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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL



My Mother's Hands

Dear editor,

"... As Mother's Day draws nearer, I keep thinking of my own mother and the many things I thought about her that I should have told her while she was yet alive. I was always conscious of my mother's wrinkled hands. They spoke to me of the many hours she had spent over a scrub board that I might have clean clothes to wear. She worked hard for me and the rest of her family. I knew that each wrinkle was a wrinkle put there through her loving care. For that reason, I hope you can use this...."

My mother's hands,
Toil-worn and wrinkled from daily wear,
Awoke in me a special warmth
For all her loving care.

My mother's hands,
Toil-worn and wrinkled from lack of care,
Often soothed away my childish fears
As the shade of night appeared.

My mother's hands,
Toil-worn and wrinkled from daily cares,
Were more beautiful to me
Than silk-soft hands of any queen.

—Carrie G. Lakin

All These

Things...

By Cecyl Fischer

Smitty and Bill exchanged quick glances as they waited for Mr. Grant to answer. He looked out over his field of tender sprouts and scratched his head. "Yeah, I'll be needin' some more help all right. 'Don't usually hire strangers—got to have help I can depend on—but if you're a friend of Bill here and Tom, I reckon you're okay. I'll put you on."

Broad grins swept across the boys' faces and they each pumped Mr. Grant's hand vigorously.

"Boy, Mr. Grant, you're okay! Thanks a lot." "Hey, let's go tell Tom!" The boys sped away on their bikes as suddenly as they had arrived, but considerably more animated.

Tom was mowing the lawn when they arrived at his house. "Hiya guys, what's new?" he greeted them.

Bill grinned, "Funny you should ask. We just talked to Mr. Grant. Smitty's hired."

"Hey, that's great! Stick around till I finish this lawn and we'll celebrate with some cold lemonade."

A few minutes later they relaxed in the Reddick's cool kitchen with some lemonade and homemade cookies.

"Mr. Grant's pretty choosy whom he hires," Tom said, "but I figured he'd hire you. Bill and I have worked for him two summers now. When do we start anyhow—soon as school's out?"

"I reckon. Things are usually in full swing by then. —You going to youth camp?"

Tom rattled the ice cubes in his glass thoughtfully. "Oh, I dunno. Mom wants me to, but then I'd miss a week's work. This being my senior year, I'm gonna be needing some extra money. I figure if I get in all the work I can this summer I might be able to buy a motor bike, too."

"Yeah, that's kind of the way I figure it," Bill agreed. "Youth camp's okay when you're younger and there's nothing else up, but it'd cost us a good \$50 in wages, plus what it costs us to go."

Smitty's face changed, but he said nothing. Smitty's family were not churchgoers and, in fact, he'd never thought much about religion until he met Bill and Tom. They never missed church or prayer meeting and it seemed to him they were always going to a youth meeting or to a social. They had invited him a couple of

times, but he was afraid he would feel out of place. He didn't know how you were supposed to act in church groups. There was something different about Bill and Tom that Smitty admired. They seemed to get more out of life because they weren't trying so hard to impress one another like the other guys. They were down to earth. You didn't hear them telling big stories of how much they drank or whom they told off.

As for Tom and Bill, they had often prayed together for Smitty and talked of how they might witness to him, but they knew he would be hard to reach. Whenever they discussed anything Biblical, Smitty was silent—apparently from embarrassment or boredom. This made the idea of witnessing to him a little more difficult.

Neither of the boys gave much thought to youth camp again until the pastor asked them one Sabbath if they were going. They explained their reasoning to him, but somehow it didn't sound quite as logical as when they had discussed it earlier. Pastor Thompson dismissed them with words that pricked their consciences, "Well, you can certainly thank God for the opportunity to work. Many of the teenagers haven't been able to find summer jobs."

The boys nodded, but they both knew what Pastor Thompson was inferring—that they should be thankful enough for this blessing to sacrifice a little time and money for the good of their souls. Bill's mind went back to the morning sermon, "Is God Crowded Out of Your Life?" Elder Thompson had used the text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. . . ."

These words came back to Bill several times in the days that fol-

lowed, but he dismissed them quickly. Then one day Mr. Grant approached him in the field.

"Well, I guess you fellows will be gone next week, eh?"

"Gone? Oh, you mean youth camp. No, Tom and I decided to pass it up this year."

"That right? Sorry to hear it. I figure that youth camp is a good thing. It sure did something for you fellows two years ago." Mr. Grant moved on.

Bill looked at his watch. "Hey, Tom! Smitty! C'mon, it's quittin' time."

Smitty instinctively glanced at his own wrist. "So it is. Let's go somewhere and cool off." Soon the three were on their bikes and heading home.

Tom shaded his eyes with his hand as he looked ahead. "Hey, isn't that Chuck Willard up ahead? Looks like he's delivering his papers on foot. Wonder what happened to his bike."

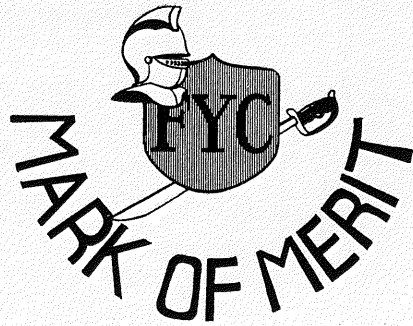
Chuck was a member of Bill and Tom's youth group. His Dad had had a bad accident eight months ago and hadn't been able to work since. "Hey, Chuck, what's up?" Tom called out. "How come you're walking?"

"Oh, somebody backed over my bike," Chuck answered.

"Say, that's too bad. Getting another one, or can it be fixed?"

"Oh, it'd take quite a bit to fix it. I'll have to get another one if I'm going to keep up my paper route. I haven't been able to work, cause Mom needs me to babysit and keep up the garden so she can work, so I took on the route. I figured I'd at least earn my way to youth camp, but guess I'll have to spend the money on a bike. I sure can't do it this way every night."

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by Nathan Lawson

"FYC of the Year"

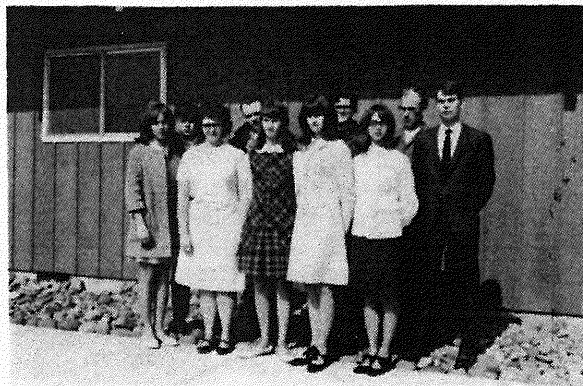
Elmira, Oregon, is the "FYC of the Year" in the Church of God (Seventh Day) for the second year in a row. We send our congratulations from around the world to this faithful group of youth workers for Christ. They are winners of the LIGHTHOUSE AWARD BANNER.

This FYC group is living proof that a small group can compete with large groups in the Bonus Point plan for the "FYC of the Year." They number only about nine members, yet with a united effort—all working together—they won this top award

among FYC groups in the United States.

Their testimony is: "After having won the Lighthouse Award in 1967, we felt great enthusiasm and were determined to work toward this goal again in 1968. Our group was small and became smaller as several moved away and three went to SVA. However, with our small group, we found real unity and began to work extra hard to win this award. As an example of our enthusiasm, we met and unitedly completed an average of almost five projects a week during the last quar-

Elmira FYC Group (left to right), Mrs. Arnold Williams, Arnold Williams, June Brown, Robert Brown, Melva Carlson, Sandy Williams, Terry Williams, Sandy Moldenhauer, Don Wallen, Larry Moldenhauer.

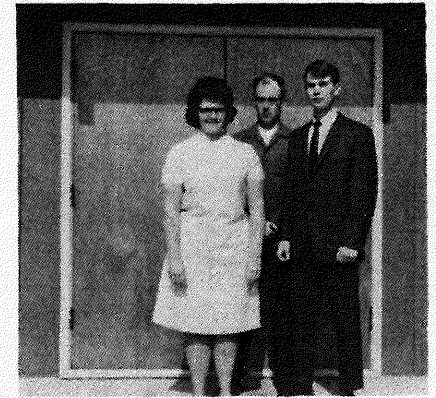


ter. We completed a large number of projects in the past year and would like to list some of the main ones:

- Special Youth Outing to snow in the mountains*
- Fund Raising Pie Social*
- Fund Raising Booth at Apple Gate Trail Days Festival*
- Several Tract Distribution Days in Elmira, Veneta, and Eugene*
- Several Trips to Coos-Bay to present Special Programs (Coos-Bay is a small Missionary Church just getting started.)*
- Assisted pastor in Glenwood work, another missionary effort*
- Fund Raising Dime-a-Dip dinner*
- Going away parties for FYCers Dan Strunk, Judy Williams, and Don Larson Family*
- Bean Picking Day for Fund Raising*
- Sale of Praying Hands Pens*
- Housewarming for two of our FYCers*
- Painting the Church Building*
- Several Work Days on new Fellowship Hall*
- Presented special programs in Portland and Eugene*
- Gave and solicited \$90 worth of gift subscriptions to church publications."*

Our "FYC of the Year" made approximately \$350 in fund-raising projects in the 1968 year. Most of this was donated to the Building Fund for their new Fellowship Hall and classrooms. They have regular Friday night meetings with the FYC members in complete charge of the program. Monthly they have business meetings, socials, youth rallies, and singing at Rest Homes.

The attitude of these FYCers is pointed out in their many testimonies, two of which follow:



FYC Officers: June Brown, secretary, Don Wallen, sponsor, Larry Moldenhauer, president.

"Being an FYCer has brought me many challenges and blessings for which I am thankful. Programs, projects, and other things often take quite a lot of planning and work; but the results are almost always rewarding. We receive many blessings from one of our monthly projects—singing at a rest home. The folks there really enjoy it and some even count the days until we'll be there again."

Sandy Williams

"I have enjoyed so much working in our youth group. Being in such a group not only keeps you busy; it gives you a great blessing to know you're helping others as well as yourself.

"We have had many enjoyable times together and yet we have activities that help satisfy our spiritual life.

"I feel that being in the F.Y.C. has made me a lively

FYC church-painting project "in action."



member in working for Christ. I would encourage other church groups to start an active work in the Mark of Merit Program."

Sandy Moldenhauer

We all over the United States and the world again want to congratulate and pray God's blessings upon our "FYC OF THE YEAR"—the LIGHTHOUSE AWARD WINNER—ELMIRA, OREGON.

1969 MARK OF MERIT YEAR

The 1969 year is now over one quarter old. Maybe your group could be featured next year as th "FYC of the Year." Those of you who did not receive a first-quarter report form and would like to enter the Mark of Merit program should send for that form now. Write to Nathan Lawson, 841 S. Washington, Lodi, California 95240.

NEXT MONTH IN AIM

A report of all first-quarter activities in the Mark of Merit program will be given in next month's issue of AIM magazine. Be sure that your report is in so that your FYC group can appear in this report.

SELF-MADE

by Herald M. Doxsee

"I've made my way through life," he said;

"I owe no man a thing!"
That night he dreamt
He stood upon

A lofty mountain peak;
And he was proud
That he had scaled it
By himself.

But when he looked below,
He saw a thousand hands
Were holding him—

Where they had pushed him up.

Teen Guidelines

Especially for girls . . .

Cosmetics?

By Dale Lawson

"What a quandary! I want to use make-up like other girls do, but my parents are dead-set against it, and besides, the other girls at church don't use it or even seem to have much interest in doing so! I wonder why!

"Another thing I've noticed is that when the subject is discussed at church, the people talk against girls using anything to make them look nicer. It's just plain disgusting! At least, I wish they would give us some reasons!"

Your feelings? Sometimes it is quite difficult to understand why the Church seems to follow certain policies that are clearly defined in its doctrine. In this article for "Teen Guidelines" we want to examine the propriety of the use of cosmetics. May they be used? If so; how much? If not; why?

Of course the Church is not opposed to girls grooming themselves so they look nice. In fact, we *want* our young people to be clean, neat and attractive. However, we want them to be attractive in a real Christian way. To make oneself look artificial simply does not help one to look nice either in the eyes of the Church or from the Biblical viewpoint. It is not the intention of the Church to be unnecessarily restrictive, but with deepest concern and sincerity, the Church has a desire to help our youth understand and live according to Bible principles.

Perhaps you are wondering what the real stand of the Church is concerning this matter. I can safely say that, as a body of ministers, the Ministerial Council has gone on record as standing opposed to the use of lipstick, eye shadow, etc., that make for an artificial appearance for the women who belong to the Body of Christ.

Let us take a look at this issue from its logical, social, and Biblical implications.

LOGICALLY, in relationship to God's will or desire, there are some important things to notice. God in great wisdom made us as He wants us to be. It is illogical to think that we can improve on that creation by adding artificial color to such an extent that natural, God-given beauty is covered. The stated purpose (to make one look nice) is quickly lost as one becomes artificial looking; thus, rather than looking nice, one looks gaudy and made-up. We should keep in mind that God knew what He was doing when He made us and we need to accept His desire for us.

SOCIALLY, there are implications that we sometimes fail to recognize. Even though the use of make-up which gives artificial color has become somewhat socially accepted in our society, we should keep in mind that our society has not entirely shaken the concept that an overly made-up person represents immorality. Many times I have heard young men (both in and out of the church) remark, as they viewed a person wearing lipstick, eye shadow and "the works": "She looks like a prostitute." Keep in mind that this remark is not too out-of-place, because God uses these things to portray both spiritual and literal harlotry.

BIBLICALLY, we find opposition to make-up. Where? It is easy to feel there is little Biblical basis for opposition to lipstick, eye shadow, rouges and other forms of make-up. However, there is more in the Bible about this topic than meets the eye. The Jezebel story, which you no doubt tire having brought to your attention, is just *one* incident of "painting" that adds to the rest of the Biblical examples and overwhelming evidences against "make up."

Did you ever notice that God in several cases uses "painting" of the face and eyes to depict Israel when she had gone into whoredom? God uses this to show both the spiritual and literal harlot. Have you ever considered the reason Jezebel "painted her face" and decorated herself as she did? She made herself up as an immoral person in a last effort to save her life because Jehu was destroying all the house of Ahab, her husband. She wanted to entice Jehu by playing a harlot. Read 2 Kings 9 and especially notice verses 30-35. What about other Biblical examples? Jeremiah 4 describes the destruction of Jerusalem by a heathen nation. This catastrophe was to come upon them because of their spiritual harlotry, their idolatry. In telling of the fall of Judah, Jeremiah compares their wickedness to a harlot and her lovers. Notice the description of the harlot's made-up condition: "And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life" (Jer. 4:30).

By these examples we do not intend to say that every person who wears make-up in any way is immoral but these examples do show God's estimation of artificially coloring the face. Neither do we condemn cosmetics as a whole because there are many that may be used beneficially without causing one to add artificial coloring to one's countenance. We do, however, realize that God has given these things in His Word for a purpose and we should understand that purpose and apply it to our lives.

With these Biblical examples, along with the social and logical implications, we can clearly understand the Bible admonition as found in 1 John 2:15-17, as being relevant to the topic. It says: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

Romans 12:2 must be our guiding principle in all things, including this matter of whether or not children of God should join the world in the use of make-up. "AND BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD: BUT BE YE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YE MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD, AND ACCEPTABLE, AND PERFECT, WILL OF GOD."

Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



QUESTION:

The Church won't allow the ladies that belong to it to wear the kind of skirts and cosmetics that will cause men to notice them. Yet, the men look at the other women who do wear make up and miniskirts. Is this the way it ought to be?

ANSWER:

Is that *really* the way it is? I wonder. It looks to me like some of the women of the Church have been and are still being noticed without the "tools" you mention.

Besides, are you sure that you would want the kind of attention that miniskirts and cosmetics attract?

If the men of the church notice the other ladies, as you suggest, it is probably a look of disapproval—if you'll forgive my tongue-in-cheek observation. Perhaps you have finally come up with an idea for a sermon on worldliness that can be directed at the men!

Try to believe me when I suggest that you probably are not going unnoticed. Should it be that you are, the short skirts and heavy cosmetics probably would not get for you what you think you want. The Church is really not that cruel. In fact, if you try to understand her position, you may soon come to recognize that she is doing you quite a kind favor.

Family Financing

(Conclusion of this series)

The Church--and Its Responsibilities

Lloyd C. Clark

The finances of a Christian home are built upon four basic foundations; a working father; a cooperating husband-wife team; a budget-making and -keeping family; and understanding of the Consumer Market—both retail and credit. With an “in depth” consciousness of these four areas, any Christian home will have greater strength for financial security. As more economic changes replace the old systems, the Christian must feel more concern for his security in an insecure society. Likewise, the church should be more prepared to bridge this insecurity with wise counsel. The future will not be easier. Young people of today may carry an economic burden which their parents and grandparents have never felt. This is why these brief chapters have appeared in AIM.

The husband-wife team is so important. The operation of a family business, with two or ten members, is not for immature people holding playhouse ideas. In our “affluent” world, it takes planning, projection,

clear concepts of modern financing, and months and years of hard, conscientious work. The family must think, talk, search for good solutions, seek agreeable plans and take time to find the facts to make mature projections. In most cases, newlyweds must learn to wait, sacrifice, and forget many “wants” so their “needs” can be supplied. Exempting some natural disaster, the Christian family can become economically sound while remaining a tithing family. In fact, a tithing family is the only economically-sound family.

Behind all this lies the basic problem. Who teaches our youth the facts of this economic system? Where can a young man or woman learn how to buy, how to save, how to borrow, how to figure the costs of living, where to get the best return on savings, the best kind of insurance and how to plan for retirement? Where does a young home-builder learn these facts? Most couples rumble through, learn by experience, trial and error. Some listen to the uninformed who have stumbled and recovered and now *think* they know. Thus many stand on the brink of disaster—spiritually,

socially, and economically. The lack of knowledge brings trouble. Where one lacks the “know how,” he can fail, sincere though he may be.

I am convinced that the church, the ministry, and our own centers of learning should approach this subject with a fresh concept. It will take courage to step out of the present system; courage and great wisdom to walk out and meet our young people where they are living and offer sound advice in family financing. If the church can set a new value on the home, marriage and on family planning and management, this will give our youth a “head start.” Comprehensive courses of family living and financing setup for juniors and seniors at our academy; advanced studies for church leaders at our college and at

our Bible camps, would in one generation set our young people out in front and would be of unknown financial benefit to our church.

You may say they learn this at home. Seldom! I am convinced as I deal with people of mid and low incomes, that they have never been taught the most simple facts of family financing or economic control. (I must add that too few have been taught what it means to be a husband or wife.) I have seen high school graduates and a few college professionals, stand numb in the face of their financial wreckage. Young men come daily with financial ignorance that shocks the counselor. All they know is to spend all you can, buy all you can, charge all you can and pay when and as little as you can

“... college has kept me pretty busy! However I have found an inspiring little prayer which might be helpful to other busy young people...”

—Carolyn Clements

SLOW ME DOWN, LORD!

Give me, amidst the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tension of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical restorative power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking Minute Vacations... of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise, that I may know that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak, and know that it grew thus because it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values, that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny. Amen.

—Author Unknown

—a concept which is much too widespread in our shakey, affluent society. This is a disease and is fostered through the lack of knowledge. As our young people graduate from high school, don't think them babies any more. They will marry, set up homes, and seek how to avoid the errors the elders have made. It may be too late to avoid what the future holds for the general public, but let it not be said that our church was silent.

The public high school does not meet this problem. Few teachers are qualified to help. Our church can do more. Pastors could be given special seminars in financing and credit at the family level. Through church meetings, encouragement for family budgeting, individual and youth counseling could be guided by the pastors and church elders. Such programs, with special attention to tithing instructions, would add much to the future financial security of the home and church.

As a layman, I urge the church to stand where the believer struggles with the elements of the world. A boy may know Jesus very personally, yet have very limited knowledge of our intricate money world. Jesus has the answer for salvation. We carefully point this out. Jesus has the answer to all of life's problems... someone must point the way of understanding. Good financing is a "learned" skill. The church has something of a responsibility to help its members to "grow in this grace" also. I believe we can avoid "wood, hay and stubble" foundations by learning more about the "gold, silver, and precious things" God has given for our use.

THE END

Were

BARABBAS:

by Jacque Towery

"What could all this noise be? Are they screaming 'Crucify Him.'? They are! I am going to die!"

Perhaps these were the thoughts going through the mind of Barabbas, a prisoner, as he awoke early one morning. He was charged with murder, thievery, insurrection, and was doomed to death. As soldiers came and took him, Barabbas may have thought that he was walking his last mile.

When he reached his destination, he must have been greatly shocked. It was not he who was to die, but another man—Jesus. He was set free, free to live and die a natural death.

Why did a man as blameless as Jesus have to die for you and I, while Barabbas went free?

Too many of us often find ourselves in the condition Barabbas was in—an unworthy sinner. We do not heed our Lord's words and really are not concerned about what we do. Someone has to pay for our evil deeds; Jesus knew that that was His purpose.

Barabbas was given a second chance, a chance to obey laws and live a good life. We, too, are given a second chance by the death of Jesus. I wonder if we have taken ad-

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You There?

THE LAMB OF GOD:

by Susie Stucker

Many times we read the story of our Saviour's death; but do we really comprehend that what we're reading about actually *did happen*?

Do we ever stop to think about all the physical and mental *pain* that Christ went through for you and me? When He was offered myrrh, a pain-killing drug, He refused it. After He had suffered so much, He said, "Father, forgive them..." referring to those who had tortured, mocked and hung Him upon the cross. Oh, how strong—and how unworthy of His sufferings, was Christ; and how weak and unworthy of its benefits are we.

Jesus could have called twelve legions of angels to come down and save Him from all the pain and sorrow, but He didn't. He didn't because He loves you and me. He suffered and died, because of this great love for every sinner. He paid the price we should have paid. Those nails should have been driven through your hands, and mine!

We need to learn how to be forgiving and meek, even as Christ was. The test comes to each one of us each day. Maybe it is something that is as common as when someone gets angry and hits you. The test here is to take it, not fighting back. Then after

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MR. AVERAGE CITIZEN:

by Vicky Larson

"I was only twelve years of age at the time, but I will always remember the happenings of that strange day.

"I lived alone with my mother. My father had left us through death not long before, and my mother and I were very sorrowful.

"My mother had asked me to run a special errand for her. I wasn't really too happy about it at the time, because I wanted to go run races with the other guys; but I would do anything for my mother, so off I went toward the market.

"On my way I saw a group of people screaming, stomping, and spitting at a man they had surrounded. I wondered how people could ever be so cruel.

"What I saw next really surprised me! They nailed this man up to a post, then hoisted the post into the air and just let Him hang there. Soon the sky grew very dark, and the earth began to shake. I had never seen anything like this in all my life. This terrible scene really made me very afraid, and I began to cry and run back to my mother and home.

"The next day mother and I heard the Man had died. They took Him down and put Him in a tomb. About three days later people all over town

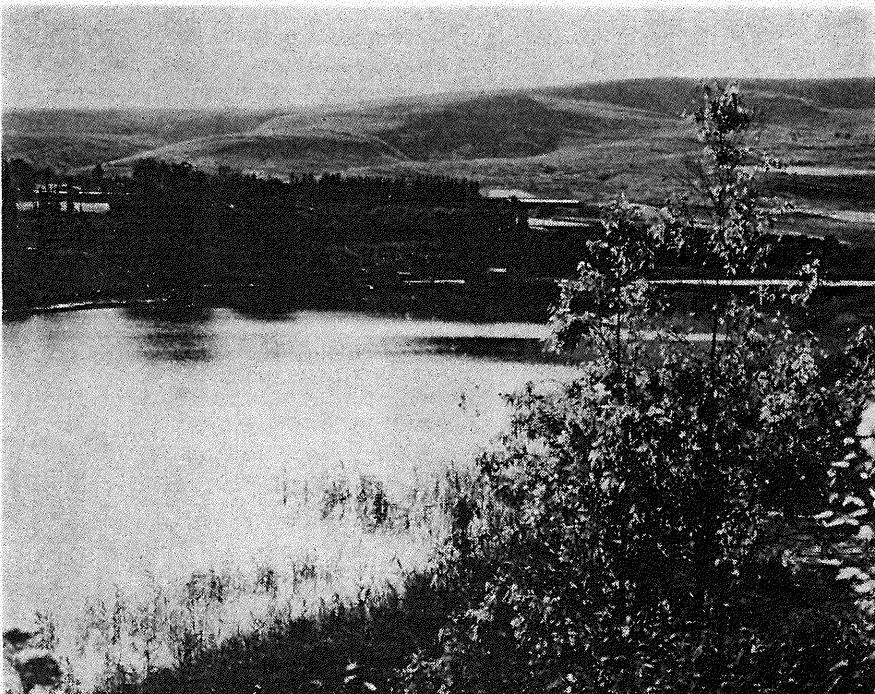
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A Dream Come True

Lawrence and Lottie Burrell

I am sure that many Bible students and professed Christians have dreamed of sometime in their life visiting the faraway land where the Bible was actually made and the only country in the world today where God's Holy Sabbath is respected by a majority of the population, but very few ever have such a dream come true.

Surely not a result of our own planning but mainly because of the love and interest of seven devoted children (one daughter, three sons and their wives), March 10, 1969, at 8 p.m. found us boarding a TWA Boeing 707 Starstream Jet bound for Tel Aviv, Israel. After intermediate stops at Frankfurt, Germany, and Zurich,



THE JORDAN RIVER

Switzerland, we spent some 24 hours at Athens, Greece, where it was our privilege to view the ruins of Ancient Athens and Corinth where the Apostle Paul spent considerable time ministering.

Eleven blessed days were spent in company with some eighty other U.S. citizens traveling some 1100 miles in the small country of Israel in two buses under the expert supervision of two professional guides. Thanks to "Defenders of The Christian Faith" of Kansas City who organized our tour, our traveling companions were of the highest caliber.

One of the things that really stands out, as we recall in our "mind's eye" the many amazing and wonderful views we witnessed, is the unbelievable progress that has been made in agriculture, causing the desert lands described in the Bible to "blossom as the rose." It was readily apparent wherever we traveled. Truly Bible prophecies are being fulfilled in Israel!

Overwhelming to us was the privilege of walking where Jesus walked, viewing landmarks centuries old, the ruins of which are still to be seen, traversing by boat the Sea of Galilee where Jesus spent much time in His 3½ years of ministry, experiencing first-hand the atmosphere of friendliness displayed by people of many different nationalities living all together community style (we spent two nights in a kibbutz), visiting the valley of Megiddo (Armageddon) called the bread basket of the Middle East, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, the place where David selected smooth stones from the brook Kidron and slew Goliath, the rock of Abraham on Mt. Moriah, the Mt. of Olives, the Garden Tomb and Golgotha's Hill where our Saviour was crucified, Old

Jericho, the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and many, many more places from Dan to Beer-sheba which are prominent in Bible history.

All too soon came our time for departure, again by TWA jet bound for the old city of Rome where another 24 delightful hours were spent viewing Bible-connected landmarks there including the old Apian Way, the Colosseum, the Catacombs, the dungeon where Paul was imprisoned the last year of his life, the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Square and Church, etc., etc.

On March 24 at 2 p.m. we climbed aboard our big bird for the final hop back across the Atlantic to Kennedy International Airport in New York, arriving there at 5 p.m. New York time.

Last but not least, we must mention the rewarding visits we experienced on our auto trip from Oklahoma to New York and return. It is our feeling that a number of new, lasting friendships were formed in addition to the blessed privilege of renewing contact with old friends and loved ones.

It all seems to us now here at home as a very wonderful dream—a dream really come true—which with the ever-present help of an ever-loving and merciful Creator will enrich our lives and we pray the lives of others with whom we are privileged to share impressions gained.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

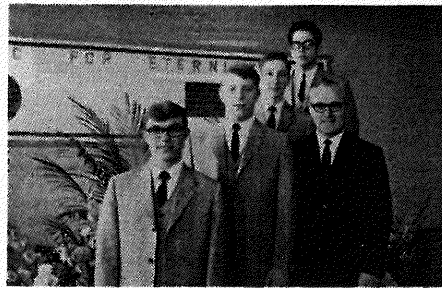
Shalom!

Youth Tour -- 1969

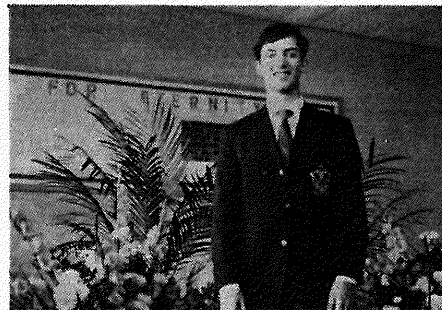
The Youth Missions Team is prepared to go! May 28 will mark the beginning of the 1969 Youth Missions Tour. The team consisting of the Challengers Quartet (cover), soloist Jim Fischer, pianist Elder Vernon Patchen, and Young People's Departmental Chairman and Team Director, Elder Dale Lawson, will present their first program at the Marion, Iowa, Church of God. The first half of the summer will be spent covering the Churches of God in the midwestern states. The team will then take a break for General Conference; but the closing of conference they will again be on the road. After visiting some churches in Canada, the west coast will be their destination. After traveling down the west coast and then across southern USA to the state of Texas, the team will make its closing presentation at the Church of God in Denver, Colorado, on August 27.

The Young People's Department has arranged the schedule so that, in as many churches as possible, the team will stay two days and present two programs. Some churches have been asked to join together with other churches so this plan can be made possible.

We are really looking forward to visiting your church. We believe this tour will be helpful in drawing both young and old nearer to the Lord. It will be valuable in helping the Y. P.



The Challengers Quartet—Kevin Weir, Paul Carlin, Ken Moldenhauer, Ken Merriam, and Vernon Patchen, pianist.



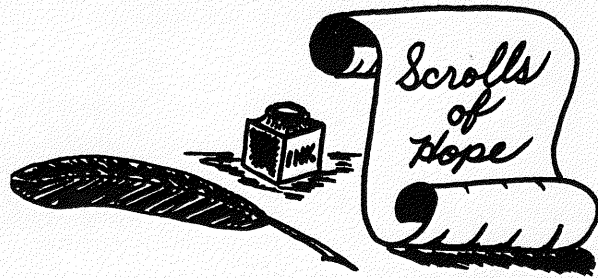
Jim Fischer, soloist

Department plan for major projects for the future. Through this tour, we will endeavor to inspire every FYC on to a greater work in Christ. We also hope to encourage parents to invest more in behalf of eternal life for their young people.

Support the Young People's Work in your area. YOUth can have a great part in the work of the Church of the Living God.

OFFICIAL TOUR SCHEDULE

MAY 28, 29	Marion, Iowa	10	Open
JUNE 1	Stanberry, Mo.	11-19	General Conference
2	St. Joseph, Mo.	21	Nipawin, Saskatchewan
3	Kansas City, Mo.	22	Calgary, Alberta
4	Kansas City, Mo. (joint meeting)	23	EN ROUTE
5	Wichita, Kans.	24	Walla Walla, Wash.
6	Fairview, Okla.	25	Harrisburg, Ore. (joint meeting)
7 (a.m.)	Oklahoma City, Okla.	26 (a.m.)	Marion, Ore.
7 (p.m.)	Shawnee, Okla.	26 (p.m.)	Marion, Ore. (joint meeting)
8	Shawnee, Okla. (joint meeting)	27, 28	Tacoma, Wash.
9	McAlester, Okla.	29	Portland, Ore.
10	Tahlequah, Okla.	30	Elmira, Ore.
11	Ft. Smith, Ark.	31	Nampa, Idaho
12	Ft. Smith, Ark. (joint meeting)	AUGUST 1	EN ROUTE
13	Tulsa, Oklahoma	2 (a.m.)	Sacramento, Calif.-Eng.
14 (a.m.)	Claremore, Okla.	2 (p.m.)	Sacramento, Calif.-Sp.
& p.m.)	(joint meeting - p.m.)	2 (p.m.)	Lodi, Calif.
15	Oklahoma Youth Camp	3	Stockton, Calif.
16	EN ROUTE	4	Lodi, Calif. (joint meeting)
17, 18	Hammonville, Ala.	5	EN ROUTE
19	EN ROUTE	6	San Jose, Calif. (joint meeting)
20, 21	Central States Youth Camp	7	San Fernando, Calif.
22	Joplin, Mo.	8	Los Angeles, Calif. (Sp)
23	St. Louis, Mo.	9 (a.m.)	Ontario, Calif.
24, 25	Toledo, Ohio	9 (p.m.)	Bloomington, Calif.
26, 27	Detroit, Mich.	10, 11	California Youth Camp (joint meeting)
28	Owosso, Mich.	12	EN ROUTE
29	Saginaw, Mich.	13	Albuquerque, N. M.
30	Freeland, Mich.	14	Roswell, N. M.
JULY 1	Freeland, Mich. (joint meeting)	15, 16	El Paso, Tex.
2, 3	Grand Rapids, Mich.	17	Austin, Tex.
4	New Auburn, Wis. (joint meeting)	18	San Antonio, Tex. (Eng) (joint meeting)
5	New Auburn, Wis. (joint meeting)	19	San Antonio, Tex. (Sp)
6, 7	Alfred, N. D.	20	Houston, Tex. (Eng)
8	Eureka, S. D.	21	Houston, Tex. (Sp)
9	Eureka, S. D. (joint meeting)	22, 23	Conroe, Tex.
		24	Dallas, Tex.
		25	EN ROUTE
		26, 27	Denver, Colo.



Again spring has sprung! What a wonderful feeling! Something about the spring air and the sunshine gives one sudden spurts of happiness—the feeling that all the world is well and no problem could really be very big after all.

I am reminded of the thrill which a new Christian feels within after he has accepted Christ into his heart and life. I can remember boarding the school bus that morning after Christ had become real in my life, and everything and everybody looked new and wonderful to me. Something glorious had happened to me the night before. . . .

For the first time in my life, I had felt the reality of Christ in my heart. I had the assurance of His forgiveness for my sins and His acceptance of me as a child of His.

For the first time in my life, I knew all the things my parents had been teaching me were really true—because I felt them in my heart—not because I just heard it from others.

For the first time in my life, I wanted to follow God's commands because He had become a personal Friend to me—not because someone *told* me that I *should* want to follow His commands.

What a glorious experience. —The greatest of God's great miracles! —When He can come into a life, and cleanse a heart and make it all new.

Probably without exception there are times when every Christian has a longing for that first new spurt of joy and enthusiasm which he felt when he was saved. Surely the thrill and glory of communion with God can be had at any time. He is only a prayer away. It is as we prepare our own hearts that we draw near and drink in the thrill of God's blessings and refreshing.

In recent years, many young people have experienced a renewed thrill in their lives for Christ as they were refreshed in the fellowship of our youth camps. Many, of course, have had a saving experience at youth camp; others would testify of having received, as they met Christ around the prayer circle of young people seeking God for deeper fellowship, an even greater thrill than they had experienced before.

Have you had such an experience? Perhaps the exuberance of spring gives you a fleeting taste of the joy of newness and vitality that can be had in *lasting measure* when Christ reigns within.

The Doorkeeper

By Dorothy Nimchuk

"SAY, BEN," demanded Sandy, "why d'ya keep on slaving in this shipping department when ya could be on the way up in this outfit?"

"Why, I've only worked here a few months, Sandy," returned his friend. "Gotta start somewhere, you know." Ben grinned.

"Listen, Ben," Sandy lowered his voice, "I know this guy in *Personnel*, see," he glanced around cautiously, "and I can get you started up the ladder. Just say the word," he ended.

Ben's smile faded. "Now wait a minute, Sandy," he answered. "I can't do that. If I earn a promotion the right way, I'll take it. Otherwise, I'll stay in the shipping room."

"You'll stay in *Shipping* all right," declared Sandy. "That's the thanks I get for trying to do a guy a favor." He turned away, disgusted.

Later that afternoon, the plant owner came into the shipping department. "Hello there, young man," he spoke cordially to Ben. "You're new around here, are you?"

"Well sir," answered Ben respectfully, "I've been here in this department for about three months now."

"I've been watching you, young fellow," said the executive, "and you are doing a fine job here."

"Thank you, sir," replied Ben. "I've been thinking, though. If we handled this packaging a little differently we could speed up the process tremendously." As Mr. Baxter seemed interested, he got courage to continue. "I figure it this way. . . ."

Mr. Baxter listened with interest.



"That sounds like a good idea, son. Write it out and send it up to my office." With a curt nod and smile he was gone.

Several weeks passed. The change in procedure that Ben had suggested had been innovated and production increased. One afternoon Sandy sauntered through the department.

"Hi ya, Ben," he greeted. "Too

bad ya didn't take advantage of my offer. I've been boosted up to the Sales Branch. All it takes is a little greasing of the palm of the right people as I told ya. I can still help ya out."

"No thanks, Sandy," Ben replied. "I'll make it by my own efforts or stay here."

Sandy scowled. "Stubborn as a mule and foolish to boot!" He turned to leave. "I don't know why I even bother with ya, chum! but let me know if ya change yer mind." And he was gone.

Ben turned back to his job. He had to admit to himself that it was a little discouraging to see others going ahead while he plodded along in the same position. However, he was determined not to get ahead by deceit. A favorite verse of scripture flashed through his mind and left him comforted: "I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness" (Psalm 84:10).

From time to time Ben thought of ways in which the work of his department could be improved and he submitted suggestions faithfully. He was pleased to see several of them being accepted and put into practice.

One day Mr. Baxter paid one of his rare visits to the shipping room. "Still here, young man?" he inquired. "I thought you'd have been promoted to some other area by now. We seem to have a tremendous turnover of employees. But then, I wouldn't know too much about that. I've been gone so much lately that I've left the hiring and firing completely in the hands of the Personnel Office."

They chatted a few moments about the work. Mr. Baxter commented, "I see quite a few changes in this de-

partment. Too bad you didn't write up that suggestion that we once talked about. Someone else brought up the same idea and the change was approved. Got a nice check for the suggestion and a promotion besides. Yes sir, next time you think of something good, suggest it and you might get some recognition for it."

"But I...that is...uh, yes sir, I'll do that, sir," Ben's thought were all in a whirl and he was glad when Mr. Baxter left. Whatever had happened to all his suggestions? It looked like someone else was borrowing them and attaching his own name, thus taking the credit—not to mention the cash award—for same. What could he do? He couldn't accuse anyone of such a thing. With a prayer in his heart, Ben began putting his work space in order, as it was nearly quitting time.

Charlie Evans, foreman of the department, stopped by on his way out. "Are you all right, Ben? You look kinda pale," he inquired.

"Oh!...Charlie," Ben looked up, "No, I'm fine... just fine." Grabbing his jacket off the hook, Ben excused himself and hastily went out. Charlie stood there, scratching his balding pate, "Now I wonder what got into him!" he muttered to himself.

"Fine boy, that young fellow," said a voice behind him. Mr. Baxter had come back through the room on his way home. "Can't figure out, though, why he didn't turn in his suggestion. Someone else beat him to it. Must be a lack of drive—doesn't seem to be that sort, though," mused Mr. Baxter.

"Suggestions?" demanded Charlie. "That fellow is so full of them, I'm afraid they'll put him in my job.

He's had a number of suggestions accepted. Take this new conveyor belt for this part of the operation, for example..."

"Wait a minute! You say this was *his* idea?" Light began to dawn on his face. "What else has he suggested? You know, Charlie," he said, noting the foreman's puzzled expression, "I've been gone a lot and I'm not 'up' on everything yet."

Mr. Baxter wrote down each suggested change on a list. "You're sure he submitted these through proper channels, Charlie? He didn't just tell someone else about them and not bother submitting them himself?"

"Why, I saw him making out the form, sign it, and drop it in the box each time. He always checked with me to see if I thought it was a workable plan before he submitted anything." Charlie's face wore an injured expression. "He's a good kid, and I'm surprised you guys haven't realized it by now and promoted him."

"Well, good night, Charlie," Mr. Baxter seemed in a hurry to be off. "I have some work to do in my office before I can go home."

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"Ben Johnson wanted in the front office," called an office boy the next morning, swinging through the shipping room. "Better shake a leg. Big boss is waitin'."

Ben entered Mr. Baxter's office, trembling a little in spite of himself. What could he be called in for?

"Ben," smiled Mr. Baxter, "our Mr. Sharp from the Personnel Office has a word of apology to offer you." Mr. Baxter nodded toward a scared-looking individual slumped dejectedly in a big chair. "Go ahead, Mr. Sharp!" was the stern demand, "The boy's

waiting. Don't keep him in suspense."

Slowly at first, then with words tumbling over one another in their haste to escape the trembling lips, the whole story came out. Mr. Sharp was Sandy's friend in *Personnel* who, for a fee, promoted employees to desired positions. In order to stay there, a type of extortion had been instituted. Once a man failed in his payments to Mr. Sharp, he was promptly dismissed from the company. Because of their own involvement, there was little chance of their squealing.

"Through Sandy, your friend," continued Mr. Sharp, "I tried to get you on my sucker list, too. But you wouldn't rise to the bait." He paused, but the look in Mr. Baxter's eyes made him continue.

"All suggestions go through *Personnel*. I like to keep tabs on up-and-coming individuals," he explained. "When you wouldn't knuckle under, I swiped your suggestions and put them through in my name. I received the checks you should have had. The money will all be returned to you," he finished.

Too startled to take it all in at once, Ben looked around for a chair and sank down into its depths. "I don't know what to say," he murmured.

Mr. Baxter stood up. "Mr. Sharp is leaving our employ, needless to say, along with a few others. Now I'm promoting a few fellows to close the gap and I need an industrious fellow as Assistant Production Manager. It's quite a big leap from what you've been doing, but I believe you'll do well in it. The job is yours, Ben, if you'll accept it." Mr. Baxter's smile was warm and friendly. "It's a pleas-

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Meet Your Committeemen

Tom O'Haver is the leader of the local FYC group at Ontario, California. He is active in many youth activities and in musical programs.

A 20-year-old college sophomore, Tom is majoring in the field of wild-life biology.



I have been attending the Church of God for only about 6 years. However, as I look back on my life I can see how God has always been with me and has led me to this church. Even now, He continues to lead my brother Jeff and I, who are the only ones out of our family of seven, who are in the church. Since I'm a relatively new member of the church, I feel privileged and somewhat unworthy of being on this leadership committee. Yet, I pray that God will use me for His work.

Of the many things that have impressed me about the Church of God, I feel the church youth camps have affected my life the most. At these camps, God is often very near. The importance of getting serious about serving Him is stressed by the directors. It was at my first youth camp in Oregon that I made up my mind to grow closer to God.

After I was baptized and became rather active in youth activities, I learned from the National Youth Team about the Take Time for God (2T4G) and Evangelette programs. I decided that by participating in these programs, I could grow closer to God. If you feel that you have already been giving enough to God, I challenge you to try these programs and see for yourself that we can't outgive God. In many ways, it's a blessing just to serve Him.

The time for General Conference and camp meeting is approaching. The last camp meeting in 1967 was the first one that I had attended. One of the many things that impressed me most about that camp meeting was a simple habit performed by many of the youth. Whenever they came to the dining hall late, they each individually took time to bow their heads and thank God before starting to eat. This may seem simple to many of you. However, how many of the multitudes of people, young and old, in today's world would ever think of doing such a thing?

As the summer months approach, with youth camps, General Conference, and the youth tour, I encourage all of you to participate in as many of them as possible. You may find many wonderful blessings.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

...Into Every Nation

John Lemley, Foreign Correspondent

During the past few months, several letters have been written to foreign youth leaders in order to gather information that may be passed on to you through AIM. Letters have been sent to leaders in Germany, India, Jamaica, Trinidad, and England. I hope, by the next publication of AIM, to be able to give you a full report from these countries on the progress of their FYC work.

As I am sure each of you realize from the past letters and reports published in AIM, these people abroad are humbly crying out for help and continued spiritual support and, most of all, for your prayers. We may not be financially able to supply all of their monetary needs, but we are certainly capable of giving them our earnest prayers.

Some reports concerning the conditions in India clearly show the de-

gree to which our brethren need to be remembered in prayer. There the Church of God is constantly oppressed by Hindus and Communists. When a Hindu becomes converted to Christianity, he immediately faces obstacles in breaking away from the caste system. He may even be in danger of losing his life at the hands of his own family.

In some instances, Hindu Communists actually disrupted Sabbath school in progress. This is truly tragic news of what Christians must go through in India. And daily newspapers report the horrifying conditions in Biafra where the Church of God has had 36 churches.

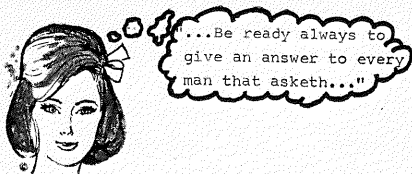
Even though these signs of worsening conditions in wars, famines, and pestilences are signs of the soon-coming of Christ, let us unite in earnest prayer that God will protect His people and fortify them so they may be able to stand firmly, with Christ, against all odds.

SHARE IT WITH A PEN PAL

THANKS!—to you young people who responded so nicely to the request in the March issue of AIM for pen pals for foreign FYC members. This is a very worthwhile project for YP groups, as well as rewarding for each individual member. It is always interesting and enlightening to learn about the activities of foreign young people and compare them to our own.

To those of you who have no pen pal yet, the request is still open.

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MINUTEMAN

By Jan Pedersen

As we share together in our efforts to become better versed in the Word of God through the Minuteman program, we wish to ask the following question:

IS HIS IMAGE STAMPED ON YOU?

*Are you walking with the Master
Through the rugged way of life,
Glorifying Him in all you see and do?
Are you ready for the conflict
Fearing not the deadly strife?*

*Are you daily in communion
With the blessed Friend and Lord,
Trusting in His grace to safely lead you through;
Not with hope of earthly profit,
Seeking nothing for reward,
Is the image of the Saviour stamped on you?*

*From the holy mount of promise
Have you come with power divine,
Starting well your race in paths both good and true?
Does the light of heaven's beauty
From your face each moment shine?
Is the image of the Saviour stamped on you?*

—Selected

This quiz should help you test yourself and find out just how well you are retaining the verses you are memorizing.

Complete the following verses and give the texts:

1. "Let no man despise thy youth;..."
2. "Take heed unto thyself..."

3. "For even hereunto..."
4. "I, even I, am he..."
5. "This people draweth..."
6. "That we henceforth be..."
7. "Preach the word..."
8. "For the time will come..."
9. "But speak the truth..."

Quote the following texts:

1. Romans 14:13
2. Romans 9:33
3. Ezekiel 3:18, 19, 20, & 21

Quote two verses that deal explicitly with youth, and give the texts.

Don't put it off!! Why don't you determine to take time out today to type or write the following verses on cards, with texts on the back, so they will be all ready for your memorization for this month. The eight verses are:

**Hebrews 9:28
Proverbs 3:11
Proverbs 3:12
Psalm 139:23**

**Psalm 139:24
2 Peter 1:20
2 Peter 1:21
John 12:48**

BARABBAS:

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vantage of all the benefits of this second chance. One day this chance will not be given to us again. We should each examine ourselves and ask, "Are we ready for this day?"

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THE LAMB OF GOD:

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it is over, we must simply forgive and forget it.

Christ was, and still is, our example.

MR. AVERAGE CITIZEN:

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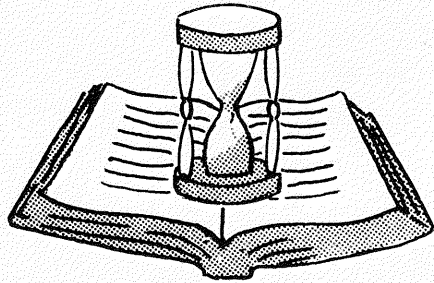
began to say that the tomb had been found empty, but no one seemed to agree on just how such a thing could have happened.

"Andrew, a neighbor of ours, later told me that this Man had gone up to heaven to be with God. Andrew told me that He had died so that everyone's sins could be forgiven, and so that we could live forever.

"I believed Andrew! Do you?"

Have your tools ready and God will find you work.

2T₄G - Take Time for God



By Martha Ling

May 15	Job 34
May 16	Job 35
May 17	Job 36
May 18	Job 37
May 19	Job 38
May 20	Job 39
May 21	Job 40
May 22	Job 41
May 23	Job 42
May 24	Psalms 1
May 25	Psalms 2
May 26	Psalms 3
May 27	Psalms 4
May 28	Psalms 5
May 29	Psalms 6
May 30	Psalms 7
May 31	Psalms 8
June 1	Psalms 9
June 2	Psalms 10
June 3	Psalms 11
June 4	Psalms 12
June 5	Psalms 13
June 6	Psalms 14
June 7	Psalms 15
June 8	Psalms 16
June 9	Psalms 17
June 10	Psalms 18
June 11	Psalms 19
June 12	Psalms 20
June 13	Psalms 21
June 14	Psalms 22

Our reading has brought us into one of the most interesting and soul-searching sections of the Bible—the Psalms. They are filled with meditations and praises of our Lord as written and sung by the Israelites of old. Within these songs may be found many words of wisdom and comfort.

Each time the Psalms are read, something new can be found within them. As I was looking through the chapters just today, I found a verse that had never stood out in my mind before. It is found in Psalm 20:7—one of King David's own works of praise—"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." What a sweet thought! When all the world about us is trusting in their mechanical devices, or upon the wisdom of our scientists, psychologists, doctors, and learned men; we know in whom to put our trust—the Almighty, All-powerful God. He is the only One Who knows the beginning from the end. He is the only One Who can help us in our times of need. Why should we fear the future when He is near?

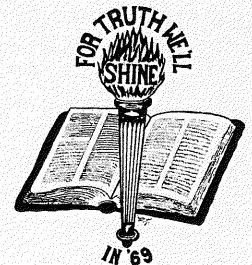
In their fear of what will happen if someone triggers an atomic bomb; or if the world's population expands to such an extent that we will not have enough good oxygen; or if the world collides with some outer space body as has been predicted at various times; sadly enough, people turn, instead of to God, to their supposedly learned scientists for help. How could these men really help them,

when their knowledge is so limited compared to God's wisdom—the wisdom of the One Who created the whole universe, all the galaxies, space, and everything within them? Who do we think we are, even dreaming that man could save himself from his predicaments? God alone has the key to safety—through His Son, Jesus Christ. If we accept Him as our Saviour, we need not fear the future, for God has promised His children safety and a home with Him eternally on this earth made new. How glorious that will be! Let us make sure our trust is in the Lord!

"Casting all your care upon him; for *he careth for you*" (1 Peter 5:7).

Youth Doctrine Corner

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



FEET WASHING

Official Church of God doctrine—Article No. 14

... **"The ordinance of feet washing was given by Jesus as an example of humility, and it is to be practiced in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper."**

Origin:

- ... **Instituted by Christ** (John 13:4, 5).
- ... **Instituted for our example** (John 13:14, 15).

Purpose:

- ... **To make one humble** (John 13:13, 14, 16).

Importance:

- ... **Necessary in order to have part with Christ** (John 13:7, 8).
- ... **Commanded by Christ** (John 13:14, 15).
- ... **Reward promised by Christ** (John 13:17).

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School Notes

SVA NEWS

A round of activities occupied the past month at Spring Vale Academy. The activities began with a state-sponsored youth rally on March 22. After the rally the FYCer's enjoyed a hayride along the country lanes near the school. A fun-filled evening was topped off with refreshments at the school dining hall.

Sunday afternoon, March 23, was spent at a planetarium in Flint, Michigan. The program featured scenes of Christ's crucifixion, which made it very meaningful to us as Christians, as the time for the Lord's Supper, the commemoration of Christ's death, was drawing near. An effective part of the program, which startled several of us, was the very realistic lightning which flashed across the "sky" at the moment of Jesus' death.

Revival services were held the following week by Elder W. H. Olson in Detroit, Michigan. Each evening small groups of Spring-Vale's traveled to Detroit to enjoy the services and also to provide special music.

Singing practice and the recording of a record occupied the busy first week of April for the "Challengers," the newly-christened Spring Vale boys' quartet and Jim Fischer, who flew from Eureka, South Dakota, to record

with them. They are to be members of the 1969 Youth Team which will be touring the United States this summer. Their record will be on sale while on tour.

Elder Delvin O'Banion held revival services at Spring Vale April 3-5. Each sermon held a message for each of us to take to heart. A carload of young people from New Auburn, Wisconsin, came along with Elder O'Banion to visit and view Spring Vale campus. Their stay was immensely enjoyed.

Brother Lael Tikili (Midwest student from Biafra) was the guest speaker Sabbath, April 5th. Brother Tikili spoke on the people of Biafra and the need for Christian workers there. The results of a special money-making project of the Biafran people were turned in on this day.

A special memorial service was held in memory of the late Brother Walter Spencer, a long-time member of the Spring Vale school board, on April 11th. Spring Vale will deeply miss this one who was so concerned about the needs of the school.

Remember, Christian education plays a vital part in the work of spreading the gospel. Support it!!!!

Spring Vale Graduation is scheduled for May 18.

MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God... taking the shield of faith... the helmet of salvation... the sword of the Spirit... (Ephesians 6:16, 17).

Midwest's launching pad has been quite active since March 26th, when Commanding General S. J. Kauer gave the go-ahead signal to execute the plans for the four-day offensive which was conducted in seven states. Hard-hit were the states of Oklahoma, Colorado, South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Missouri.

Major Dale G. Lawson and a company of fearless soldiers advanced south into Oklahoma, which proved to be a great blessing and another victory for the Lord.

Another band of soldiers carried out their mission in the western state of Colorado. Their singing echoed back another victory. The soldiers were Danny Davila, Mark Ling, Gerald and Jan Pedersen.

Michael Weir and his first-mate joined forces with Elders Daniel Camero, Delvin O'Banion, and Trinidad Padilla at Aberdeen, South Dakota, to recruit new Christian soldiers, which are desperately needed to carry on the gospel.

Privates first class Mike Vlad, Ruben Garza, and Jerry Camero, while on leave, stirred up interest in new recruits for Midwest. The general has been kind enough to render extra KP duties to the boys for returning late.

A guided missile was launched into Marion, Iowa. Lael Tikili conducted revival meetings, which overwhelmed the congregation of both new re-

cruits and veterans. The following week-end he visited Spring Vale Academy at Owosso, Michigan.

A similar attack was carried out at St. Louis, Missouri, by Richard Trigg and company. He spent several days in St Louis and surrounding area, carrying out his campaign.

A bugle was sounded on April 18 to start the week-end retreat held at the Girl Scout Camp at Albany, Missouri. Called from the field of action, Major Nelson Caswell brought inspiring messages for all those who attended the retreat. Visitors came from Wisconsin, Minnesota; and an unexpected visitor from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, was Solomon Cejudo.

Vibrations were felt from the nuclear warhead which was set off April 18, 1969, in the direction of the west coast. Elder Noah H. Camero, teacher at Midwest Bible College, is conducting a series of revival meetings at Sacramento and Ontario, California.

Since spring fever has hit midwest, its launching pad has been idle. We know that it will not be long before "take-offs" will be in progress again.

This is Sgt. Israel Bravo reporting from the Midwest Base, so until next time, remember us in your prayers.

Midwest Graduation exercises will be on Saturday night, May 31.

YOUTH!! PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR GREATER SERVICE!

**In high school? SVA offers Bible training with your education:
Spring Vale Academy,
Route, 5, Owosso, Michigan 48867.**

**A high school graduate? Christian education and training can be yours:
Midwest Bible College,
P. O. Box 86, Stanberry, Mo. 64489.**

Youth Team Long Play Album

The 1969 Youth Missions Team singers are making 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 should be available sometime this month. Proceeds from the record sales will go into the Young People's work of the Church of God.

Request for AIMS in Trinidad

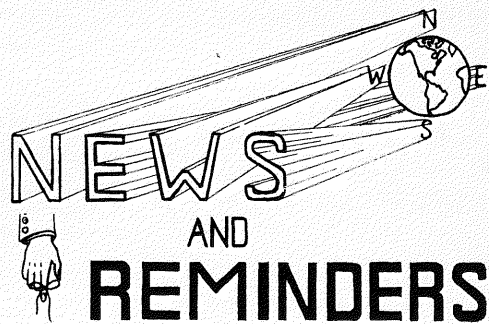
We have received a request for twelve AIM subscriptions for young people in Trinidad. If any FYC group would like to supply these AIMS as a special project, please let us know. Write to the National FYC office in Stanberry, Missouri.

FYC Sweaters to be Available Soon

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 will have the FYC emblem printed in the pocket area surrounded by the words "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.

Youth Missions Tour—1969

The Youth Missions Team will soon be starting on its summer-long tour. You will find additional tour information elsewhere in this AIM. Plan to attend the program when the team visits your area.

Mark of Merit Reports

It is past time for the FYC groups to have the first-quarter Merit Reports sent to the Merit Program Director, Elder Nathan Lawson, 841 South Washington, Lodi, California 95240. If you are not familiar with this program, write to Elder Lawson and he will gladly help you become acquainted with it. **YOUR FYC SHOULD BE IN THE MERIT PROGRAM.**

General Conference—1969

YOUth! Be at Huron, South Dakota, for YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES July 11-19. YOUth must not miss it!

ALL THESE THINGS

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Bill and Tom exchanged looks. "Well, look," Tom offered. "Hop on and we can finish the route on my bike. Maybe we can work something out. You fellows go ahead home. I'll see you later."

A full hour later Tom wheeled into Bill's driveway. Bill was shooting some baskets by the garage.

"What's on your mind?" Bill asked as he tossed the basketball through the hoop.

"I'm going to youth camp, Bill."
"I know."

"What do you mean, you know? I just decided myself."

"We think alike. I just decided to go, too."

"Well, Chuck sort of got to me. He's working his tail off to get to youth camp and we have the opportunity and aren't going. Who's crazy—he or us?"

"We are."

"That's the way I figure it. God gives us a job and a boss who's willing for us to go to youth camp and all we can think about is making some more money."

"And..."

"And what?"

"Go on, admit it. The closer youth camp gets you can't stand the thought of not being there. I'll admit it if you will."

Tom laughed. "It's a deal, Hey, what about Smitty?"

"Oh, he'll get along without us for a week."

"Yeah, I suppose, but we oughta tell him about the change in plans."

Bill dribbled the basketball into the garage and tossed it in a corner. "Yeah, I reckon. Let's go."

It was almost apologetically that Bill and Tom told Smitty they were going to youth camp after all. Neither of them were prepared for his reaction.

"No kidding," he said brightly. "Care for a tagalong?"

"Bill was astounded. "Tagalong?... You? Hey, Tom, do you hear what I hear?"

Smitty continued. "You guys talked so much about youth camp last summer I sort of figured I'd give it a try this year, but then you decided not to go so I figured, *Why should I.*"

Bill and Tom looked at each other in amazement. This could be the real break-through as far as Smitty was concerned and they had almost missed it in their greed for money.

Smitty looked into the distance. "Sure too bad about your friend, Chuck. He sounded like he really wanted to go."

"Tom and I were talking about the two of us helping him out on his fee so he could go," Bill remarked.

"Good, Make it three," Smitty said, as he climbed on his bike. "Hey, did I hear somebody say something about going for a swim?"

"Check!" Chorused Bill and Tom and three bikes wheeled out of the driveway.

THE DOORKEEPER

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ure to work with honest, hard-working employees."

"Accept?" said Ben, wide eyed. "Of course I accept the position." He paused, looking troubled. "What about Sandy, Mr. Baxter? Will he be kept on? He's my friend, you know."

Just then Sandy stuck his head

in through the open door. "I heard that remark!" he grinned, entering. "Friends still—after what I tried to get you into? Some people never know when they're well off. I'm being kept on all right, chum. But one thing I've insisted on—that I start back at the bottom and earn my way to the top *by my own efforts.*" He laughed at Ben's own expression. "Does that surprise you so much? Some of *you* just rubbed off on me, that's all." Still laughing, Sandy swung out of the room and

was off to the shipping room.

Ben was shown to his new office. Before he met the first assignment for the day, he read a portion of God's Word. His Bible fell open to 1 Peter 5:6, 7. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

"Thank you, Lord," he prayed, "for handling the situation far better than I could ever have done. Keep me humble always. Amen."

PEN PALS

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Following is a list of foreign young people who want pen pals. If you are interested in corresponding with any of the names listed, please write to me for the addresses. Send your letter to: John Lemley, Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

TRINIDAD			
name	age		
Andrew Barker	19	Benjamin Richards	13
Esther Barker	20	Jemima Richards	16
Eunice Barker	17	Manassah Richards	15
Judith Barker	14	Kurt Rudder	14
Margorie Barker	15		
Marion Barker	22	ENGLAND	
Charles Browne	18	Julie Jackson	15
Cynthia Daisley	20	Edna Logan	18
Annmariam Paterson	14	Thomas Octave	
		Sonia Westcarr	
		JAMAICA	
		John Largie	

These FYCers will be glad to hear from you and gain insight into the type of activities the young people here have. Why don't you find out about what the young people your age are doing in other countries? **WRITE FOR A PEN PAL. You will be glad you did.**

COMBINED KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge without common sense is folly; without method it is waste; without kindness it is fanaticism; without religion it is death. But with common sense, it is wisdom; with method it is power; with character it is beneficence; with religion it is virtue, life and peace.

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

Fee: \$15 per camper

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

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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

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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