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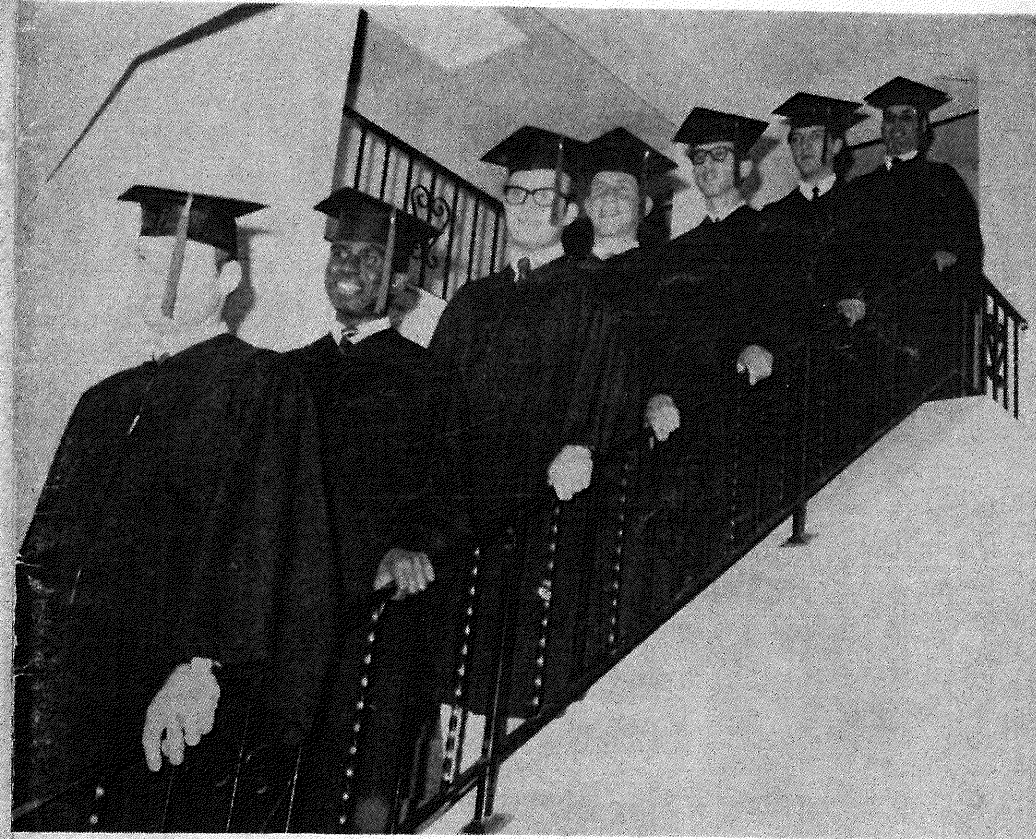
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Yet Stands the Bible

by Mike Weir

“God is dead!”
“The Bible is a mythical fabrication!”

“The Word of God is anti-scientific!”

You in all probability have heard a few of these anti-Bible theories which are extant in the world today.

In most of the schools, all the way from the first grade through college, students are taught that science and the Bible are not harmonious in their teachings. This presumption totally depends upon what the critic refers to as science. Science is, by definition, a systematic organization of facts, observations, and experiments. These facts, observations, and experiments are not hazy conjectures dreamed up within a scientist's mind, but are concrete and real. The Bible in all its timeless beauty does not disagree with this type of science.

However, within the realm of science there are tremendous areas in which no information can be found through conventional scientific means. Into this void the theories are placed.

A theory in itself is no more than a mere guess, relative to a nebulous facet of science—this being neither concrete nor substantial—and hence, of little value in determining the validity of anything! For example, those theories mentioned in the opening paragraphs of this article are no more than hypothetical surmisings, intended to undermine man's faith in God and His Word.

The teaching relating man's existence to evolution is no more than a theory or a guess—not fact; and hence is called the Evolutionary Theory. Therefore when a person says that the Bible is anti-scientific, he is, though perhaps inadvertently, referring to a theoretical science, which the Bible is sometimes prone to contradict.

It would seem most logical that if God is the “manipulating” Author of the Bible and also the Author and Creator of all science, He would not allow these two to contradict. It should be reminded here that the Bible certainly was not intended to be a science book; but neither is God subject to inconsistency or error in anything He does.

On the other hand, in examining

the science book per se, one finds vast inconsistency. It takes but a few decades before science books are obsolete and need correction and revision. In the Louvre Library in Paris, France, there are three and one-half miles of science books which are outdated and useless. —Even though men have been attempting for centuries to find fallacies in the Bible, it still maintains its veracity and effectiveness.

In 1861, a book was published by the French Academy of Science, which exposed fifty scientific errors in the Bible. Today, *none* of these so-called “errors” hold true! What could we do to the Bible after its centuries of existence, to make it correlate with science? NOTHING! God does not change and neither does His Word! His Word was as scientifically sound at Its inception as It is today!

JUST HOW ACCURATELY DOES THE BIBLE CORRESPOND WITH SCIENCE?

First of all, consider Moses who, under the direction of God, wrote the first five books of the Bible. Moses had been reared under the rule of a royal Egyptian family. Naturally under Egyptian tutoring, Moses would have had the best education obtainable and would have acquired up-to-date Egyptian knowledge in the various facets of education existing at that time. In Acts 7:22, Paul declares that “. . . Moses was learned in all wisdom of the Egyptians. . . .” So in view of these facts, when the Egyptian scientists of that day said that the earth hatched from an egg, Moses should have believed them and followed this teaching. Why then did Moses record in Genesis 1:1 that “In the beginning God created the heaven

and the earth”? And when Egyptian theory maintained that man came from a small white worm (not much unlike the modern evolutionary theory), why did Moses record that God made man in His image? Was Moses very confused or had he been enlightened by God as to what was “science” and what was “theory”?

Furthermore, Moses was quite proficient in matters of hygiene and medicine. In fact, he had certain practices which have been discovered only recently in medical science. For instance, the law of Moses required that a child be circumcised on the eighth day after birth. One might think that this would be a superfluous requirement which only made for detail. Medical science, however, has determined that the eighth day of a baby’s life is the perfect time to perform circumcision. The reason is that the baby has to have a certain amount of a specific element (Prothrombin) before his blood will clot properly and on the eighth day he has the most abundant supply of Prothrombin of his entire life.

There was also the Mosaic health practice, far advanced for its time, which required that the people who had contacted leprosy be set apart from the rest of the community. It was not until centuries later, after the plagues had slaughtered thousands, that men began to quarantine individuals with infectious diseases.

If the Bible is so anti-scientific, it is strange that it can be so far advanced in its scientific facts!

ANOTHER OLD SCRIPTURE FIGURE WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN ERROR ABOUT ANY MODERN SCIENTIFIC FACTS WAS JOB. Today, it is known that the moon does not shine, but rather re-

fects the sun’s light. But how could Job have known this when he said in Job 25:5: “Behold, even to the moon and it shineth not; . . .”? And when the Greeks were teaching that Atlas supported the earth on his shoulders and the Egyptians believed that the earth was supported by five pillars; why would Job say that God “. . . hangeth the earth upon nothing” (Job 26:7)? Was Job confused? —Or did God reveal the truth to him?

Even as late in history as the time of Columbus the popular theory among scientists was that the earth was flat and anyone who sailed off the edge was doomed. (Notice that they had their theories back then also. Not science! —*theories!*) Isn’t it strange that God’s prophet, Isaiah, as unscientific as he probably was, called the earth a circle? (Isaiah 40:22). Imagine a man this long ago believing that the earth was not flat, but round. Was this his *theory* or did God reveal a *fact* to him?

Did you know it was only fairly recently that man was able, with the help of a microscope, to see that flesh is composed of various cells (protoplasm)? Even after they could study protoplasm, these scientists thought that the constituents of a protoplasmic unit of a cell were the same in all types of flesh. Under this assumption, Paul was wrong when he wrote—2,000 years ago—that “All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds” (1 Corinthians 15:39). Paul, however, was qualified in writing this because science has found that all flesh (protoplasm) is different and that in the protoplasmic unit of a cell, there is a constituent

which varies in different animals.

AFTER OBSERVING THESE EXAMPLES, WE ARE ABLE TO SEE READILY THAT THE BIBLE SUPPORTS SCIENCE AND DOES NOT CONTRADICT IT! If the Bible is viewed in the light of true science, not theories, then one may understand what a miraculous book it is. —A book that endures through the centuries when others fall by the wayside must truly be an inspired work of God.

No matter how many points could be propounded in upholding Biblical veracity, mankind will not refrain from fighting the Bible’s existence. Apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:14 that “. . . the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them for they are spiritually discerned.” When man tells us, through theory, that the Bible is false and will not stand against modern science, we may smile with assurance knowing that “The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever” (Isaiah 40:8, RSV).

LEAD ME ARIGHT

I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be a pleasant road;
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me aught of its load;
I do not ask that flowers should always spring beneath my feet;
I know too well the poison and the sting of things too sweet.
For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord,
I plead: Lead me aright—
Though strength should falter, and though heart should bleed—
Through peace to light.

—Adelaide Anne Procter

Honesty According to Debbie

by Es Cierito

I am a teacher. I am constantly on the go from the time I get up at 5:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. and later at night. My work does not stop at 3:30 p.m. as is popularly supposed. I belong to various educational committees that keep me busy many nights each month. In addition, I attend P.T.A. meetings; try to squeeze time in for counseling students; and then, of course, I do grade papers.

As a result of my heavy load of activities, I have been compelled to employ a young Mexican girl (a former student) to wash my stack of accumulated dishes, vacuum my living room rug, and mop my kitchen floor.

Debbie is one of the nicest girls I know; so if she drops hints about the improvement that needs to be made in my character, however amusing I may think her advice, I do not laugh. I always listen, for I realize Debbie is developing strength of character as she tries to make me into a nicer person. I love Debbie! She is good for me!

I am what is politely called obese. No diet was made to fit my needs so I have a problem getting clothes to fit me. I have neither the time nor the patience to stand for hours in a dress shop trying to get something

decent to wear. I learned that a certain mail-order company carries dresses that are stylish without being mini... clothes that do fit by properly numbered sizes. For the past several years, I have ordered my clothes from this company.

For convenience, I have opened a charge account. I go to the local catalogue store, make my order, and pick it up about a week later. I examine the merchandise. If I like what is sent, I sign papers permitting the order to be charged to my account. I return any item I do not like, and no charge is made.

Recently I ordered two dresses as first choices, with two other dresses as second choices, or substitutes. I was only supposed to receive two dresses. I was sent three. I liked the third dress so well that I decided

to keep it also. I signed for all three and the charge was made to my account.

Not often do I get so carried away with my purchases. Not only were they unusually attractive, but they were practical as well. They were of nice, long-wearing materials. Each was washable, and best of all, one was a four-piece outfit consisting of a short-sleeved dress, a skirt and jacket of matching material, and a white blouse.

I was so enthusiastic about my new wardrobe that I had to show it to Debbie. "I only ordered two dresses, and named two other dresses to be substituted as needed; but I was sent three, and I am keeping all three," I chortled happily as I held them up for Debbie to see.

Debbie admitted the dresses were pretty and a good buy, but something seemed to bother her.

"You say you ordered only two dresses, Mrs. C.?" she asked.

"Yes, Debbie, but they sent three. I'm keeping all three."

"But, Mrs. C., you say you only ordered two dresses?"

"Yes."

"But you say you are going to keep all three!"

I could see that Debbie was disturbed at my keeping the extra dress though I couldn't understand why. I had planned to eventually order the other outfit, anyway. Why was Debbie so perturbed?

Yesterday, Debbie returned to clean my house in preparation for the weekend. Shortly before she got ready to leave, she brought up the subject of my new clothes again.

"Mrs. C., are you going to pay for

that extra outfit that was sent you by mistake?"

"Why certainly, I'll pay for it, Debbie!" I answered. Debbie still had a dissatisfied look upon her face. It wasn't until she was gone that it dawned upon me what she was thinking. She did not realize that the dresses were delivered to me at the local store where I signed for each item to be charged to my account. She thought I had made a personal order in which I had enclosed a check to pay for only two of the three items sent. She thought I was playing upon the mistake of some careless clerk by not returning the extra item.

When Debbie returns next week, I will have to straighten her out before she ruins my reputation for honesty, "No, Debbie," I will tell her, "I did not accept three items for the price of two. I am going to pay through the nose for all three."

I am glad Debbie is an honest girl. I am glad she worried enough about my soul to try to teach me, through delicate hints, the Commandment that says: "Thou shalt not steal."

So many people would have done just what Debbie thought I did... keep the extra item without paying for it, saying to themselves, "It isn't my fault that the store made a mistake."

Many teenagers get into amusement parks at half price by dressing to look younger than their years. They do not seem to realize that this is stealing. Other boys and girls cheat at school. This, too, is stealing. It is stealing a grade that was not earned. I thank God for the many boys and girls who have been raised by parents like Debbie's... parents who teach that one should be honest in every act he does.

Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

If one suffers a serious illness such as blood poisoning, burst appendix, cancer, etc., should he go to a doctor for whatever help he can give? Or should one refuse to go to a doctor, and rather pray for the Lord to heal, depending completely on an answer to prayer?

ANSWER:

The entire question about whether or not a Christian should go to a doctor is based on the assumption that going to a doctor represents a lack of faith. It suggests that there is some kind of a power struggle going on between the doctors and God when it comes to the exercise of the healing arts. Without hesitation I reject both of these hypotheses.

Doctors do not heal. Only God can do that. The physician has the skill

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Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



to diagnose our illness and to offer corrective changes that will enable our bodies to recover, with the help of God.

If suddenly I suffer a wound in my hand due to the invasion of a sliver, I do not merely kneel down and pray that the wound will be healed without looking to see where the sliver is, and upon finding it, extracting it. That much I can do for myself, because this is a simple diagnosis and cure. A more complicated illness I cannot analyze nor treat. So, I go to one whose training has enabled him to do the diagnosing and treating that my ignorance prevents me from doing. It is no more a lack of faith to use the services of a knowledgeable person than it is for me to search for the cause of my minor wound and apply treatment myself! After all, God *can* heal minor wounds, too.

I don't mind stating that there is something drastically wrong with the attitude of a person who looks upon a doctor who is dedicated to the art and practice of healing and accuses that humane individual of being in a power struggle with God!

Jesus taught His disciples to pray,

"Give me this day our daily bread." Having offered this prayer, is it then best to sit around and wait for manna to fall? Would it be a lack of faith to pray for daily bread and then go out and earn funds with which we may *purchase* it?

It is true that the Scriptures are critical of those who seek only the help of physicians without placing faith in God. King Asa died when he sought not the Lord but only the help of physicians (2 Chronicles 16:12). Also, the woman who touched the garment of Jesus and was healed had suffered several years at the hands of physicians.

Difficulty arises when men forget that doctors are not God. They cannot successfully treat every illness. They make mistakes. Not all of them are of perfect integrity. They tire, and suffer frustrations and get sick, like other humans, including preachers. We expect much of them, and they often produce near miracles. For this reason, our disappointment in them can be most distressing—more so than with other professions from which we expect less.

Jesus said, "...They that are

whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick..." (Mark 2:17). One wonders whether the Master would have suggested that the sick need a physician if He considered that seeing a doctor was a sinful demonstration of doubt and unbelief.

In Colossians 4:14, Paul refers to Luke as "the beloved physician." This is interesting in view of the opinion of some that consultation with doctors betrays a lack of faith. Obviously, Paul respected the medical profession. Can you read about Matthew, "the beloved tax-collector"? Can you think in terms of a beloved bartender or harlot, even though these people may have been converted and left their professions? Hardly.

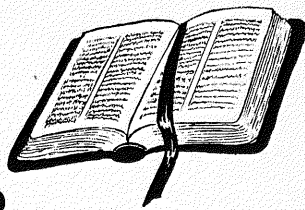
After these lengthy comments, I will answer your question directly. No, I do not think that someone with a serious illness should refuse to go to a doctor. At the same time, he should remember that all the doctor can do is diagnose the illness and treat it. God must do the healing. We must pray earnestly that He will, and believe fervently in an answer to our prayers.

A YOUTH'S PRAYER

Lord, teach me how
To have fun without folly,
To be cheerful without vanity,
To have self respect without pride,
To be strict without fanaticism,
To be relaxed without laziness,
To be serious without gloom,
To be friendly and not fickle,
To be sunny and not silly,
Lord, teach me how.

—Selected

How to Study the Bible



by Richard S. Trigg

So you are interested in studying the written Word of God? Please read on. Even though a wiser and more valuable interest cannot be cultivated, some instruction is needed—especially to beginning Bible students—to insure a bountiful return.

First, the question arises as to where to begin. I suggest reading through the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, to become familiar with the life of Christ. This is most important since the theme of the whole Bible is Jesus Christ.

While engaged in reading the four gospels, a student should acquire a book which summarizes the basic Israelitish history of the Old Testament and read it through several times. A background of Old Testament history is essential for a more complete understanding of the New Testament books. To delve into the Old Testament would get most new students bogged down especially in books such as Leviticus and Numbers which contain a lot of facts, figures,

and repetitions. In my early teen-age years, I started reading the Bible through several times from the beginning, but got bogged down in these very books and quit. At a later time one can, and should, study these Old Testament books in detail.

Once one becomes fairly familiar with the four gospels, he should begin studying the book of Acts and the various Epistles. These books portray the mission and message of the church which Jesus Christ established. This is where we get our special instruction on how to live. There is material in these books which can never be completely fathomed, so don't let it worry you if you don't understand all of it. Just take heed to what you do understand, and God will reveal more as you grow in knowledge and grace.

The Bible has its share of difficult and hard-to-pronounce words. A self-pronouncing Bible is a *must* to enable one to rightly pronounce them. Also, any word that is not understood

should be looked up in a Bible dictionary or some other reference book to determine its correct meaning. It is important as you read to know the meaning of every word. Otherwise your whole picture of the truth will be distorted. It takes time and effort to do this; but this is what makes you learn.

Another asset to learning the Bible is to form the habit of following the Bible characters geographically on a map. If the Bible records that Jesus went

from Capernaum to Nazareth, then pinpoint these cities on a Bible map and become familiar with them. Doing this will give extra meaning, understanding, and enjoyment to your exploration of the wonderful Book of God.

Finally, study the Bible as one who is searching for hidden treasure. Be steady and persevering, and you will uncover many rare jewels of truth and inspiration which will transform your life.

Letter to God

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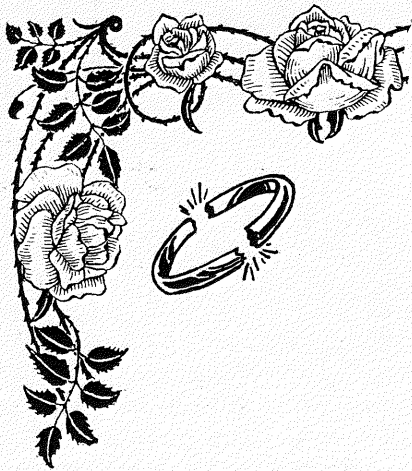
Dear God:

I want to thank You so much for all the wonderful blessings You have given to me throughout my entire life. If You hadn't been with me I wouldn't be alive today. I cannot fully express my love and gratefulness toward You. Words just fail me. . . . I have never gone hungry or naked; I have never been without a place to sleep; I have never been without love from my fellow man.

God, another thing I would like to thank You for is that You have given to me the highest calling man can have. I feel so unworthy of the calling You have given to me. I'll never be able to figure out why You have called me; but, Father, I'll do my best to be a good minister for You. I'll never be able to repay You for all the wonderful things You have given to me and done for me; but, LORD, thanks.

God, I have a lot of things to thank You for, but if I were to try to mention all of them I would run out of space! But before I close I would like to thank You for one more thing. Thank You so much for sending Your Son to die on the cross for me. I can just imagine the heartbreaking experience You went through watching Him die on the cross. All this was done for me.

*Eternally grateful,
Michael Vlad*



Happy Home Building . . .

How to Avoid a Broken Marriage

By Terril D. Littrell

One of the "signs of our times" is the breakdown of the home. In 1900 one marriage in twelve ended in divorce; in 1912 it was one in eight; today the figure is one in four; 2,500 families in the United States are broken up EVERY DAY through divorce, separation, or desertion!

What has gone wrong with marriage? What is the cause of all this tragedy?

To find the answer to these questions, over a million Americans are paying an estimated \$200 million annually for marriage counseling. Various answers are given.

This year approximately 1,800,000 marriages will take place in the United States. The majority of these marriages will be among teen-agers, many of which will be the "shot-gun" type; the **RATIO** among such **TEENAGE MARRIAGES** is that **ONE OUT OF TWO** will end up "on the rocks"! The main problem here is that these young people are married **TOO YOUNG!** Their bodies are the bodies of adults, with the passions of adults, but emotionally they are not mature. They are not old enough to bear the responsibility of building a home and rearing a family.

It is difficult to say just when a young person is old enough to be married. There are many factors to consider. It is well to understand that marriage is no "play thing"—and that it is only for mature persons. Keep in mind that it is for "keeps." When some problem arises (and they always do) this is no time to act "childish" and do some foolish thing that might jeopardize future happiness. A couple should be old enough to know how to make wise and serious decisions.

"For more than seventy years the

median age in marriage has been gradually decreasing in the United States. At present, half the girls who marry do so by the time they are 20.3 years of age, and half the boys do so by the time they are 22.8 years of age. More girls marry at eighteen than at any other age. Although a majority of girls graduate from high school before they marry, many of them get married while still in high school." (Before . . . you say "I do" by M. LaVern Norris, p. 39.)

In a study by Lee Burchinal of high school girls in Iowa who had been married an average of six months, 55 per cent of the girls said they regretted their decision to marry before completion of high school. (Lee G. Burchinal, "Research on Young Marriage.")

Several studies have revealed that divorce and separation rates are considerably higher for persons who marry before age 20 than for those who marry after 20. It appears that the younger the age at marriage, the more likely the marriage is to end in divorce or separation.

Prepare for Marriage

Many young people who will read this article have already begun to think about marriage. In fact, some of you as you turned the pages of the AIM and came across the title of this article stopped to read the contents before going any further. Why? Because it is natural for you to think about such things as getting married! You have already observed certain traits or "ideals" in others that you consider admirable, and that you want in your mate.

By the time that you are old enough to date, you should begin thinking

seriously about preparing for marriage. To be factual, preparation for marriage actually starts in the cradle, as a tot watches the way mother and father treat each other and the tone of voices in which they talk to each other. Through these, the child is learning how a man and woman treat each other. All through childhood, a little boy or girl is learning the way in which married people treat each other. This is so important that it sometimes seems to determine the success or failure of a marriage. Those who come from broken homes are apt to be less able to adjust to a normal home-life when they become married. It may take much prayer, counsel, and instruction to make such a marriage a success.

The dating process is the best way to "get to know" an individual—his traits, habits, manners and weaknesses. A young lady should take a good long look at a boy's father because, chances are, the boy having identified with his father all through life, will more or less grow to be the same type of person. Likewise a young gentleman should observe the girl's mother. If her mother is a sloppy housekeeper, poor cook, has a run-down personal appearance, chances are her daughter will be the same. Observe if there is sufficient love, companionship, and guidance in the home.

Don't let your choice of a date be based on physical attraction alone, without due consideration for the more important and abiding qualities of moral character and devotion to duty. Items of greater importance are: Is he or she intelligent, disease-free, ambitious and conscientious. Because someone is "real cool" is no

sign that they will make you a lifelong companion. Someone has said: "Those who base their marriage only on 'puppy love' end up living 'a dog's life'!"

Above all, *don't be in a hurry about getting married*. Seek the Lord's guidance. If it is His will for you to be married, He has the right one picked out for you, and if you pray for His guidance, He will surely lead you to that one. Remember this promise, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:6).

Many a young lady, by the time she reached her 22nd birthday, has probably felt that she would surely be left an old maid, and that somewhere along the line she missed out by not being available to go with young men outside the church. But she wasn't! The right one came along in due time and they dated one another and married. Rushing things along could have caused her to miss the will of God completely for her life. The Bible says: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14). Spiritual unity is such an important factor that

these differences can cause much heartache and conflict. The Prophet Amos reminds us, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

After you are sure—REALLY SURE—that you have found the one that you desire to spend the rest of your life with, I suggest that you set up a series of counseling sessions with your pastor. Many pastors use a pre-marriage discussion book which provides a structure for their discussion. The one that I use in counseling with the young people of my parish is available at the Bible Advocate Press, Stanberry, Missouri 64489. It is entitled "BEFORE... YOU SAY I DO" by M. LaVern Norris. It may be purchased at a very nominal fee. The general idea of the pre-marriage counseling sessions is similar to what takes place at Cape Kennedy when they have to make many "check lists" prior to the launching of a satellite. We simply check that everything is "go." We want the marriage to get off with the right start!

(Continued next month)

GIRLS—YOU ARE INVITED!!!!

A Tea and Fashion Show will be held on July 15 at 3:00 o'clock—one of the features of the National Women's Association. All FYC girls are invited.

The theme is to be Pioneer Days and Other Lands. This will include the modeling of a great variety of garments such as old wedding gowns, pantaloons, dresses and hats of yesteryear, and apparel from other countries. So, girls, your help is solicited!! If you or your friends have any costumes of this nature which you could model, please write immediately to Mrs. Albert Fischer, Box 626, Eureka, South Dakota 57437.

This is your invitation, girls, so come and enjoy yourselves.

Can You Wash Your Hands?

By James Fordyce, Teenager

"...He took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person..." Here we find Pilate in an attempt to wash his hands of the blood of Jesus Christ. But Pilate couldn't wash off the blood of Christ; he consented to the crowd and lost the life of an innocent man.

Sinners, like Pilate, consent to the crowd and lose the life of an innocent person—namely themselves.

Can you afford to give up your life for a moment to take a drink, a smoke, or say a cuss word—or many other sinful pleasures?

To me it seems more people are ready to lay down their lives for a moment of such pleasure, and yet we find so few ready to die for the cause of Christ. We find examples of each of these personal conditions in the Bible.

An example of sinners looking for their own pleasures is found in Acts 5. Here Ananias and Sapphira sell all their possessions so they may give the money to the Church of God in Antioch. Yet they kept back some of the money to supply for themselves, while claiming to give the full amount of the money. For this deliberate lie they were stricken dead.

An example of the second condition—a willingness to die for Christ—is found in Acts 7, where Stephen is stoned because he preached Jesus

Christ, the Son of God. Another example of this latter condition is found in 2 Timothy 4:6. Here Paul says, "He is ready to be offered a living sacrifice." And he says, "His death is at hand." Paul says in Acts 21:12, "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." Here in this scripture we see Paul is ready to die for the Lord Jesus.

Another man is found in the Bible who did the same thing Pilate did. (Acts 12:2, 3). Here Herod sheds innocent blood—namely James, the brother of John—and seeing it pleased the crowd, he sought to kill Peter. But the Lord saw fit to show Herod that sometimes it doesn't pay to follow the crowd. How true this is! Since when does smoking pay off, except to get cancer? —Or drinking, except to get ulcers? —Or cussing, except to become obnoxious and profane—and to be forever condemned?

Will you lay down your life for Christ? All He asks is your service; yet He gave His life. Our life is our reasonable service.

Can you wash your hands of the blood of Christ and say "no" to Him, the One Who didn't answer a thing but gave His life for you?

"...Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death.

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:20, 21).

Meet Your Committeemen

Jim Fischer is a sophomore at Northern State College in Aberdeen, South Dakota, majoring in both instrumental and vocal music. In 1966, he was a member of the International Music Camp Tour Choir which made a concert tour of six European countries plus the U.S. and Canada.

Jim has held various offices, including president, in the local FYC at Eureka. This summer he will fill two capacities: member of the 1969 Youth Tour and chairman of the FYC Music Committee at General Conference.



Jim Fischer

Yesterday afternoon, the college which I attend held an inauguration ceremony for its new president. Although listening to speeches is not included on my list of the ten most enjoyable pastimes, the new president had my immediate attention when he opened his speech with this quote from Nehemiah 4:6. "So build we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."

The first thing that came to my mind as he read this verse was the courage which he must have. Although his speech wasn't a sermon, he stood up in front of the governor of our state, delegates from many universities

and colleges, television cameras, and thousands of people—and was not ashamed to read from the Bible. How many of us, even when talking to some of our close friends, feel a little embarrassed and lower our voice when explaining our beliefs on the unclean meats or the true birthdate of Christ?

I also thought about the last part of the verse, "For the people had a mind to work." As Christians, we should have a mind to do something for the church. Many of you young people will be graduating from high school this month and will be making plans concerning your future professions. I hope that you will very seriously consider professions which will help the church. Many people feel that the only profession in which one can really help the church is the ministry. I believe that our church also needs dedicated teachers, doctors, businessmen, etc.

Those of you who will be graduating from the eighth grade this month should also be considering your future school plans. Consider both the advantages and disadvantages of attending a public school compared to attending a church-supported school. I'm thankful that I could attend a public school and at the same time take part in an active FYC group in our local church. I could also enjoy the many other advantages of participating in band and choir, competing in music contests, and attending a variety of sporting events.

Regardless of where we attend school, let's make sure that we witness and work for the Lord.

Several weeks ago, when talking about the large amount of work that usually accompanies the semester and mid-term testing weeks, one of my teachers said that we usually get the most work done when we have only a small amount of time to do it in. Otherwise, we keep procrastinating because we have a lot of spare time. This presents an excellent opportunity for us to get much work accomplished for our Heavenly Father; because, according to prophecy and signs of the times, we have only a small amount of time in which to do a large amount of work. Let's all have that mind to work.

Thankfulness is our crowning glory. The soul untouched by this emotion is without the quickening power which marks the difference between life and death. We must bring the fruitage of a happy, grateful soul to the throne of God, or else we come before Him empty-handed. If we come not with smiles of grateful appreciation, we walk in darkness. If we carry no share of another's burden, we may still be weighted with a crushing load. If we lend no hand to a fellow wayfarer we grope in vain for friendship. If we step not aside to give a firmer footing to a fallen brother, we fetter our own feet.—*Scrap Book*

FLOCKS WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

This year seven young men will graduate from Midwest Bible College and will enter the ministry of the Church of God. We feel confident that, with God's blessing, they will influence the shaping of many lives to God's will.

The need for pastors is very great. Constantly the calls come for more workers for the field. Jesus said the harvest would be great but the laborers few. Then He asked us to pray that God would send workers into the Harvest.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE HARVEST FIELD? DOES HE WANT YOU TO PREPARE FOR HIS MINISTRY? God is calling—but very few answer. YOU MUST ANSWER when He calls. We need young men at MBC so that the flocks without shepherds will not be left to wander and become scattered. WILL YOU HELP THAT NEED?

Send your request for a 1969-70 college bulletin to Midwest Bible College, P. O. Box 86, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

Something for You!

DO YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES . . . OR ONE YEAR??

How important is your faith to you? Is it important enough for you to give *five minutes* to something that may save your faith from destruction?

We live in an age when God, His Word, and your faith are being attacked from almost every angle. However, the fact remains that God is the Creator of the heavens and earth and all that is therein. Jesus Christ is the Son of God and He did die for YOU. Soon all the world will realize these things are true because the SON OF GOD WILL APPEAR in the clouds of heaven. The atheist, the evolutionist, the skeptic and scoffer will all see Him. YOU will see Him!

What can be done to keep your faith strong for that day? MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE HAS THE ANSWER! . . .

Are you saying, "But I thought Midwest Bible College was just for the training of ministers!" That is its primary purpose; however, the college board and faculty feel it extremely important to provide a good Bible course and leadership training for ANY Christian young person who desires to defend his belief against the scoffing masses. This is exactly what Midwest Bible College is offering to you this fall—A NEW COURSE CALLED **BIBLE FOUNDATIONS!**

This new course is designed specifically to **STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH**—even **SAVE YOUR FAITH!** It will help you understand the doctrines of God's Church, help you understand the Bible better, and prepare you for more outstanding lay leadership in the Church.

Some of the subjects included in this course of study are:

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| Bible Doctrines | Evolutionary Theory |
| Bible Archaeology | Christian Leadership |
| Duplicating and Visual Aids | Grammar and Composition |

(Other secular and Bible subjects will be offered as electives.)

Your faith **WILL BE** tested!—in college and throughout your entire life. **PREPARE TO MEET THIS TEST—COME TO MIDWEST BI-**

BLE COLLEGE and fortify your faith with a consecrated study of God's Holy Word. **PROVE THE BIBLE!** PROVE that God is the Creator of the heaven and earth! PROVE that Jesus is the Son of God! PROVE that He died for you! **HOW IMPORTANT IS YOUR FAITH TO YOU?** Is it important enough for you to give one year to strengthen your faith with the **BIBLE FOUNDATIONS COURSE** at MBC?

Write soon for the 1969-70 college bulletin. Address your request to Midwest Bible College, P. O. Box 86, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

EVANGELETTE

Editor's note: The following testimonies were received near the first of the year. We regret that their printing was delayed until now.



After completing my first year of the Evangelette program, I can truly say that "Evangelette" has helped me draw closer to God. Knowing that I was an Evangel-ette, somehow made me work harder each month to do a little extra for our Lord.

Before I started the Evangelette program, I thought it would be hard to meet the requirements, but as the year progressed, I found myself doing a little more each time.

Through the Evangelette program, Bible reading and prayer becomes automatic in our Christian lives.

I hope to continue Evangelette in the coming year, which I'm sure will be filled with new opportunities to witness for Christ.

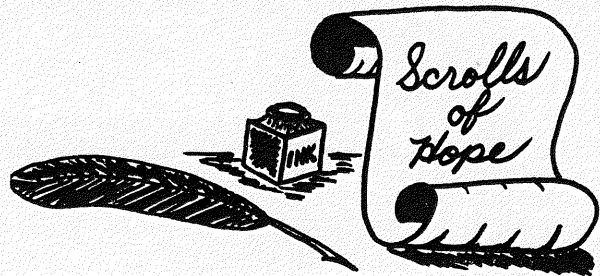
Sandy Moldenhauer

I would like to tell you what this year in the Evangelette program has meant to me. It has encouraged me to be more kind and helpful to other people. I now want others in the world to be saved. The Evangelette program gives me an opportunity to think of worthwhile pro-



jects that will help my friends. This certainly brings a blessing to me. If I can know I've helped at least one of these friends each year, there will be more Christian young people. We all have many close friends—let's try and witness to one throughout this next year. You can do this in one way by living as Christ did. Join the Evangelette program and it will help in building your Christian walk.

Karen Yerby



A recent radio commentary told of a woman who could not pay a \$115 bill because she was on welfare. The bill was for overparking her late-model Cadillac. Again we are reminded of the irony of our human inconsistencies. Obviously the dignity and respect which was afforded her social and travel life was not consistent with her domestic life.

It appears that this person needed more balance in her planning. One can safely assume that if she found it necessary to accept welfare help, there were many things which she and her family needed much more than they needed the biggest and best car on the road.

Similarly, young people need balance as they plan their lives. At this time of year when many graduate from high school, youth are probably giving more consideration to planning their future than at any other time of year.

Too often, in planning and preparing for the future, young people allow the social and material aspect of their future to completely overbalance their consideration for their own spiritual welfare. To choose a vocation which will offer abundant financial gains at the expense of being a real asset to the church and at the expense of one's own spiritual growth is a sad mistake indeed.

Parents, too, must be very cautious in the guidance of their youth. Even Christian parents have inadvertently made the mistake of influencing their children to strive for an influential position offering material comforts, at the expense of a firm, dedicated Christian walk.

Young people, in considering a location for your college work or for your job after graduation, don't overlook the importance of locating where you can be an integral part of an active church. Your companions and atmosphere during this time in your life are very important in shaping your entire future.

You may find that Midwest Bible College holds the answer for you. This is not directed to only those who feel a call directly to the Lord's work—but to you who wish to be an effective laymember in whatever vocation you choose. The new Bible Foundations Course which will be introduced at Midwest Bible College this coming fall is designed specifically for you. In a one-year course, before going on to more college work or to a job, this course will

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Fatal Accident Blamed on Pranksters

One man was killed instantly, and two other men were critically injured in a two-car crash at the intersection of State Road 694 and County Road 187, in Oakhurst, Florida.

The assistant maintenance engineer for the State Road Department said it seemed apparent that the fatal accident was due to the work of misguided pranksters who had removed a STOP sign at that intersection.

Police reported that only the supporting steel post was standing at the intersection where the accident occurred; the STOP sign was missing. A check revealed other similar nearby signs missing, they said.

Such a report brings a shock to any sensible person. It is almost unbelievable that anyone would be so heartless as to remove signs intended to protect the lives of motorists.

If this is someone's idea of a prank, he has a ghoulish sense of humor and should be severely dealt with by the proper authorities.

Many people who would never think of literally removing a STOP or warning sign from the highway, seem to experience no hesitancy in doing it spiritually on the highway of life.

For example: "We know that whatsoever things the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law that *every mouth may be stopped*, and all the world may become guilty before God" (Romans 3:19).

We also know there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers "*whose mouths must be stopped*, who subvert whole houses teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake" (Titus 1:10, 11). Hence, everyone who denies the fact of sin or who belittles sin is doing the equivalent of removing a STOP sign on the highway leading from Time into Eternity.

Every "Thou shalt..." and "Thou shalt not..." in God's holy law is the equivalent of a STOP sign. Every person should come to a full stop, and examine himself in the light of that law, and confess the fact that he has failed to keep it. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10).

There is good news for all who make that confession! "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hang-

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Teen Guidelines

Dating Standards

by Ken Knoll



During the course of my research for this article, a counselor related to me the following melancholic story: "During the course of dating, a young couple, with high moral standards, submitted to their emotional drives and found themselves sadly involved with pre-marital sex. Although there was no pregnancy involved, the young man felt responsible for taking the girl's virginity and felt he owed it to her to marry her. He tried to convince himself that he did love her but knew that this was not true. The husband has never been satisfied with his marriage and even though he has tried to be a good husband, the wife does suffer, too, because she feels a lack of some essential qualities of a happy marriage. Even with children gracing their home, they are still in misery as they live in a hopeless situation. They

are unable to find true happiness and fulfillment in marriage because a mistake, while they were dating, caused them to marry for the wrong reason."

Young people, what are your dating standards? Are they such that will lead you to the greatest possible happiness or are they such that will lead you to a life of shame, guilt, and misery as in the above example?

In our ultra-modern world, we view with vehement disgust the permissiveness of society. The world says "anything goes" and shouts, "legalize pot; legalize homo-sexuality; legalize free love." With this attitude, we see the world fast progressing toward those days described in the Bible "as the days of Noah."

With this liberal trend, the dating standards drop lower and lower. Dating is lightly viewed by many as merely a game. "Have a good time

together on your date"—"break down the inhibitions"—"have a blast"—are the quests of modern dating. "After all, what's wrong with a little heavy petting or even pre-marital sex? Everyone does it!"

The Bible speaks out strongly against adultery and fornication as sinful acts. Those who commit such acts are commandment-breakers and shall be judged for their evil deeds. This is the Bible standard and we MUST live according to it.

Some young people try to justify their pre-marital sexual experiences with the excuse that the sex act alone constitutes marriage in the eyes of God. This simply is not true and you must never make this become your excuse for sin. Pre-marital sex is NOT marriage—IT IS SIN!

Following are some guidelines which will help us to maintain Christian standards:

WHEN TO DATE

When one reaches about thirteen years of age, this is about the time that there is the first desire to date. This is fine and natural, but dating at this age must be strictly group dating for fun and fellowship. Far too many young teen-agers are dating with the seriousness of an engaged couple—and the results are obvious.

In the United States alone, forty per cent of the brides are between fifteen and eighteen years old. At the time of the wedding, forty per cent are already pregnant. Within five years, fifty per cent of these teenage marriages end in divorce. Aside from this, there are reported to be 300,000 illegitimate babies born each year.

These statistics add up to millions of people born into this world devoid of happiness because their parents did not follow dating standards set forth by the Bible. Just think of all the guilt, misery, and hate which stems from starting to date seriously while too young to think of marriage.

GOING STEADY

Is there anything wrong with going steady? In all high schools it seems that those who are going steady are with the "in-crowd," and that going steady is a status symbol of society.

I stand opposed to going steady except as a pre-engagement. Why do I take this stand? Because it has been proven that going steady leads to a more intimate relationship than just casual dating. This view is supported by many; and one such support comes from the teen-age column in a leading newspaper, which gave the results from a national poll of teen-agers on the subject of going steady. It was found that 72 per cent of the girls and 74 per cent of the boys answered yes to the following question: "Do you think dating only one person leads to more physical intimacy than does dating more than one?" According to this, then, it must be conceded that going steady does lead to something more than casual dating.

When casual dating is allowed to become too intimate and emotions, rather than the Bible, become the conscience, the natural results are a serious breakdown in moral standards, the loss of virginity (a virtue desired by EVERY husband and wife for his or her mate), the birth of illegitimate children, "shotgun" weddings, homes unfit for the rearing of children, and the ultimate end of divorce and count-

less lives filled with constant loneliness and unhappiness. Again the results are obvious.

KISSING, PARKING, AND PETTING

Kissing should be an expression exchanged by people who possess a strong feeling for each other. It is never meant to be a payment for an enjoyable evening and never the criterion of whether a date was fun. That which is important is whether the evening was spent in good, wholesome, clean activities. This is what determines whether or not a date was successful.

Parking is one of the broadest ways to a life of either a forced marriage or multiple troubles in or out of marriage. Parking on some lonely road leads to kissing and petting and even to immorality which may open the door to a life full of unhappiness and sorrow. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the degrading results of immorality. Once you have fallen to your passions, you face a life living in the shadow of that mistake.

Closely associated with parking and kissing is *necking*. Often after parking for some time, a passionate kiss leads to "necking" which often leads to pre-marital sex. It is not difficult to draw the line here and make it plain that Christians will not participate in this type of dating. It is of the world and one can easily see that it does not belong in the life of a child of God.

Petting is restricted to marriage alone because it is a means of arousing the sexual desires. Outside of marriage, it brings about a lust for sex in which the individual no longer thinks constructively but momentarily

allows his passions to rule his life. When he faces reality, he comes face to face with a life of misery and resentment because of a mistake which could have been avoided if only he had followed the standards set forth in the Bible.

What are good dating practices? Here are some suggestions which will help us:

1. **PRAY**—Even Christians have natural drives and emotions and they need God's help to keep these emotions in line. Two Christian young people ought never to feel ashamed to start their evening's activities with prayer. One of the most joyous experiences of your dating life can be the short time in prayer at the beginning of each date.

2. **SPREAD YOURSELF AROUND**—Don't place yourself into a situation that can result in a breakdown of your standards. To make the proper choice for marriage, it is important that you do not become serious with the first one you date and enter the bond of marriage without having had other dating experiences. Spreading yourself around will help to broaden your personality and intellect and will later help you in making your choice for marriage.

3. **DATE REPUTABLE BOYS AND GIRLS**—those who have high morals and a good reputation. Never date one who has a bad reputation and who will drag you down. Date those who will help you develop both mentally and spiritually.

4. **STAND UP FOR THE TRUTH**—Never be afraid to stand out for the Bible and make your stand known. Your date will respect you for ad-

hering to your beliefs. Never compromise.

5. **AVOID HARMFUL SITUATIONS**—By avoiding situations which tend to weaken us—such as parking, going steady, and being alone too much—we can avoid the shame that many people suffer.

Teen-age dating is not for the purpose of providing romance until you are old enough and ready for it as a pre-requisite to marriage. It is to develop your personality and bring out masculine and feminine fellowship so that when you are ready for marriage, you will know exactly what you want.

Dating is fun! When dating is carried on according to the standards of the Bible, it leads to a happy and fruitful marriage—not one that is filled with misery and shame. Young people who keep themselves in God's will, striving daily to have a close relationship with Him, may be assured of His guidance and blessing for them.

Have fun! Enjoy life! Observe the standards set forth by the Bible so you can say, "Marriage is honorable in all." Then you will have a life of complete fulfillment in marriage as God intended for man and woman—a glorious union of pure love that thrives not on moments of sensual desire and passion, but on the lasting, beautiful desire for companionship, mutual happiness, sincere consideration, and Divine love from God.

FATAL ACCIDENT' BLAMED ON PRANKSTERS

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eth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that we might receive the prom-

ise of the Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:13, 14).

The blessing of Abraham was justification by faith (Romans 4:1-5). "Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; but for us also to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification" (Romans 4:23-25).

Don't tamper with God's STOP signs.

Don't remove them.

Don't deface them—face them.

Don't yield to anyone who denies God's judgment against sin.

—NOW

SCROLL OF HOPE

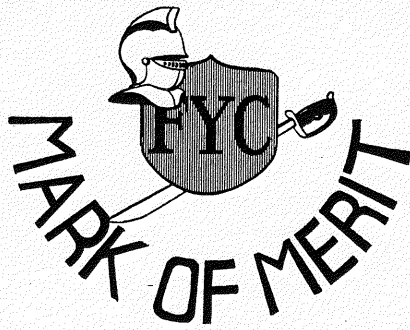
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offer you much strength and Bible knowledge to fortify you as a profitable child of God—in every circumstance.

Pray earnestly, with an open mind, for God's guidance at this time in your life. By all means, He must be first in your consideration. Don't give "cadillac" consideration to the social and material areas of your life, while God's place in your life is given mere "welfare" existence.

A GOAL

The goal is 250 new subscriptions during the year of 1969. Will you help reach this goal? If each local group sends in even 10 new subscriptions, we can go over the top. Do your part. Meet the challenge!



by Nathan Lawson

At the end of the first quarter—1969—we have 23 FYC groups working through the Mark of Merit Program. This is encouraging; yet there are many more groups that we would like to see with such an active program within their local church. Why not help your group join the rest of us in an effort to become active for Christ? The Mark of Merit program will help your local FYC be active and have a good time in a program that will be spiritually uplifting to each member. Write for a report blank. We would still accept your first quarter report if you do this soon.

Following is a complete list of FYC activities reported for the first quarter.

| FYC Group | First Quarter | Bonus Points |
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| Hammondville, Ala. | 205 | 134 |
| Lodi, Calif. | 205 | 32 |
| Stockton, Calif. | 205 | 145 |
| Sacramento, Calif. | 205 | 121 |
| Ontario, Calif. | 180 | 172 |
| Bloomington, Calif. | 205 | 248 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. (Spanish) | 140 | |
| Marion, Ore. | 205 | 26 |
| Elmira, Ore. | 195 | 146 |
| Tacoma, Wash. | 160 | |
| Claremore, Okla. | 145 | 91 |
| Oklahoma City, Okla. | 140 | 35 |
| Midway, Okla. | 195 | 43 |
| Tahlequah, Okla. | 205 | 110 |
| Houston, Texas | 105 | |
| San Antonio, Tex. (English) | 205 | 232 |
| San Antonio, Tex. (Spanish) | 180 | 71 |
| Fort Smith, Ark. | 160 | 16 |
| Alfred, N. D. | 205 | 84 |
| Eureka, S. D. | 205 | 187 |

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| Denver, Colo. | 180 | 10 |
| New Auburn, Wisc. | 205 | 133 |
| Wichita, Kans. | 160 | 63 |

We hope that all of these groups will continue working hard in this program. Your group can be a real blessing to your local congregation by being an active group. Most important of all, you will be accomplishing the work that God has called us to do.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH—JULY 1969

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING. Ask your pastor to help you work out a special advertisement for your local newspaper. We hope that you can purchase a nice-sized spot for this advertisement. It should include the church name, address, and time of meetings. Also a list of Bible Doctrinal Points could be included. A notice that Free Booklets on all these topics are available for writing to the church address could also be included. Such a project would cost quite a bit (depending on how large a spot you purchase) but would be well worth it in advertising your local church. Check with your newspaper office to see how much such an ad would cost. Maybe the local church could share this expense with the FYC.

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, (FYC) be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

“And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (1 John 3:17).

Let us work together, pray together, and stay true to God, so that together we may have a home in His Kingdom.

FEAST OR FAMINE

A loaf of bread bounced from a basket as a baker’s truck turned the corner too quickly. When the loaf hit the pavement a crumb broke off and lay beside it.

Almost instantly, three sparrows made a swoop for the crumb. When the contest was over, two of the birds flew away without a bite, and the other one carried off a meager breakfast. The loaf was untouched, unnoticed.

The crumb was worthwhile as a pick-up; it was nothing as a prize. Just a little wider range of vision, just a little more faith, and each bird would have been satisfied. How often our own eyes are blurred to our own opportunities while we fight for crumbs.

—Sunshine

Youth Doctrine Corner

*"Ye shall know the truth
and the truth shall make
you free" (John 8:32).*



CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Official Church of God Doctrine—Article No. 15

... **"Although salvation is obtained by exercising faith in Christ and accepting Him as the Saviour from sin, church organization (patterned after Biblical example) is Scriptural and expedient. Its purpose is to provide a means of cooperation whereby the gospel of salvation can be proclaimed effectively, true Bible standards and doctrines can be established, and the members of the family of God can enjoy fellowship together."**

Church Organization in the Old Scripture

... **Council of seventy elders** (Acts 7:38 and Exod. 24:1-9).
... **Strict adherence to leadership** (Numbers 16:1-3, 13, 28-33).

Church Organization in the New Scripture

... **Jesus' plea for unity** (John 17:16-23).
... **Sending of ministers by the Church** (Acts 8:15, 16; 11:22; 13:1-3).
... **Ministerial Council determined doctrine** (Acts 15).
... **Authority given to the Church leaders** (Hebrews 13:17).

Church Unity Necessary

... **Jesus' prayer** (John 17:16-23).
... **Paul's commands** (1 Cor. 1:10; 12:25).
... **Church to be one Body** (1 Cor. 12:11-25).

Church Division Condemned

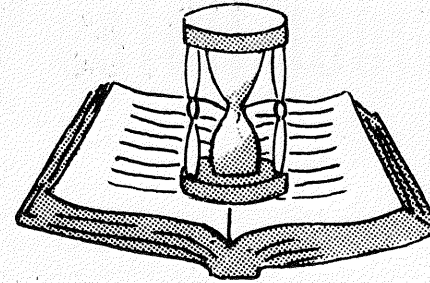
... **Mark those that cause division** (Rom. 16:17).
... **To be no division in the Body** (1 Cor. 12:25; 1:10; Gal. 1:6, 7).

Church Organization's Purpose

... **Greater proclamation of the Gospel.**
... **Establish unity in doctrine.**
... **Offer fellowship for the Brethren.**

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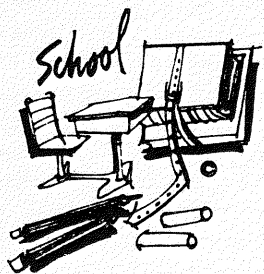
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There seem to be times in every Christian's life when he fails to keep his hands in those of Christ. We slip from His grasp and let Satan's wily schemes deceive us. This has happened even to people who seem to be the closest to God—even to King David, a man after God's own heart. So many of the psalms of David are written to seek for forgiveness, comfort, and strength in his time of need. But perhaps the most famous is the one he was supposed to have written after his affair with Bathsheba and the killing of her husband—Psalm 51. This is a very beautiful psalm, filled with sorrow, grief, and contrition. David truly realized the terrible mistake he had committed and he was reaching back to God, begging Him to take hold of his hand, cleanse his heart, and keep him in His grace.

Perhaps the most beautiful part of the psalm is David's promise to serve God, if God would restore him to his original position in His sight. He was not content to sit around basking in the light of God's majesty and the joy of His presence. He felt the wonderfulness of God must be shared with others, so he said, "Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." It has been said, "Footprints in the sands of time were not made sitting down."

We should be as David, making good use of our time for God by witnessing, after we have made our own lives right with God. If we have not made the first step, or if we have fallen away, let's make our hearts right and hasten to teach others of God while there is time.



School Notes

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

The activities of the past month have busily ushered in the last days of this school year at Midwest Bible College, and the work seems to come in giant heaps as time just seems to fly by.

Under the direction of Elder Dale Lawson, the Good Book Quartet, consisting of Darlene and Larry Hadden, Denis Burrell, Paul Linville, and Linda Salmons, accompanist, journeyed to Spring Vale Academy for a weekend of spirit-filled services held April 25 and 26. Though it was a very weary group of people that returned to Stanberry, they were happy to have had part in the weekend meetings, as well as inspired to have viewed the progress being made at the Academy.

The following weekend, May 2 through 4, this same team from Midwest directed the services of the youth retreat held in the Fort Smith Arkansas, church. Ruben Garza and Ricky Everett also attended the retreat, helping to represent Midwest Bible College. The Stanberry group appreciated the hayride Saturday night and recreation Sunday morning which was planned by the Fort Smith

FYC. Although this was the first retreat planned by the Fort Smith FYC, it proved to be very inspirational with much fun and fellowship.

Thoughts of fun and fellowship bring to mind the tri-church picnic held on Sunday, May 18, at a city park in Kansas City, Missouri. Attendance was noted from each of the three churches located in the area: Kansas City, St. Joseph, and Stanberry.

Activities were many, including two softball games between Stanberry and Kansas City with Stanberry winning both games. It was probably the first double header ever played with a lunch break between the games. Everyone had a wonderful time and thought it was well worth the drive for the fellowship, exercise, and enjoyment in the nearness of God's great outdoors. Although the picnic caused some temporarily sore muscles, it left a lasting impression to be recalled with fond memories.

There has been much feverish activity in preparation of the Midwest Bible College annual. Paul Linville will be doing the art work, providing some interesting designs to accompany the varied pictures taken by Denis Burrell. Ron Sanders has as-

sumed the role of editor of this year's annual, which promises to be one of the best in the history of Midwest Bible College.

The annual college picnic has been planned for the evening of May 22. This farewell event promises to be one reminiscent of friends and activities the past school year, as well as a time to contemplate future plans.

Sabbath, May 24, the college choir very successfully presented a cantata arranged by John Peterson entitled "No Greater Love." It relates the moving story of Jesus Christ from His baptism through His resurrection. The choir is under the direction of Elder Dale Lawson.

Of course, the climax of the year's events is yet to come... the final weekend of graduation exercises. The seniors have worked long and hard, but will soon realize their goal. The graduates are: Wesley Coulson, Kenneth Knoll, Gerald Pedersen, Ronald Sanders, Lael Tikili, Richard Trigg, and Mike Weir.

The schedule of events for the big weekend will begin with a Consecration service on May 30, at 8:00 p.m. The following day, May 31, at 11:00 a.m. Baccalaureate services will be held. That evening, there will be a repeat performance of the cantata, "No Greater Love," at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Commencement services at 9:00 p.m.

As the school year rapidly draws to a close, we all pray that Midwest will continue to grow, never losing the value and esteem it holds in the hearts of men and women who once walked its halls and occupied its classrooms. It is also our prayer that the Lord will guide and richly bless the seniors, according to His will.

Dave Gartner

HAPPINESS—BUT ALSO SORROW

The last month of school at Spring Vale is a time of mixed emotions—joy at the thought of summer months away from studies and the anticipation of seeing our families once again.—But sorrow at the thought of leaving many friends and many good times had at S.V.A.

The Midwest Bible College evangelistic team held services at Spring Vale the weekend of April 26. The special singing and messages that were presented inspired everyone and many lives were rededicated to God. The grand finale of the weekend was the campfire service held Saturday night. Many favorite choruses were sung, a few words were spoken to the young people and then a prayer circle was formed. The presence of God was very near.

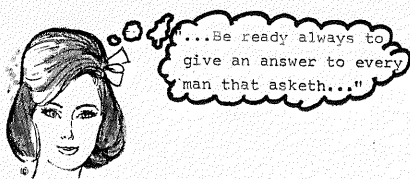
The swings and merry-go-rounds were enjoyed almost more than the games of softball and good food on the school picnic, April 30, at a park in Lansing, Michigan. Students and faculty alike enjoyed fun and fellowship in the sunshine.

Sabbath, May 3, groups of Spring Valers visited different churches in Michigan and Ohio. Everyone had a wonderful time visiting with brothers and sisters of like faith.

Before anyone quite realized what had happened, it was already the last week of school. Monday, May 12, was the last day of school for the students in Honors Club. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were spent in museums, parks, zoos, etc, in Lansing, Detroit, and Flint, Michigan, as a reward for scholastic work throughout the year.

Friday was a busy work day for everyone on SVA campus. Every

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MINUTEMAN

By Jan Pedersen

While watching a rainstorm I noticed that the tulips were bending from the force of the wind. But the next day I noticed they were standing straight and tall despite the beating they had taken. This illustrates the way our lives should be.

Many times we feel discouraged because it seems that Satan is trying his best and nothing seems to go our way; but through Jesus Christ we can live an overcoming life. Let's consider a few ways we can overcome.

Following are this month's memory verses. Write them on cards for easy memorization.

Genesis 6:3

2 Peter 3:10

1 John 3:8, 9

2 Peter 3:13

2 Peter 3:14

Romans 6:12

Romans 6:13

Prayer is a "must" every day. Paul says in 1 Thess. 5:17 to "pray without ceasing." Prayer is our only way of communicating with God through Christ. It is the key which opens the door of heaven. Jesus not only instructed us to pray for ourselves but also to pray for one another—and also to pray for these who spitefully use us (Matthew 5:44). Prayer is an excellent way to start the day.

Another essential in an overcoming life is Bible reading and study. Undoubtedly we have heard the saying, "A chapter a day keeps the devil away." If applied, we will find that each day will go easier—and we will find that it will be easier to resist temptations. It could be dangerous to our spiritual welfare to do without Bible reading and prayer.

The choice of good companions is another influencing factor in the overcoming life. The best way to gain Christian companionship is by participating in church activities—espe-

cially those designated for youth. We may think that having worldly friends won't influence us, but the devil is working very hard to get as many followers as he can before his

time is up. Careless friends are an easy avenue of influence.

Let us be like the flowers. May it be said of us that we are standing "straight and tall" against the forces of the devil.

National FYC Correspondence

From May through August, all correspondence intended for the National FYC Office should be sent to Jewell Linville, Secretary for the Young People's Department. Her summer address is:

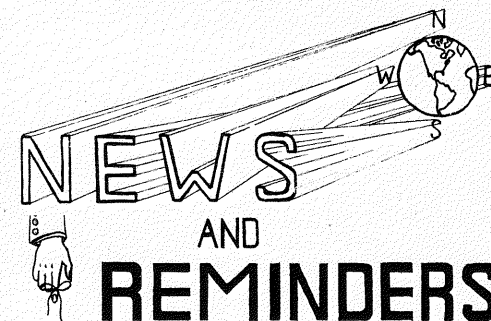
Route 2, Box 105
Tahlequah, Okla. 74464

FYC Sweaters

NEW! The "most wanted" look on every FYC'er's list... pin stripes with color trim... extra high crew neck, knit cuffs and "hugger" waistband colormatch the horizontal stripes... short set-in sleeves... rugged blend of 92% cotton and 8% acrylic fibers.

You may have your choice of three outstanding colors—navy blue, old gold, and dark green. All sweaters have the FYC emblem printed in the pocket area surrounded by the word "FAITHFUL YOUTH CHALLENGERS."

You may order yours now from the National FYC office at 316 North Willow, Stanberry, Missouri 64489, or plan to purchase yours from the Youth Missions Team when they visit your area or at General Conference in Huron, South Dakota, in July. The



cost will be \$3 per sweater.

Some orders have already been received, so hurry with your order now.

Long-Play Album

The 1969 Youth Missions Team singers have made a record that will contain many of the songs that will be used on the 1969 tour.

The record is being sponsored by the Young People's Department and is available this month. Proceeds from the record sales will go into the Young People's work of the Church of God.

Youth Missions Tour

The Youth Missions Team consisting of Elders Dale Lawson and Vernon Patchen, the Challengers Quartet, and soloist Jim Fischer, is presently touring the Church of God in mid-western U.S.A. For the date the team will visit your church, check with

your pastor or observe the schedule in the May issue of AIM and the June issue of the HARVEST FIELD MESSENGER.

Thanks to Marion, Oregon, FYC

A hearty "thanks" to the Marion, Oregon, FYC for their response to our notice in the last AIM for some group to help with AIM Magazine for Trinidad. May God bless you for your desire to help those young people receive AIM.

"Aim" for Goals

Several churches have accomplished much thus far in the "AIM for Goals" Campaign of 1969. The first phase of the program (making sure that all FYCers in each group receive AIM) has been completed. Presently, we are in the middle of the second phase which asks each FYC Group to give ten gift subscriptions to young people who are non-members.

If your FYC has not completed these two phases in "AIM for Goals," please make special effort to see that

these suggested goals are reached. Together, we will be able to meet our goal of increasing our AIM circulation by 250 subscriptions by the end of 1969.

SVA NEWS

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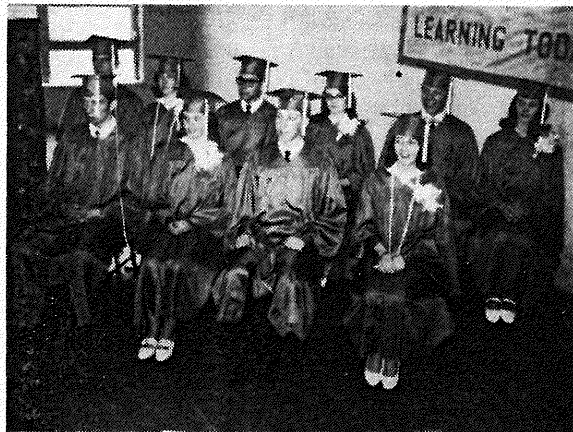
nook and cranny was made spic and span in preparation for graduation weekend.

Sabbath, May 17, finally brought realization to the seniors that they actually were graduating from high school. Baccalaureate services were held at which Elder Ray Moldenhauer delivered the message.

The long-awaited time finally came Sunday morning when graduation services were held. Elder Nelson Caswell gave the Commencement address. There were tears in the eyes of more than one of the seniors.

As soon as graduation services were over, last minute packing was done, good-byes were said, and another school year had ended at Spring Vale Academy.

Donna Larson



Pictured here are the ten members of the 1969 SVA graduating class.

Youth Camps for 1969

CENTRAL STATES YOUTH CAMP—June 15-22

**Camp Pa He Tsi, Lake of the Ozarks State Park
Osage Beach, Missouri**

For ages 9-18

Fee: \$16 per camper

Contact: Mrs. Helen Sell, Registrar, 1952 Iola, Aurora, Colo. 80010

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OKLAHOMA YOUTH CAMP—June 15-22

Sequoyah State Park, near Wagoner, Oklahoma

For ages 9-25

Fee: \$15 per camper

Contact: Mr. Allan Burlison, 4623 South Toledo, Tulsa, Okla. 74135

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OREGON YOUTH CAMP—June 23-29

Silver Falls State Park, near Silverton, Oregon

For ages 9-25

Fee: \$18 per camper

Contact: Mr. Will McGill, P. O. Box 399, Jefferson, Oregon 97352

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MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP—August 3-10

Cedar Lake Outdoor Center, near Chelsea, Michigan

For ages 9-19

Fee: \$16 per camper

Contact: Elder Calvin A. Burrell, P. O. Box 472, Owosso, Michigan 48867

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CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMP—August 10-17

Pacific Pines Camp near Crestline, California

For ages 11-20

Fee: \$18 per camper

Contact:

Mr. Frank Padilla, Registrar, 11008 Cedar Ave., Bloomington, Calif. 92316

Brochures with more detailed information about these camps are available from the persons listed above.