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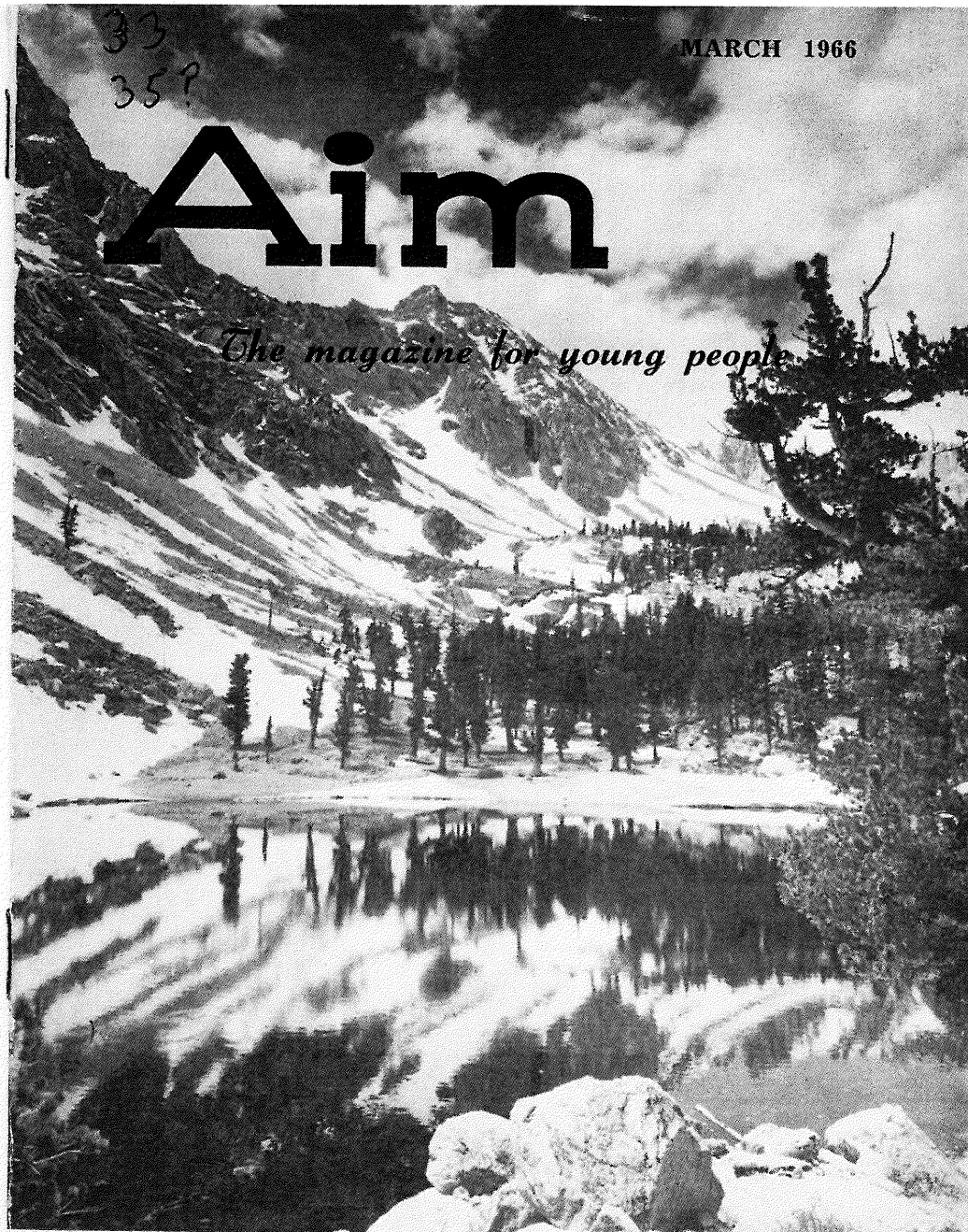
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Too many persons seem to use their religion as a diver does his bell, to venture down into the depths of worldliness with safety, and there grope for pearls, with just so much of heaven's air as will keep them from suffocating, and no more; and some, alas; as at times is the case with the diver, are suffocated in the experiment.

—G. B. CHEEVER

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The Fruit of L O V E

THE word LOVE is one that everyone uses and one that few can explain or describe. Webster's Dictionary says that LOVE is "a feeling of strong personal attachment induced by sympathetic understanding." Also, he says that LOVE is "men's adoration of God."

God's greatest commandments are based on love. "Love thy neighbour as thyself, and love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." Surely, there is no greater quality of love than stated in those few words.

Love is the secret of happiness. Without LOVE we are nothing. God's plan for you and me is to exist in this world so that we can fill our lives with love for one another and for our Creator. A person with true love is willing to suffer for the cause of another, even as Christ was willing to suffer for mankind.

We are happy when we know that someone cares for us. Our hearts become content and warm by kind words spoken and good deeds shown unto us. It is *not* hard to love those who

show love to us, but God has said in His word to love our enemies, and to pray for those who spitefully use us. Also, to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We only know a part of what is and what is to come, but when Jesus returns again, we will have perfect knowledge and wisdom which we can not *begin* to realize now. Even so, we will experience perfect love from a pure heart.

We show our love, or charity, when we give up our own desires in preference to making others happy. In other words: charity does not boast, but is humble; it is not proud, but meek; and it doesn't deal with selfishness and envy. Thus, in living for the Lord, let us live in a spirit of thankfulness and not in a manner of exalting ourselves.

Love and righteousness go hand

PRACTICAL ATHEISTS

If one should call you an atheist, you might resent it, and say you believed in God. But if you forget God day by day as He is your Creator, to whom you owe all, let me tell you in all affection you are a practical atheist. An atheist is one without God. The word is made up of two, which put together in English mean: "a person without God." And if you do not kneel down to Him, if you do not acknowledge Him as your Author, what are you but a practical atheist? If you do not ask Him to help you in your daily duties and difficulties and avocations, if you do not ask Him to guide you, if you think you will go here when you are old enough to do as you like (as men speak) and go there, and be this or that, without any thinking of and reference to God, you forget God in all that, and, forgetting Him, you are a practical atheist. This is the first thing: Remember that He is your Creator, and that therefore you are dependent upon Him.

—J. K. Popham in *The Gospel Standard*

in hand and we can't have one without the other. If we say we love the Lord and live wickedly, we are liars, and God has said that no liar has any right to enter His kingdom; therefore, we must learn the right kind of love. Through prayer and studying God's Word, we can learn God's plan for us as a Christian people. No greater love hath a man than this, that he lay down his life for a friend. Christ's love is a perfect example for us.

These few words, as written in the poem "God's Love," summarize the thought very well:
GOD'S LOVE WILL REACH
US

WHERE'ER WE ABIDE;
NO ONE CAN MEASURE
HOW DEEP OR HOW WIDE
THE LOVE THAT HE GIVES
US
SO FREELY CAN BE;
WE KNOW ONLY THIS:
IT IS FULL! IT IS FREE!

Consider



"Consider the lilies how they grow"

the Lilies

By Dorothy Nimchuk

"Hey, family, look at the letter that just arrived!" exclaimed Father, hurrying up the walk. "It's a reply to the ad I answered in the paper."

"Open it quick, Dad," urged Shelia. "Did you get the job?"

"Yes, dear, open it," added Mother.

"I hope this is the reply we have been waiting for," replied Mr. Payton. He slowly opened the flap, as though reluctant to do so, perhaps fearing another refusal. Shelia and her mother could scarcely hide their impatience at his hesitancy. Shelia hopped from one foot to the other and Mother tried to read over Father's shoulder.

"Yes sir, this is it," Father's face was wreathed in smiles and he appeared years younger as the burden of unpaid debts momentarily lifted.

"Hold on a moment," interrupted Mother, who had read on down the page. "What's this about a six-day week?"

With a sinking heart, Mr. Payton took another look at the letter. Yes, there it was in black and white, a six-day week. The heavy burdens, so recently lifted, returned twofold to rest upon his slight frame. He turned quickly away and went into the house.

As Father passed through the

kitchen on his way to the garden, Cousin Cathy stopped him. "Couldn't help hearing it all from the window, Charles. Of course, you'll take this job and forget all this nonsense about Saturday. Our family has kept Sunday for generations. What's good enough for them ought to be good enough for you."

"I can't, Cathy," answered Father. "The Sabbath is very precious to me."

Cathy grimaced, and questioned maliciously, "How precious will it be when there is no food to put into our mouths? Will it satisfy hunger and pay

bills? Charles Payton, you're out of your mind. We'll all starve to death before long."

She had in mind to say more, but Charles escaped through a side door to the garden. Here, in the peace and serenity of his little world of flowers and shrubs, he was able to think clearly for the first time. "I was so sure this would be the job I needed."

"Go ahead," whispered an inner voice. "No one will blame you. You've got to take care of your family. God will understand that. You say He is a loving, heavenly Father."

Charles toyed with the idea idly. "God also demands obedience," countered another voice within.

"I can't do it, I just can't."

* * *

The garden had a soothing effect on him, resting him and calming his troubled thoughts. He loved to be among the flowers. The roses were attired in pink and crimson hues. Marigolds, asters, bluebells and morning glories offered a riot of color. The lilies, in their simple, white gowns, stood out in marked contrast to the colorful surroundings. *They* didn't have to work for a living and yet see the beauty with which they were clothed. How marvelous the wondrous works of God's creation! Charles felt refreshed in spirit.

"If God cared enough to create such beauty in these flowers and plants, surely He cares

enough to clothe and feed me and my family. I believe—I know—that He can and will see us through," affirmed Charles to his wife who had silently joined him on the flagstone path.

Hand in hand they retraced their steps to the house.

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A "CHRISTIAN" PETITION?

By Mike Weir

Dear Lord:

As you know, I have been a Christian nearly all of my life, and have been keeping your commandments just as well as the next person. But just lately I have found that all of my friends have been having a lot of fun and doing a lot of things which I can't do if I am to keep your commandments as I have been taught. I was wondering if I could be a little more slack in my Christian living; after all, I'm "holier" than most Christians that I am acquainted with, and I don't want to seem odd in the eyes of my friends.

In the meantime there is a basketball game this Friday night that I am attending. This game is very important, so I think you'll understand.

Yours truly,
Luke Warm

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A desire to have the Scripture on our side is one thing and a desire to be on the side of the Scripture is another.

When Grandma's Clock Went Cuckoo

By Jessie Truman

Grandma's clock sits in its place of honor, on the oaken shelf above the piano. There it ticks away the seconds of our lives in its usual reliable manner. It has been ticking away dependably for many years, marking every thirty minutes with one strike on the half hour and the correct number of strikes on the hour.

Nobody ever thought of Grandma's clock as being a cuckoo clock. That's because there is no little bird that comes out of its cage to croak, "cuckoo, cuckoo" on the hour. But one day something happened. That clock *really went cuckoo!*

I suppose it was the spring in the striking mechanism that ran down while the spring that keeps the pendulum swinging was still going steady. Maybe the "striking spring" was a little weaker than the other. They both had been wound at the same time. But suddenly you couldn't be sure what to believe. The hands said one-thirty, but the clock struck eleven.

It took a little doing to get

it all straightened out. But the clock is back to normal again. When the hands say eleven o'clock, it strikes eleven. We wind it a little more often to keep it running good.

This little experience with Grandma's clock got me to thinking. Seems like some people are like that clock. They go along dependably for years. Then suddenly something happens. They look the same, but the things they say are different from their works. And you begin to wonder why.

Chances are, some "spring" has gradually been growing weaker, possibly from misuse or neglect. But it didn't become noticeable until you couldn't depend on what they said. You had to look at their actions to find the truth. They had personified the old axiom, "Your actions speak so loud that I can't hear what you say." Or, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

It'll take a little doing to get them straightened out again.

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TOMORROW . . .

Shakespeare's knowledge about man was wide and profound. One never ceases to marvel at the unchangeableness of man, and Shakespeare seemed to have a secret of this knowledge that is beyond our scope of imagination. One of the rewards of being able to read the English language is being able to explore the nature of Shakespeare's writings.

When *McBeth*, knowing that *Lady McBeth* did not survive the agony of her own condemning conscience, realized that life is to be lived today, and to be lived in a manner befitting a good conscience, he said: "Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, Creeps in this petty pace from day to day. To the last syllable of recorded time; And all our yesterdays have lighted fools The way to dusty death."

How like *Lady McBeth* we are—always looking to the future for happiness. In her case it was the desire for a kingdom that caused her downfall. She thought that only a kingdom could bring the happiness she

wanted. It may not take a kingdom to make you happy, but how many people do you know who live their days in discontent and unrest, looking for the literal kingdom to come in which they will know joy forevermore, and letting this life slip by without ever tasting the happiness they anticipate for tomorrow?

To look forward to the kingdom is part of the faith we hold in God's promise of a reward to the righteous. But some people spend so much time in trying to get ready to live in the afterwhile, that they miss the happiness God intended for them right here on this earth.

Our "View"—Our Outlook

"It is curious to what extent our happiness or unhappiness depends upon the manner in which we view things" (Burke). Some people feel that a gloomy and pessimistic outlook is a Christian outlook. They never see things in a positive way. If they read the newspaper they see only the bad reports, the accidents, the mur-

AND THE NEXT . . .

Bertie B. Freeman

ders, the lust. If they were given a handful of hundred dollar bills, all genuine except one, they would throw the genuine away and keep the counterfeit, claiming that God intended them to live in misery; that being unhappy is the lot of the Christian.

"Men continually forget that happiness is a condition of the mind and not a disposition of circumstances" (Lecky). Cease looking to tomorrow for happiness. You will be happy tomorrow only through building up a consciousness of happiness today.

"Happiness, like mercy, is twice blessed; it blesses those who are most intimately associated with it, and it blesses all those who see it, hear it, feel it, touch it, or breathe the same atmosphere" (Kate D. Wiggins). It is important to live every day to its full and draw from it all the happiness God has to offer you.

"Link" Joy with God

Stopford Brooke has said: "These things I have spoken

unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." Although there were many heartaches in the life of Jesus, He was essentially a happy person. He brought comfort, encouragement, healing and joy to those round about Him. He never walked into a house and told them the world was full of woes and that they should suffer and be sad. Instead He brought such joy to their minds that suffering was not a burden. He showed them that the yoke was really a means of sharing joy as well as burdens, making it so plainly a joyous duty, that men gladly laid down their lives for Him.

The first thing to realize is that neither person nor thing can keep you from enjoying the blessings of God unless you choose to let them deprive you of your rightful heritage—happiness. Christ in you is greater than all external influences. His presence in your heart is the presence of all the good you can ever desire.

To live happily means to turn your attention to the pow-

er of Christ within, which is peace, joy, love, health and supply. Release all thoughts of the past that trouble you, all failures, all frustrations, all tensions and begin each new day by acknowledging the presence of Christ within.

David in speaking of the power and majesty of God in Psalm 95:6, 7 says: "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand, To-day if ye will hear his voice."

What a wonderful happy thought—"Today if ye will hear his voice!" Not tomorrow, because tomorrow all too soon becomes today, and today becomes yesterday beyond recall. It is today, this very day, this very hour and minute, that happiness begins if we will heed the call of God.

'Tis Being and Doing

There is no secret to today's happiness. Jesus gave the perfect plan in Luke 17:21, "... Behold the kingdom of God is within you." Paul added this thought to today's happiness—"Christ in you, the hope of glory." The embodiments of this kingdom are found in Gal. 5:22, 23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance..." Life must be happy if we are in such

a glorious state, because there is no law against the goodness of God. Why? Because these are attributes of God. To be happy, one must embody the good contained in these godly attributes, and practice them to perfection. It does no earthly good to know something that will make us happy, and then never use it. " 'Tis being and doing and having that make All the pleasures and pains of which mankind partake; To be what God pleases, to do a man's best, And to have a good heart, is the way to be blest" (Byron).

Remember the little grace you learned as a child—"God is great, God is good."? Meditate upon this thought. Grasp the significance of the words; thrill to the power in that simple statement—"God is great." Can't you begin to sense the joy of knowing such a great God? This is a happy statement, designed to teach us the greatness and goodness of God and His providence for His children. We can be happy because God cares what happens to our lives.

Make Happiness a Habit

Make happiness a habit. Begin each new day in the realization that God has something good in store for you and that you are determined not to let it pass by and wait for another opportunity tomorrow.

Begin the day by freeing your mind of any limited belief con-

cerning your capabilities, and your right to happiness. Negation neutralizes your good, so think powerful, positive thoughts. Remember that you are serving a powerful God. Let your mind and heart be quickened with the realization that you are a child of God, fearless and free.

Instead of thinking of hap-

Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

You are a pastor of a church. Tell me honestly, do you think a person needs to attend church "every" week?

ANSWER:

I *honestly* do! What else do you plan to do on Sabbath? This is a holy day. Observing it as such is a *moral* issue. If you are physically able to be in church on the Sabbath, that is precisely where you belong!

I am aware that you are doing much better than a lot of other people even when you attend less than each week. Nonetheless, by missing any service without good reason you are

missing in terms of the future, begin the happiness habit today. A life in Christ is meant to be a joyous and rewarding life today, and it will be, if it is lived in the knowledge that the kingdom of God is within your very being, and that kingdom is a happy kingdom because Christ sits on the throne of your heart.

Youth Questions
answered by
Ray L. Straub



making a compromise, and that is costly. Remember the proverb: "A long journey begins with the first step." An unexcusable absence once in a great while may seem innocent, but the direction that this careless decision takes you can bring tragic harm. You need to quit looking at others around you for your religious standards and begin looking into God's Word and then heavenward for your answers.

Absenteeism from church services is a harmfully serious problem. Don't make it worse. Get on the other side and fight it!

CONVERTED SINS

If, by nature we must walk,
the lowly ways of man,
To **STEAL** and **LIE** and **DRINK** and
FIGHT AND **CHEAT** whoe'er we
can;

To **GAMBLE**, **HATE** and take a part
in other sins so bold,
Then why not let us use these deeds
as did our Christ of old?

STEAL away from busy crowds to
some quiet place alone,
And have a word with Jesus there,
and claim Him as your own.

LIE awake at nights and think
of some lost soul to touch,
And tell him all about the God
Who loves his soul so much.

DRINK the cup that is so free,
of everlasting life,
Till some glad evening it shall end
our days of toil and strife.

FIGHT temptations as they come
and look to Him to guide
You thru the many trials of life
and keep you by His side.

GAMBLE all that you possess
or ever hope to own,
Upon the finished work of Him
who now is on His Throne.

CHEAT the one whose workshop is
the idle mind of man
By keeping thoughts as pure and
clean and wholesome as you can.

HATE the hour that made you sin,
and look to God in prayer;
Bring all your burdens to His
Throne
and He will meet you there.

—Selected by Verna McCoy

THERE OUGHT TO BE A GOD

Robert Sherer Wilson

An old atheist who lived back in the Pennsylvania mountains in the last century liked to argue that God did not exist.

One day a new preacher came to the community. He was young in years and zealous in faith. When he heard of the old infidel, he wanted to meet the man. Even though he was told that the infidel would abuse him and curse him, these warnings did not frighten the preacher.

The preacher found the infidel at his sawmill. As soon as he introduced himself to the man, the skeptic became loud in his denouncing God and religion.

The more the infidel talked, the louder and angrier he became. He was seated near the large saw in his mill. Near him was a lever which released the logs and started them rolling into the creek below. Unconsciously the infidel leaned against the lever, and before he realized what was happening, he was caught by his heels and flung backward and downward into the stream, as if he were another log.

From the skeptic could be heard a loud shrieking, "God, have mercy! God, have mercy!"

The preacher ran round the mill, as fast as he could go, and went down to the stream and waded into the water. He pulled the struggling man to the shore. Safe on the bank, the preacher said to the skeptic, "I

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A Hard Decision

By Joy Meader



JONATHAN slammed the front door and stepped out into the freezing cold winter night. The snow was still falling heavily. There was now almost a foot of snow on the ground. Jonathan did not seem to mind the cold. He had to get away—anywhere—away from that house, away from his parents, away from reality itself.

Tramping through the snow, not knowing or caring where he was going, Jonathan tried his best to not think. The thoughts that came to him he tried to push out of his mind. He wanted to forget everything, but he knew that he must make his decision. He could not put it off any longer.

For the past two months Jonathan had been in a confused state of mind. In less than two weeks the second semester would be starting and he still didn't know what he should do. His father had always dreamed and hoped that his only son would follow in his footsteps and become a doctor like himself. To please his father, Jonathan had started his medical training. He was in his third year, and was getting all A's. His mother knew that he didn't want to become a doctor. She was trying her best to persuade her son to drop out of medical school and go to an art school close to home. Jonathan was a very intelligent young man and could succeed at anything if he put his mind to it. He could have life easy and never worry about where the next dollar was coming from. Was having life easy and having plenty of money the key to happiness?

Two months ago Jonathan had thought that being high up in society and having plenty of money was what every person worked for in life. But at church a guest speaker, Elder Dickens, had changed his way of thinking and got him so confused. In his message the minister had said:

"Money will not buy happiness. Social status will not give you happiness. There is nothing on this earth that can give you true happiness if you do not follow the Lord's will. If you have ever felt the call of the Lord to enter the ministry and you do not go through with it, you will never be truly happy; and some day you will have to answer for it. Paul said, 'Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!' (1 Cor. 9:16). And I say, 'Woe will be unto you, if God has called you to the ministry and you do not respond to that call.'"

The words of Elder Dickens' sermon came to Jonathan like great roaring waves beating upon rocks. He tried hard to fill his mind with other thoughts. He could hear his dad saying:

"Being a fine city doctor is a worth-while profession for anybody. Not everybody has the ability you have, Son—to become a doctor. Anyone can be a minister. Nothing special is required for that. Besides, you deserve the best in life, Son. You can't even make a decent

income being a minister."

Meanwhile his mother pleaded with him, "Jonathan, it's obvious that your heart is not in this medical profession. Why don't you go to Art School, so you can be near home? You know that I need you. Life is so lonesome with you so far away."

Jonathan wanted to make his father proud of him; yet he wanted to please his mother.

Suddenly there was the screeching of brakes, then silence. Not watching where he was going, Jonathan had walked out in front of a car. The driver didn't even stop. How long Jonathan lay in the snow, he did not know. His body was limp. He tried to move, but he could not. He knew that in this sub-zero weather, a person would soon freeze to death.

"Oh, God, have mercy on me; cried out in pain.

It was terribly cold. Jonathan tried to move his fingers, but they were too frozen. It seemed that there was no life left in him, and yet he knew that he was alive. Fear gripped Jonathan's heart. He wanted to live. He was too young to die—to die out in the cold, alone.

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Jonathan cried out in despair.

"Jonathan, Jonathan, why did you forsake me?" were the words that rang back in Jonathan's ear.

"Oh, God have mercy on me; I promise to go into the ministry," were the last words Jona-

than remembered saying.

Days passed into weeks before Jonathan regained consciousness. He could not remember anything except the promise that he had made to God. His parents were standing

beside him. Jonathan looked up at them and said:

"Mom and Dad, I have decided to go to Midwest Bible College. I want to follow my God all the way, and answer the call to the ministry."



Another Evangelette !!

"Although the Lord liberally rewards each of us for the efforts rendered in His service, sometimes it takes the offer of a material award as well to spur us on to take advantage of this great opportunity. This was the case with me in the Evangelette Program. Periods of prayer and Bible reading now mean a great deal more, and reading of church literature has come to be a habit I wouldn't want to break because of the blessings contained therein.

If you need some real spiritual growth, I would highly recommend becoming an Evangelette. Anyone can!"

—Kathleen Roche

Young people, more of us should really be willing (like Kathleen is) to become active for our F. Y. C. in the service of our Master. Others are beginning to see the tremendous advantages of Christian service, and our present supply of Evangelette Booklets is very low. Perhaps you can share your booklet and monthly report blanks with someone in your local church. Over two-hundred of these blue folders were given out just last summer alone, so many of you F.Y.C.'ers have one laying idle.

Don't let your Christian talents lie idle, or they will soon be taken from you.

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The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.—Isaiah 11:6, 7

Heart to Heart Talk

from “Freckles”



Hi Pals!

Since coming into the “truth,” there are two or three things I have come to appreciate. One is, it seems that in the Lord’s future millennial kingdom the animals will have a little ‘heaven on earth,’ too. There are seven different kinds listed in the two verses above. I am sure there are others, and surely, surely, surely **THERE WILL BE DOGS!** You know, **MAN’S BEST FRIEND!** We fellows of the “K-9” Corps have always been “Johnny-on-the-spot,” you know!

Then there is another ‘angle’ I’d like to sell: You see, everybody will be young people in the Lord’s Kingdom. For example, imagine a “child being an hundred years old” (Isaiah 65:20). Why, someday I shall romp with some kid for a hundred years or more!

That bit about: “The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;” Boy! That’s hard to believe. We have a big cat in our neighborhood, and every time I see that cat! Wow! I really dig out! That cat runs up a tree like a window shade. Guess I’ll have to be converted in one way or another before I get to the kingdom; sure would hate to embarrass the Lord by chasing cats!

Speaking of young people a few lines ago: you see, I love that particular *race of people* very much. While I hung around Midwest Bible College those guys sure won my heart (especially with chicken bones). As I was saying, “Teenagers” are a special *Race of People*. Like my kind, they have their own way of dressing up,

talking, eating and playing. When it comes to doing church work they can’t be beat. I used to think that the Lord sorta wasted “youth” by giving it all to young people, but I guess the Lord knows what He is doing. The hope of the **CHURCH OF GOD**, if Jesus does not come soon, is in our **YOUNG PEOPLE!** You just cannot teach old dogs new tricks, you know. *I should know!*

One thing, however, I must mention; that is, the family I belong to; I miss my family very much! You see, they didn’t come along with the Church of God (7th Day). They would love the Sabbath if they would only give it a try. The Sabbath may be made for man, but I like it too. You see, I get “dog tired,” and don’t you forget it!

This is one Dog that is looking forward to Summer in Michigan: **YOUTH CAMPS!** Surely they will need at least one “K-9” to help out. I just gotta be with those young people; sorta helps me to keep young myself.

My humility prevents me from saying that I am a pretty smart Dog—to be writing for the AIM—and all that! Not many dogs can read and write, you know. But there is always room in the Church of God work for a fellow who is a little “different.” We all dare to be different or we would not be in a church that makes one so different from the world.

You all have guessed by now, that my new home is up here in Michigan. It has snowed every day and some of the nights since we arrived (about 20 inches). We need more **YOUNG PEOPLE** in my local church or this Dog is not going to remain very happy. Somebody help round up some of these unique kind of people! My Master intends to keep preaching and visiting, and I intend to keep ‘howling,’ until they start coming! Something’s gotta give!

My master and I get pretty lonesome, just the two of us ‘batching.’ If any of you ‘guys’ see my family, tell’em to please come on home!

Love,

“Freckles”

THE REAL THING

To labor with zest and give of your
best
For the sweetness and joy of the
giving;

To help folks along with a hand and
a song,
Why, there’s the real sunshine of
living.

—Sunshine

Pictorial Review of our Fellow FYC'ers in...

Memories will return as these photographs are again presented to you in way of a summary of the past and a greater hope for the future.

May we all be reminded of our responsibilities as Christians to our fellow Christians everywhere. We are all worshiping the same God—so we know that the miles cannot separate us—nor can it release us from our Christian duty.

In our modern world, means of communication are plentiful, and we know by reading the many great letters of Paul that it is an effective way to carry out our missionary work and show our love for our fellow man.

Foremost in importance, however, is our sincere and earnest prayer. May we never cease to remember these dear ones in our supplications to God.

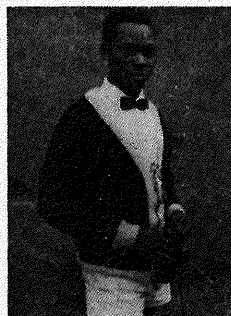


Young Ben I. Tikili...
Brother Tikili is the Leader of the Nigerian FYC in Africa.



Ahoada, Nigeria, FYC Group...
On extreme left of second row will be found Brother John Orie. Names of other individuals shown may be found in September, 1964, issue of AIM. (Some of you will find pictured those with whom you correspond as a pen pal.)

Brother John E. Orie...
Brother Orie is the Ass't-ant Leader of the Nigerian FYC in Africa. He was sponsored by the U. S. A. FYC'ers in 1965 and will be again in 1966.



Brother Isaac Uwe...

Brother Uwe is active in the young people's work in Nigeria.



FYC members in meeting at Ihuege Church in Nigeria.



Young people in a meeting at Udebu, Nigeria.

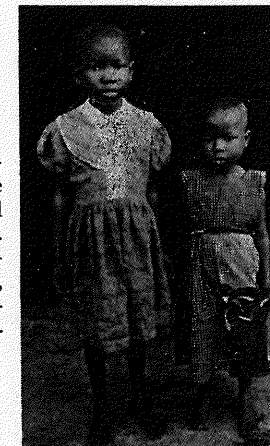
A group of FYC members from Ihuaje, Ahoada, Nigeria.



Left to right: Brothers Isaac Uwe, John Orie, and Ephraim James.

Charity and Abigal Dimkpah...

These are the two orphan daughters of the deceased Brother and Sister Solomon Dimkpah. The U. S. A. FYC contributed to their support, shortly after the unexpected death of their parents some time ago.



Editorial

A noted commentator remarked recently that never in his quarter-century as a commentator had he known there to be so many diversified opinions on vital issues of the day from top-level figures.

You, as a young person, are affected by these universal problems—at least in your thinking, if not directly. Some of the issues controverted by top officials are such issues as the War in Vietnam. Some contend we have no alternative—that we must remain there to protect the rights of freedom. Others contend that we should pull out, leaving affairs to work out without our intervention. Many debatable domestic issues exist right here at home, such as the Poverty Program—Is it a good thing? Is it helping the ones that really need it, or is it simply a good publicity stunt for political strength?

Just what sort of a stand does the Christian young person (or Christian individual, in general) take on such things? As I see it, we are not called upon as disciples of Christ to take a dogmatic view one way or the other on controversial issues—so controversial that from within the same ranks you hear opposite views.

However, it is yours, Christian youth, to take opportunity wherever you see it to relate the many chaotic happenings of today to Bible prophecy. With an informed view concerning the relativity of current events to Bible prophecy, you can help counteract the widely publicized “God is Dead” theory. (What an abomination!)

When war is referred to, we are reminded of the passage, “And he shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: but the end is not yet... For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom... But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”

With the frequent reference to peace conferences, and with many a dignitary’s speech “peppered” with the word “peace,” we are reminded of the words, “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night, For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them...”

In the miraculous return of the Jews, and the blossoming of Palestine we see an encouraging fulfillment of prophecy—one of which many people

*If you feel you need to be better informed, send to our publishing house for such tracts as “The Return of the Jews” and “The Signs of the Times.”

are unaware, though it is an obvious world event. Don’t overlook the marvelous opportunities that may be yours as you become informed on these issues.*

While it may be most becoming to us as Christians to avoid a dogmatic view on controversial issues of our day, it is our *opportunity* to keep an up-to-date view on happenings of the day which serve to strengthen and “dramatize” our living witness of a living God and a living Saviour!

I am King Tobacco

- I am Tobacco. I am an American. When the white man first came to the shores of America, I was already here. The Indians already knew me. He was never my slave; I was his servant.



- How times have changed! Imagine me ever being a servant to anyone. I am KING NOW, AND WHAT A KING! I am master who rules his subjects with a power stronger than that exercised by the Pharaohs and Caesars. I am KING—an ABSOLUTE MONARCH! If you think that is boasting, here is the proof:
- I take food from the mouths of babies that father and mother may have ME. I take away the beauty and modesty and self-respect of the sweet young woman. I

drool the dribble down the chin of the old man, making him an object of loathing. I give my subjects an odor and a stench more abominable than that of goats or skunks.

- I litter and befoul every cafe, hotel and other public building in our land.
- I enter the quiet precincts of the hospital to fill the place of supposed cleanliness with my offal and the air with my obnoxious odor. I enter the train, the bus, and all other public conveyances, and woe be to the person who is not a slave. I burn his eyes, sear his lungs, I befoul his clothes, I befuddle his brain; I make his travel an unforgettable nightmare. I am not content just to rule my own subjects—all must feel and know my power.
- I AM KING TOBACCO. If you doubt my strength, try to break the nicotine chain by which I have you bound.
—Selected by Terril D. Littrell

A Paraphrase

on the Acts of the Apostles



(Continued)

By Nathan Straub

THE EARLY BROTHERHOOD 2:42.

The brotherhood was constantly concerned with fellowship and the teachings of the apostles; both in eating and in worship. A sense of keen reverence came to everyone. Many signs and wonders were performed by the apostles. All the believers were united and owned their things in common. They sold their goods and possessions and divided them between them all, to each according to his need.

Daily they continued with one heart at the temple. They ate their meals in their homes with joyfulness and a oneness of heart; praising God and enjoying the good will of the entire population. Every day the Lord added those who were being saved to the number of believers.

CHAPTER 3

THE HEALING OF THE LAME MAN 3:1

John and Peter went together to the Temple for the hour of prayer, which was at three o'clock in the afternoon. There was a certain man, lame from the day of his birth, who was carried daily to a gate (called, Beautiful) of the temple to beg alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked them for a gift.

Peter and John looked at him with great intensity and said, "Look on us." He looked at them expecting to receive something from them.

Peter continued, "I have neither silver nor gold, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk."

Peter took him by the right hand and lifted him, and his feet and ankles received strength immediately. He leaped up and stood and walked. He entered the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God.

When he was walking and praising God, all the people saw him and recognized him as the man who sat begging at the gate (called Beautiful) of the temple. They were speechless and at a loss to understand what had happened to him.

The man (who had been healed from lameness) embraced Peter and John; and the people, wanting some explanation, began gathering quickly there in Solomon's porch.

PETER CALLED FOR REPENTANCE 3:12

When Peter saw that, he spoke to the people, "You men of Israel, why are you so amazed at this? Why are you looking at us so keenly as though we made this man walk through our own power or holiness?"

"The God of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, the God of our fathers has here glorified Jesus, His Son, whom you delivered up and rejected in the presence of Pilate, just when he had decided to release Him. You refused the Just and Holy One and chose instead a murderer. Then you killed the Prince of life. God, then, resurrected Him from death. We are witnesses of that.

"The man whom you now see and know, was made strong by His name through faith in His name. This same faith, which made him perfectly sound, is now in your presence.

"Now I know that you and your rulers did the crucifixion through ignorance. Notice, however, that all the things that the Christ was to do and suffer, as foretold by God through the prophets, He has fulfilled.

"The next step for you is to repent and be converted so your sins can be blotted out, and you will receive a renewal from the face of the Lord.

"He will send Jesus, who was preached to you before, and whom heaven must receive until the times when all things must be restored in accordance with the Word of God, which was spoken by all His holy prophets since the beginning.

"It is truth that Moses said to the fathers, 'The Lord God shall raise up, from your own people, a Prophet like me. You will listen to everything He says to you. Everyone who refuses to listen to that Prophet will be destroyed from among the people.'

"In fact, all the prophets, beginning with Samuel to each succeeding prophet, for as many as spoke, spoke of these days. You are children of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with our fathers saying to Abraham, 'In your seed all peoples of the earth will be blessed.' God raised His Son, Jesus, and sent Him to you first, to turn each one from his unrighteousness."

WATCH YOUR WORDS

A careless word may kindle strife;
A cruel word may wreck a life.
A bitter word may hate instill;
A brutal word may smite and kill.

A gracious word may smooth the way;
A joyous word may light the day.
A timely word may lessen stress;
A loving word may heal and bless.

—Greenville Kleiser

School Notes



SPRING VALE ACADEMY

Students at Spring Vale continue to wonder what it would be like to be bored. Weeks seem to grow shorter and shorter as more activities come up. Changes in scheduling this semester have made it easier to get in work time. With longer classes, each meeting only four times a week, we have time to work during our free periods of the day.

Basketball makes time go a little faster, too, since there has been a game every week for the past few weeks. The team, with Mr. Keim as coach, has been doing pretty well as they hold a 5-0 standing so far.

At the Friday evening service on February 11, Mr. Moore, a chemistry teacher from Owosso Public School, was the speaker. Mr. Moore has been

coming to Spring Vale annually for several years with a sincere interest in the work of the Lord.

Spring Valers enjoyed a break on February 3rd and 4th when regular classes were cancelled. On Thursday, February 3, we all went to the MSU campus and joined in part of their "Farmer's Week" program with many other Michigan schools. On Friday we simply enjoyed a day off while Spring Vale teacher's attended a teacher's institute.

New FYC officers were elected here for the second semester with David Ogren taking over as leader and Ken Durham continuing as assistant. Secretary-treasurer is now Dee Gjesdal with Carol Mann as assistant. FYC meetings on Sabbath afternoons continue. This semester everyone will have a chance to help organize them as different students work on the program with Ken Durham each week. At the last meeting, FYCers voted to purchase some new chorus books for Spring Vale.

The annual mid-winter banquet was held on January 20 this year. For a lead-up to the banquet, everyone picked a "secret pal" by drawing a name out of the "hat." For the week preceding the banquet, everyone did little acts of kindness for their pal, trying not to let him know who was doing it. At the banquet we enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, followed by a program in the auditorium. During the program we

had several good laughs when different students tried to guess who their "secret pals" were.

The Spring Vale school board seems to be quite active as we see them spending quite a bit of time around here lately. I'm sure they're working and planning for the advancement of SVA and that they would appreciate your prayers along with the rest of us. —Jeff Leach

MBC

MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

Hello again from Midwest!

Throughout the month of February, there has been quite a bit of traveling. Week-end trips have been made to Joplin and St. Louis by the Kieszes, Elder Archie Stiede, and several students and their families.

February 12 was a well-filled Sabbath. The St. Joseph Church was well represented at the Church services. Mike Weir and Ken Knoll from Wisconsin presented a Youth Rally in the afternoon. A comparison of modern warfare and Christian warfare was brought out. An excellent description of the armour of the Christian was made. The children of God have been given the command to go forth against the world and its evil with the Lord as their Leader.

After sunset on the 19th, everyone was invited to the high school gymnasium for recreation. All those that participated in the games played hard and enjoyed themselves. After a vigorous workout, we all enjoyed

the cake and punch served by Violet Knoll in the church basement.

The 23rd was the beginning of a long week-end trip for several of the students. Dan Camero took a carload of students to Alfred, North Dakota. The following day, Elder Dale Lawson from St. Joseph took another carload. Several of the students participated in the District Youth Rally held there.

The children, under the direction of Joy Meader, were featured in a candlelight service the evening of the 25th. Jack Henderson was Master of Ceremonies. Elder R. C. Moldenhauer gave a few thoughts on the theme of the program, which was "I Want to be a Light for Jesus."

Nine-weeks exams are coming soon, so everyone must settle down once again and study.

Until next month, may the Lord richly bless you and keep you in His care.

Mary Ellen Walter

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WHEN GRANDMA'S CLOCK WENT CUCKOO

(Continued from page 7)

The weakened "spring" will need special attention—and often—if it is to receive power to operate correctly.

The old clock is a pleasure and a comfort when it's working right. Friends are a pleasure and a comfort, too, when their words and works are dependably true.

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He who is not grateful for the good things he has, would not be happy with what he wishes he had.

Happy Home Building

By Dale Lawson

HAPPINESS SEARCHING

Have you ever thought how earnestly every person in this life seeks for happiness? It seems to me that almost every action of any person is an effort to attain some level of happiness. Because people are constantly frustrated in their efforts to find happiness, we have people who turn from happiness-searching action to such unhappy action as suicide and sadism.

Our everyday activities are usually in search of a higher level of happiness. You buy something and the purpose of buying it is to inject into your life a little more happiness. You might feel it is only

for your comfort, or even your necessity—and yet you must still admit that comfort and the necessary things of life make for happiness. Even when you do something for others, in that you find happiness.

Some examples of grasping for happiness are not applicable to your life, but they do point out a search for happiness: The robber breaks into the bank because he feels happiness will be found in being debt-free, or in living lavishly. A murder is committed because some person seems to be standing in the way of another's happiness. A person may tell a lie to protect his happy state of well being.

Most people are quite particular in choosing their friends. They are careful to choose friends with whom they can be happy. And, of course, people try to choose their life-time companions with an outlook for life-time happiness. A young fellow may say to a young lady, "If we could just have a home together, just be together the rest of our lives, that is all it would take to make me happy." It is never really the case, though. After the knot is tied, it is: "If we could have that kind of home, that car, those clothes, we could really be happy,"—and it goes on and on. This is why we are bringing you this series, pointing out principles which, if integrated into your home building, will not fail to help produce a happy home.

The Divine Guidance Way

Perhaps we could call our thoughts for this month, "Happy Home Building, The Divine-Guidance Way." Never has a book lived through the ages like God's Holy, inspired Word. When I pick up my Bible, I feel awed at the miracle of that Word. Its life, its content, its inspiration, its principle and its revelation can be a thrill for you as a family if you will but pick it up and start the day with it—or close the day with it, or both.

One familiar verse that is a source of real inspiration is found in John 1:1:

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Notice a companion verse in John 1:14:

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Right now you may be wondering what all this has to do with a HAPPY HOME. Let me assure you that it has real significance. When you look into God's Word, remember that you have the Word (the testimony of Jesus) in your hands. In it you will find His life, His teaching, His counseling, His admonition, and His commands. The whole Bible is centered around the Son of God. Remember that He is the greatest teacher, the **greatest counselor**, the greatest preacher, and the great SAVIOUR.

Read the Bible together often, finding beautiful passages, comforting passages, instructing passages—

and do it with the thought of building your home the "Divine Guidance Way." With this, my friend, a Happy Home can be yours.

Remember that all our actions are made in pursuit of happiness. To find the greatest happiness, thankfully use the material blessings that God gives, including with this the Word of God—often read, even each day. Build your home strong and build it well. In Holy Scripture, you will find excellent instruction for father, mother, son and daughter.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matt. 24:35).

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A PRAIRIE SHOWER

By Carol Clements

Written when a freshman

The prairie was silent,
The wind blew not,
And the stifling air
Was arid and hot.

The grass was sun-burned,
The wheat was parched,
And the heads of the sunflowers
No longer did arch.

The sky was yellow;
The clouds were dark,
Then lightning flashed
(Though barely a spark)!

The sky burst open,
The heavens let fall
The reviving, dear raindrops—
The lifeblood of all.

The plants lifted their brows
As the rain touched the sod,
And murmured quite gratefully,
"Thank you, dear God."



2T₄G - Take Time for God

By Vivian Hall

Have you ever heard someone make the remark that it would have been much easier living back during the time of the apostles and during Jesus' ministry on earth? They seem to feel that such good influence would insure their living a good life. But wasn't there someone (even with all the good influences of Jesus in Person and His apostles) that didn't remain true to the doctrines He taught? How about Judas Iscariot? Was he not with Jesus? Yet his greed for money caused him to sell out his Best Friend. Peter, another companion to Jesus, denied knowing Him when he thought he would become involved in the arrest of Jesus. He didn't want to be charged with Jesus, and thus suffer the punishment that was to be given to Jesus.

Oh, but the temptations of those days were not so great as they are in these modern times, you say. Aren't they?

People of those times were warned against strong drink because even in those days it befuddled the brain, causing people to do wrong. It is no different today. David was not above desiring someone else's wife—even going so far as to have the husband killed so he could have the wife for himself. Do we not read in the papers of just such situations in our times? The temptations were the same, you see. We may have modern means of travel, and mechanisms for accomplishing things more easily or quickly, but basic temptations are the same. Why? Because man today is of the same carnal nature as he was during the ministry of Jesus on earth.

As we continue our reading of Isaiah we see that time after time Israel recognized and acknowledged her sins and asked forgiveness, promising to do better if only God would bless them again. So God

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March 23	Isa. 37
March 24	Isa. 38
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March 30	Isa. 44
March 31	Isa. 45
April 1	Isa. 46
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April 3	Isa. 48
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April 7	Isa. 52
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April 10	Isa. 55
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April 12	Isa. 57
April 13	Isa. 58
April 14	Isa. 59

in His great mercy blessed them and all went well for awhile. But man is inclined to be dissatisfied with his blessings, and desires more. In obtaining more, man oft times applies the wrong means in acquiring more. It isn't long until he has strayed from God's good graces again.

Is modern man so much different? As long as life goes along smoothly, man doesn't consider his lot in life or how near to God he lives. But suppose severe illness strikes, or trouble begins to plague the smoothly running machinery of his life? Does he not review his life quickly to see if he can locate a reason for his misfortunes? Does he not then resort to a closer walk with God, knowing full well he has been careless? He sometimes makes promises of what he will do, if only God will bless. God in His great mercy forgives, and gives man the aid he needs.

How much better it would be if man lived so closely to God that he could feel at ease talking (praying) to Him at anytime. We need not wait until we are in trouble or bothered with problems before we talk with God. God is willing to listen to praise and thanksgiving as well as listening to our asking for help. As we read our scriptures this month, let us determine to better our lives by living even closer to God. How glad He will be, and how glad you will be when you truly know God!

MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

More precious to me than gold are these:

The grace to forgive and forget, and to think kindly of others.

Someone to understand me, and still be my friend.

Something to do, however small the task, providing it is something which has real value.

The spirit to exalt, but never to belittle, another, whether he be friend or foe.

A sympathetic understanding of my neighbor's trials, temptations, and problems.

Time for relaxation, rest, and recreation.

A free mind, unrestricted in its freedom, and unhampered by pride, or prejudice, or egoism.

A sense of humor, and the ability to laugh, even when the joke is on me.

An appreciation of the beautiful things which God has made and also of the beauty of the handiwork of man.

The sense of the presence of God in my life, and the power to live daily as in His presence.

And above all things else, the certain hope, assured to me by the good God, that the best is yet to come.—**Sunshine**

Who's Sorry Now?

By Verna McCoy

Genuine faith or belief will lead us to the second step in the plan of salvation—repentance.

Very early in Christ's ministry, He said, "... The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand, REPENT ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

Repentance means to feel sincerely sorry for sins committed. "Godly sorrow" will cause us to take definite action to change our way of life. Instead of serving Satan, we will desire to be children of God. A very real change, or *conversion* will be evident in the way we *think, speak, and act*. (See page 12 for a poem which aptly describes how our old sins can be converted.)

An essential part of repentance is confession. It is not enough to just feel remorse or regret for disobeying God's commands. A further requirement is to verbally confess our sins. Someone has said, "There is a difference between confession and profession, for whereas confession comes from the heart, profession rises only from the lips."

The foregoing instructions are especially appropriate at this time of the year when we need to be giving our lives a thorough self-examination in preparation for the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:28, 29). We need not only confess and ask of the Heavenly Father forgiveness of our sins, but we need to make amends for anything that is amiss between us and our fellowman. It takes courage and humility to ask forgiveness of another. But these are attributes that need to be cultivated in a Christian.

As we meditate upon and memorize these verses, let us sincerely search our hearts, then follow the admonition found in them.

Psa. 32:5
Matt. 4:17
Acts 3:19
Rom. 2:4
Rom. 10:9
Rom. 10:10
2 Peter 3:9
1 John 1:9

Successful Scripture Memorization

As Charles H. Spurgeon, the noted preacher of London, said, "There is no limit to what you can do with your memory, if you are only **DETERMINED** to make it your obedient servant."

After determining to be a Minute-man, do not permit yourself to become discouraged. "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

If at all possible, choose the mornings (a definite time each morning; perhaps during the same period in which you have daily 2T4G meditations) to learn new verses. Review can be done any time or place where a few spare minutes are available. That's why it's wise to always have a few cards with you.

One secret of successful memorization, is to learn one verse thoroughly before attempting a second. With only 8 verses a month, you only have to learn an average of 2 verses a week. Many who have successfully learned verses, memorize 2, 3 or more every morning.

It is very important that you work on these verses every day (Acts 17:11). Don't try to cram all 8 verses into your cranium the last Thursday night of the month before a local quiz some week-end. You'll not retain them, and you will not benefit spiritually. The Word needs to be meditated and feasted upon.

After learning one verse thoroughly, begin to memorize a second,

remembering to review the first one and so forth.

Another key to successful verse memorization is to find joy in doing the work. At first it will probably seem like a chore; since it is natural for most of us to choose the way of least resistance. But as our knowledge of the Bible increases and becomes a part of our very being, available to use at a moment's notice, this memory exercise will become a real joy.

As suggested earlier, write the verse on one side of a file card and the reference on the reverse side.

After having learned several verses, the cards should be arranged so as to help you review systematically and effectively. For example, those verses that have been learned thoroughly, should be placed together in a section of your file box (or whatever container you use) to be reviewed just once a week. Later as that stack grows, you'll have to take from the weekly review your very best-mastered verses and put in a monthly review section. Eventually a quarterly, then semi-annual, and finally an annual review section can be formed.

All this time you will be learning new verses that will be reviewed daily and then added to the weekly review, and so on down the line.

If during any review you fail to recall a reference or are unable to quote a verse correctly, put it back

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news and reminders . . .

LORD'S SUPPER

The date of the Lord's Supper observance this year is Sunday night, April 3 (the beginning of the 4th).

1966 Yearbook Needs Material

We would like to have material for the 1966 Yearbook of Programs and Projects. If you have had a good, interesting, or unusual program at your church, perhaps you would like to submit it to be considered for the 1966 Yearbook. Send the poems and the names of the songs used along with the program. If you have some real good poems or readings they may be just what we need for the yearbook. We want to provide a real fine program book for you this year. Hurry and send your material so that yours won't be too late. Send the material to: Faithful Youth Challengers, 2016 Highly Street, St. Joseph, Mo.

Youth Team Record Album

Purchase your Youth Team Long-Play Album while the supply lasts. The records are selling pretty fast and if you want one you should get your order in now. Remember the proceeds all go into the work of the Young People's Department of the Church of God. A record can be yours for just \$3.98. Order from the Church of God Publishing House, Stanberry, Missouri.

NEW FYC ORGANIZED

On Sabbath night, January 29, 1966, the young people of the Battle Creek Church of God (7th Day) got together and formed their first F.Y.C. group. The members are: Karen Bradshaw, Leslie Bradshaw, Terri Hilyard, and Merri Bradshaw. David Hilyard and Hughie Bradshaw were made honorary members. Karen was elected president; Terri, vice-president, and Leslie, secretary-treasurer.

The Battle Creek F.Y.C. was organized not to earn points and display personal talent. It was organized to spread the gospel throughout the Battle Creek area. It is a small group, but a small group is better than none at all.

Our first project is to sing in rest homes and let the invalids enjoy the singing and the wonderful Word of God.

It is our desire that you will pray for the F.Y.C. group here that we may continue to spread the Word of God wherever we may happen to be.

New F.Y.C.'s Organized

A Youth group at Valley Head, Alabama, and another at Spokane, Washington, have made it known that they want to organize and work with the National FYC in its programs. They mentioned that they want to

be a good witness and help to spread the gospel in a greater way. We are happy for their effort and their interest and pray that God will bless them and their work.

PEN PAL WANTED

I am 13½ years old. I would like some names of girl pen pals.

Karen Yerby
9830 Union St.
Riverside, California 92509

Youth Camps Coming Up

You should begin now making plans to attend a youth camp in your area this summer. Several camps are being planned so watch for the dates, and enjoy camp this summer!

"The House that Pomona FYC Built"

The young people at the Pomona Church should be commended for their effort to help when they saw a family in need. I know that a blessing must have been received by them as they helped others. Following is a quote from their report.

"Our biggest project for the month was the building of a house for Brother and Sister Corsoforo and their six children in Tijuana, Mexico. Brother Corsoforo is one of the deacons in the church there. We had previously taken our church bus down there with a load of clothes and food and we discovered how badly they were in need of a warm house. . . . So we solicited the help of our fathers and other men in the church here, who bought some materials at the auction. Windows, doors, 2 x 4's and floor joists were donated. We 'pre-fabricated' the walls here and

then spent two Sundays building it. . . . They appreciated it very much and showed us great hospitality. All who participated received a great blessing."

Denver FYC News

The Denver FYC continue with our usual activities—a youth rally the first Sabbath of the month; our regular luncheon and Bible Study on the second Sabbath; a group attendance at a Youth for Christ film; and our regular business meeting.

A highlight of our month was on January 22, the night when a regular meeting of the Gospel Heralders was scheduled at the Caswells' new residence. The Gospel Heralders invited the Young People to join them in a surprise house-warming. Elder Robert Coulter showed several slides of his recent trip to Mexico. The gifts of canned foods and other items filled their kitchen, and they were very thankful. Everyone had a very nice time.

Mark of Merit

The following merit awards have been issued in addition to those announced in February AIM.

GOLD AWARD

Lodi, California—500 pts.

SILVER AWARD

Cumuto, Trinidad, West Indies

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Sign seen on the wall of a weekly newspaper office: "Accuracy Is Our Watchward—We Never Make Mistakes!"

SUCCESSFUL SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

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in the daily review and start it down the line again.

This system allows you to be constantly learning new verses, yet not having to review them all every day, which would become very time-consuming. Also this method "fixes" the verses into your memory so well that you could no more forget them than you would forget the Lord's Prayer.

I hope you will "determine" to be a Minuteman. By asking God's help, and being faithful, persistent, and systematic, you are bound to be successful at learning God's Word.



Lighthouse Award Winner

We are happy to announce the 1965 winner of the LIGHTHOUSE AWARD. Congratulations to the New Auburn, Wisconsin F.Y.C. for a fine program during 1965. All through the year, this group kept well up with all standards of the Merit System. Standard IV (projects) was exceptional with very worth-while projects—and usually some extra ones beyond what is required in the standard. By their bonus point effort, New Auburn earned the award. They gave 8 gift subscriptions for AIM, had quite a number of renewals, and gave 3 Bible Advocate subscriptions. The young people there wrote 5 articles for the AIM and 1 letter to the FYC office. Three youth completed the Evangelette program, five learned a new memory verse every two weeks and during the fourth quarter, ten studied their Sabbath school lesson every Sabbath. There were some other bonus points gained, but the ones mentioned were the outstanding ones. These points added to the 500 points in the Merit program gave the New Auburn F.Y.C. 698 TOTAL POINTS. You should begin now to work very hard and perhaps next year, your F.Y.C. will take home the LIGHTHOUSE AWARD. May God bless you for your work, New Auburn. Youth Chairman at New Auburn was Jim Kolmer. Sponsors were Mary Patchen, Paul Heavilin, and Rita Ling.

THERE OUGHT TO BE A GOD

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thought you did not believe in a God."

The infidel was struggling too much to answer at first, but when he gained sufficient composure, he spoke in a very subdued voice, "Well, if there is no God, there ought to be, to help a man when he can't help himself."

This was one more man who proved the truth of Psalm 14:1, that "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

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Your reputation can be damaged by the opinion of others. Only you yourself can damage your character.

THREE YOUTH CAMPS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED SO FAR

NORTHERN STATES YOUTH BIBLE CAMP

GOSPEL RANCH, Goodland, Minnesota

June 19-26

\$15 per camper, \$2 down with registration. For information, write to Vernon Patchen, Rt. 3, Box 40, New Auburn, Wisconsin 54757.

OREGON YOUTH CAMP

SILVER CREEK FALLS STATE PARK, Silverton, Oregon

June 22-28

MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP

MILL LAKE OUTDOOR CENTER, Chelsea, Michigan

August 7-13

Watch for further details on these and other Youth Camps coming up this summer. Make your vacation plans now to include attendance at one of the camps.

Have you ordered your

Youth Tour LP Record?

This record includes songs presented by last summer's Youth Team as they toured the central and western states—and up into Canada. It is well worth the \$3.98 price you pay; *and* your investment goes into the Youth Work.

Order your record from the

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