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GRADE SCHOOL

Thanksgiving

By Joy Miller



Truly, I can testify that God has been very gracious and merciful to me this past year. I am very thankful for the many blessings He has bestowed upon my husband and me. As another Thanksgiving Day is nearing, we all realize the many blessings God has granted to us this past year, the numerous prayers He has answered, and the many times He has reached down a loving, helping hand when the road has become rough. But if God were to celebrate Thanksgiving, I wonder if He could say the following about ME or about YOU:

"I am so thankful for this DISCIPLE! He has been one of my best this past year. He is always kind, thoughtful, and patient toward his family and neighbors. He will go out of his way to help one who is in need. He practices what he preaches (few do these days).

"I don't have to worry about him when it comes to church matters; I can trust him with the most vital issues. He goes to church regularly—and on time, too. He pays his tithe willingly instead of grudgingly, and gives offerings far beyond the call of duty.

"He does these simpler things, but doesn't leave the more important things neglected, such as judgment, mercy, and faith. He has no respect of persons, he treats all men alike regardless of the color of their skin. He is a faithful witness; he is not afraid to pass out tracts and to tell others of the gospel.

"If all my disciples were like him, the work of the Church of God (7th Day) would certainly go forward! Yes! I'm very thankful this year for this one disciple!"

Let us strive this coming year to be a better disciple for God's Church!

For This I Am Thankful...



I AM THANKFUL FOR—

Brothers and Sisters.
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the mustard seeds of faith that take care of the mountains.
kind words spoken of a man whose back is turned.
questions answered
—with answers of truth.
the warm smile of a friend.
words not spoken.
a glimmer of light on a dark night.
the cry of weariness pacified
at the end of a day well done.
the burden of a pastor.
a path avoided because of someone else's sorrow.
God's handiwork so inspiring that words are unjust.
moments alone with God.
For all these and *much* more I am grateful unto my heavenly Father.

—Sheryl Youngs

I have so much to be thankful for, but I think I have summed it all up in this short testimony:

God loves me. He proved this almost 2,000 years ago when He sent His only begotten Son to die for my sins. He proved it sixteen years ago when He let me be born into a family that had a knowledge of the true gospel.

Then He proved it once again two years ago when He revealed my lost condition, washed my sins away, and came into my heart to live and reign.

He proves His ever-abiding love for me every day through countless blessings. His love gives me the strength I need to overcome trials and temptations that I am faced with.

I have a Lord and Saviour Who cares for me. For this I am truly thankful."

Pat Jones

God has given me so much! To try to choose one particular blessing I am especially thankful for would be a tremendously hard job. God is generous in His giving! God loved me enough to give His Son to die for me so that I can have eternal life.

He gave me a Christian home, with parents who brought me up, taking me to church each Sabbath. I was able to participate in an active F.Y.C. Now I am attending Spring Vale Academy to obtain a Christian education. God gives many small things every day to make life more enjoyable—such as a letter from a loved one, a good book, a smile on someone's face—things we often may not realize are blessings from God.

For all of this and much more I'm thankful.

—Donna Larson



God has always blessed me more than I could ever expect, but He really out-did Himself this past summer. I was blessed with the opportunity to attend both the Oregon Youth Camp and the General Conference this year, and there just are not sufficient words to tell how much I enjoyed each of these experiences and what they meant to my life.

I am truly thankful for the many gifts God has given to us. First of all, I am thankful to God that there is more to life than just running a social rat race. I am thankful that God has provided a way for real happiness. I am thankful that God has shown me His Church, that holds the keys to real success.

I am thankful—yes, truly thankful—for the Faithful Youth Challengers. I am in many clubs, but all the rest together couldn't equal the FYC. I am thankful that still there are young people who desire to do God's will. (And not only desire to do it, but DO it.) I am thankful that we as God's people live in a nation where we may worship without persecution. I am thankful for God's perfect law of liberty, yes, of liberty. For freedom is not known to one who does not obey God's laws. For the many things I have mentioned I am

I never had any idea that a youth camp could be as great as Oregon's was, and I can truthfully say I had never seen such a marvelous bunch of kids together at one time in all my life.

While I was still riding on the high crest of the blessings I received at camp, I left for Conference only to find all my expectations doubled. If anyone tries to tell you you can't have quality in quantity, don't you believe it. I feel the Church of God really has something to be proud of; I know I am.

It's quite a wonderful feeling to be able to reflect just a few years back and see how far the youth of the Church of God have progressed, and for this I'm thankful.

Carrie Pace



thankful, very thankful. But most of all I am thankful for a very certain verse, "... If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

Lee Williams

I am thankful for many things—the freedom of religion, good health, a home, and friends. But what I'm most thankful for is my Christian parents.

Many teen-agers take their parents for granted, are disobedient and expect them to supply all their wants.

As I grow older and am being faced with more responsibilities and problems in life, I am realizing how important parental advice is.

The "Generation Gap" that teens and parents are involved in today is foreign to me. I believe that we ought to take our problems and questions to our parents. They are qualified to instruct and guide us in the right way of life from an adult and Christian standpoint.

I think God has a very special work for young people of today, but we need to heed the Christian advice which our parents can supply.

Sandra Moldenhauer

DON'T SNUB

Don't snub a boy because he wears shabby clothes. When Edison first entered Boston, he wore a pair of yellow linen trousers in the depth of winter.

Don't snub a boy because of the ignorance of his parents. Shakespeare, the world's poet, was the son of a man who was unable to write his own name.

Don't snub a boy because he chooses a humble trade. John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, was a tinker.

Don't snub a boy because of some physical weakness. Milton was blind.

Don't snub a boy because he is dull in school. Hogarth, the celebrated painter and engraver, was a stupid boy at school.

Don't snub a boy because he stutters. Demosthenes, the great orator of ancient Greece, overcame a harsh, stammering voice.

Don't snub anyone—not just because some day they may outstrip you in the race of life, but because snubbing is neither kind, nor right, nor Christian.—*Selected.*

Following the Lord



by Helen St. Clair

I was discussing with someone a while back at what point in a Christian's life temptations would no longer have a hold on him. I said that the world was no temptation to me. Perhaps that statement should have been qualified: "I'm not tempted to be a downright sinner; I'm just tempted to be a miserable Christian."

All who have "tasted and seen that the Lord is good" have the desire to follow Him. The problem is too often we "follow afar off."

We commit our lives to God. We believe in Jesus (or do we "sort of" believe?), not willing to admit even to our own selves the deficiency of our faith—so we follow on—afar off.

And by far the majority of us never leave any mark on the world, for the only difference they can see between them and us is that we don't participate in the same recreational activities as they.

Too much of our speech is unbecoming to a Christian—and many of the things we say are said because we are caught up in the cares of this life rather than loving Jesus with all our hearts.

Have you heard statements like these:

"I've been a great blessing to the

Church. I've really helped build it up. But the Church doesn't appreciate me." (Shouldn't it rather be said, "Thank God for the blessing of His Church!?")

"I get so tired with the children. I do so much for them, and they wear me out. They're always underfoot. I'll be so glad when school starts!" (Shouldn't it rather be said, "God's been so good to us, blessing our home with children. I pray for His strength to raise them in the Lord.")

"Well, the Bible says the wife's to obey the husband, but it has to be a two-way street. I don't think we ought to let ourselves be run over." (Better to say: "I know the Bible requires the wife to obey her husband. Though I don't always understand, I readily accept God's will over mine, for He knows what is best for us.")

"I'm not so bad. I just get a little

irritable now and then.” (Closer to Christ, we’d say, “Jesus is so lovely. I don’t want ‘my way.’ I want His fulness in my life.”)

“I don’t feel good. I don’t even feel like reading the Bible or praying. If God would just make me well, I’d feel more like worshipping Him.” (Better to say: “God is so wonderful! In sickness and in health I’ll follow Him! Praise the Lord!”)

“I get tired of the same old thing to eat.” (Better to say: “Thank you, Lord, for giving us our daily bread.”)

“Oh no! Company’s in the driveway! And during dinnertime, too!” (Better way: “Look! We have company. Thank God for friends!”)

“I have my own family and problems. There isn’t any time to get involved with church work. (Better to say: “Oh God, I’m not worthy to be your servant. Thank you for every opportunity you give me to witness for Thee in any way.”)

“I *can’t* get ahead in my walk with God. I just can’t seem to make it!” (Better said, “Oh Lord, I’m weak, but I believe in you. I CAN overcome sin in Jesus’ name!”)

Am I suggesting a positive attitude? Does it affect our walk with God? Yes! A positive attitude will go a long way toward brightening your walk with Christ.

The most positive thing we can do is P R A Y! God knows all about us. He knows “our ways.” But it’s not His will for us to live “our way.” Isaiah 55:7-9 tells us, “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your

thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

If you live 99% of the time “your way” and make your prayer life a very momentary thing, don’t expect to receive a blessing from Him.

Pray earnestly to God. Tell Him all the bitter things in your life from which you’d like to be freed, all the little habits you’ve slipped into that hold you back. Admit your weakness of faith, your inability to really comprehend Him and His Son, Jesus. Ask Him to reveal His Son to you in a very real way. Thank Him for loving you so much! Ask Him to help you better understand His love. Ask Him to reveal to you the faults of which you may not be aware; and ask Him to give you a truly repentant spirit.

“Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When thou saidest, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation” (Psalm 27:7-9).

“Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee” (Isaiah 12:5, 6).

“Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice” (Psalm 55:17).

“The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:16, b).

Pray earnestly to God every day in the privacy of your own home, and then remain in a spirit of prayer, with your heart ever communing with God. Especially cultivate a prayerful attitude toward your church. Did you ever go to church and feel tense within? Unable to really enjoy the services? Bow your head and meditate—asking God to break down the barrier within you and make you receptive to the service. Ask Him to fill your heart with His love for the Church and love for those so in need of Him.

The second most positive thing you can do is read the Bible. How often do you eat at the table for physical nourishment? It’s far more important to receive spiritual nourishment. “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth

out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

Think positive thoughts! “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

Abide in Jesus! I’d go so far as to say it takes concentration as well as consecration. Proverbs 23:7a tells us, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he . . .” (So read John 15:1-14, and concentrate on it!!)

Too often we live as though Jesus were still in the tomb. He’s Not! He is the LIVING CHRIST, the Son of the LIVING GOD, and to follow Him . . . follow Him closely, that is . . . is the most positive way to live.

OUR FATHER

by Ruth Ling

Our Father of the heavens,
Of earth and of the sea,
Who watches over everything,
Who created you and me,
Who made the stars and clouds,
Who made the sun and moon,
Who counts the hairs upon our
heads,
Who will the earth rule soon,
Have mercy upon us, Father;
Please forgive us of our sin.
Make us worthy to see Your face
When you come to earth again.

THE TESTING

To walk when others are running,
To whisper when others are shouting;
To sleep when others are restless,
To smile when others are angry;
To work when others are idle,
To pause when others are hurrying;
To pray when others are doubting,
To think when others are in confusion;
To face turmoil, yet feel composure;
To know inner calm in spite of every-
thing—

This is the test of serenity.

—Doris LeGasse in *Sunshine Magazine*

**When you take responsibility
on your shoulders, there isn’t
much room for chips.—Grit**

Teen Guidelines



What Should I Wear?

by Calvin Burrell

The purpose of this article is to consider what is proper, as well as improper, dress for Christians. This subject is important because the Bible says it is; and I want you to read with an open mind and a prayerful heart, not holding onto all your previous notions about fashions unless they can stand the test of serious Bible-based reasoning.

The Bible states in 1 Timothy 2:9 that women should "adorn themselves in *modest* apparel," previously stating that this should be in like manner with the man. This does not mean that their clothing should be alike (specifically condemned in Deuteronomy 22:5), but instead that both men and women should dress *modestly*.

WHAT IS MODESTY?

Modesty, insofar as dress is concerned, has the opposite meaning of shameful. Shameful dress would be any manner of dress which exposes or calls unnatural attention to that

portion of the human body which the Bible calls "nakedness," or a man's "shame." Thus modest dress must properly cover all of a man's or woman's nakedness without calling unnatural attention to it.

BIBLE SAY-SO

Certain scriptures will help us in determining how much of a person's body should be regarded as nakedness. In several instances Bible characters were described as "naked" while likely still being clothed in undergarments (John 21:7 and 2 Samuel 6:20). A man or woman today clothed no more extensively than "underwear" (short shorts, bikini outfits, etc.) in public, could not be considered modest. Isaiah 20:4 points out that buttocks (hips) are nakedness; Exodus 28:42 and Isaiah 47:2 and 3 include from the waist as far down as the thigh as being part of the body's nakedness, both men and women. Certainly the "topless" or "see-

through" tops for women that are fashionable in some areas today cannot be considered modest by scriptural definition (Ezekiel 23:3, 8, 10). Extra tight clothing and most see-through garments are worn for the same purpose, with the same scriptures applying.

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...THE REAL DANGERS

You see, a girl is hardly affected (perhaps only by embarrassment) if she happens to see a young man not wearing a shirt, or otherwise not fully dressed. But, with boys it's a different matter. A girl should appear before a young man wearing only a bikini or scanty clothing, the guys will be attracted by her body. Unless she is strong-willed enough to turn down a fellow who may soon be guilty of lustful behavior toward the girl. A young man is not much concerned with a girl's personality, character, standards, etc. These are temporary things that any Christian fellow can live better without.

Anger here is very real: there is a conflict between modern habits of dress, and the great amount of sin, immorality, fornication, rape and embezzlement in our society today! From an article in the March, 1969, *BIBLE ADVOCATE*, written by Padilla:

...the woman who has something to sell should show and advertise it to the altar of lust, let her be doubly careful about this matter. God has given you an attractive body, intended for the appreciation and sharing of your husband, not for the display counter."

age. Keep it clothed, protected, and pure,—for him.

Dear Readers of *AIM* magazine:

You have experienced the fact that the good things of life can be enjoyed the most when they are shared with others. Sharing one's blessings increases those blessings.

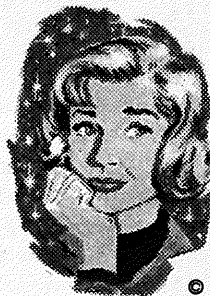
This is especially true of the blessings of salvation. God's plan of salvation is the greatest blessing on earth. When we share the good news of God's saving power, great joy and satisfaction are ours for the reward of service to God and our fellow men. New friends in the Lord are the greatest reward.

Have you shared *AIM* lately? Why not subscribe to *AIM* for some young people who would accept it with appreciation? Fill out the enclosed card and mail it soon.

Yours for youth,

AIM Staff

Teen Guidelines



What Should

The purpose of this article is to consider what is proper, and what is improper, dress for Christian women. This subject is important because it is a subject that is often misunderstood. I want to read with an open mind and a full heart, not holding onto previous notions about modesty unless they can stand the test of Bible-based reasoning.

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SKIRT LENGTH:

For the past several years, ladies' clothing styles have experienced a steady rising of hem lines. This trend has caused considerable discussion among Christian women: Where does a modest skirt length end and an immodest one begin?

It doesn't really make sense to say that "so many inches" above or below the knee is the proper skirt length. God does not measure His standards of decency by inches. The knee is the only distinct dividing line between ankle and hip; it is the only natural division between the lower leg and the upper leg. If women begin to allow dresses above their knees, they have no logical place left to draw a line. God's Word classifies these parts of the upper leg as nakedness. It seems logical from this that a woman will wear skirts covering to her knee if she wishes to be modestly dressed.

BOY VS. GIRL

Quite often a young lady will ask, "Why are all the sermons on dress aimed at us, and nothing ever said about the guys?" While recognizing some truth in this complaint, and agreeing that the Bible endorses no double standard for modesty, it is still valid that a woman needs to be doubly careful about this matter.

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The danger here is very real: there is a link between modern habits of (un)dress, and the great amount of immorality, fornication, rape and emphasis on sex in our society today! I quote from an article in the March, 1968 BIBLE ADVOCATE, written by Trinidad Padilla:

"People who have something to sell usually show and advertise it to the public. If a woman is not selling her body on the altar of lust, let her take it off the display counter."

Girls, God has given you an attractive body, intended for the appreciation and sharing of your husband, in marriage. Keep it clothed, protected, and pure,—for him.

DRESS WITH THE FASHIONS

The real difficulty one often experiences in matters of dress is the pressure of the styles. We often feel a desire to conform to the accepted clothing of the "in-group"; and what's worse, that's often the only kind you may be able to find in the clothing shops.

Just because everyone else is wearing a certain style of clothing does not make it modest. Remember that Christians are not to be conformed to worldly ways, but we are a called out people to uphold true standards of decency and holiness. 1 Peter 1:14, 15 speaks of Christians "As obedient children, not *fashioning* yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: . . . so be ye *holy* in all manner of conversation (including dress)."

This does not mean that we will need to dress as oddballs. I believe that Christian young people should dress neatly, attractively, and modestly; and it can be done! There are neat, attractive styles other than the immodest ones of the world. Careful shopping and a willingness to sew some for yourself can keep your wardrobe in good looks and proper variety.

FADS:

American youth are continually seeing new clothing styles come quickly into popularity, and then fade from popular use soon afterward. Such movements, although not necessarily exposing the nakedness of the wearers, usually attract great attention to those brave ones who begin the fad, and stamp as "conformists" all those who blindly follow the leader. As Christians we are not to conform to all the faddish ways of the

world; neither are we to call unusual attention to ourselves by oddball manners of dress which would certainly not be modest.

Quite often clothing fads are originated to distinguish a special group or class of people. Following this fad would identify us as one who shares the beliefs of this group. "Hippie" style clothing is one example of this, and should be avoided by young people who wish to be identified with God's people.

MAKING THE DECISION

Every one of us must face squarely this question: "Will I yield to the pressure of the world to be like other people, or, will I heed God's quiet call to submit myself as a holy child of His?" I believe that the way we dress every day, no matter what we may profess differently, really gives us the true answer.

HIGH RESOLVE

"What an absurd thing it is to pass over all the valuable parts of a man, and fix our attention on his infirmities."—Joseph Addison, English poet and essayist (1672-1719)

**I'll hold my candle high, and then
Perhaps I'll see the hearts of men
Above the sordidness of life,
Beyond misunderstandings, strife.**

**Though many deeds that others do
Seem foolishness, and sinful, too,
Were I to take another's place,
I could not fill it with such grace.**

**And who am I to criticize
What I perceive with my dull eyes?
I'll hold my candle high, and then
Perhaps I'll see the hearts of men.**

—Selected

Introducing . . .

National FYC Committeemen

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

by Kenneth Knoll



Often autobiographies begin with supposedly humorous statements concerning the individual's birth; however, the part of my life that I want to share with you begins at a much

later time—during my high school years.

It was toward the latter part of my high school years that I first began to feel God calling me to work for Him. For some time afterward, I suppressed this calling as I sought other things rather than God's will. I was enjoying life and I did not want to take time off to work for God. Soon, however, my little bundle of security was broken when I lost my job and my car. No longer could I afford the luxury of running around without any definite purpose and suddenly it was not important. God spoke to me one night and, immediately, I told Him I would go to Midwest to prepare for the ministry. Since that night I have obtained a greater security—an inner contentment.

Through my college years, God

spoke to me in various ways with signposts which pointed to the continuance of my study for the ministry. For example, the much-needed money always came right when I needed it. During this time, I was elected to serve as a National Youth Committeeman. I consider myself to be a National FYC'er and it is a great joy to share in the progress of God's work through the youth. I only pray that I can be of some help in showing God's way to other young people.

Now I am serving my internship in Conroe, Texas. Still I am not sorry for my decision. The internship experience is invaluable but I eagerly look forward to the day when I will be pastoring my own church.

Have you decided what you want out of life? Stop for a moment and consider—Do you want wealth? Security? Is it fame and success that you want? Perhaps it is a higher education. Or perhaps it is eternal life. Do you really know what you want?

Recently a story was related to me concerning a man whose career was centered around sports. He could not decide what he wanted to do for he was fairly good at both boxing and wrestling. As a result, he divided his time and effort between the two sports and never was able to achieve

any great accomplishment in either.

This story was related by Roy Harris while the Youth Team was in our area. As he had been a professional boxer and had made a bid for the World Heavy-weight Title with Floyd Patterson in 1958, the team members were very interested in asking him many questions. As we were visiting, he shared his philosophy of what he considered to be the key to success. It was stated similar to this—"Whatever you choose as your life's profession, if you want to be the best there is at it, you must dedicate your entire life to that cause." If you really want to be good, you cannot settle for mediocrity. It takes dedication to the cause that you choose, to achieve success. Roy should know how much dedication is needed because he was able to come within a little bit of climbing to the top in the boxing world. But after losing his bout with Patterson, he had a decision to make. What was his goal in life? Did he intend to spend the rest of his life boxing? Was that what he wanted? Since we know he did not continue his boxing career, we will assume that the answer was, "no."

In the last AIM, there was an excellent article concerning choosing a profession so I will not dwell on that part of the story. Instead, I want to stress the importance of doing your best for God.

I stress the point that salvation may be lost because one is mediocre and inactive. We want eternal life, but if we are lukewarm, our coldness will cost us our salvation. We must determine our goal in life and then cross every mountain until we have entered the kingdom. Or if we, like the man that could not decide which career to follow, divide our time, we

will have to settle for second best.

In God's Kingdom there is no second best. If we are not the best, we are losers. It takes dedicating each day, hour, and minute of our lives to serving Christ so that we will be found in God's book of champs.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

by Melvin Sweet



My family was involved in the church activity from my childhood. During my teenage years, my father was a local minister at Three Rivers, Texas.

My serious interest in the program of the Church began in my senior year in high school. When asked what I intended to do after high school, I replied that I would like to attend Midwest Bible College.

Even though this was my goal as early as 1952, it was not realized until 1959. In the interim, I had attended business college for one year, and had worked at several different jobs, including C. O. requirement. I had also begun speaking, on a rotating schedule, to the churches in Texas which had no pastors. After attending General Conference in 1959, I made arrangements to go to Midwest.

In the summer of 1960, I was employed as pastor in San Antonio, Texas; in 1964, I moved to Alfred, North Dakota; in 1966, to Spring Vale Academy; and in 1969, to Hammondville, Alabama.

My interest in youth work multiplied due to my experience at Spring Vale. The close association that I had there with young people, together with the eagerness in the minds of youth to witness and to serve God in whatever way is open to them, encourage me to want to be a part of one of the fastest growing and most important parts of the Church of God (7th Day).

It is not possible for the National FYC Committee to live your lives for you. We are not able to visit with you daily to give guidance or counsel in matters that give you problems. Therefore, our place is to direct you to One Who will be by your side every day. There is One Who can guide you in every matter, and help you in every decision. That One is Jesus.

The responsibility of the National FYC Committee is to provide materials for your study and use in growing to serve God. We must be sure that every member of the FYC has information at his disposal that will show him the way. We never outgrow our need for God, nor for the study of His Word. In serving the youth in this way, the Committee is doing a part of the commission, "Go... teach all nations."

It takes your participation in the programs that the department offers, for you to receive any benefits from them. We have some very fine materials available, and many young people have testified to the benefits they have received from them. These materials are not out of date. However, unless you are willing to become involved, you can never know the good you might receive. A film pro-

duction company recently made a one-minute TV commercial that cost \$22,500. If this commercial were never used, you can see the uselessness of all the planning and expense that went into the effort.

Likewise, make use of the programs and materials offered by the National FYC. New items are in the planning and production that will supplement those now available.

A young woman took her Bible from the stand, called for her sister and said, "Come now, and I will help you. Then you may go back to your play."

Her little sister came to her and when she saw her Bible said, "Let us use grandpa's Bible, sister. Grandpa won't care."

"Why, this Bible is the same as grandpa's; there is no difference."

The little girl replied, "Oh, yes, there is! Grandpa's must be more interesting than yours, for he reads it so much more than you read yours."

At that the young woman was ashamed. Do you read your Bible enough?

—L. O. Brown in
Stories for the Children's Hour

PLEASE REMEMBER

It doesn't cost so very much
To send a word of cheer
To lonely folks whose heads are
bowed

With pain, or grief, or fear;
To make them feel that someone cares
And wants to lend a hand
By word or deed, to show that
someone

Tries to understand.

—Observed by Georgia Gentry

Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions
answered by
Ray L. Straub



QUESTION:

At what age is a member of the Church eligible to vote? I understand it is 21. It seems to me that if a person is old enough to understand baptism, he is old enough to help govern the Church.

ANSWER:

Voting age for General Conference sessions is 20 (See the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day), Article I, Section 4, last sentence). The Church Manual, under "The Local Church," Part I, Number 5, informs us that a member of the Church may vote in local business sessions beginning at age 18, although he may not hold a church office until he is 20. This does not apply to Sabbath school officers.

Your opinion that one who understands baptism is old enough to help govern the church is based on the conclusion that it takes about the same amount of maturity to understand baptism as it does to take part in the business affairs of the Church. I think you would find this conclusion open to serious question.

Baptism is a rite which signifies that we have put to death the man of sin. In practical terms, it is a testimony that we have recognized

our sins, expressed deep regret to God for having committed them and have prayed to Him for forgiveness. It also witnesses to the fact that we are no longer going to continue our life of sin. Most young people, by the time they enter their teens, can understand this meaning of baptism.

The business of the Church is much like the business affairs that families carry on. It means that we must take great care in the financial obligations we assume, making sure that there are sufficient revenues to cover them. It has to do with the selection of people who can and will offer constructive leadership to a group. To do this he must have certain emotional and intellectual qualities that are recognized by those who have had responsible dealings with him. These matters must be taken care of by people who have had experiences that enable them to make good decisions. Those who are quite old enough to understand the meaning of baptism may not have had opportunity to be responsible for their own business affairs; and they have not had sufficient dealings with people who recognize one who has the qualities for good leadership. It is true that not even all adults have this kind of wisdom, but it is more likely found

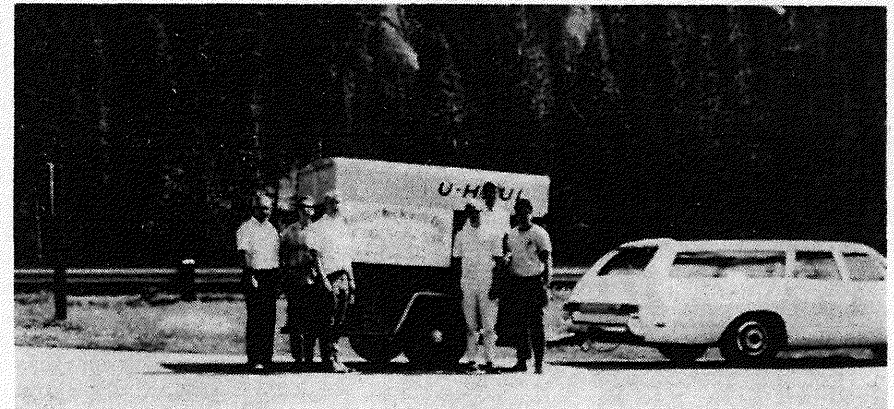
among those who are older.

In the meantime, you are eligible to vote in your Sabbath school class or in your local F.Y.C. Here you can gain good experience in the exercise of your rights to help govern. You will be 18 and then 20 all too soon. Perhaps you might save this answer until then, and I'm quite sure that when you read it you will nod your

head in agreement.

I admire your eagerness to want to help govern the church. There are so many business meetings where I wish that there were dozens of older church members who would share your zeal instead of manifesting their regrettable indifference toward their responsibilities to help conduct the important affairs of the Church.

The Tour in a Nutshell



TOUR ATTENDANCE

First-Night Programs	5,204
*Second-Night Programs	1,346
Total	6,550
First-Night Average	95

INCOME

Offerings	\$3,445.18
Record Sales	2,430.00
Sweater Sales	1,551.50
Total	\$7,441.10

EXPENSE

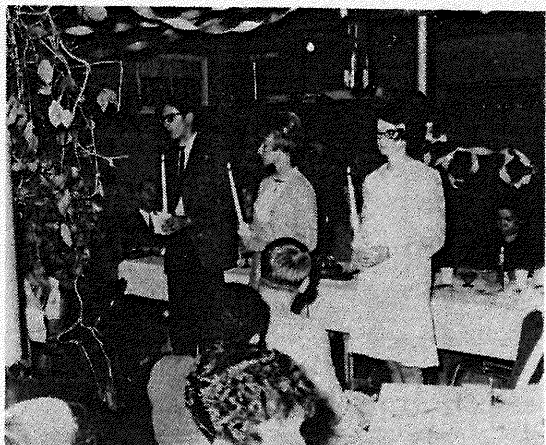
Gas	\$ 720.65
Mileage	600.00

TOUR MEETINGS

First-Night Programs	56
Second-Night Programs	34
Total	80

Car Expense	300.00
Salaries for Elders Patchen and Lawson	1,500.00
Food	466.18
Motels	81.50
Dry Cleaning	175.35
U-Haul	185.00
Cost of Records Sold	729.60
Cost of Sweaters Sold	1,061.90
Misc.	264.00
Total	\$6,084.87

*Second-night attendance was usually restricted to young people.



Former officers, Vice-chairman Jon Nienhuis, Secretary Sharon Manion, and Treasurer Rita Fischer stand prepared to light the torch of the succeeding officers.

STANBERRY, MISSOURI

The crunch of leaves, overhanging boughs of brilliantly colored autumn foliage, fall berries of assorted hues, and the steady hum of happy voices welcomed the Stanberry FYCers as they found their places at the candlelit banquet tables decorated in keeping with the fall theme for the **FIRST** annual Installation Banquet for the newly elected officers of the Stanberry FYC!

The chatter subsided somewhat as the FYCers and special guests, Hope Dais (AIM Editor) and husband, LeRoy; Elder Noah Camero (Banquet Speaker) and wife, Belinia; Elder Dale Lawson (National FYC Chairman and Emcee for the Program) and wife, Ethel; Jewell Linville (National FYC Secretary) and husband, Paul, enjoyed the delicious turkey

dinner served amidst the atmosphere mixed with autumn gaiety and reverent sobriety resulting from the solemnity of the occasion.

The tranquil mood was enhanced as the inspiring program which followed successfully encouraged both officers and members to launch into a year of enthusiastic service to God.

Elder Noah Camero, guest speaker at the Installation Banquet, offers words of admonition and encouragement to the FYCers.



Installation Banquet



In any gathering, the human element of extemporaneous action serves to "cut the ice" and relax the atmosphere. Such a moment as this is shown here when honored guests, Jewell Linville, National FYC secretary, and Hope Dais, AIM editor, were caught in the kitchen helping serve the dessert. (page 20).

"Beyond Understanding," a duet by Sister Darlene Hadden and Brother Ken Merriam, brought to mind the realization of God's great love for all as it set the mood for one's own call to service as portrayed in the poem, "Something You Can Do," read by the National FYC Secretary (See

The installation ceremony itself was

meaningfully impressive as former officers Jon Nienhuis, Vice-Chairman; Sharon Manion, Secretary; and Rita Fischer, Treasurer, lit the candles of new officers Mark Ling, Chairman; Nolan Rincker, Vice-Chairman; Carolyn Clements, Secretary; and Rita Fischer, Treasurer. In the absence of former Chairman, Jerry Moldenhauer (who has moved to Texas), Jon Nienhuis gave excellent advice and encouragement to the new officers, after which the new chairman responded with words reflecting the determination and enthusiasm with which these FYCers are launching into a year of new opportunities and challenges in serving their Master. It is their intention not to just wait for opportunities, but to look for them!

The installation ceremony was ap-

appropriately closed with a prayer of consecration for the officers offered by guest speaker, Elder Noah Camero, accentuated by "The Lord I Worship" by the Good Book Quartet.

In the exhortation which followed, Elder Camero reminded the FYCers of the tremendous blessings and opportunities that are theirs in a gathering such as this where there is such a concentration of converted young people dedicated to God's service. He pointed out that this is truly a unique situation, and that it carries with it, along with the blessings, a challenge

and responsibility to reach out to find ways to draw other young people to the Master. He also spoke encouraging words concerning the progress made in many different areas of our church work during recent years.

The evening concluded with the viewing of "Autumn in New Jersey," a film colorfully depicting the marvelous handiwork of God as He ushers in the Autumn Season in all its splendor. (This film was photographed by Jewell and Paul Linville several years ago during their stay in New Jersey.)

SOMETHING YOU CAN DO

*Hark! the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich reward He offers free,
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me."*

*If you cannot cross the ocean,
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door;
If you cannot give your thousands
You can give the widow's mite;
And the least you give for Jesus
Will be precious in His sight.*

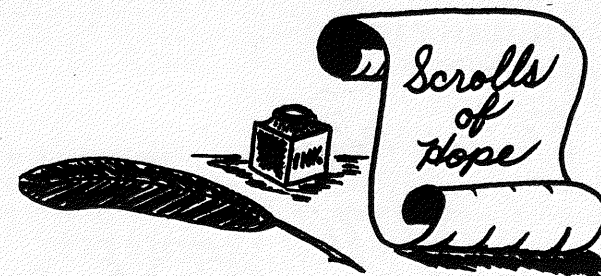
*If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Saviour's waiting arms.*

*Let none hear you idly saying
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the sons of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly, when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me."*

DESIGN FOR LIVING

To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never. In a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common. This is to be my symphony.

—William Henry Channing



APTITUDE? —or ATTITUDE??

Is it possible that aptitude is sometimes confused with attitude? I think so. Just as excuses are too often passed off under the name of "reasons," so our claim of a lack of a needed *aptitude* may be in reality no more than a wrong *attitude*.

Moses put it this way: "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, . . . but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue."

And God responded to Moses this way: "Who hath made man's mouth: or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say."

Is God speaking to us in these words? Would He have occasion to similarly admonish us to just brush up on our attitudes and our aptitudes, blessed by Him, will suffice?

"To think we are able is almost to be so; to determine upon attainment is frequently attainment itself! earnest resolution has often seemed to have about it almost a savor of omnipotence."—S. Smiles.

It is my impression that the reports in this magazine of the formation of new local FYC groups are examples of a real positive attitude at work. Those involved are willing and ready to use *whatever* aptitudes they have to the very fullest; they are determined to overcome obstacles with the help of God. Excuses to not even try could easily be abundant, but they are determined, "Either I will find a way, or I will make one."—*Sidney*. Perhaps some of you with less obstacles to overcome will take heart and follow after their excellent example.

"But little is accomplished, because but little is vigorously attempted; and but little is attempted, because difficulties are magnified. A timorously cautious spirit, so far from acting with resolution, will never think in possession of the preliminaries for acting at all. Perhaps perseverance has been the radical principle of every truly great character."—*J. Foster*.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," was the attitude with which Paul accomplished great things for God. Surely with this same Christ as our strength and guide, we can align our attitudes with that of Paul.

Birth Announcements . . .

Two New FYC Groups

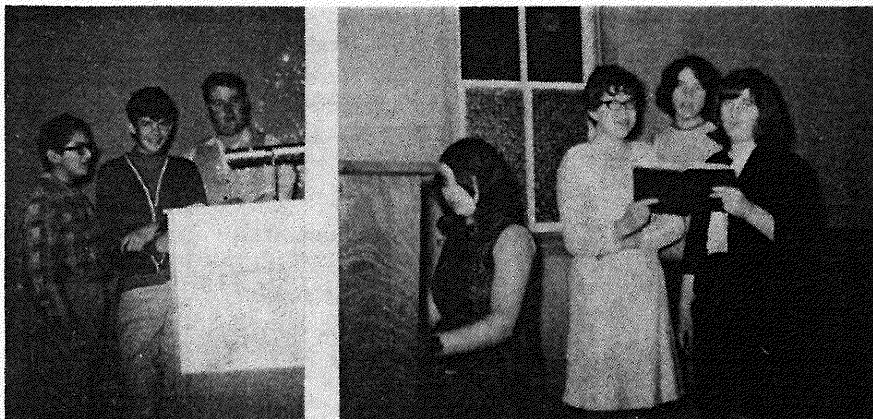
White Fox, Saskatchewan . . .

The youth of the White Fox, Saskatchewan, Church of God (7th Day) organized late in the fall of 1968. In a business meeting earlier this year we voted to join the FYCers in the States, accepting their constitution and sending 15% of our income to the Young People's Department treasury.

Distance is a definite drawback, and we are few in number. Farm work in summer and bad weather in winter tend to hinder the progress of

our group. We are striving to put forth a more concerted effort in the work of the Lord.

We were thrilled to have the 1969 Youth Team present their program in our church on July 21st. Due to muddy roads, some of our young people were unable to attend. We feel they really missed a blessing. Many of us purchased records from the Team (which are being played constantly), and we are still talking about their fine singing.



FYC Banquet during Youth Week at Saskatchewan. Johnny Funk, Dwayne Chalus, Danny Tiechrew, Sheri Chalus, Nancy Chalus, Donna Shapitka, and Ruth Tiechrew are seen contributing their part to the program.

A recently-held bake sale netted \$23; this in spite of the fact that it rained and some of the food items did not arrive for the sale. These funds will be used to sponsor a Youth Retreat which is being held the weekend of October 17-19.

A number of our youth attended General Conference and Camp Meeting in July, and most of them attended summer camp at Candle Lake.

Walla Walla, Washington . . .

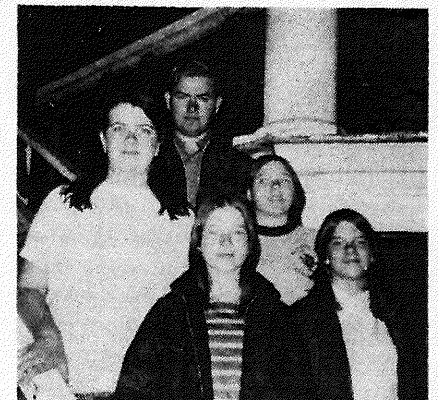
Three is a crowd but two is a FYC group! Yes, we started our FYC with two members this summer of 1969. For our first fund-raising project, we sold "praying hands" pins. All credit goes to the good members of our church here in Walla Walla who helped sell them. A total of \$82.50 was brought into our treasury. The FYC sent \$25 to the Foreign Missions Department.

Recently a family came to us from the Tacoma, Washington, church bringing three new members for our FYC. The first election of officers was held in October.

Another first was a trip to Marion, Oregon, for their Youth Rally. FYC's came from several different churches in Washington and Oregon. We would like to have a rally like it sometime.

To all reading this report, we send a request for prayers for our new FYC and our sponsor. It is our prayer that the Lord will bless us and multiply us and one day provide a pastor for our church. Until that time, we are indeed thankful for the ministers who visit us once a month from Tacoma, Washington, and Nampa, Idaho.

We realize the need to become more active and are striving to overcome difficulties in this regard. Present plans are to endeavor to set up a program of singing in the rest homes and hospitals in the area, as well as giving out tracts at the same time. In view of this, much of our time at Retreat will be given over to the study of some of our church literature. Please remember us in your prayers.



Pictured here are the "faithful few" FYCers in Walla Walla, Washington: Left to right—Carla Hickman, David Gibson, Linda Gibson, Janice Gibson, Yverne Smith.

PRAYER

Dear God, I ask for many things
And I am well supplied,
Indeed, I have so very much
It puffeth up my pride.

But Lord, there's one thing missing—
Without it I'm so small,
Please fill my heart with gratitude—
I need it most of all.

—Nita Nelson

My Calling to Midwest

by David Robinson

School became a bore to me. I liked all of my classes and teachers, but I just did not have the interest. I made straight A's throughout all of my senior year and everyone told me that I was real good in school, but that did not matter to me. Everybody said that I would make a great musician and they helped plan my life out as a musician, but I knew that was not what I really wanted. I was still searching—searching to find myself and to find something that I liked and that I wanted to do for a living.

After I had taken a good look at myself, I became involved in a conversation about religion one day while sitting in the school cafeteria. I told my friends about my religion and beliefs, and they became very interested. Some of my friends began asking me questions about my religion, and to my surprise I could not answer them. Yes, I finally came to realize that I was very weak in my knowledge of my own religion.

Almost every day I was asked something about my religion and almost every day I didn't know how to answer their questions. A few days later I was sitting, thinking to myself, when I thought of all my friends.—All my friends that I liked so well and had known for so long. I thought about the number of times that I could have witnessed to them and

didn't. I felt as though their blood was in my hands and that I should be held responsible for their ignorance about the Church of God (7th Day). I think that is when God impressed upon my heart to come to Midwest. I wanted so much to help my friends and to help all the others in this world who don't know about God and His true church.

I pray every day that God might let me have one more chance to witness to all my friends. There are so many other people all over the world who are searching for the truth—but where is someone to tell them of the truth? I want to be one of those who is chosen by God to spread His gospel throughout the world. This is why I am at Midwest today.

Meet Your Committeemen

Vernon Patchen is well known to young people nationwide as he has three times been a part of the youth team which traveled east and west, bringing inspiration and encouragement to youth. At present, he is, for the second time in his ministry, serving on the staff at Spring Vale Academy—an unparalleled opportunity to work with youth. Before coming to Spring Vale, Elder Patchen and his wife, Mary, sponsored an excellent program of FYC activities in their former pastorate, New Auburn, Wisconsin.



ARE YOU ONE WHO COULD—BUT WOULD NOT?

It is a joy to work with young people! Traveling with the Youth Missions Team this summer brought us in contact with many FYCers. It was an experience I'll never forget, finding so many spirited young people who love the Lord so much. Many F.Y.C. groups are active and are conducting a program that not only keeps their young people interested in the things of the Lord, but also helps them reach out to others. This can be true with everyone when we learn to put Jesus Christ first in our lives! Take a look with me at the story in Luke 18:18-30. Often Jesus was confronted with situa-

tions that were not the most pleasant. Jesus' followers were few and there were multitudes of Jews that would just as soon see Him dead as to ever hear Him speak again.

This one day a young Jewish ruler came seeking information—a bright, upright, gentlemanly type of individual with much influence among all those around him. This young fellow had many blessings: youth, good health, intelligence, outstanding imagination and a firm grip on life. He had an education that could be put to noble use for the Master, influence, position and, no doubt, an unspotted character. *But* with all these blessings and material things, he was not happy! **ONE GREAT QUESTION STILL PERPLEXED HIM.** He sought the Master for the solution to that.

Here was his opportunity. He stood before the Master ready to ask his question. "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Remember how Jesus answered? He answered the question from the youth's own personal knowledge and experience. "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness and Honour thy father and thy mother." And the young man said, "All these I have kept from my youth up."

Being a good moral man is necessary, but alone is of mere passing value. Morality is a good foundation, but certainly not the **SUPERSTRUCTURE!** If a good moral life is all you have, you find yourself short at both

ends. It doesn't go deep enough or far enough to reach the *Master's Standard Of Living*.

Jesus said, "One thing thou lackest." I believe the Master saw within this young man a selfish heart. Living for himself. To break this THERE MUST BE A SEPARATION FROM THAT WHICH PRODUCED IT. In this case, it was wealth. It is not always wealth, however. It can be many other factors such as friends, prestige, etc. He looked all right from the outside! So does a watch without the mainspring. But without the mainspring either are out of order.

You see—that which caused the trouble was *to be sidetracked*. Just to generalize the Master's solution, GET RID OF THAT, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS, THAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM A FULL SERVICE, FREE & UNSELFISH!

It's not the good that we have nor the good that we do, *but the good that we are*. This is the secret of FOLLOWING HIM! In other words—this young man had plenty, because of his wealth, that no doubt did good in that it benefited others. Possibly he even did good for others, but he should have been moved to do good because of the love of God in his heart. We must get in there and really live for the Master! A personal involvement! This is why programs such as *Mark of Merit*, *Minuteman* and *2T4G* are important in our living a FULL Christian life. This type of involvement moves us into the realm of the abundant life.

This young ruler had done, and no doubt did, good. BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE. If only he had surrendered all to the Master.

When he turned and left Jesus, the Bible says, he went away "exceedingly sorrowful." This is real sad. This young man, like Judas, went out from the presence of the Master, unwilling to make a sacrifice. However, in so doing, he made the *greatest sacrifice*—SEPARATION FROM GOD.

Young people, take stock of what may keep you from going with Christ all the way! Do not confuse outward appearance with inward realities. YOU CANNOT TURN YOUR FACE FROM THE MASTER AND NOT BE THE LOSER.

What?? You say you don't think you can do any better? Read verse twenty-seven: "...The things which are impossible with *men are possible with God*!"

WE'RE DEPENDING ON YOU!!!

ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART?

The special AIM promotion, "AIM for Goals," is nearing its completion. Have you and your local FYC done the part requested of you? Please check recent AIM's and correspondence from your national chairman for more information on this program.

Youth Doctrine Corner

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



UNCLEAN AND DEFILING HABITS

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Commands to Care for Our Bodies

- ... **Our bodies are God's Temple** (1 Cor. 3:16).
- ... **Defiling brings destruction from God** (1 Cor. 3:17).
- ... **Our bodies belong to God** (1 Cor. 3:23).
- ... **Present bodies a living sacrifice to God** (Romans 12:1).

Commands to Forsake the World

- ... **Love not the world** (1 John 2:15-17).
- ... **Be not conformed to the world** (Romans 12:2).

Commands Against Unclean Habits

- ... **Alcohol and Tobacco—**
Cleanse self from filthiness of flesh and spirit (2 Cor. 7:1).
Avoid evil habits and make no provision for flesh to fulfill its lusts (Romans 13:13, 14).
Wine and strong drink warned against (Proverbs 20:1; Proverbs 23:29-32).
- ... **Overeating**
Glutton classed with drunkard (Proverbs 23:21).
- ... **Unclean sex habits**
homo-sexuality (Romans 1:22-28).
Fornication (1 Cor. 6:15-20).

Freedom Offered in Christ

- ... **Experience with Christ is the answer**
Jesus will make you free (John 8:36).
Jesus gives power to overcome (Phil. 4:13).

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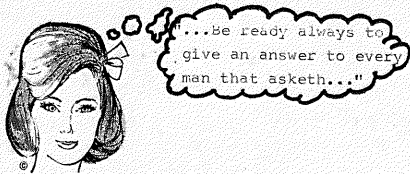
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MINUTEMAN

By Jan Pedersen

Psalm 68:19

Psalm 27:14

Philemon 4:6

Colossians 3:15

Proverbs 15:23

James 1:26

James 3:13

I Chronicles 16:29

November hosts a very special holiday. When we think of Thanksgiving, we think of turkey with all the trimmings, pumpkin pie, and a houseful of relatives.

It is a joyous occasion and well it should be because we have a lot for which to be thankful.

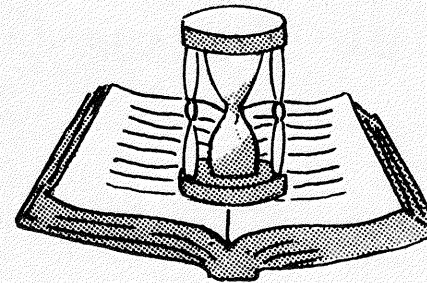
As young people of the Church of God (Seventh Day), we can be thankful for the youth programs. To be part of an active local FYC and to be able to participate in the activities is one of the greatest privileges we have. Then there is AIM magazine and the programs outlined therein through which we may better our spiritual lives.

One of the greatest blessings we have is our parents. They are the ones who taught us to love the church and what it stands for. When we have had trials in our lives, they stood by us and encouraged us. Yes, our parents cannot be thanked enough for their love and devotion.

Do you remember the first time you met Christ? The thrill of experiencing new birth? This is the most important experience in one's life and the event for which we should feel most thankful of all. To know that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son,..." And now we have the truth of God's Word through the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. We also know that Jesus is coming again and if we have lived a godly life we will be among His chosen. We cannot thank the Lord enough for all these things and we haven't even mentioned the blessings He gives us each day.

Certainly we can name blessings upon blessings for which we can be thankful. As young people who love the Lord, our greatest blessing is the Christian guidance we get through our FYC department, through our parents, and most of all, through God's Word. It is this Word that we endeavor to hide in our hearts through this "Minuteman" Bible verse memorization.

2T₄G - Take Time for God



By Martha Ling

Nov. 15	Prov. 26
Nov. 16	Prov. 27
Nov. 17	Prov. 28
Nov. 18	Prov. 29
Nov. 19	Prov. 30
Nov. 20	Prov. 31
Nov. 21	Eccl. 1
Nov. 22	Eccl. 2
Nov. 23	Eccl. 3
Nov. 24	Eccl. 4
Nov. 25	Eccl. 5
Nov. 26	Eccl. 6
Nov. 27	Eccl. 7
Nov. 28	Eccl. 8
Nov. 29	Eccl. 9
Nov. 30	Eccl. 10
Dec. 1	Eccl. 11
Dec. 2	Eccl. 12
Dec. 3	S. of Sol. 1
Dec. 4	S. of Sol. 2
Dec. 5	S. of Sol. 3
Dec. 6	S. of Sol. 4
Dec. 7	S. of Sol. 5
Dec. 8	S. of Sol. 6
Dec. 9	S. of Sol. 7
Dec. 10	S. of Sol. 8
Dec. 11	Isa. 1
Dec. 12	Isa. 2
Dec. 13	Isa. 3
Dec. 14	Isa. 4

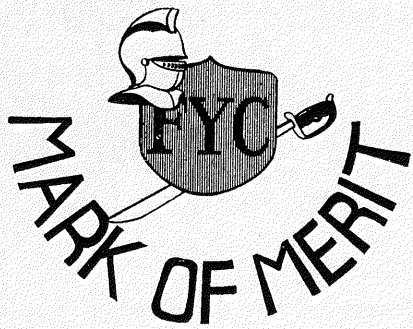
Have you ever wondered what life is all about—why we are here—why it's so important to do something exactly this way—or "what profit a man has of all his labor which he takes under the sun"? Well, if you have, don't feel alone. King Solomon many years ago wondered about the same things. He even set out to find out what was important—what really counted.

Solomon tried everything—riches, wisdom—everything, just as we sometimes in our lives search for the lasting things. Some go so far as to try drugs or tobacco for satisfaction.

However, Solomon didn't stop there. He didn't just keep trying new things. He found the answer—he found God!

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13).

Now, doesn't it seem only right that, since Solomon, the wisest man to ever live, came up with this conclusion, there is no need for us to go to the limit of this search? Let's learn from the wild oats sown by others, so we will not be caught in a state of confusion when Christ comes. Let's read our Bibles and pray often, searching for full communion with our answer.



by Nathan Lawson

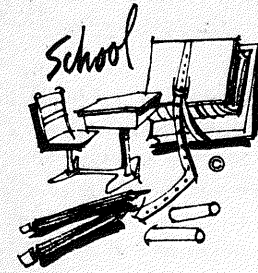
This month the Mark of Merit report will carry just a few words of admonishment. A full report through the third quarter will be coming in the next issue of AIM. Quarterly reports from the local groups were not received in time to make a report for this month in the AIM.

1970 can be a good year for the Church of God (Seventh Day). Much depends on the young people in our church. This means that we, as Faithful Youth Changers, will have to live up to our name. Let us place before the world the real challenge of the message of the Word of God. Place some real enthusiasm into the youth work of our local churches. Let us start the coming year with a renewed zeal to make "Youth" a beautiful working part of the Church of God.

Much can be accomplished by your local FYC's working actively in the Mark of Merit program. Youth, talent, and much hard work made the "amazing Mets" the World Champions of the baseball world in 1969. Youth, talent, hard work, and God's Spirit can make our church an effective soul-winning tool throughout the world in this coming year. Every FYC member needs to swing into action by working so that your group will be an active part of Mark of Merit in 1970. As you plan Young People's programs and projects, and meet goals, you will find that the work of God's Church will become an interesting part of you.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH—December

Winter Retreat for Youth. Get your FYC to participate in a Winter Retreat in your area. If you are not close enough to attend an established Winter Retreat, then plan something special for your Youth during the Winter Vacation. Be sure and place great emphasis on Spiritual Guidance for your youth. Also, plan a good time of recreation. This will provide a very interesting and uplifting activity for your youth.



School Notes

Busy Weeks ... and Busy Weekends

Following the registration on September 8 of 20 full-time and 5 part-time students, the rest of the month was fairly routine. It was, however, highlighted on September 28 by an F.Y.C. Installation Banquet in the church basement. This was somewhat of a Stanberry "first." It was a very

fine time, with good food, music, fellowship, and inspirational talks.

On October 11, Victor Burford, John Lemley, and the Hadden family all went to St. Louis to fellowship with the brethren there, where I filled in for Elder Kiesz who was holding a revival in Oklahoma City. This was a Directed Ministry assignment, but a pleasure to fulfill. The Directed



This candid shot of the students and staff illustrates one of the wonderful things about the Christian fellowship at Midwest: that of lighthearted enjoyment of simple, home-spun fun. (The cameraman was acting the part of a comedian.)

Front row (left to right): Elder Dale Lawson, Sister Ollie Lawson, Brother Don Lawson, Sister Jewell Linville, Gina Tolbert, Judy Haffner, Lucy Marrs, Sheryl Youngs, Iva Pruitt, Elder Morrow, Elder Kauer. Second row: Denis Burrell, Mark Ling, Ruben Garza. Third row: Larry Hadden, John Lemley, Israel Bravo, Jerry Griffin, Daniel Davila. Fourth row: Harris Kinzler, Nolan Rincker, Tom O'Haver, Mike Vlad. Back row: David Robinson, Paul Linville, Victor Burford, Kenneth Merriam, Kenneth Durham.

Ministry class will be doing this all through the year as part of the ministerial training program.

The next Sabbath afternoon, the 18th, was an F.Y.C. Rally which the crowd of 75 thoroughly enjoyed. The theme was "God's Promises to Us"—past, present, future—and included several skits and special numbers in conjunction with narrated Bible readings. Several new actors were discovered in the process, but fortunately (?) no Hollywood scouts were there.

The next day, the 19th, turned out to be a nice enough day to have the oft-postponed college picnic at which time all the freshmen were welcomed. The faculty barbequed about 15 chickens for the gang, and it was very tasty, along with the salads and desserts. The only trouble was an Egyptian-type plague of flies which tried to run us out of the park, but each one of us managed to fight them off with one hand while eating with the other.

The afternoon program opened with a few choruses and welcoming speeches, after which Elder Morrow presented an interesting talk in which he stressed the care and provision that God makes for those who answer the call to full-time Christian service, and also for their families.

There is a good atmosphere present at the College this year: one of unity, charity, and cooperation. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year at M.B.C., as indeed almost every year is, according to God's blessings. Remember the faculty and student body in prayer, that we all may receive abundant spiritual power to prepare us for His service.

—Larry Hadden

Anticipation Becomes Reality

Another month of school has passed and we have accomplished that for which all of us have waited—moving into our new school building. The big day was October 13. It is real nice for both students and staff to have enough room for the classes to be held properly. Each teacher has his own room now. The moving day was an experience that all will remember. Through the rain went all the desks, chairs, books, lockers, etc. Everyone was kept busy. There are still a few small things that need to be done along with the finishing of the gymnasium. But we are thankful for God's blessing on our school, and hope He will continue to bless us.

We have had many blessings spiritually, also. We have visited V.C.Y.'s in Flint, one of which had a well-known religious singing group, "The Sound Generation." They are a group of young people who are trying to appeal to the young people out in the world and show them the happiness there is in serving Christ.

During the latter part of this month, we also went roller skating at a rink in a neighboring town. Everyone seemed to enjoy this even though quite a few came home with blisters and bruises.

The school was privileged to attend the quarterly meeting at Battle Creek, Michigan, on October 18. Elder K. H. Freeman gave an inspiring sermon for the worship service. In the afternoon, Elder Ben Coulson spoke for the young people's meeting.

That evening we attended a "Youth For Christ" service in Lansing. Dur-

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FYC Groups Newly Organized in 1969

In the last issue of AIM Magazine we announced that we would be making a special report on newly organized FYC groups. The report is beginning in this issue. Please be watching for additional reports in the following issues.

2T4G Enrollment Sky-rockets

An all-time high has been reached in the 2T4G Program. More young people than ever before are united together in a daily prayer and Bible reading program that can give meaning to any young person's Christian walk of life.

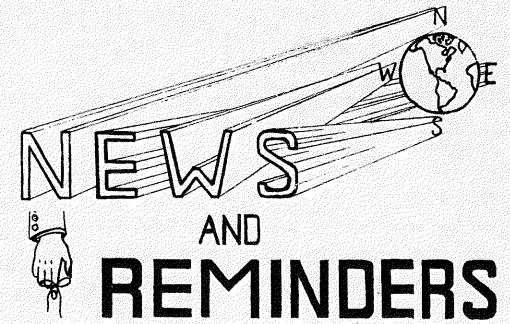
In fact, so many young people are now involved in this program that we have appointed a 2T4G Director to take care of the volume of 2T4G mail. Martha Ling, a member of the Leadership Committee and author of the 2T4G feature in AIM, will be the director of the program.

Starting in 1970, we will put a 2T4G folder in AIM Magazine at least once each quarter and we want to invite all Christian Young People who have not already done so to join the rest of us in 2T4G.

For information, write to Martha Ling, 2T4G Director, Stanberry, Mo. 64489.

FYC Decals For Every FYC

Two FYC groups have ordered 50 FYC Decals each and intend to make sure everyone in the church has an FYC Decal on his car. We invite other FYC groups to join these two FYC's and let it be known that



you are Faithful Youth Challengers. Order your decals from the National FYC Office, Stanberry, Missouri 64489. Decals are 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00.

New National Committee Starts Work

The members of the new National FYC Committee are now in office and have started their work for the coming two years. Two of the committee members are featured in this issue of AIM and two will be featured in next month's AIM. The committee members going out of office are Elder Calvin Burrell and Brother Glen Tilley. The new committee members replacing them are Brother Bob Dais of California and Elder Melvin Sweet of Alabama. Committeemen who served the last two years and will continue in office for another term are Elders Dale Lawson of Missouri, chairman, and Kenneth Knoll of Texas.

Minuteman Gets New Life

Would you like to be able to recall Bible texts so you can be more effective in your witnessing for Christ? We invite you to learn valuable verses

through the Minuteman program.

This program will receive new life starting January, 1970. Michael Vlad of MBC, Stanberry, Missouri 64489 will be the program director and author of the Minuteman feature in AIM.

We will have a plan for corresponding with those in Minuteman and we want to keep you sharp on your verses by having a good quiz plan for the program.

Be watching the January AIM for the introduction of the new program. WILL YOU JOIN US IN 1970?

National FYC Motto Contest For 1970

WIN AN AWARD OF \$5.00 cash by submitting the winning motto to the National FYC Office for the 1970 motto contest.

To enter the contest, just write your choice for a motto along with a paragraph of no less than 50 words and no more than 100 words telling why you feel that your motto would be a good one for 1970. Your motto entry must be no longer than six words. Examples of previous mottos that may stimulate your thinking are: "Grow More in 64" and "For Truth We'll Shine in 69." Keep in mind that it is not necessary for the entry to rhyme.

No entries postmarked later than December 15 will be considered. Mail your entries to the "1970 Motto Contest," Bible Advocate Press, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

A committee consisting of Elder Dale Lawson (Department Chairman), Jewell Linville (Department Secretary-Treasurer), and Hope Dais (AIM Editor) will select the winning

motto. It will be announced in the January, 1970, AIM.

Leadership Committee To Serve Another Year

The Leadership Committee Members who served the Department during 1969 are being asked to serve another year and so you may look forward to working with them through the coming year. We would like to thank the committee for their fine work during 1969.

FYC Albums and Sweaters

FYC albums and sweaters are still available. Order now from the National FYC Office, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

Births:

On October 7, a girl, Michelle Joy, to Harris and Shirley Kinzler.

On October 7, a girl, Monica, to Israel and Julia Bravo.

On October 29, a boy, Jonathan Melvin, to Melvin and Joy Miller.

SVA NEWS

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ing the service they had different churches stand, trying to see who had the most there. Spring Vale had the most present, so we were invited to stay after the service and have refreshments with them. We had an enjoyable time singing choruses and fellowshiping together.

The end of this month has also brought an end to the first 9-weeks period. Everyone is busy taking mid-term exams.

Carol Durham

Texas FYC invites you . . . to attend the **TEXAS WINTER YOUTH RETREAT** at **Bastrop State Park** in **Bastrop, Texas** **DECEMBER 26 - 31**

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- Bible Classes
- A Talent Show

Extra-Curricular Activities:

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- ▶ Frosty Go-cart rides (Snow-mobile)
- ▶ Skating on-the-rocks (Ice skating)

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