ's ways, the more Christ-like will be the things for recreation.

A good rule to follow is this: "If Jesus were here by my side, would I be doing this?" If you profess to be a Christian, then He is by your side! So you need to think ahead before you run into the first (or any) appealing situation. And if there's any inner voice that says something like, "Why not?!? What's the harm in it? Everyone is doing it," Beware!! Old Satan is trying to do you in. The Lord doesn't say things like that to His followers.

Now back to the original things mentioned. Is it wrong

to go riding around, or to watch TV for 3 or 4 hours? If the rides are clean and lawful, I'd say it would be o.k. But running out into the toolies, or seeing who can make the most noise the fastest is out. As for TV, it depends on the programs. In general, there's nothing on but garbage, unfit to be seen. But some programs are really good and should be seen. If anyone is in doubt as to what to do, a

quick, sincere prayer will bring a quick, sincere answer, with what to do if an alternate activity should be sought. There are lots of clean, wholesome things to do this summer, and the clean, wholesome kids will find them. This is where the F.Y.C. group is great, so be a faithful follower of Christ all summer long, and "let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5).

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Long ago, in the early days of the settlement of the western part of the United States, a traveler came to the edge of the mighty Mississippi River in the depths of winter. He was alone in a lonely land. Night was coming on, and wild animals and wilder men made it dangerous for him to stay where he was. He must cross the river to safety on the other side, where there was a settlement.

He looked out across the surface of the great river, sheeted with ice. Being unaccustomed to the wilderness, he had no idea of its thickness. He hesitated a long time, then cautiously and with infinite care, crept out on his hands and knees, spreading his weight as much as possible. Every little while he heard a cracking sound, expecting the ice to break through at any moment and plunge him into the icy waters below.

After he had crawled slowly almost half way over the broad river, he was surprised to hear singing somewhere behind him. He could not believe his ears. Then he heard the hoofbeats of horses trotting across the ice. He looked up and saw a man singing as he drove a team of four horses with their load of logs across upon the ice. The ice which this poor traveler feared would not hold his weight, was holding this great load of logs as well as the horses pulling it.

With great relief and somewhat ashamed of himself, he got up and ran the rest of the way across the river.

So it is with many of us who step out tremblingly on the promises of God. Others stronger in faith go singing through life with the joy of the Lord in their hearts, fearing nothing, because they implicitly, fully and completely believe the Word of God. As the Scripture says, "Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe" (Proverbs 29:25).—*Selected from New Auburn "Midweek"*

# Tell Me, Please

## QUESTION:

*What can be done to make the Sabbath school class more interesting?*

## ANSWER:

Making a Sabbath school class interesting requires effort. An old bromide suggests that in order to get something out of class you must put something into it.

Study your lesson during the week. Make every attempt to try to understand what each question is trying to teach. Determine how references given in the lesson fit into the context of the chapter from which they are taken.

Write down any questions that come up during your home study. Ask them of the teacher or class when you get to that part of the lesson in Sabbath school. If you have an interesting observation to make about a point in the lesson, write that down, too, and offer it in class.

Many youth classes have no commenting or discussing at all. They probably would if they had some young person in the class who would lead out. Personal study through the

## Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



week qualifies a person to ask questions and make comments. Others will follow the example.

If you have suggestions to make to your teacher that would help make the class more interesting, advise him. If he seems negligent about giving them a try without offering a reason, talk to your pastor.

I like your question. If these ideas make sense to you, I surely hope you'll give them a try!

## QUESTION:

*Is it contrary to church teaching to wear costume jewelry, such as bracelets, earrings, rings, necklaces, etc.? What about the use of natural makeup or nail polish? Many people in our church wear it. What does the Bible say?*

## ANSWER:

I'll give you a partial answer and ask that the subject be brought to the attention of your pastor, Sabbath school teacher, or other established leader in the local church.

This question has to do with cultural standards. This kind of standard

is well characterized as being relative, being determined largely by the culture in which a person lives. This is why those who live near you must give the more specific answers to this kind of question.

The fact that standards are relative is proven by their continual change; from generation to generation, and location to location. What was wrong years ago may be tolerated (even fully accepted) now, such as transparent hose, dresses with short sleeves and hemlines, curled hair on the ladies, etc. With these changes a person's attitude toward them classifies him as one who is liberal (accepts changes readily) or conservative (tends to resist change). Most people feel they are moderate, not resisting change much, nor accepting too readily.

What is acceptable or not must be determined by local brethren because these are the standards that influence an image of the church in its community. Once the image has been established, it is rather important that a local member respect it. There is constant danger that where the church has established an image in the community, and a single person chooses to ignore it, that individual might be considered as one who disavows the teachings of his church. One ought to be very careful not to give that kind of witness. Please consult your pastor and listen with open heart to what he has to advise concerning these standards.

To see what the Bible has to say, you might consider Isaiah 3:16-26; 1 Timothy 2:8-15; 1 Peter 3:1-9. Study these references at length until you feel you understand as accurately as possible what the Scriptures teach in these passages.

## DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

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she wanted to know. "I'm dreadfully tired."

"No, it won't!" his tone was brisk and businesslike. "Hurry now."

With the members of his family gathered, Fred quit pacing the floor and stood before them.

"I've got an apology to make," he admitted, "and your forgiveness to beg." He paused, not accustomed to being cast in such a role. "I lied about Randy Bates being engaged. I'm not sure why. I prophesied he wouldn't make good, and yet he has far surpassed anyone's expectations and has done an excellent job. I guess I'm just an old fool who didn't want to be proven wrong."

"Oh, Dad, how could you?" wailed Francie.

"Fred!" exclaimed Mrs. Pierce.

"Don't think too badly of me, Francie," he pleaded, "I've tried to make amends as best I can and I hope you'll forgive me."

Seeing such a forlorn look in her father's eyes, Francie ran to him and threw her arms around him, "Of course, Dad." Oh, how can I ever face Randy again? she thought.

"I phoned Randy," confessed Fred, "and asked him to come over. That must be him now," he added, as the doorbell rang. "I somehow don't feel too well, Francie. Would you sort of explain things to him? I think I'll go to bed now."

Mrs. Pierce went to her husband and assisted him toward the stairs. Francie watched them go with beating heart. Then, as the bell sounded again, insistently, she hurried to answer it with a joy within which she hadn't felt for a long time.

# The Church

By Harris Kinzler

We find that the church was first established after Christ had ascended into heaven. The name of the first Church was the Church of God, and by what information we have in the Bible it was composed of Christians. The name Christian was probably first applied to Christ's followers by the Pharisees and Scribes in reproach or contempt, because they were followers of Christ, just as other people were called Galileans or Nazarenes.

When I think of the name *Christian*, and how we apply it to ourselves, I am made to wonder if we live up to the standards that the first church had—or do we disgrace it?

We find in Ephesians 1:22, 23 that the church is the body of Christ; and Ephesians 5:24 tells us that the church is subject unto Him. We Christians form the Church, so we are subject to and must be obedient to Christ.

Jesus told the disciples in Matthew 28:20 to teach and observe all things whatsoever He commanded them. In order for us to be Christ's body and be true Christians we also must

teach and observe what Jesus taught. We must pattern our lives after some image, the image being Christ. 1 Peter 2:21 tells us Christ was our example; therefore let us be followers of Christ in truth and righteousness.

In order for us to be like Jesus, Jesus told us to pray always (Luke 18:1 and 21:36). The more you pray, the closer you are to Him. David's prayer was Psalm 119:18: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." We must know about Jesus so we can follow Him. Paul said, "Study to shew thyself approved

*For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps (1 Peter 2:21).*

unto God."

"The word of God is perfect, converting the soul." If you have given your heart to Christ and are following His example, you will be confessing Him daily to others.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your



good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32).

When you accept Christ, don't keep Him all to yourself but confess him to others, seeking that none should be lost, but that all should come to repentance. The scriptures admonish us to not be "weary in well doing," for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not, and he that converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins.

So as Christians and as a church, let us follow Christ closely; then in life we will be active, in death we will be ready, and in His Kingdom we will shine.

I find this small verse very fitting to us as Christians:

To love more dearly as I pray.  
Dear Saviour, help me every day  
I would walk daily by thy side

And trust in thee what ever be-tide.

Help me to live so near to thee,  
Thy likeness may be seen in me.  
Make me so gentle, kind and true  
That I will do as thou wouldst do;

To win some precious souls for thee

My errand here on earth would be—

And every day till thou shalt come

To do some good, to help some one.

#### REPLY

I asked the Lord to give me  
Great words to speak;  
He sent me down to listen  
Beside a little creek.

I asked the Lord to grant me  
A silver voice to be heard;  
He gave me a song to remember,  
But it came from the throat of a bird.

I asked that I might see Him,  
And hear His voice, soft and low;  
He whispered under a starlit sky,  
"Look up! Look up, and *know!*"  
—Jessie B. Darnell, *Sunshine*

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The following letter from an FYC'er was written to the local Church of God congregation at New Auburn, Wisconsin. It appeared in the September 21, 1966, issue of their "Midweek Meditations."

Greetings in the Lord's name.

Summer will soon be past and the farmers will start to reap their harvest in preparation for another winter that will soon be on us, but this letter is not to tell you the story that you have heard so many times over, but to tell you my feelings and experience of being in the army, in comparison to the above statement.

The army is just like a miniature world within another world, but it is very similar in various ways to the outside world with sin and the other things that face the naked eye without even trying to look. It is a large field that yet needs reaping, but once it is reaped it will solve many problems the world over by a common peace which can be found only in our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ.

Many people the world over have freedom of religion, now don't take me wrong, the army doesn't say you can't go to church, but they do make it rough trying. Once you're in something like this you realize what a privilege it was to be able to go to church. Yes, I *did* say privilege. Many young people go because their parents make them, but if they grow in the Lord and are, for a period of time, unable to attend the church of their belief they then realize the importance of it. It has been almost 14 weeks since I've been in a church of my belief and it may be quite a bit longer. I would give everything I own in this world to go to church this Sabbath.

With the things that go on in the army, some find it hard to stay on the straight and narrow way, and lax themselves and go the way of the devil. In my room I have a dope addict, and I have seen other things also that make you wonder what happened to Christianity and to get the answer you must trace back history and it comes down to one thing. PARENTS. It is, in most cases, too late to reach these men through that channel, so it leaves only one thing, prayer and one man strong in the Lord to "overthrow" the army and have "Christian Soldiers."

To many who read this they may think it is waste of paper, but to me, from actual experience, I can tell you it is the truth, these men need the Lord, to find happiness.

I would ask that you remember me in your prayers very much as I endeavor to walk in the way of the Lord. It has been one year since I have been baptized into the Church of God, which many of you will remember, and I feel I have grown the most in the Lord in the last 14 weeks. I read my Bible and pray for the morrow and that some way I may be a light to another troop.

Please pray for me.

In Christian love,  
Pvt. Jon Nienhuis.

# A Ghost ... of a Kind

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

In a way, I suppose that you could call this a "ghost story." At least, I had been haunted by something for quite a long while...

Strangely enough, that thing which I had been haunted by was... an old Gospel hymn! One of the best known and well loved of all the Gospel hymns ever written and ever sung, that sweet and precious song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

When did I first hear it? I could hardly remember, and I suppose that it would go all the way back to the earliest years of childhood memory, those blessed days in the little old church back in the home town. But I am sure that from that early moment, until now, I must have heard it sung, hundreds of times, over and over, time after time in place after place.

And strange! it was not until I had given my heart and life into the salvation care of the Lord Jesus Christ, that "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," became a sort of "ghostly hymn" to me. It began to... haunt... me, in some strange way. I could not tell how, or why, or

lay a "finger of reason" upon it. I loved the song, and I loved to sing it, but somehow there was that haunting sense of a... something... somehow, that was out of place, of a something that seemed to be missing to the song. And as I grew along in the Christian life, that haunted feeling deepened upon me... until I came to the place where I was almost afraid to sing it, or to be in a meeting place where it was sung! Silly, you say? Well, perhaps... And yet, that strange feeling, that strange haunted sense was there! I just could not shake it off. There was something out of place, something missing, something that needed to be fitted in, to make it really right.

I was really troubled! Why should such a sweet song become such a "ghostly bother"? I remember the long times I spent alone with the blessed Lord Jesus, asking Him to explain, to make the thing clear to me. Especially if there had been something out of place in my Christian life that should have brought this "ghost" to so haunt me...

And praise Him! but the real cry of the heart does not go long with-

out answer. And I shall never forget that evening, when the Lord did answer, did "lay low the ghost" and reveal the whole business to me. I had settled down in my easy chair, leaned over to turn on the radio. I felt a strong urge to tune to a particular station, one I had not often listened to. And as my finger turned the dial, and the note from that station came in, first faint and distorted, then clear and sharp, "on the beam," I received the surprise!

For that station was carrying a religious broadcast—which was something which they did not go in for, very much. And the sounds of a male quartet came to my ears, and as I recognized the song, I shot upright in my chair with stunned surprise, and the sense of having found my answer, at last!

For the quartet was singing that old spiritual, "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus." Every word seemed like a "clearing arrow" to my heart, and at last... at last!... I knew what I had been missing, what had been out of place. The quartet was telling the Lord Jesus, in song, that they wanted to be *His* friend... just as much as He surely wanted to be their friend;

that He could count on them... just as much as they could count on Him. They were glad that they had a Friend in Jesus... and they wanted to make Him glad by saying that He could mark them as His friends.

That hit home... real, sharp home! For after all, isn't friendship really a "two-way" affair? He, our Great Friend, has done all, has given all... for us. But then, what have we given back to Him in glad, holy return? I remembered His own Word, and it "clinched" the whole matter for me—"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14).

One of old stood for a long, long time before a picture of the blessed suffering in the agony of Gethsemane, with the sight burning into the very depths of his heart. And at last, in the holy overwhelming of heart, he wrote a message and affixed it to the picture as a form of title... "I Gave My Life for Thee, What Hast Thou Given for Me?" And there, my friends, is the most holy friendship, both for Himself, and for us... more than we could ever tell, or really measure...

—Gospel Herald

I read an article recently about a metal called permalloy. It is a highly magnetic substance, but it acts in a strange way. When pointed in certain directions, it has no magnetic power. But when it is placed in direct line with the magnetic pull of the earth, its power is very strong. The same is true in our own lives. When we are out of line with the magnetic pull of Almighty God, we have no strength and we lose our grip. That is when we are frustrated and feel discouraged. But when our lives are lined up in right relationship with God, we have the ability to reach out and to conquer life.

Charles L. Allen in ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE THROUGH PRAYER (Fleming H. Revell Company).

Although this item appeared some time ago in other publications, we feel it is worthwhile printing in AIM—particularly for those young people who may have “mythed” it. A pastor in Alberta, Canada, wrote these timely comments shortly after the United Baptist Churches of Canada spent one million dollars to publish revised Sunday School literature. Purpose of the revision? To “myth” the whole Bible! The same thing is taking place in the World Council of Churches in America. Also the public school textbooks are being written, teaching evolution and completely ignoring and “mything” God and His Word.

## Who Mythed the Boat?

By H. C. Heffren

Most evangelical Christians have been shocked by the announcement that one of the larger churches has come out with the bold declaration that their Sunday School courses will be revised. In the future their children will be taught that the creation story is a myth; that Noah and his Ark is a fairy story; that David did not kill Goliath and the story of the Virgin Birth was a myth.

It looks as though these people may have *mythed* the boat! It would be difficult to convince Noah of any myth. He not only spent 120 years building it but he sailed it for a long time. The people who mythed the boat in Noah's day mythed everything.

Now if David had “mythed” Goliath with his stone, there would not have been much history of Israel to record. Goliath was very real and his brandished spear struck terror to every Israelite except David. His oaths and threats made the armies of Israel cringe and reel back without encounter. Goliath rattled his saber, flashed his shield and clattered his armor as David approached him. David was armed in the Name of Jehovah and soon the giant was slain. I am glad David didn't myth the mark he aimed at.

Now these same people seem to have “mythed” the Virgin Birth. That means they mythed the angels, too. They must have mythed the shepherds and the wise men as well. Going a little

farther, it is altogether possible that they mythed the resurrection also. In fact, they have mythed everything.

That is the trouble when you discount the story of the miraculous creation. You just have no place to stop. If creation is a myth, then it is easy to make man the judge of the Book instead of being judged by the Book. There is a dangerous trend in the wisdom of man—“The world by wisdom knew not God.” Better to be simple and safe than to be wise and lost. If the Virgin Birth is a myth, then salvation is too. But many have experienced it and it is hard to deny *that*. Those who mythed the ark, drowned. Be sure you don't myth it.

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## Are You a Christian?

By Connie Johnston, age 14

Some people today think they are living a Christian life by going to church every Sabbath Day, and attending all other services.

But if you are a real Christian, you should also read your Bible and pray. You will do what He wants you to do, and not what you want to do.

Some people act like they are real good Christians on Sabbath, but then during the week they do whatever they please.

This is not right. If you are an honest Christian, you will live the way He wants you to live every day of the week—and not just on Sabbath.

Some Christian young people

today say they are Christians, but then they get into the wrong crowd and do things that they shouldn't be doing. They say, “Oh, well, God will understand. He will forgive me.” But if they just keep right on doing wrong and saying, “God will forgive me,” God will not forgive them. He knows that while they keep on doing this, they know it is not right.

Are you a Christian? Do you read and study the Bible? Do you pray? If you really are a Christian, you will answer yes to these questions. If you are not, you should start soon.

“Get right with God” before it is too late.

# From Across the Seas

By P. J. Ejukwu

Dear AIM Readers,

Here are things you ought to know. You ought to know the rules for the Christian life, whether you are playing a game, driving a car, or walking along the road. There are certain rules which you must follow if you are to succeed. The Bible teaches that the Christian life is one of constant growth. It is God's purpose that you grow into full stature and become mature in Christ. In order to grow properly, certain rules must be observed for good spiritual health.

**FIRST.** You should read your Bible daily. Your spiritual life needs food. What kind of food? Spiritual food. Where do you find this spiritual food? In the Bible—the Word of God. The Bible reveals Christ, Who is the bread of life for your hungry soul. And the water of life for your thirsty heart. Read the Bible. Study it. Meditate on it. Memorize it. A great percentage of the difficulties you will experience as a Christian can be traced to a lack of Bible reading and Bible study.

**SECOND.** Learn the secret of prayer. You have a Heavenly Father. He hears and answers prayer. Jesus said, "Ask anything in my name, and I will do it." You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian. Prayer

cheers the heart and cheers the brain. Read about the power of prayer in 2 Kings 20:6. Prayer for revival is recorded in 2 Chron. 7:14.

**THIRD.** Learn the secret of the Holy Spirit. Remember that Christ dwells in you through the Holy Spirit. Do not ask Him to help you as you would ask a servant. Ask Him to come in completely. Ask Him to take over your life. Let go all those inner complexes and tensions. Rely completely on Him.

**FOURTH.** Attend church regularly. John Wesley once said, "The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion." Christianity is a religion of fellowship. Following Christ means love, righteousness, service; and these can only be achieved through social relation. These social relationships are to be found in a good church. Nothing can take the place of church attendance.

**FIFTH.** Be a witnessing Christian. If you are faithfully practicing the four preceding rules, this one will take care of itself. Just as it naturally follows that if a cup is being continually filled, it is bound to overflow. You are to take your stand and let all those around about you know that you are a Christian. You are to bear witness for Christ.

These rules and suggestions may

seem simple. Keep them—they work! I have seen them tested in many lives. I have tested them in my life. Properly and faithfully kept, they will give you peace of soul, happiness, peace of mind, and pleasure. You will have learned the secret of living life with satisfaction.

**SIXTH.** You ought to know how to determine the will of God; it soon becomes apparent to any thinking Christian that it is of utmost importance to know the will of God.

You see, so many Christians live in a mix-up and failure because they do not know how to find out God's will for their lives. There are three possible wills in the world: No. 1. A man's will; No. 2. The devil's will; No. 3. God's will; but you have the choice of one. Which may you choose? You ought to choose the will of God, because God's will is the best in the life of men. Read Proverbs 3:1-7.

God said:

*1. My son, forget not my law: but let thine heart keep my commandment. 2. For length of days, and long life, and peace shall they add to thee. 3. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck: write them upon the table of thine heart: 4. So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

## INSTRUCTION

**Lo, AIM readers, you ought to obey my instruction. It is our Lord's instruction:**

**A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.**

**Enter not into the path of the wicked and go not in the way of evil men.**

**Every wise woman buildeth her house, but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.**

**Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.**

**Even a child is known by his doings: whether his work be pure and whether it be right.**

**Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.**

**A word is enough for the wise.**

# Our Father's Business

There is a matter which has been recurring in my thoughts for some time, and I want to share it with you this month.

Have you ever noticed that many young folks somehow feel that financial "giving" to God's work is a duty for the adults, but not for them? I believe that here is a place where most of us FYCers can make some changes—in God's direction.

I am aware that most of the folks who will read this column are not millionaires. But I am also aware that few of us are in such straight circumstances that we can rightfully claim bankruptcy when we are handed the offering plate at church.

Do you remember the story in Luke 21 about the poor widow who cast her entire living

(two mites) into the treasury of the church? What was there about this humble gift that drew praise from our Saviour, Who looked on? Certainly it was not the amount given, but rather a willing heart which would put God first, even in financial affairs. Just who is receiving first place in young people's lives when so many spend money so freely at the drug store, at a ball game, or on a car—then find it difficult to scrape even a dime into the collection on Sabbath?

Most young people these days do have some type of occasional income. Some of you are planning for the future by saving a portion of that money, while others of you seem to find plenty of ways to spend it all before very many days. Re-

gardless of how you are presently handling your finances, you need to remember that God expects 10% of your income (a tithe) for His ministers, plus other offerings applied to various areas of His work. Please remember three scriptural facts:

- (1) All the money you have or ever hope to have belongs to our heavenly Father, and is loaned to us for wise usage.
- (2) The progress of God's work through the church depends on God's people giving God's money to pay for the spreading of His good news.
- (3) God promises great physical and spiritual blessings—even more than we can

ask or think—to those who will put Him first in this matter.

Are you really longing to always be about your Father's business? Then try giving Him first place with your money; there is no need for anyone to

be at a loss for opportunities to be active for God when this work suffers so much for lack of financial help. In this matter, we are either obeying God, or robbing Him!

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

—Calvin A. Burrell

## GARBAGE COLLECTORS

In my hometown in Texas we used to have two garbage collectors on our street. One was a sullen, gloomy, dirty man who never spoke or smiled. He collected his garbage and growled at his fate and seemed to dislike everybody. The garbage that he collected had seeped into his soul and soured it.

But the other garbage collector was always whistling or humming; he always spoke cheerfully if any of us were in sight, even though we might be inside the house near the windows; and he it was who one day pointed out to me the first robin of the spring, swaying gently on a limb of the tall hedge, and bursting with joyous song. This man did not collect his garbage—he disposed of it—and there is a tremendous difference!

I can see this man yet, as he sang and whistled and smiled—and looked for the year's first robin! Every time he came to collect the garbage, I would somehow feel cleaner within, for I believe that he actually took away some of the garbage that had accumulated within my soul!

There are people like that in all walks of life, who possess the invaluable ability to leave in their wake a trail of radiance that dispels the gloom and uplifts the spirit.

—Leo Bennett in *Sunshine*

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# The Acts of the Apostles

## in Paraphrase



(Continued)

By Nathan Straub

### TIMOTHY AND ERASTUS TO MACEDONIA 19:22

Paul sent two of his assistants, Timothy and Erastus, into Macedonia, but he himself stayed in Asia for a time.

About that time in Ephesus, a big disturbance was created because of the Christian way. There was a certain man named Demetrius, who was a silversmith. He made silver shrines for Diana and had secured a good income for the craftsmen in doing so. He called a meeting of the workers and of those of corresponding crafts and said, "Sirs, you know that we have gained our wealth through the craft of making shrines. Besides that, we have heard and seen this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people; not only in Ephesus, but almost throughout Asia; saying that these objects made by hands are not gods. Not only is our craft in danger of becoming nothing; but the temple of the great goddess Diana is also in danger of being rejected. The magnificence of her whom all Asia and the world worships, is in danger of being destroyed."

When the group heard these things they were teeming with anger and screamed, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians."

The whole city was filled with confusion. The crowd caught Gaius and Aristarchus, who were Macedonians and traveling companions with Paul, and ran as one man, into the theatre. Paul wanted to go in to the people, but the disciples would not let him. Some of the leading Asians who were Paul's friends even sent him word asking him not to go into the theatre himself.

Some of the mob shouted one thing and some other things. The assembly was a confusion. Most of the ones there did not know why they were there.

Alexander was pulled out of the crowd and the Jews placed him before the mob. Alexander motioned with his hands and would have presented a defense argument for himself before the people. When the crowd learned that he was a Jew, they shouted as one man for about two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians."

After the townclerk had appeased the mob, he said, "You men of Ephesus, what man is there that does not know that Ephesus worships the great goddess Diana, the one whose likeness fell down from Jupiter? Since these things cannot

be denied, you should be quiet and not do any rash thing.

"You have brought these men here, and they are not church robbers and they have not even spoken blasphemy of your goddess. Now, if Demetrius and the craftsmen that are with him have any charge against any man, the law is open; there are deputies, let them present their cases. If you want a decision on other matters it must be decided in a lawful assembly.

"We are in danger of getting into trouble for this day's uproar. There is no reasonable explanation we can give for this conflict."

After he said that, he dismissed the meeting.

### CHAPTER 20

#### TO MACEDONIA 20:1

After the riot had quieted, Paul called for the disciples to come to him. He hugged them and left to prepare to go to Macedonia. After he had traveled over those areas, giving a great deal of instruction, Paul came to Greece.

Paul stayed in Greece three months. Then when he was going to sail back to Syria, he found that the Jews were plotting against him, so he decided to return by way of Macedonia.

On his trip to Asia, Paul was accompanied by: Sopater, of Berea; Aristarchus and Secundus, of Thessalonica; Gaius and Timothy of Derbe; and Tychicus and Trophimus, of Asia. These were also with us at Troas.

#### TO TROAS 20:6

After the days of unleavened bread, we sailed away from Philippi. In five days we came to those disciples that lived at Troas. We stayed with them for seven days.

The disciples met together on a Saturday night, to have a meal. Paul was all ready to leave in the morning, so he preached to the disciples and spoke until midnight. They were assembled in the upper chamber and the chamber was lighted with many lights.

A young man named Eutychus sat in a window, and as Paul preached a long sermon, Eutychus went into a deep sleep. As he was overcome with sleep, he fell out of the third story window and was picked up unconscious.

Paul went down to the ground level and laid on the young man, making body contact, and said, "Do not worry. He is still alive."

Paul returned to the upper chamber, broke his bread, ate his meal and talked for a long time; in fact, until daybreak. Then he left.

Then young Eutychus was brought into the house. He was alive, so the people were very happy.

We had left earlier by ship and had gone to Assos where we were to meet Paul again. He had made this decision. He was going to travel on foot to meet us. He met us at Assos and we took him on board and sailed to Mitylene. From there we sailed on. The next day we were opposite Chios and then the next day we arrived at Samos. We spent a little time at Trogylium. The next day we arrived at Miletus.

Paul had decided to bypass Ephesus because he did not want to spend the available time in Asia. He was in a hurry. If he could do so, he wanted to be in Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost.

(To be continued)

The Junior-Senior Banquet here at Spring Vale was held on May 1. This was held at the Il Forno in Owosso. The entertainment was furnished by the Calvary Men Quartet. There a lovely meal was served with a choice of roast beef or chicken. We commend the Juniors for planning such a lovely banquet.

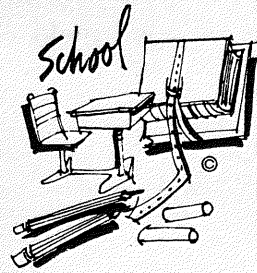
All were greatly blessed as we went and sang for the shut-ins at Pleasant View Hospital in Corunna on May 6. An elderly lady contributed a lovely poem which she had learned as a child. It contributed greatly to the program.

After school, on Tuesday, May 2, the Senior Class left for their senior trip to Washington, D. C. They were gone for five days, enjoying every minute of it. They visited the Washington Monument, Mt. Vernon, and other lovely places. We thank God for the wonderful trip He blessed them with.

On the night of May 6, the Seniors sponsored a Fun Night. They had different activities, such as you would find at most any carnival. There were several lovely door prizes, as well as small trinkets at the booths. There was a refreshment booth which most everyone visited at least once.

The Honors Club took a two-day leave from Spring Vale. On May 10 we went to Ann Arbor. The next day we again boarded the bus and went to Detroit this time. God blessed us with a safe trip, even though on the way home the bus stopped at Flint, and we had to wait for some cars to take us home. It was about 1:15 Friday morning when we got to bed.

May 11 in Detroit the Honors



## School Reports

Club, some of the Spring Vale staff and the Senior girls were privileged to hear Brother Smith of Chetek, Wisconsin, at a Youth Meeting in Detroit. We then were able to bring him home for morning worship on Friday.

We attended a VCY meeting in Flint, May 13. We ate supper in a tennis court and arrived at the meeting at 7:30. There was a film, "Summer Decision," the VCY chorale, and a guest speaker, Ray Carlson. God really moved in this meeting.

Spring Vale has been blessed again! A friend of Elder Patchen let the school have some ornamental shrubs for a very low price, besides letting us have some others for the amount it costs us to dig them out. We thank God greatly for this!

The SVA Choir went to Freeland, Michigan, May 14, and sang for the church there. We thank God for this wonderful opportunity to be out doing things for our Lord. We pray God will be able to use our choir more for His work.

—*Marietta Heavilin*

### MBC NEWS

The first weekend in May saw four carloads of students and families headed in the four directions (N.E. W.S.) to visit other churches for the Sabbath and weekend. One went to Wisconsin, one to St. Louis, one to Oklahoma, and one to Denver. All had a good time in fellowship with brethren in each place.

Everyone was then looking forward to the annual church picnic sponsored by the Kansas City church. The day dawned rainy, windy, and cold and stayed that way, pretty much putting a damper on activities. However, a couple of softball games were played, with each team (K. C. and Stanberry) winning one. The wind didn't dampen appetites so we all enjoyed hanging on to our plates and eating what couldn't blow away.

After the lunch, many visited the zoo. All were allowed to return home safely.

The last Sabbath of May the graduation of our four seniors took place.

We'll all miss their fellowship, but the reaping must go on, so we wish them God's richest blessings in their places of ministry. Most of the rest of the students have gone home and are working this summer, looking forward to another wonderful year at M.B.C.  
—*Larry Hadden*

### EVERYTHING YOU DO

Success is in the way you walk the paths of life each day; it's in the little things you do, and in the things you say. Success is not in getting rich, or rising high to fame. It's not alone in winning souls, which all men hope to claim.

Success is being big of heart, and clean and broad in mind; it's being faithful to your friends, and to the stranger, kind. It's in the children whom you love, and all they learn from you; success depends on character, and everything you do.

—From *The Pepper Box*, St. Louis Rotary Club.

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## Take Time for God



By Vivian Hall

Jesus was born of humble beginnings. He knew His Royal Reign was in the future. His was a small beginning as many did not recognize the importance of this One who is to rule the world one day.

He didn't pick out the elaborately dressed person in the group with which to eat His lunch, but rather chose the poorly dressed one who needed His help. True, Jesus knew that some of the richly dressed needed His help, but He also knew they would be less likely to admit their need. One who has position and authority and wealth is most likely to give himself credit for having reached that place, and does not feel he needs a boost from anyone else. His spiritual condition seems to be the least of his worries; after all, he did reach all that grandeur without God in his life—why bother now?

The meek and lowly person has struggled to make something of his life and realizes he needs help from some source because he has exhausted all his ideas and hasn't gotten anywhere. Yes, he will try the spiritual life offered. What happens? His peace of mind becomes so

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great and his work becomes so meaningful that he realizes fully that God is very important in his life. He wonders how he ever managed before without Christ.

To someone who is small and insignificant as to stature and authority, it seems he could not possibly hold a position of great importance. But what of the grain of mustard seed? Have you ever seen one? Such a tiny little seed—the smallest of herb seeds, and yet when it is planted, what happens? It grows large and branches out and becomes the largest of herb plants. It resembles a tree for size and birds can nest in its branches. But it has its start from a tiny seed.

You can't be of any help in spreading God's Word and leading others to Him, you say? Think of the mustard seed—such a small beginning. When you tell another of the love of God, and His goodness; you live a life of good example. Yet it seems to do no good as far as convincing that person of his need of God. You wonder just how you can make that person see the real importance of God, or maybe you think you may as well give up. No matter how discouraged you feel in encouraging others, don't give up. Think of the probable disaster had Jesus given up the first time some one refused to accept Him and His teachings. You never know at what moment that little encouragement is going to blossom like the mustard seed and spread over a large area. Your example is going to influence others more than you know. So when your "living sermon" doesn't seem to make an impression just determine to try even harder. May God bless you as you witness for Him in your life.

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Man cannot be satisfied with mere success. He is concerned with the terms upon which success comes to him. And very often the terms seem more important than the success.

—Charles A. Bennett



# "What Good Thing Shall I Do?"

By Verna McCoy

Often the treasures hidden in the earth cannot be found even though sought by the most ardent treasure hunter, rock hound, or scientific miner. How very fortunate that the riches of God are abundantly and freely given to all who seek them.

This month we would like you to particularly seek GOOD, because "He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour" (Proverbs 11:27).

Strive to find the good in your fellowman. There is no personality so unattractive but that you can find some likeable and commendable trait. If you accent and encourage the good positive traits in a person, you will soon see those traits developing. Pray for God's love to shine through you so you can be a sincere witness and example.

When speaking with or about someone, remember that a good word maketh the heart glad (Prov. 12:25) whereas evil speaking generally damages your own name and reputation more than the victim of an uncontrolled tongue. Therefore, "Let no evil communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying" (Eph. 4:29).

We should not only search for the good in mankind but "be careful to maintain good works" (Titus 3:8).

"Do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again" (Luke 6:35). This last

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Psalm 34:14

Proverbs 3:27

Proverbs 22:1

Romans 8:28

Romans 12:21

1 Thessalonians 5:21

Titus 2:14

3 John 11

phrase indicates the importance of doing good because we sincerely want to—not because we want any personal gain or something good in return.

In our own flesh we can do no good, but the Spirit can mortify the deeds of the body and give us the victory over sin

so that we can "abound in every good work."

For additional study, meditate on some of the following passages for specific instruction as to how we can *do good*: Romans 12:9-16; Galatians 6:1, 2; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15; 1 Timothy 6:18.

## news and reminders...



New Auburn officers displaying the F.Y.C. Lighthouse Award: Violet Knoll, Sec'y; Rosie Kolmer, Pres.; and Eugene Anklow, Vice-Pres.

### LIGHTHOUSE AWARD

For the second year in succession, the New Auburn, Wisconsin FYC group has won the Lighthouse Award. This makes it a permanent fixture in their church.

This award is given to the FYC group earning the greatest number of total points, combining the Mark of

Merit points and the Bonus points.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cory are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Satrena Kay, on May 30. Carl is a student at Midwest Bible College.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Caswell happily announce the birth of a son, Kevin Ray, on May 29. Norman and Linda are active members in the Petersburg, Michigan church.

Youth camp offers real opportunities and pleasures for you as a young person. If possible, be sure and make the necessary arrangements so you can attend a youth camp in your area.

General Conference camp meeting is for you, too, young folks. Activities are planned just for the young people. A youth building on the grounds provides the special setting for young folks—fireplace and all. We hope you can be there!!

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## *To Colorado in July?*

Many activities are planned for young people at the camp meeting in July. The foothills of the Rockies will be a beautiful setting. Be in Colorado in July!

**JULY 21 - 29, 1967**

**at Pine Crest Camp, Palmer Lake, Colorado**

The response for reservations has been overwhelming. Everyone seems to be looking forward to a very good camp meeting this year. In fact, as the plans progress the prospects look good for this being the largest and best camp meeting the Church of God has had!



### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

The Pine Crest family accommodations have all been reserved. Arrangements have been made to rent Romoca Lodge, which is adjacent to Pine Crest Camp. This Lodge has 32 rooms, each containing two double bunk beds (room for four people). Rates for these accommodations are: \$1.50 per person, per day; or \$11 per person for the 9 days.

Dormitory accommodations are still available on the Pine Crest grounds. The rates are \$1 per person, per day; or \$8 per person for the 9 days.

*Send your reservations to: General Conference of the Church of God, Attention: Reservations Committee, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, Colorado 80201.*