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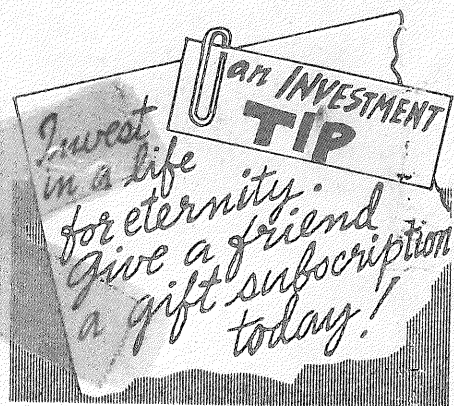
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Be a Light!

By Jeff Leach

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). This was Paul's admonition to Timothy and it illustrates an important part of a Christian's life—their example of Christianity. One definition of "example" is "a sample"; and anyone claiming to live for God is taken by others as a sample of such a life. A person's actions are always noticed by others, but they are especially watched when he makes certain claims about them. When one professes to be a Christian, it is a claim that he is striving to act Christ-like, and most of those watching look to see the difference. This can be a fine opportunity to witness for Christ or it can be a stumbling block if the "sample" is merely like any other specimen of humanity.

If a person professing Christianity is actually striving to live an acceptable life at all

times, they will undoubtedly make someone want to know more about such a life. A true Christian will be known for his honesty, good language, etc., in all situations—not just when among church members. This consistency is an important part of being a good example, because those who would be affected most are the very ones who will be watching at the times when it is hardest to do right. If a person can "stand up under fire" there is a good chance that it will set others to thinking.

When one who is known for Christian claims doesn't show them, he can do more harm than good. Those of the world

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will say that they have no reason to change if "Christians" do the same things they do. In Revelation 3:15, 16, it speaks of such a thing and says it is bet-

ter to be either hot or cold. As lukewarm water is distasteful, so is a halfway Christian a poor "sample."

Besides the influence on unbelievers by those claiming to follow after God, they act as definite examples, too, to those who know what is right. To a person who isn't living right and knows they're not living right, a sincere Christian can be of much encouragement. To these people a sincere Christian acts as a conscience and makes them look a little closer at their own lives. On the other hand, a person that claims to be a child of God and slips, gives them an "out." It's really a poor thing to use for an excuse but a lot of people who know they are doing wrong look for and use such things. They compare themselves with the church-goer and say that they live just as good a life and don't see that just church attendance is going to save anyone. Everyone knows this is just an "out," but the easier it is to find, the more it will be used and the longer it will be before those using it will wake up.

Followers of God have an important duty—as soon as they claim Christ they are watched closely by others and are a living sermon. It should be the desire and goal of all Christians to make this sermon the best possible, as they follow Christ's admonition in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven?" ►

Do You Like Yourself ??

By Paythe Piper

According to the Bible, it isn't wrong to like yourself. In fact, it isn't wrong to love yourself so long as your love isn't excessive, doesn't border on conceit, and so long as you love your neighbor as yourself. In Leviticus 19:18 is the God-given command, "Love thy neighbour as thyself." If you love your neighbor no more than yourself and you love yourself not at all, the neighbor is getting short changed.

Have you felt that people don't like you? Perhaps it's because you don't like yourself. How can you expect others to like you if you don't like yourself? Maybe you don't know whether you like yourself or not. If this is true, start getting acquainted with yourself now.

Sit down for a moment and take a self inventory. What are your assets? What do you like in friends and acquaintances that you also find in you? Do you have a nice complexion? No- List under a column *Need for Improvement*. You have clean, healthy hair? List under *Assets*. Can your clean, healthy hair stand improving with a more attractive hairdo? List under *Need for Improvement*. What about your clothing? Is it attractive without violating the church code for modesty? Is it kept clean and neatly pressed?

After you've checked each item of personal appearance and listed your findings under the proper column, make a personality check. Are you a friendly person? Do you greet the people you meet with a pleasant smile? Then make a mental note to begin doing so as you list this latest liability. Perhaps that is why you thought the new neighbors were so unfriendly. They were only reflecting the unfriendliness they thought they saw in your unsmiling face.

Are you willing to go out of your way to do a good deed for a neighbor? No? List another liability. Did you know it's wrong to withhold good from anyone when the opportunity presents itself? Gal. 6:10.

Have you ever seen old Mrs. Perkins tottering down the road under a too heavy load of parcels? Why didn't you lay down the book you were reading and run to help her? Mrs. Perkins would like you better, you would like yourself better, and the world would like you better, too.

Have you listed all assets and liabilities? Hmm. Why do you dislike yourself so? I see quite a few assets listed. Oh, the liabilities outnumber the assets? Well, don't waste time hating yourself. Begin a course of self improvement now.

The Great



Masquerade Party

By Violetta Gammon

I am attending a great masquerade party which reminds me of halloween. It is being held in a plush, fabulous hotel named "America." The scene is one of gaiety, color, and life. I shall describe some of the costumed characters passing me as I mingle with my fellow guests.

The first is an older woman, probably a grandmother, appearing as a sixteen-year-old girl. Her hair is pulled back into a youthful fashion. Her giddy ways are those characteristic of the young in heart. But underneath the clothes designed for a youthful body beats a heart that has weathered many a year. Her days are numbered and yet she mentally thinks in terms of a youthful girl, putting God off until she fulfills her life of "joy." Under God's natural laws of life, she must face God soon.

Next I meet a young girl. To guess her age would be impossible. Her hair has been frosted to give the appearance of greyness, her clothes were bought in a matron's shop. Her actions are of one attempting to copy a woman in the flower of her life, but the real motions show through as those belonging to a budding rose. Her so-called

grown-up appearance is a cover-up for a mind still immature, needing parental supervision and the help of a loving God.

Here comes quite a fellow! I would say his costume is the most lavish of all. I suspect he will take first prize in his beautiful clothes. I noticed he was driving an automobile equal to his dress. I have heard rumors that his home is equally furnished in elaborate furniture. He seems to be the happiest person I have met so far. The material things do seem to satisfy, at least temporarily. But shortly, he must face his Judge, naked and without hope. Until then, he sees no need for God.

Oh, here I see an unusual pair. They are radiantly alive, peaceful, no masquerade clothes, but just moderately dressed. Their faces are calm and smiling. They appear to have no false face on at all. I think I heard someone say they were a couple of oddballs who dropped in to the party to try to help the other guests. I believe they are called Christians.

When we all get to the Judge's stand, which will be in a short time, will any of these characters be you?—Lighted Pathway

By Walter Isenhour

This topic would naturally suggest to your mind that I am going to write about cosmetics, or something you apply to your skin to help you look better (or make you think you look better), and to enable you to keep up with the fads and styles of the day. However, there is an outward make-up and there is an inner make-up, and it is the latter that I am going to write about.

Outer make-up can be easily seen by the physical eye, but inward make-up is seen only by the eye of God, except as it reveals itself in one's conduct, manners, speech, deportment; by hardness of the countenance, or by sourness, or by sweetness, calmness, kindness, love and patience.

The inner make-up of the sinner, or the ungodly, or the hypocrite, or the worldly is seen and detected in various ways and manners.

Pride reveals itself by certain styles of dress, and by certain ways one holds up his head, and by the way he shows his disdain for the godly.

It reveals itself through vanity, and by what he chooses to live by, and by whom he chooses to associate with. While we cannot see the inner make-up of the sinner and ungodly, we can see the effect of it, and it is nev-

er beautiful, charming, or uplifting.

Now I want to speak more especially of the make-up of the Christian. Take it seriously, young people. Indeed the Christian young people are far in the minority in the millions of youth; but thank God for every one of them. They are worthy of our prayers, our respect, our help and encouragement. Dear youth, your make-up as a Christian is not in

what you put on; it cannot make you beautiful, noble, grand and sublime. But it is what you have in your heart. Naturally, the godly will dress as becometh godliness. This bespeaks of what is within.

Having Christ within makes all the difference in what life means to you and what you can make it mean to others. When the love of Christ is shed abroad in your heart it mani-

festes itself in your attitude toward others.

... You love everybody and want to do them good.

... You possess no hatred toward anyone, and no hatred toward the Bible and its great and everlasting truths.

... You love the Bible and feed upon its contents.

... You love all followers of the Bible. In fact, the Bible is your main

What Is Your Make-up ?

Book among the thousands that have been published.

Dear youth, having Christ within your inmost being, you are at peace with God and your fellows. The world may not be at peace with you, but in your heart you have the peace of God that passes all understanding. You can claim the precious promise of Jesus that He made to His disciples just before leaving them for His heavenly home: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

Having cleanness within your mind, heart, soul and spirit you have "joy unspeakable and full of glory." This joy doesn't come from the world, but it comes from Jesus Christ our Lord. The joy the world offers you is only temporary and counterfeit. That which Jesus gives is deep and abiding. It follows you through life and into eternity where it will be, perhaps, sweeter and sweeter, lasting forever. Of course the enemy will try to disturb your joy and peace here on earth from time to time, but just hold steady. Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you and bless your heart and soul all along life's journey. Praise the Lord.

Your inner make-up as a youthful Christian consists of noble thoughts, high aims, great and good plans, along with purposes that are highly commendable. You keep in touch with God through His Word and by prayer. You trust Him to lead, guide, direct and protect you. You possess the fruit of the Spirit, which is "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Praise the Lord. "Against such

there is no law" (Gal. 5:22, 23).

Isn't it wonderful to live and possess that which there is no law against on earth and in heaven? So many people live such lives that they violate the laws of the land and the laws of God. This brings uneasiness and robs them of tranquil peace and sweet contentment and real happiness. But to possess what God has for anyone is blessed and glorified. Every youth can have that make-up in his or her inner life. This makes life sweet, blessed and worth-while.

Dear youth, what is your inward make-up? Is it sinfulness, or is it righteousness? It is left up to you.

The inner make-up of what God gives is better than all fame, honor and earthly glory the world offers you.

It is sweeter than all worldly pleasures that may be found on earth.

It is of far greater value than all education you may obtain without the goodness, righteousness and holiness of God.

It is more desirable than great riches and the luxuries of what the world may offer you.

It is blessed and sweet to live by and will be wonderful and glorious to die by.

Is your inner make-up from God and heaven, or from the evils and sinfulness of the world? O, think of what you will lose in eternity if your make-up is worldly, wicked and ungodly! Now think of what you will gain hereafter if your inner make-up is what God has for you in righteousness and true holiness here, and what glorious possessions God has for you hereafter. What is your make-up? Think of it. Give it your most serious consideration. You have to finally decide for yourself.

DROPOUTS

By Dorothy Nimchuk

An ever-increasing number of teenagers each year reach a decision to no longer attend classes at their various high schools. These young people are known as dropouts. Many of them are restless, shiftless, and jobless. For the majority, there will be little promise of a bright future in business, or other forms of employment. Much stress in business is placed on preparation—at least high school education, with many places of employment demanding college graduates.

When instructed by Jesus to sell what he had and give to the poor, the rich young ruler of Matthew 19:16-22 "went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions." Here was a "dropout" from the Master's school.

Awaiting the coming of the bridegroom were ten virgins with their lamps trimmed and ready (Matthew 25:1-13). But the bridegroom tarried and the maids slept. At midnight a cry was heard. Excitement was rampant. The groom was approaching. Five frantic ladies discovered to their chagrin that their lamps had gone out. While they went to buy oil, the wedding party went in to the feast and the door was shut. More dropouts.

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow;..." (Matthew 13:3). Some seed fell on shallow ground where there was little earth. The seed germinated quickly and sprouted. However, when the hot sun began beating down on the tender blades, they withered and died because of lack of roots (verses 5, 6). So we, too, become spiritual dropouts if we are shallow in our experience. We need to be "...rooted and grounded in love... that (we) might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19).

Our work in the Master's vineyard will be "...revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" (1 Corinthians 3:13).

1 Peter 1:7 speaks of the "trial of your faith" which "though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." We must determine, with God's help, that we will go all the way with Christ, graduating into the fulness of His glory in eternity.

Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

Recently I was saved at a meeting and was baptized. It was a wonderful experience, and I couldn't deny that Jesus seemed very real to me. Sometimes, though, I have doubts that come into my mind. I doubt just a bit whether the experience I had was real, or whether there even is a God and a life to come. Do these doubts indicate that I may not really have been saved, or that I'm not living as close to God as I should?

ANSWER:

I would hope that doubts do not indicate anything as severe as your question implies, because there are times when I have them, too. I would think that every Christian has them once in a while, at least.

It sounds like you had a real genuine experience in becoming acquainted with your Saviour. Just because you left the devil, doesn't mean that he died, or that he is no longer interested in you. He uses these little doubts to weaken our faith if he can. He doesn't like losing someone like you.

When these doubts come, you might remember the devil's one virtue: he knows when to flee. James

Youth Questions

answered by

Ray L. Straub



advises us, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). So, Satan must be resisted. Shove your doubts aside mentally, and very soon you will find your faith returning stronger than ever.

One good way to fight doubt is to keep busy for God. It is when we are not exercised spiritually that we become weak and subject to the devil's attacks. Serve in any way you can at your church. Give testimonies as you have opportunity to do so. Read your Bible and pray plenty.

There are many good programs offered by the National Youth Department that will give excellent guidance in developing spiritual strength. You can read about them in other parts of this publication. Follow them diligently and you will be waging a strong and winning war against Satan, the adversary of your soul and the cause of doubt.

QUESTION:

I have a physical handicap which is the obvious type. With this disability it is doubtful that I could ever earn the serious attention of a member of the opposite sex, and yet I would like the attention as much as anyone

else. I often wonder why this had to happen to me? What is the justice in some of us being handicapped while others enjoy a full life?

ANSWER:

Obviously, your greatest handicap at present is your attitude. Practically all of us have our physical restrictions that limit some of our aspirations and goals in life. If you can show a very distinct part in your hair, you are much luckier than I am. However, I don't care too much because you probably can't comb your hair with a washcloth!

We are generally only as handicapped as we allow our attitudes to make us. You will be surprised to find that people generally take the same attitude toward your handicaps as you do. If they bother you, they will be noticed by and bother others. If you accept them and continue as normally as you can with them, you will be as acceptable to others as anyone else.

Members of both sexes generally select their friends because of the

personality he is, not on the basis of the physical specimen he may be. So you will never be a physical culturist. Ignore the girls who are looking for one. I have another handicap, I cannot play piano. Because of this handicap I didn't have a ghost of a chance to marry a girl who simply had to marry a piano player.

I hope you can see through these comments that you are projecting too much of your own ideas into the thoughts and interests of others. You must stop resenting your handicap and accept it. Only when you do so can you have enough self-confidence to see yourself as a personality. Once you can spring forth as a person in your own right—and you can—you will find a great many people out there as willing to accept you as they accept anyone else.

If you have a problem, you are encouraged to write to: Aim, Box 158, Stanberry, Missouri. Questions requesting a personal answer through the mail are honored, as well as those for print.

At the entrance to Cypress Gardens, Florida, is this inscription:

If you would have a mind at peace,
A heart that cannot harden,
Go find a door that opens wide
Upon a lovely garden.

The sentiment is beautiful and there is great restfulness in beauty. But the people who swarm there and swing open those gates don't give the impression that they have found the door to inner peace. The uneasiness is within.

*J. Wallace Hamilton in SERENDIPITY
(Fleming H. Revell Company)*

Have you noticed that everyone seems to be in a great rush? I've noticed that most everyone is caught up in a mad rush to nowhere. Sometimes I wonder how this generation of ours has reached such a break-neck speed in day to day living. Oh, I guess it isn't too hard to see that in our society and age, it is quite easy to become overwhelmed with drives for at least a sense of economic security. Sometimes the overwhelming drive is more for prestige than economic security. Just a quick look at this situation and one will notice that it carries with it a very sad song. It is small wonder that our world is filled with broken homes; and the number goes up and the ratio goes up almost day by day. Somewhere people have gotten lost in life's present mad whirl.

This writer is not trying to say that economic security is wrong—and any effort or drive for it will ultimately end in a broken home. However, when such a drive displaces family life and real enjoyment in the home, one is very likely to find that the gain on one side cannot possibly compensate for the great loss in *true* happiness.

In all of your drives for gain in this life, it is extremely important that you take time to live and provide for your family with things that make for a happy and a lasting family. Relaxation and recreation participated in as a family unit can help to create close families

It can add happiness to lives. Choose good wholesome activities, and then frequently make them a part of your schedule. Forget about the jobs, the business, or anything else that may seem to be foremost; and make plans that will keep your family strong, healthy, happy and together for a real, happy home. These moments of relaxation can even be helpful in directing your family's concept of the Christian Way and of God and His nature. All of this *must* not be displaced by your effort to make gain in worldly goods, when it offers good possibility of hurting you and others.

It is well to mention that great stress comes to this aspect of family happiness from another angle also. I am alarmed that television has taken the place of many things that families used to have time for—things that were great assets in keeping close and lasting families. Sometimes few words are spoken in homes because of de-

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Happy Home Building



Life's Focal Point

By George E. Mayo

As my doctor friend and I were returning from church one beautiful night, he insisted that I accompany him home that he might demonstrate to me an electric fountain of his own construction.

As the rays from the electric bulbs filtered through various colored glass upon the spraying water it was a most beautiful display, but I later discovered that I was too close to appreciate its real beauty. When a block away, as I ambled home, I turned for a final glance, and stopped short in my tracks! Its beauty was so enhanced that my first impulse was that I had left before the climax in colors had been used. On due reflection I knew that it was the difference in perspective of vision that described the change.

Many times I have heard the quotations, "You can't see the city for the houses," or "You can't see the forest for the trees." Washington Irving wrote: "It is difficult to estimate a man of genius properly who is daily before our eyes." My experience on the street corner that night magnified these truths until I saw them as more than theory, and resolved to analyze them to see what more was suggested.

Many folk that I know are apparently fortunate in their lot in life, but quite often they are bored. I may be disgusted with home, work, community, or any of the daily contacts. Many times we are too close to the worth-while to appreciate its true value. Some other town, other family environment seems to offer so much more than our immediate own that we long for the exchange. The true difference between what we have and what we want is largely a matter of our actual relation to the immediate present and the possible future, whether we are on the outside looking in or on the inside looking out.

My father was a very accurate and careful man in his work. Many times I saw him cease the planing of a board, or the erection of a fence, to step back a few paces and silently study the results thus far. His suggested philosophy was that one can be too close to his work, sometimes, to properly judge its results.

Vacations thus serve us a double ministry by permitting us to re-create ourselves and revisualize our work. If John or Mary gets bored with the old home, or the old folks, a few

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Letter to Young People

Nathan Straub

In the past few weeks, two young people presented the same problem. Each said there are some young people who do not represent the Church of God very well. This problem was presented by one young person during the West Coast District Camp Meeting. It was presented again, by mail, by another young person who probably did not confer with the first one in this question.

To begin, let it be said that sometimes the minister is presented with the thought that a particular person ought not be a member of the Church of God. So this is a problem that affects both the adult and youth population of the church.

Now people have their problems in life. Young people have them. Older people of all ages have them. As we look at our brothers and sisters in the church, let's remember that some of them carry heavy loads and sometimes the weight of these heavy loads show through in their everyday living. Look with kindness and tenderness as you look upon others in the church. When one thinks another is not a very good example, perhaps it would help to befriend the poor example and then try to help him lift himself. Lift a load and you will be richer, too. In all you do, look through glasses that are heavily tinted with kindness and tenderness.

If any "bad examples" are reading this, let this be noted: The burden of the Church of God is the gospel. If you are a member of the Church of God you should take care not to let anything interfere with the fulfilling of that charge. If you are not getting enough attention, try giving more attention to the needs of the lost, and help the church with its load. If you are unhappy, remember that happiness does not come to the one who seeks happiness itself. Happiness comes by setting a goal and having success as one reaches milestones in achieving the goal. But to refrain from philosophizing for a moment, try to remember that one has no *right* to be a bad example for the Church of God. When one is a bad example he will have to pay in one way or another. Besides, often others have to pay with him. It's entirely unjust.

Then this must be said to the precious ones who were

thoughtful enough to present this problem, and this must be said to every conscientious youth in the Church of God: The job of being a good example is with you even more heavily. Perhaps this is unjust, but it is true. At the West Coast Camp Meeting there were 180 children between the ages of 2 and 12. There was an army of youth from 13 to whatever age. The Church of God is growing, and you are it. The responsibility and the abilities are yours.

In working at the Oregon Youth Camp I feel I am honored to be among some of the finest people in the world. Others tell me there are equally fine people in the Church of God all over. Praise the Lord. There is no reason for the Church of God not to be in the beginning of its finest period in modern history: Look at the youths. Carry on as examples.

Was the Price too High?

By Kevin Weir

Tom Gordon was a high school boy who was especially good at mechanics.

After he got out of high school, he and his brother went into partnership in a body shop.

Tom had a desire to build a stock car and run it in the races, but he had to have a sponsor.

One day, going to a good friend of his who was in a business, Tom ventured, "Bob, if I would build a stock car, would you sponsor it for me?"

Bob thought a while. "How much would it cost, Tom?" After they had discussed the cost, Bob consented.

All that fall and winter Tom was busy building a stock car.

Tom wanted to be so popular, for some reason, that he put in a full race cam, though he knew this made the car illegal to race.

That summer Tom was really winning the races.—So many, in fact, that at one race the judges decided to check the engine to see if it were legal.

The discovery that Tom had too big a cam lost for him all of his points, and disqualified him from racing for three weeks.

But the worst part is that the judges, the other drivers, and the sponsors will never really quite trust him from now on. Every time he attempts anything, many people will wonder if he's on the level.

Was the price too high?



By Paula Wilson

Peace for God's People

How can you have peace? All the fighting in the world today makes a person wonder if there is any true peace. It seems as if the birds are the only creatures that really experience such joy. Why can't man be more like birds? Man will be able to if he trusts in God. We are told that "the Lord will bless His children with peace" (Psalm 29:11).

● Isaac is a good example of this. After Abraham died, the Philistines stopped up with dirt all the wells he had dug. Isaac dug them again—and again, but each time the Philistines wanted the wells. In each case this man of God would give the Philistines the well and move on to dig another one until he had one which they did not strive for. God was pleased with his actions, and the Philistine king and some others came to Isaac to make peace with him. They had seen that the Lord was with him. Thus we can see the truth in Proverbs 16:7: "If a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

Isaac could have argued and fought with these men who had taken his wells. But since God was in his heart, he loved his enemies and did good to them, thus making peace.

● Joseph, too, seemed to find peace wherever he lived. His brothers sold him to some merchants who were traveling to Egypt, because of their hatred for him. In Egypt he was made ruler over Potiphar's house. The deceiving wife of Potiphar had him thrown into prison where he stayed for two years. Joseph even had peace in the prison, as he was made its keeper. Then he was taken out of prison and made governor over Egypt. During a severe famine, his brothers came to get food from him. He forgave them and treated them as only a true Christian could do. Soon he was at peace with his family, too. Once again we have seen how a God-fearing man acted as one of God's own children and received a blessing of peace.

● The reason for this lack of peace in the world today is that people think too much of themselves. God can change our lives

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Editorial

Recently as our family was driving to the home of friends living in the country, it gave us sort of a jolt when we came to what we thought was our turn, but both landmarks we were accustomed to seeing were missing. On the right, the farmplace with the curving driveway was missing. (There was only a cornfield there.) On the left the little schoolhouse was missing. We turned off the main road as usual, but halted there momentarily. Admittedly we were a little confused. Though we felt sure this was the right turn (having found the place several times before) we felt an urge to go on and find another crossroad—one that looked like the correct turn . . . We were so sure—yet unsure.

I suppose every one of us depend upon landmarks along the way. Perhaps we should not be so dependent on one movable thing—or even two, as we emphatically learned that day. Strangely enough, both landmarks *had* been removed since our last visit there.

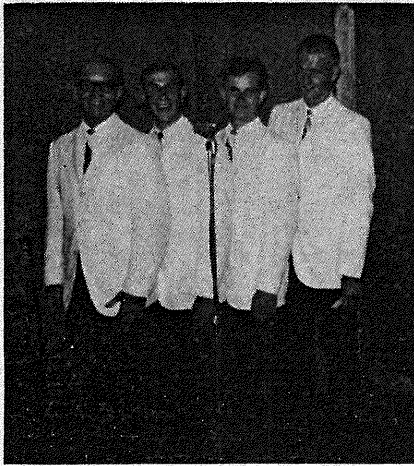
What about the landmarks along our way as Christians? Often we look to others for encouragement, for advice, for guidance perhaps in selecting proper Christian conduct. This is good to a certain degree. However, at the very foundation of our Christian living, we each must have a very personal companionship with Jesus Christ Himself. Ours must be a first-hand experience, a first-hand love. Our mainstay must be unchangeable—not changeable, as we found the landmarks to be, although they had always before seemed stable.

We are strengthened by our fellowship with others and by our church attendance. Perhaps in these momentous times when time is nearing its end, and "strange things are happening in many places" we would do well to take thought, *How much of a power resource have I within? How strong would I be if required to stand alone? Alone, that is, with God still on my side.*

Even in our personal Bible reading, we would do well to mentally "lay by us in store" a memorized knowledge of the Bible. There are places in this world right today, you know, where Christians would give all they own just to get their hands on a Bible. (Are you following the Minuteman Program?)

We may put much confidence in a Christian whom we admire and look up to. Fine. We *must* have confidence in one another—and it seems to strengthen us along the King's Highway when we have these "landmarks"

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Calvin Burrell joins the Trio for a Quartet in song. Calvin was the SVA representative; also explaining FYC activities—Evangette, etc.

The 1966 Youth Missions Tour is over and God can be thanked for giving us another successful year in the work of YOUTH MISSIONS. Many times as we traveled along in the car, we sang a little chorus called, "We'll Give All the Glory to Jesus." This was especially so after the blessings of good services.

The first stop of the 1966 Youth Mission's Team was at the Michigan Youth Camp. The Patchens came there from New Auburn, Wisconsin, via Spring Vale Academy on August 11, bringing Ken Knoll, Mike Weir, and Mark Ling with them from New Auburn. Brother Calvin Burrell, teacher from S.V.A., was already at the Youth Camp. Dale Lawson, National Youth Chairman, arrived at the Youth Camp on Wednesday, August 10, coming from his home in St. Joseph, Missouri. The team presented a program on Friday night, August

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12. We appreciated the responsive group of campers and staff. Over 100 were in attendance at the initial stop.

On Sunday the team left Chelsea, Michigan, for Saginaw, Michigan, and presented a program there that evening. On the way the team stopped at S.V.A. and several of the team members worked at various chores and projects there as the people there were trying to get ready to start the school year. After an inspiring bless-



Our Youth Team—Standing, Mike Weir, Mary and Vernon Patchen; Front row: Dale Lawson, Calvin Burrell, Ken Knoll, and Mark Ling.

ing from the Lord at Saginaw, the team traveled on to Freeland, Michigan. Calvin Burrell drove each night from S.V.A. to the services until after Freeland because he felt a need to work at the campus during the days. After the Freeland meeting and a good night's rest, the team, with Calvin joining us in the station wagon, traveled about 200 miles to West Olive. After West Olive, we were able to stay at one place for three nights and drive the short distances for the stops nearby at Muskegon and Grand Rapids. Already, that rest was much appreciated by the team members. Coming from S.V.A., Sister Calvin Burrell met us at Grand Rapids and traveled with us to Toledo, Ohio. We were glad she could be with us for those stops, (as was Brother Calvin!) Leaving Grand Rapids, we traveled to Battle Creek, a distance of about 180 miles. We hope and pray that we gave encouragement to the little group there.

This stop completed our Michigan stops until the last part of the tour. We traveled in a large circle around the state of Michigan. It is impossible to write about all the blessings that we received as we traveled to those churches but as we drove out of

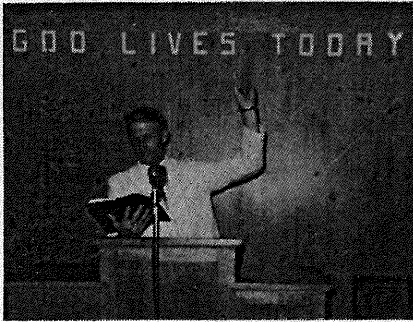


Mary and Vernon Patchen sang duets and solos, as well as playing the piano and organ. Their organ traveled with them, in the trailer.

Michigan, it was wonderful to count great and wonderful blessings that had been ours as we had seen some re-dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ and young men kneeling in prayer as they felt the call of God into full-time ministry.

Our stop at Toledo, Ohio, was on a Saturday night after we spent a blessed Sabbath day with the people there. Following the service, the team enjoyed a stirring testimony by Elder Tedrow, a real pioneer in Church of God youth work.

Sunday night the team was in Parkersburg, West Virginia, after traveling through the day. It was just a short drive to Moundsville, where our service was on the following evening. Immediately after the service at Moundsville, the team loaded up and drove through the night to arrive in Syracuse, New York, in the early afternoon. There in Mattydale, we met for a service in the basement of Brother W. P. Carman's home. A



Inspiring messages were given each evening by Youth Leader, Dale Lawson

nice number of folks came out to the service, several driving from long distances to be there. On Wednesday, the next day, the team traveled to New York City and arrived there just before service time. Though quite tired, we received wonderful blessings in the presence of the great Creator.

From New York City, the team traveled to Washington, D. C., where we appreciated the opportunity to meet with the brethren. We appreciated the good response most everywhere that many times went beyond our expectations.

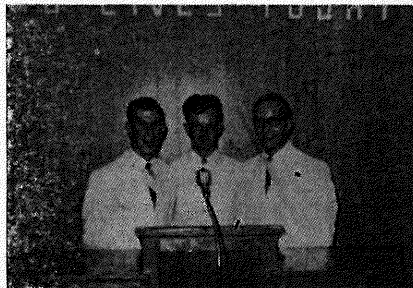
The team spent the weekend at Farmville, North Carolina, with Brother Burrell speaking on Friday night, Elder Patchen speaking on Sabbath morning and Elder Lawson speaking at the Youth Team presentation on Saturday night. Elder Ennis Hawkins traveled with us from Farmville for all the rest of our stops in the south except one.

At Mocksville, North Carolina, on Sunday night, wonderful blessings were realized. This was one of the largest crowds. Because of a cancelled stop, the team had a day off and spent an extra day there in the home of

Brother and Sister Ivan Ijames. We went from Mocksville to Valley Head, Alabama, and then to Dayton, Tennessee. From Dayton, Elder and Sister Hawkins drove back home to Farmville, and the team made one more stop in the south at Nashville, Tennessee. We enjoyed meeting Brother Ross and the group there.

Shortly after the service there, the team loaded the trailer and drove through the night for Michigan and our last four stops. Perhaps the thing that impressed the team the most was the pressing need for workers in some areas where we traveled. Many people long and beg for someone to come and help them in their churches. "Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send workers for the harvest there."

We held a service at Petersburg on Sabbath morning and then at Detroit on Saturday night. Sunday the



The Trio—Ken Knoll, Mark Ling, Mike Weir

team traveled to Decatur, Michigan, and then on Monday to the last stop at Owosso, Michigan (S.V.A.). It was a wonderful blessing to have a good crowd and an inspiring prayer service there.

From Owosso, the team split up,

each going to his place of service. We are thankful for the trio—Ken, Mike, and Mark with their good singing; for Elder and Sister Patchen and their good singing and music, and for Brother Burrell and his help in so many ways, which included singing, preaching, and representing S.V.A.

We as a team want to thank all those who helped us along the way both in offering and hospitality. Many kind folks gave us places to sleep and food to eat as we traveled along. We also want to thank the districts that allowed the ministers to be gone from their work and for the churches that

Summary

Total Miles

Miles per day (average)

Average offering \$32.75

Average attendance 41

Twenty-two stops in twenty-four days.

made great sacrifice, counting it a blessing to be able to have a part in this great work by allowing their ministers to be gone for this time.

Thanks to Art and Martha Cummings for the use of their station wagon.

A special thanks is gratefully extended to all the churches that we visited and to everyone who attended a service. Thanks also for every prayer that was sent to the heavenly throne on our behalf. And finally, with thankful hearts, we want to *give all the glory to Jesus.*

6,000 miles plus.

258 miles.

Total offering \$720.00

Total attendance 906

—Dale Lawson

THE QUARRELSOME TRIO

When you hark to the voice of the knocker, as you list to his hammer fall, remember the fact that a knocking act takes no brains at all.

When you list to the growl of the growler, as you list to his ceaseless growl, you will please recall that a dog is all it takes for an endless howl.

As you watch for the kick of the kicker, as you notice his strenuous kick, you'll observe the rule that a stubborn mule is great at the same old trick.

The knocker, the growler, the kicker—fault finders, large and small—what do they need for each day's deed? No brains, no sense—just gall.

LIFE'S FOCAL POINT

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days or weeks away will open up new visions of the undiscovered glories left behind. One of my most profitable vacations was when I stepped into another kind of work for two weeks. I not only learned something about another type of service, but I came back to my own task with a new and fresh appreciation of the same old job.

Blessed is the man that is not so close to his troubles that he fails to see his blessings, or so close to his blessings that he fails to reckon with possible trouble.

A Paraphrase on The Acts of the Apostles

(Continued)

By Nathan Straub



PETER AT CAESAREA 10:24

The next day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for them and had called his relatives and close friends together. As Peter was coming, Cornelius met him, fell at his feet and worshiped him.

Peter, however, pulled him up and said, "Stand up! I am only a man."

As Peter talked with Cornelius, Peter entered and saw that many people were gathered there.

Peter said to the people, "You know that it is not lawful for one who is a Jew to keep company or even to meet with one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. For this reason I came to you without hesitation as soon as the messengers arrived for me. I ask you, therefore, for what reason did you send for me?"

Cornelius said, "Four days ago I fasted until this time of day. At three o'clock in the afternoon, I prayed in my house and there appeared before me a man in bright clothing. This man said, 'Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your gifts to the people are held in remembrance in the sight of God. So send to Joppa and call Simon Peter to come here. He is staying at the house of one, Simon, a tanner who lives by the sea side. When Peter comes, he will speak to you.'

"So I sent for you immediately. You have done well in that you have come. We are now all present before God, to hear everything that God commands you to speak to us."

Peter opened his mouth and said, "I understand truly, that God is no respecter of persons. In every nation the one who fears God and does righteously, is accepted by Him.

"The word which God sent to the children of Israel was a message of peace, presented by Jesus Christ, Who is the Lord of all people. What I say, you have already heard because it was made public throughout all Judea. This began in Galilee after the baptism that was preached by John.

"The message is that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Jesus went around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him.

"We are witnesses of all things that he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, itself.

"The Jews killed Jesus and hung Him on a tree. God raised Him the third day and showed Him, not to everyone, but to us who were chosen witnesses of God. We were the ones who ate and drank with Him after He was resurrected from the dead. Jesus commanded us to preach to the people, to witness the fact that He is the One Who was ordained by God to be the Judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets gave witness to Him, saying that whoever believes in Him will receive forgiveness for sins through His name."

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone that heard the Word.

Those who had come with Peter (those believers who were of the circumcision) were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit was also poured out on the Gentiles. They heard the Gentile converts speaking in other languages and glorifying God.

Then Peter said, "Can anyone refuse water so that these converts may not be baptized? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

Peter ordered the converts to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Then they asked him to stay for a particular amount of days.

CHAPTER 11

JEWISH CHRISTIANS ARGUED WITH PETER 11:1

The apostles and brethren in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the Word of God. When Peter came back to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision argued with him, saying, "You went as a guest to uncircumcised men and ate with them."

Peter told them of his experience, beginning from the beginning. He told them of the experience, in order as it happened, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and, while in a trance, I saw a vision.

"A particular vessel descended which looked like a very large sheet. It was lowered from heaven by its four corners and it came to me.

"I stared at the sheet and wondered. I saw four-footed beasts of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things and birds of the air.

"I heard a voice say to me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

"I answered, 'No, Lord, nothing that is common or unclean has ever, at any time, entered my mouth.'

"The voice from heaven spoke to me again, 'What God has cleansed you must not call, common.'

"This happened three times and everything was taken back up into heaven.

"Now notice, immediately there were three men who had arrived at the house in which I was, sent from Caesarea to me. The Spirit urged me to go with them without hesitation. In addition, these six brethren went with me and we went to the man, Cornelius', house.

"Cornelius told us of how he had seen an angel in his house; who stood and said to him, 'Send men to Joppa and call for Simon Peter. He will tell you what you need to know so that all of your house will be saved.'

"As I, Peter, began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on the listeners just

as it fell on us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, and that He said, 'For a fact, John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

"Inasmuch as God gave them the same gift as He gave to us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; who was I, that I could quarrel with God?"

When the brethren heard these things, they held their peace and praised God, saying, "Then God has also given to the Gentiles, forgiveness so they can have life."

From Across the Seas . . . an especially inspiring letter
from a young university student.

God's Presence in the Philippines

By Jewell Linville

This month, we would like to share with our AIM readers a very inspiring letter from Sister Warlita Lim, a young university student in the Philippines.

Sister Lim writes of her family, their strong desire to work for the Lord, their blessings, and their handicaps. May we all receive a blessing (and lesson) from this young lady's words. . . .

"Christian greetings to you and the family . . . We are still safe in the Mighty Arms.

"Thank you very much for the FYC Manual, its materials, and the free subscription for AIM. AIM is really the best magazine for young people. It enriches us physically, morally, and spiritually. I really need this wonderful magazine. But I'm only very sorry if ever this

free subscription would be stopped because I could no longer have it, for we are but helpless people. I tell you frankly, we are six (6) young people in the family and all of us are very willing to work for the Lord, but since the Church cannot support us and we likewise don't have the means to go on in His service, four of us pursue our studies. Not to gain worldly pleasure, nor reputation and fame, but to earn a little also. God provided us with cameras to lessen the burdens and headaches of our parents. We don't depend our school expenses from our parents. Instead, we do even give them sometimes unless we are really very hard up. As we are learning, we are also saving a little.

"Out of my earnings in school, I'm saving for an organ to be

"Out of my earnings in school, I'm saving for an organ to be used in the Church. . . ."

"Sometimes . . . unknowingly, I burst into tears thinking of the Lord's work. . . ."

used in the Church. As this is what I had promised to the Lord. My elder sister, Sepura, is studying in a Bible school just to get some experience in how to manage the Lord's work, so she could also supply it to the Church.

"Formerly, Father had a store and a cocoanut plantation, but when he was converted to the . . . [another 7th day denomination] he sold all these things and worked as a colporteur; until we found the true light (Church of God). Presently, we are living on a small farm just enough for the family consumption.

"Treasure in Heaven is what we are after. We don't mind

whether the world would criticize us, anyway our sufferings would soon be over. Christ is very nigh at hand. Sometimes, when I'm alone or before I go to bed; unknowingly, I burst into tears thinking of the Lord's work. We really have the courage and eagerness to work as missionaries. Yes, God knows everything. The brethren can't also provide us since they are also poor. . . .

"May we stand firm in Him despite our sufferings, hardships, temptations, and other problems as we journey to the promised land.

Your sister in Him,
Warlita Lim"

WHEN A MAN SWEARS

The man who swears does ten things at once:

1. He breaks the command of God.
2. He violates the law of the land.
3. He transgresses the rules of good manners.
4. He outrages decency.
5. He insults good people.
6. He profanes sacred things.
7. He shows bad training.
8. He dishonors his parents.
9. He does what he is ashamed of.
10. He does what he will regret.

—Sunshine

Show Your Colors

In many parts of the country, this is the season for going on color tours. The deciduous trees are changing their summer costumes into ones of gorgeous hues for a last marvelous swing in the breeze before a frosty blast sends them fluttering to the ground.

The beautiful fall colors cannot be duplicated in any dye vat. They are visible proof of an Almighty Creator.

As another quarter of the Minuteman Program has been completed, we are going to give you an opportunity to show your colors in taking the following quiz.

I. Quote or write from memory the following verses:

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| 1. 1 Cor. 15:58 | 3. Philippians 4:6 |
| 2. Isaiah 55:7 | 4. Hebrews 3:14 |

II. Where are the following verses found?

5. "Pray without ceasing."
6. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
7. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"
8. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

III. Complete the following verse and tell where it is found.

9. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ;..."

Quote the first part of this verse and tell where it is found.

10. "...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

M I N U T E M A N

Does your life show forth the fruits of the Spirit? If we possess love, joy, peace, etc., we cannot help but attract others to seeing the beauty of Jesus in us. Shining out through us, these Christian graces reveal a moral portrait of Christ.

In addition to the fruits of the Spirit our lives need to possess other attributes that will not only make ours "A Beautiful Life" but will witness the same to our fellowman. Such attributes can be found in the following verses for study and memorization.

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| Matthew 7:20 | Philippians 2:3 |
| Galatians 5:22 | James 1:12 |
| Galatians 5:23 | Hebrews 12:14 |
| Hebrews 10:36 | 1 Timothy 4:12 |

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HAPPY HOME BUILDING

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mands for silence. Family worship becomes a thing of the past and family recreation and relaxation is an impossibility. It is a sad day indeed when such trivial and unimportant things disrupt family unity.

Make a resolution that your family will not lack for sufficient times of relaxation and recreation as a complete family unit; and then see that it doesn't get broken.

Economic security, prestige, or any other thing in this world will not satisfy the hearts of torn families and hurt children. Don't let them displace times when your family can be together enjoying each other's company and life itself. It won't be worth it!—Dale Lawson

EDITORIAL

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to guide us. But when that certain one disappoints you—or offends you—God is still in the same place—right at the end of your prayer line. He changes not.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38).

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"He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life." This was the mission of Jesus while upon earth and it will be the mission of every truly God-called follower of His.—Sel.

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HE LIVES FOREVER

By Jeff Henderson

"God is dead?!"
 What is this cry?
 My God lives forever,
 He cannot die!
 Cry out in defiance
 Of my Lord, you fools!
 And you all shall die,
 When Christ my Lord rules.
 God is immortal,
 Life from Him can't part.
 I know my God lives,
 For He lives in my heart!

2T₄G - Take Time for God

By Vivan Hall

Our readings this month continue in the minor prophets.

What is a prophet? According to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary a prophet is a "proclaimer of a revelation—one who speaks for another, especially for God." In other words, one who prophesies future events is a prophet. God had many such people to whom He gave the task of warning against destruction to come for those who continued in sin. Why was it necessary to warn His own people? Was God not capable of keeping them from sin? Indeed He was, and is, but God is merciful. He doesn't believe in force. God gives His people a choice—and if they choose to do good He blesses abundantly, but if the choice should happen to be a wrong one He feels it His duty to warn us or remind us to what end such a path is leading. God gave Israel their choice, too, and for a while they went along smoothly in God's will. Temptation began to come to them just as they do to us. At first it was only a small thing but they succumbed to it and then it was a bit more severe; but resistance was weakened until it didn't seem so bad. They had adopted idol worship just as the nations around them. You would think that idol worship would have been the very last thing they would adopt when they knew of a certainty that stone, wood or metal could not help them when they prayed. But being human, they wanted to do as the others were doing.

If we were to look about us at our own church people, I wonder if we would find the same conditions? Have we stuck strictly to the old fashioned Gospel of our fathers and grandfathers or have we modernized it just a bit and adopted some of the qualities of the other churches? We are to be a

Date	Chapter
Oct. 15	Micah 1
Oct. 16	Micah 2
Oct. 17	Micah 3
Oct. 18	Micah 4
Oct. 19	Micah 5
Oct. 20	Micah 6
Oct. 21	Micah 7
Oct. 22	Nahum 1
Oct. 23	Nahum 2
Oct. 24	Nahum 3
Oct. 25	Hab. 1
Oct. 26	Hab. 2
Oct. 27	Hab. 3
Oct. 28	Zeph. 1
Oct. 29	Zeph. 2
Oct. 30	Zeph. 3
Oct. 31	Haggai 1
Nov. 1	Haggai 2
Nov. 2	Zech. 1
Nov. 3	Zech. 2
Nov. 4	Zech. 3
Nov. 5	Zech. 4
Nov. 6	Zech. 5
Nov. 7	Zech. 6
Nov. 8	Zech. 7
Nov. 9	Zech. 8
Nov. 10	Zech. 9
Nov. 11	Zech. 10
Nov. 12	Zech. 11
Nov. 13	Zech. 12
Nov. 14	Zech. 13

"peculiar" people—God's chosen—and that doesn't mean funny or odd, but it *does* mean "different"—apart from the world. If we then adopt ways of "idols of other nations about us" if we do as they do? God forbid that our church our church with another that we are different? Are we not taking on the "idols of other nations about us" if we do as they do? God forbid that our church become so like the rest that even our own members cannot find a difference. We, as individuals, must not conform just because others are doing so. The majority isn't always right, you know.

The purpose of the prophets in days gone by was to preach to the people and to help them to see their errors and to return to God's will as their fathers had known it. We, too, have prophets although we do not call them such. We call our prophets ministers, but it is their duty and calling to preach the Word of God to all the land. It is their duty to warn those in sin of the result of sin and to help them find their salvation in a closer walk with God. Those ministers who have studied God's Divine prophecies are able to tell others of things to happen in the future, so they will understand what to expect. Yes, they are proclaiming something for Another—they are telling of God's Divine plan for us all. If we keep God's commandments, do His will, and have the faith of Jesus in our hearts always, we, too, can be a part of His plan. God help us all to be doers and not just hearers of His Glorious Plan.

Prayer that Prevails

Seek entirely to depend on God for everything. Put yourself and your work into His hands. When thinking of any new undertaking, ask, "Is this agreeable to the mind of God? Is it for His glory?" If it is not for His glory, it is not for your good, and you must have nothing to do with it. Mind that!

Having settled that a certain course is for the glory of God, begin it in His Name, and continue it to the end. Undertake it in prayer and faith, and never give up! Pray, pray, pray! Do not regard iniquity in your heart. If you do, the Lord will not hear you. Keep that before you always

Then trust in God. Depend only on God. Wait on Him. Believe on Him.

Expect great things from Him. Faint not if the blessing tarries. Pray, pray, pray! And, above all, rely only on the merits of our ever-adorable Lord and Saviour, that, according to His infinite merits, and not your own, the prayers you offer and the work you do will be accepted.—George Muller.

"Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another; but let him labor diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built."

—Abraham Lincoln

Make a Mark of Merit

By Nathan Lawson

It is a blessing to again greet all the young people in the Church of God through this Mark of Merit program. We thank the Lord for youth who want to live their lives for Jesus Christ and to be of service to Him. Following is a full report on FYC groups that have sent their reports in to this program.

	1st Qtr.	Bonus Pts.	2nd Qtr.	Bonus Pts.	Total Pts.	Total Bonus Pts.
Conroe	70	5	—	—		
Saginaw	175	20	—	—		
Fairview	180	5	65	5	245	10
San Antonio (S)	115	5	—	—		
Midway	185	5	120	5	305	10
New Auburn	180	38	120	25	300	63
Harrisburg	180	35	135	22	315	57
Marion, Ia.	90	5	—	—		
Tahlequah	195	5	135	20	330	25
Denver	150	12	115	15	265	27
Spokane	115	10	—	—		
Eureka	185	36	125	44	310	80
Pomona	120	5	115	32	235	37
Claremore	160	5	—	—		
Oklahoma City	135	—	115	20	240	20
Houston	165	8	105	5	270	13
Spring Vale	115	5	—	—		
San Antonio (E)	160	—	—	—		
Cumuto, Trin.	95	—	—	—		
Bloomington	140	18	100	25	240	43
St. Joseph	180	—	—	—		
Tacoma	160	—	160	15	320	15
Lodi	170	—	120	5	290	5
Mission City, C.	145	—	80	5	225	5
Marion, Oreg.	115	—	90	5	205	5
Stockton	185	18	—	—		
Stanberry	195	—	125	36	320	36

It is good to see young people so active for God. We are thankful for the good reports we received this quarter. Continue to press on and do even more for our Lord and Saviour. The awards you win through this program are good, and the Eternal rewards

you win for consecrated service for Christ are even more wonderful. Here is a list of the awards you can win.

SILVER MARK OF MERIT—This award will be given to the FYC groups who earn 350 to 499 points.

GOLD MARK OF MERIT—A local FYC must earn 500 points to win this award. It takes a group of consecrated young people, working for Christ with their whole hearts to win this award.

LIGHTHOUSE AWARD—At the end of the year the total Mark of Merit points of each local FYC are added to the total Bonus points to determine the top local FYC. This FYC is awarded the Lighthouse Award and featured as the "FYC of the year" in our Church. It will take a special effort doing your very best for Christ to win this award.

ETERNAL REWARDS—There is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth. The program your FYC carries on may lead someone to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. There is also a Home in the Kingdom of God for all "fruit bearing" Christians. (This includes young people.)

Satisfaction of doing something worthwhile, something for Jesus Christ, Who died that you and I might have Eternal Life.

(Only those who completely surrender their lives to their Saviour will win these Eternal Rewards.)

WILL YOU EARN THESE AWARDS AND REWARDS?

If you have not sent in your group's second quarter report, **SEND IT IN NOW, PLEASE.** If you need a report blank for the Second Quarter, please write and ask for one. Several groups did not send in their second quarter reports.

Next month watch for the **HIGHLIGHTS** of the second quarter. Also, Eureka, South Dakota's FYC report will be featured in the AIM.

Pray that God will bless each youth who is striving to live for God. Remember, only what we do for Christ really counts. Plan your youth program to accomplish the work He has called us to do.

"Very few things contribute so much to the happiness of life as a constant realization of the blessings we enjoy" (Lecky).

Self

"Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us" (Heb. 12:1).

We all have what someone called our "up-setting sin," but we don't always know what it is. I will tell you what is the besetting sin of every one of us. When man fell from God originally he fell into himself. There is your besetting sin—*self*. Self is the house devil, after all, that everyone of us has to fight, smooth-tongued, suave, hoodwinking us all. When they told a noted preacher at the foot of the stairs that he had preached a good sermon, he said, "The devil told me that before I left the pulpit." I tell you, self in some form will be an enemy all the time to be fought. We must get rid of self, or we can never be filled with the Spirit. Charles G. Finney said that when he went into the cities to begin evangelistic work he would sometimes preach a day or two without one atom of power. What did he do? He just let himself down before God and prayed God to empty him of Charles G. Finney, as it were, to take the bump of self-reliance, self-trust, and self-seeking out of him. "Seekest thou great things for thyself?"—even in Christian work—"Seek them not." Let them be for Christ. When self is out, there may be an outpouring of the Spirit. Pray that you may be so filled with Christ that there shall not be room for the house devil of self.—*Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.*

DISTRICT NO. 2 is planning a three day wintertime camp for the Church of God, 7th Day, young people, ages 15 to 25. This will be held on December 30, 31, and January 1 at Little Falls, Minnesota.

Our maturing young people need the opportunity to meet other Church of God youth.

We desire to stimulate interest in recognizing Godly characteristics and developing Christian companionship. We truly need God's guidance as we look to the future. We need to sense our real responsibility to our Creator through work, play, through studying God's Word and through spiritual fellowship.

We will strive to keep our wonderful young adults in touch and in tune with God and with each other.

We anticipate this to be an annual event. We need suggestions from the young people for a fitting name.

Please submit your name for this event to Delvin O'Banion, Eureka, South Dakota, Box 176 (57437).

Watch the next AIM for further details.

news and reminders . . .

Youth Helping Hands

The New Auburn, Wisconsin, FYCers, a few weeks ago, worked diligently to scrape and paint the entire exterior of the home of an elderly couple. Also, with the use of a roto-tiller and hoes, the large vegetable and flower gardens were cleaned of weeds and grass.

We want to encourage all FYCers to take part in similar helping hand projects. These are as important as your fund-raising projects.

New Director for Audio-Visual Library

We will be working on the Audio-visual Library and adding to it soon. Some duplications need to be made. Also the library should be fixed up to serve you better. To do this, we need to call in all the present materials to get them recorded and repaired. We will appreciate your cooperation in sending materials in quickly. If materials are in use, please send as soon as you are through with them.

The new "audio-visual" director is Ethel Lawson, Stanberry, Mo.

MBC on the Increase

Larry and Darlene Hadden are happy to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Pamela Kay, born September 24. Larry is a student this

year at Midwest Bible College. The Haddens have made their home in Stanberry since April.

Aim Readership Award

Every F.Y.C. should now have AIM in the homes of all the young people. Remember that the AIM Readership award will be given to every F.Y.C. that completes that point and the AIM Missionary Award will be given to every F.Y.C. group giving at least five gift subscriptions to non-member young people.

National Chairman's Address Change

Correspondence to our National FYC Chairman should now be addressed to: Elder Dale Lawson, Stanberry, Missouri. Brother Lawson has made the move to Stanberry where he has taken on his duties as a teacher at Midwest Bible College.

National Youth Week

National Youth Week is in progress in several places at the time of this writing. We look forward to hearing from you concerning your programs.

Help for Foreign Student

The Stanberry FYCers continue with enthusiastic efforts to help sponsor Brother Hendricks, from England,

to Midwest Bible College. A musical program of much variety was presented in the city park; and a free-will offering was taken up for this cause.

Make Plans Now

It isn't too early to be planning your schedule so you can attend General Conference and Camp Meeting this coming summer. The date is July 21-29, 1967. The location will be 40 miles south of Denver, Colorado, at Pine Crest Camp.

Spring Vale Academy

The school year at our Christian high school academy began this year on September 19. Fifty-three enthusiastic high schoolers gathered to start a year which we anticipate will be a blessing and encouragement to all connected with this Christian school. All of us must stand behind Spring Vale with our prayers, and with our support in every way possible.

Midwest Bible College

Registration at Midwest Bible College on Monday, September 12, found several states, and Canada as well, represented. This year 20 students are enrolled in classes. Two foreign students are expected to arrive yet this fall. Surely Midwest Bible College needs our prayers and support as workers are trained here for God's vineyard.

Denver FYC

This month the Denver Young People had a retreat in the mountains, August 12-14. The weekend was filled with spiritual blessings and devotions as well as a rest from the

city through hiking, nature walks, and group games.

Also in the month of August, we had our youth rally, social, and business meeting.

On August 20th our pastor, Elder Caswell held a baptismal service at a nearby lake. Happily, several among those baptized were young people.

The newly elected officers for our Denver FYC are: sponsors—Emogene Coulter and Ben Kejr; Chairman—Holly Rinne; Assistant Chairman—Donna Churchwell; Secretary—Cindy Holzworth; Treasurer—Leonard Hendershott; Merit System Secretary—Holly Rinne.

Holly Rinne, Reporter

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PEACE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

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in so many ways. He makes us center our lives around Christ and others instead of ourselves. Thus we are able to overlook the faults of others more, and we strive to do what will please God. With our own selfish wants and needs out of the way, and God's will in their place, we will obtain His gift of peace.

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If love to God does not find a field for its manifestation in active love to man, worship in the temple will be mockery.

A more glorious victory over another cannot be gained than to meet with kindness the injury that began on the other's part.

He loves not Christ at all who does not love Christ above all.

Pass It On

If you hear a good word spoken
Of someone who needs a friend;
Or perhaps some poor old straggler
Who seems bent for some bad end;
Or some other who has fallen
And it seems he's down and out,
Just remember they are humans
And need help beyond a doubt—
Pass it on.

When you find a tract or poem
That expresses wondrous truth,
Maybe some discouraged pilgrim,
Or an erring, wayward youth,
Needs the warning, or the message,
As he passes through the land,
Which might help him upward, forward,
That you hold within your hand—
Pass it on.

There are many ways of helping
Those who've missed somewhere the mark,
Or have strayed from paths of duty
And are groping in the dark;
So if you enjoy rich blessings
And have something you can spare,
Reach it to some fellow-traveler
With an honest, earnest prayer—
Pass it on.

Oh, it's great to love our Saviour
And our fellows here on earth
Some of whom, because they're wicked,
May appear of little worth;
But they have a soul that's precious,
And for whom the Saviour died,
Therefore help them, heart and spirit,
With the grace for which you cried—
Pass it on.

—Walter E. Isenhour