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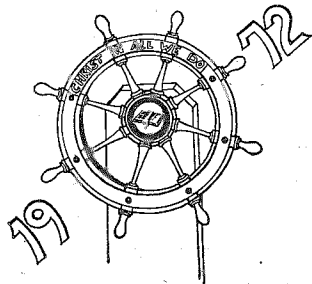
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# The Generation

## G A P

*Father (entering his son's room):* Would you please turn down that noise so I can talk to you?

*Son:* That's a really groovy plate, Dad. You can really feel the music!

*Father:* That's another subject. Right now we need to discuss your hair. We had three or four people in church Sabbath make subtle remarks about "hippies" among our young people and part of that reference seemed pointed at you—because your hair is beginning to fall over your ears some, I suppose.

*Son:* Dad, I'm not a hippie—I don't look or act like one. What gives them the right to talk like that? Maybe I don't like how they talk or act either.

*Father:* Well, hair over the ears indicates rebellion. It also gives you association with those dirty, wierd-looking, no-work bums.

*Son:* This is unreal! Can't you understand that it's just a matter of style—like colored shirts, wide ties and flared pants? Nobody is rebelling around here—and all my friends who have hair over their ears are clean guys. Dad, I can understand about those long-haired freaks, but we're not extreme so we don't come across as one of them.

A similar discussion could just as easily have been about

music, clothes, food, books, entertainment, friends, war, women's lib, inflation, pot, etc. The "generation gap" is a very natural phenomenon experienced by each generation—the cause of which is age difference, lack of understanding and lack of communication.

Young people are characteristically active and idealistic. They seek commitment and the company of those likewise committed. Older people are more passive than what they were in their youth. Experience has dampened their idealism and many become committed more to themselves and less to other people or things. Because of their age, youth are flexible, willing to and even desirous of change—for variety's sake, if nothing else. The older people, for the same reason, are more stoical and less willing to make adjustment to change—variety is no longer appealing.

Age is also a partial reason for lack of understanding. The "older generation" has settled on a system of values that fits the social structure of the majority of their generation. The "younger generation" is still unsettled in their social structure and the finished product will not be the same as the previous generation's. This is not necessarily bad but it does take considerable understanding.

Young people are looking for new things to do—a new way of life. They can better afford to do this than any previous generation because the past couple of generations have materially "set them up." Today's youth have a far greater range of interests and opportunities, far wider experience than ever before. They still want a better life, but their "wants" fit into a new spectrum of thinking and living. This requires a lot of understanding.

Change is often misconstrued as rebellion. Actually, something new or different is very rarely rebellion. Studies have shown that the *average* young person retains about 80% of his parents' philosophies. Is the remaining 20% simply change or is it rebellion? It's probably a little of both, but it is amazing how inconsistent the older generation is in separating one from the other. This, too, requires much understanding.

One very important change in the "now" generation is connected with the value of money. Previous generations have built an affluency which allows for a decrease in the value of money by today's young people. There is a lessening of the materialistic view and an increase in the humanistic view today. Whereas materialistic accomplishment for one's self and family was the sustaining pride of life, now this "sustaining force" is becoming a sense of feeling—looking for the intangible, personal touch that relates people to each other. It is very possible this is something the parents of this generation lost in the quest for wealth.

This change in money value is followed by a freer attitude

toward life. There is greater, more open expression in all aspects of living. Many things that were preached against openly but practiced secretly are now openly practiced. The youth of this generation have challenged the "double-standard" more strongly than ever before but still too often the only reply they receive is a very subtle "do as I *say*, not as I *do*." As a result, there is a re-examination of life-styles and philosophies by the young people.

While one ponders the complexities of life in his young years, there is a need to discuss problems, concepts, opinions, with those older and wiser. The lack of confidence—quite often justified—in parents' and pastors' really understanding or giving satisfactory answers to questions causes young people to discuss these things only among themselves. The conclusions they reach are a conglomeration of what they like and accept in their parents plus a replacement by reaction of what they don't like. Thus, a lack of *effective* communication develops between generations and the less communication there is, the wider the generation gap becomes.

Young people, let us consider very carefully the words of our elders. We must try very hard to separate wisdom and prejudice in what they say. We must strive to understand their philosophies and how they were developed. Above all, we must give total commitment to living a life that follows the context of the Bible—having the mind of Christ. as much as is practical.

To the older generation, you must remember that understanding is the key. The youth should not be expected to take the initiative in understanding. You must consider their ideas and not be too quick to condemn. The youth actually have an advantage here because they have observed failures of previous generations without being liable for them. Youthful idealism should be encouraged

**OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE:** Today's youth should not be measured by yesterday's yardstick. What was good for times past is not necessarily what is good for today; What was wrong for one generation is not necessarily wrong for another. We are all answerable to God—not to our parents or grandparents or even to each other. He has given us a Book to aid us in building the perfect concept of life. It isn't a book of detailed rules as during the time of Moses but rather it is designed to fill our spiritual needs and will cause us to live in the way Jesus would live during our time.

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**When God sizes up a man all He looks at is his heart.—Sunshine**

# Copping Out On God

by Jewell Linville

Professor Davis smiled compassionately, "*But Jewell, I wanted so much for you to realize that it mattered not what your church affiliation was, but what really did matter was that you were concerned enough even to attend church at all!*"

Eleven years had passed since my embarrassing conversation with Professor Davis, and yet she had recalled my words almost verbatim—even as vividly as I had relived them in my own nightmares for those eleven years!

I had long determined to write asking for forgiveness for my shameful behavior at a time ideal for really sharing my God and my faith. But as is so often the case, other letters, other responsibilities, other "desires" took priority, so it was not until just last month during a personal visit to her office (with every premeditated intention of "confessing" my "sin") that I finally "cleared my conscience" and received the blessing of "setting things straight"! And what a joy it was, too!

You see, Professor Davis was a real example to me when I attended college, and, although she never "preached" her religion, her life echoed of a deep Christian experience. I still recall how I admired her, wanted to identify with her in a Christian way, and yet felt certain she would be less than unimpressed with my humble little "church on the corner." Thus I never made opportunity to witness to her, and when, at her home one afternoon, opportunity knocked me over, I ran! No, not literally, but as Professor Davis so aptly put it, I "evaded" her questions about "my" church to the point of obvious embarrassment. The burden of that conversation was still alive with her at our recent meeting. When I realized this, I knew for certain why God had allowed me to be haunted with that conversation for 11 years!

Oh, Satan had tried to convince me that Professor Davis had long forgotten my blunder, and that there was no need for me to worry with it. After all, as a professor in a college with approximately 6000 present enrollment, not to mention the hundreds of students who had filtered through her classroom during those 11 years, how could she possibly remember *one* short "insignificant" conversation with *one* female Caucasian herded through the halls of Northeastern State College? But thank the Lord that I listened to Him and finally righted my wrong!

BUT... what about all those classmates with whom I also "copped out" when witnessing opportunities presented themselves??? My failure causes me to tremble when I think of it in the light of Ezekiel 3:18 and 20!

What about YOU, young person??

Are you ashamed to "stand up and be counted" as a member of God's Holy Church—or maybe even as one of God's people? When you have opportunity to witness, do you "cop out" as I did? Do you run from even ready-made witnessing situations? Maybe you're afraid of being labeled as "square" by your peers?

You know something?? I had my excuses, too—NOT "reasons"—but "excuses"! Sure, I was afraid of being labeled as "square" by my peers, and especially since I was the only ONE Church of God member

among many thousands of students at our state college—and ONE among hundreds while in high school! Wasn't that reason enough to "keep quiet" for fear I would have no one left whom I could call "friend"?

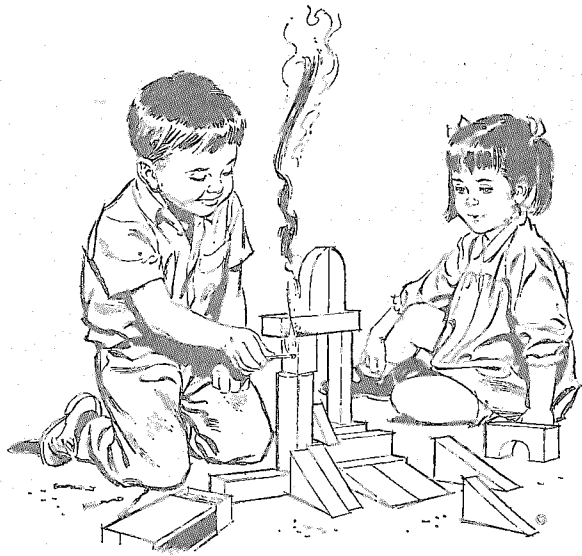
LIES!! Satan's deceitful, cunning LIES! No doubt I could have led some—maybe *many*—to God had it not been for my own shamefacedness!

Just take a look at Elijah! He was the ONLY prophet of God among 450 prophets of Baal besides all of Baal's other followers (I Kings 18:22)—and look at how God used him: "Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God" (I Kings 18:38-39).

Do YOU believe God can use YOU as forcefully today? Of course He can; He is still the same God as Elijah served and possesses the same power. "For I am the Lord, I change not..." (Malachi 3:6).

And besides that, today God has given you the ministry of His Holy Spirit which supplies you with the "nerve" you need to expound Jesus Christ and the truths of God's Word to all (Luke 12:12). You need only tap this storehouse of power through prayer and close daily communion with God to receive a boldness to speak that is equiv-

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## The Fascination of Fire

by Jessie Truman

Let the fire siren blow and watch people hop into their cars and follow the screaming fire trucks to the scene of the blaze. Or build a camp fire in a clearing and the campers will form a circle around the fire to watch the blaze flicker as they sing or tell stories. Fire holds a strange fascination for most people.

When Jimmy was about seven years old he had an obsession for playing with fire. He'd light a piece of newspaper with a match, then carry it across the room to put out the fire under the kitchen faucet. Of course he did this only when his parents weren't around, which in-

creased the danger to himself and his little sister, who was his close companion.

When Jimmy's parents discovered his habit of playing with matches they launched an educational program to teach Jimmy about the dangers of fire. They explained what uncontrolled fire could do. They showed him pictures of burn victims and called his attention to stories on the news of children who had burned to death in their homes. But all their attempts to impress him with the danger of playing with fire failed.

The only change the instruction produced was that Jimmy

now lit matches in his bedroom behind the closed door. His mother found burned matches under his dresser and bed, and her anxiety mounted. This habit HAD to be broken before a tragedy occurred. As a last desperate measure, she took the child firmly by the shoulder and said, "Jimmy, if we find one more burned match, we're going to *burn you* so you'll understand what we've been telling you."

For a short time there were no burned matches. But soon Jimmy's mother found another one. Jimmy's father took a match, lit it and let it burn a few seconds. Then he blew it out and put the hot match on the child's hand. Yes, it burned . . . enough to cause a tiny blister.

Jimmy sobbed, and his accusing eyes told his parents that he had not believed they'd *really* burn him. Now the illusion was gone, and Jimmy had a new concept of what it meant to get burned. It wasn't at all glamorous nor desirable. He did not, *definitely did not*, want a repeat performance. The match-lighting episodes came to an end. The lesson, harsh as it may have been, probably saved his life and the life of his little sister.

The Bible has much to say about fire, and uses the term figuratively as well as literally. Proverbs 6:27, 28 says, "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?" The fire, in this case, is symbolic of lust that leads to adultery. Verse 32

explains, "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul." In today's language we say, "If you play with fire, you'll get burned." Human nature is reluctant to believe this. We prefer to believe, "It won't happen to me; somehow I'll get by. I won't *really* get burned."

Jesus told a parable about a rich man who died and went to hell where he was tormented in flames. The rich man begged Abraham to send Lazarus, a poor beggar who had died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom, to his father's house to warn his five brothers so they wouldn't come to the same end that he had. "Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (Luke 16: 29-31).

Like Jimmy, who played with matches and could not be dissuaded by stories, pictures, and instruction, so our human nature is not to believe either until we are "burned." Yet the message must continue to go out. In these last days there is a greater urgency to warn people of the greatest fire of all fires yet to come. Jude admonished those who are Christians in these last days thusly: "But  
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# Tell Me, Please

Youth Questions Answered by

Dale G. Lawson



## QUESTION

*Does the Bible speak against wearing "hot pants," eye make-up, little earrings? Going to clean educated movies like "Cross and the Switchblade"?*

## ANSWER

In the June issue of AIM I answered the part of your question dealing with "hot pants" and little earrings. Now, what about the "eye make-up and clean educated movies like "The Cross and The Switchblade"?"

Concerning eye make-up, as with many other questions on specifics which we may ask, one does not find a direct "shalt" or "shalt not" in the Bible. To some of us, however, it seems significant that make-up is mentioned in the Bible only in connection with one of low moral calibre, and that it is difficult to find basis to assume the wearing of make-up is a desirable practice today. At any rate, it seems appropriate to note that the excessive use of eye make-up which gives an artificial look is certainly not appealing and is repulsive to many.

"Clean, educated movies"??? Quite unlikely! If movies could

"be educated" to depict wholesome, clean, Godly living they would be beneficial, but extremely boring to most moviegoers.

Movies are generally geared to entertain, and to do this they must play up those things which appeal to and excite the natural, carnal nature. They are made to arouse the lusts of the flesh, thus the inclusion of much sex, violence, and entertaining plots and themes far removed from God's standard of right.

The Bible condemns this type of sinful action in our lives, and not only are the acts themselves condemned, but also those who "have pleasure in them that do them." Read Romans 1:29-32; Ephesians 5:1-12 and Philipians 4:8.

As for the "Cross and the Switchblade," I know nothing about the movie (though I have read the book) and so I can not even give you an opinion. If you found yourself enjoying that picture (if you have seen it) because of its scenes of violence and works of darkness, and if you were caught up in the excitement of those scenes, then you should know the answer to your question.

# BEHIND BARS

by June Crisp

You are behind bars. I'm not. Are we so different? Society has placed thousands of unfortunate ones in jail for the wrongs they have committed. But what about those of us walking in the "free world"?

Romans 3:23 says, "For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." In God's sight everyone is a sinner—everyone has committed wrong—everyone is "imprisoned." Even though we are all sinners, there is HOPE for "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Prisoners are not only those locked behind iron bars, but prisoners are also all those locked behind the sins of self. Isaiah 61:1 contains a prophecy of Christ. "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." God wants to set us free, and He sent His Only Begotten Son, Christ, to release us from this bondage.

Isn't it wonderful to know that someone cares about us even when we have done wrong? God cares about all of us... "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). God wants us to yield our lives completely to Him. He wants us to bring our broken dreams and wrecked lives to Him for mending.

Maybe you think that you've done things so bad God would NEVER forgive you. Your friends, family, society—they do not accept you so you doubt that God will. Friend, this is where we underestimate the power and love of God. He does not think like we do. 1 John 1:9 assures us "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Aren't you glad God is so loving and forgiving??

And if one of you reading this article should be behind literal bars, remember Hebrews 13:5. "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE." God will always be by you—it is His promise to you.



# IT'S CANCER

by Ruth Ling

Cancer, the dread disease, is surpassed only by heart disease as the "Number One Killer Disease" in our nation. It is estimated that one in eight people living in our country today will lose his life to cancer. NEVER can cancer be disregarded!

Cancer is defined as "a disorderly wild growth of tissue cells. If the process continues unchecked, the normal structure and function of an organ are destroyed." Cancer cells originate in normal living cells, and as they grow they spread to other cells, eventually destroying the normal cells. There are approximately 60 to 80 types of cancer that inflict the human body, and although cures for some types of cancer have been invented, there is no preventive medicine for this disease.

IS THERE CANCER IN YOUR CHURCH? I don't mean physical cancer . . . I mean "spiritual cancer." If there are cancerous cells (diseased members) in your church, and if the "disorderly wild growth" of these cells goes unchecked, the spiritual structure and

function of the church are destroyed. Spiritual cancer is just as dangerous, just as deadly, as physical cancer.

Just as there are many types of physical cancer, there are also many types of spiritual cancer. Is there a gossip

in your church? Is there one who holds grudges? One who envies other brothers or sisters? One who bears self-pride? One who easily disputes with the brethren and continually harps on his own personal views? One who rivals another brother? One who is easily angered or offended? One who lies? If any of these "diseased cells" are present in the body of your church, they must not be allowed to multiply and spread. They should be treated and cured with God's healing love, touched by His correcting hand, and continually nourished with brotherly love.

Are there dead cells in your church? Those who sit back and do nothing? Those who are weak or spiritually sick? Those who do not hear the distressed call of souls in darkness, or if they hear, lack strength or boldness to answer, or wait for a brother to respond to the call? These dead cells need complete cleansing and filling with the Holy Spirit.

Examine your church. Cancerous or dead cells *must not* be disregarded. Treat them immediately so that the church can remain healthy, spotless until Christ returns. And remember . . . THE CHURCH IS YOU!

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If all the good intentions in the world were put end to end, they would still get us nowhere. But if they were put to work, they would save the world.

## THE FASCINATION OF FIRE

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ye, beloved, building up yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: *And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh*" (Jude 20-23). He indicated that some will realize there will be an unquenchable fire to destroy sinners, and they may repent out of fear.

Do you believe you'll be burned if you play with fire (sin)? Or are you like little Jimmy who thought it never could happen to him? Do you think the only thing wrong with doing wrong is getting caught?

Our God is a loving God, eager and willing to forgive. He is also a just God and will do what He has said. Sinners have only one end to look forward to, and that is final destruction by fire. It will not hold any fascination then, only horror, fear, and torment. What can you do in this life that would compensate for losing your eternal life? What is worth the risk of a sentence of death by fire? "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8: 36). Do you find fire (sin) THAT fascinating?

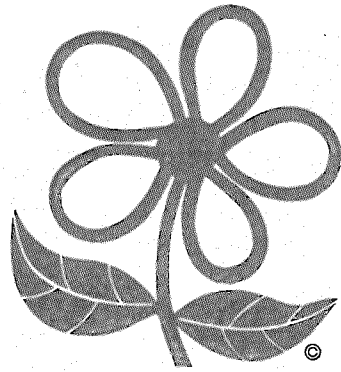
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How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!

—Elliston

# Come Alive to Life

by Gail Rincker



"People who need people are the luckiest people in the world"—so begin the well-known lyrics to that famous song made popular by singer Barbra Streisand. It's no new discovery that "people need people." In the very beginning God realized, "It is not good that man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18), and since the time He created Eve to be a helpmate for Adam, man has been a social being. People have always needed other people, and this basic need is the magnetic, uniting force in families, in churches, and in social, civic, and service organizations. Because people do need and care about other people we have organizations such as The American Red Cross, C.A.R.E., Alcoholics Anonymous, Parents Without Partners, Weight Watchers, Masonic Lodge, Rebecca Lodge, Peace Corp, A.F.L.C.I.O., A.M.A., N.A.A.C.P., etc.

It is not a new realization that "no man is an island," however, within the last five years there has been an explosive new awakening to the significance of human relationships and to the deep, inner needs of people. Young people, in their search for reality, their re-examination of values, and their own interpretation of "the good life," have spear-headed a "back to humanity" move. This generation of young people, who are a product of an affluent, ultra-modern, materialistic society, are engrossed in "reaching out" and "turning on" to life. The transcendental trend is evidenced in many areas, but nowhere as clearly as in the greeting card industry.

This giant multi-million dollar industry, the fastest-growing in our nation, has cashed in on a real gold mine. Companies such as American Greeting Cards, Hallmark, Studio, and Contemporary are constantly introducing new items to please their very valuable, captive youth market. Grocery stores, drug stores, department stores, all kinds of stores are revamping their "card sections" and enlarging them to include all the best-selling items so in demand by the sensitive young buyers. And oh how intriguing are those little boutique shops, gift centers, and card stores that specialize in the "now" cards and gifts.

i feel somewhat like Alice in Wonderland when i step through the doors of one of those captivating places. The air reeks of scented candles and incense... shelves and racks are overloaded with the most unique, the most "original," the most "now" things... everywhere i look i see something to exclaim over... hanging on the walls are the MOST BEAUTIFUL posters displaying impressive pictures and thoughts... on the shelves are photograph albums, wall plaques, key chains, books, little "statues," buttons, decals, sweatshirts, stationery—SO MANY THINGS—all engraved, decorated, designed with pictures and thoughts that appeal to my emotions, ideals that strike harmony with my own beliefs, sentiments that express my own feelings... and then there are the cards—rows and rows, stacks and stacks, hundreds and hundreds of CARDS!

No longer must i select greeting cards with faded pictures and sing-songy verses... Now i can choose my cards from an inexhaustible supply of the beautiful new types of cards—"Sensitivity," "Now," "Empathy," "Soft Touch," "Moments of Beauty," "Misty Moods," "Quiet Thoughts," "Portraits of Love," "Inspiration"—that combine pictures of unequalled quality with really significant verses (including quotes from Walden, Thoreau, Emerson, Kant, Gibran, Kennedy, Churchill, and other famous writers).

As i search for a single birthday card i stop to look at the "FRIENDSHIP CARDS"...

*"Everyone should have a friend like you... but not everyone is as lucky as I."*

*"Life gives heartgifts... It gave you."*

*"You're in my thoughts... in my heart."*

*"Just thinking of you brightens my whole day."*

*"Only those who listen with hearts can understand."*

Then my attention focuses on the "LOVE CARDS"...

*"Together is a wonderful place to be."*

*"What I want most. Is us."*

*"So many loving memories come from loving you."*

*"Love was just a word—till you."*

*"In quiet meadows of my mind... I find you."*

And oh, look at the "EXPRESSION CARDS"...

*"Because of you—I can be me."*

*"Say you're sorry."*

*"Reassure Me."*

*"I'll always remember."*

*"Let's not give up"*

Must take a look at the "HAPPINESS CARDS"...

*"Happiness is sharing a sunset with you."*

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# The Call of the Classroom

by Clyne W. Buxton

This month millions of students throughout America will return to the classroom. After a summer of vacationing and working, they will again slip into the regimented schedule of class attendance and lesson preparation. Whether one attends elementary school, high school, or college, there is a regulatory atmosphere about school to which one must adjust himself. What with early rising each morning, moving from one class to another throughout the day, and studying at home for the next day's classes, the average student leads a methodical life, as well as a busy one. Being involved in school work for years is a way of life for American children and youth.

Samuel Francis Smith, writer of the now famous patriotic song *America*, penned a verse which was later omitted. It had to do with education and went as follows:

Our glorious land today,  
'Neath Education's sway,  
Soars upward still.  
Its halls of learning fair,  
Whose bounties all may share,  
Behold them everywhere,  
On vale and hill.

America is a land of education—a country where a pupil can complete the twelfth grade without paying tuition. Often he is furnished textbooks without charge, and in some areas he can attend his first two years of college without tuitional cost.

What is the advantage of going to school? What does one profit in getting an education? To put it simply, one might reduce to two points the advantages of getting formal training. One, not only must a student learn facts; he must also learn where to find desired information. Two, he must know how to tell others what he knows—that is, he must be able to express his ideas, thoughts and opinions clearly. Therefore, if one learns where to locate desired information and then learns how to effectively relate what he has found, he is well on his way to being an educated person.

Being a good student is not easy. A pupil has to be alert, punctual, and serious, if he is to do well in all of his subjects. Schoolwork is more difficult now than it was a few years ago; for though the students' experiences are more varied today, the subject matter being studied is much more advanced than it was just a short time ago. For example, ninth graders are now expected to comprehend in the classroom some areas of knowledge that fairly recently were studied in the third and fourth years of college. Nonetheless, being a student is both intriguing and challenging. To learn how one's food is digested, or how one's blood circulates, or how his government functions, is a gratifying experience that gives a student a sense of accomplishment.

The Apostle Paul, one of the best educated men of history, favored youth being trained. He wrote young Timothy that he should be studious. Because Timothy was a minister, the apostle emphasized the importance of his being well versed in God's Word. However, before he could study the Word, he had to know the language; he had to know how to read, and that involved education. *A person can be a Christian without knowing how to read, but he can be much more effective in his work for Christ if he can read. To carry the point further, one can be a Christian if he does not advance in formal education much past the point of just learning to read; however, more than likely he will be used of God more widely if he will acquaint himself with numerous subjects, and then will dedicate what he learns to God's service. MAY THE LORD HELP US TO BE GODLY STUDENTS.*

—Lighted Pathway

*Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us to the end, dare to do our duty, as we understand it.—LINCOLN*

# The '72 Challenge

## Youth Tour—East

PRAISE GOD!!! Youth Tour—East, the National F.Y.C.'s major summer project, was born a dream, grew to reality, and matured in TOTAL SUCCESS! The mission of Youth Tour—East? Our '72 challenge?? The mission was a challenge... the challenge of taking FYC information and Christian inspiration to *every person, and most especially to the FYCers*, in the local congregations of "the new frontier"—the eastern one-third of the United States. The five-member Youth Missions Team (Janice Carlin, Pat Jones, Debi Scott, Elder Calvin Burrell, and David Robinson) was "on the road" a total of 32 days (July 18-August 18) and drove 8,000 miles. The tour, launched in District No. 5, first visited churches in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee. Working their way northward through District No. 6, they stopped for programs at churches in Washington, D.C., West Virginia, New York, Michigan and Ohio. Following a three-day stay at the District No. 6 Youth Camp and Camp Meeting in St. Marys, Ohio, the team made a Southern jaunt visiting churches in Kentucky, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. A jet flight to Oaxtepec, Mexico, where the team spent an exciting three days as delegates at the National Mexican Youth Congress, climaxed the month long tour. (Watch for a complete report on this monumental Mexican Youth Convention in next month's AIM.)

The team's presentations included songs, testimonies, and sermons which encouraged young people to become actively involved with Christ and Christian living. Elder Burrell, National FYC Chairman, and David Robinson, National Youth Committeeman, promoted all aspects of the youth work, especially the local and national FYC.



Thank you, Elder Burrell, Janice, Pat, Debi, and David for accepting the '72 challenge and for carrying it in so many ways to so many young people in so many different places!



Someone "peeked in"! Hours and hours of preparation and prayer preceded the tour team's presentations.



Times of rest and relaxation were few and far between on the team's exhausting 8,000 mile journey across the Eastern United States. They were able to "squeeze in" a little sight-seeing along the way, though, and here you see Pat, Debi, Janice and David posed for a picture at Niagara Falls.

The most accurate report of Youth Tour—East can be given by those young people who heard, felt, experienced THE '72 CHALLENGE... The following testimonies, taken from letters received at the National FYC office from "eastern" FYCers, best relate the real mission and the far-reaching results of YOUTH TOUR—EAST.

"The biggest event of my summer was this last weekend when the Youth Tour—East came. It was the first, real organized service we had. We had a picnic on Harris Hill, then a baptismal service at Brother Ross Whitmarsh's swimming pool, and then the

services offered by David, Janice, Pat, Debi and Elder Burrell. It did so much to unify us here... We had about 35-40 at the picnic and about 50 at the service. Do you realize how great this is? 15 years ago there would have been zero! Oh, how great God is that He calls us from the world to be one of His—forever! Well, we had a wonderful time as you can tell. I really enjoyed meeting and re-meeting the kids on the tour. How I wish there were more dedicated and joyful people like them!... Having this first organized service gave a lift to all. We hope to see more baptisms—but until it happens we'll wait on the Lord."

Cindy Gibbs  
Horseheads, New York

Youth Tour—East was in our area yesterday (the Horseheads, N. Y. stop) and we were able to spend an exciting day with the group. It was exciting because my husband and I were baptized into the Body of Christ by Elder Burrell. It is a day we will never forget. God has blessed us beyond belief! We are so thankful that He called us together, and so soon after our marriage. Now, I pray that He will use us to bring others to Himself.

We truly enjoyed meeting all the members of the FYC tour group and having the opportunity to fellowship with them. Their singing was just beautiful—it really glorified God, as did everything about the group—their friendliness, stamina, and their words. The only change I would make in their actual program would be to include the worshipers more in the services... we were all ready to "burst forth" in song and in Praise to God out loud as well as in our hearts.

I think that the FYC youth team was a real inspiration to all that heard them. Thanks for sending them to us!

Nancy & Jim Henion  
Horseheads, New York

*I had the privilege of hearing the Youth Tour—East twice and both times they were wonderful. I really received a blessing from their singing and sermons. I would like to thank the group for the literature and "Praise God" button. The tour group brought a blessing to everyone and they were just wonderful.*

Sandy Smith  
Moundsville, West Virginia

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## COME ALIVE TO LIFE . . .

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*"People rush all over the world to find happiness . . .*

*I found mine when I found you."*

*"Happiness is knowing you care."*

*"Happiness is green grass and blue skies."*

*"Happiness happens when I'm with you."*

At last i find the BIRTHDAY CARDS . . .

*"Beautiful things remind me of you. Happy Birthday."*

*"Tomorrows are only todays waiting to happen. Happy Birthday. Happy tomorrows."*

Yes, here's one i like.

*"Wishing you dreams to dream, a song to sing,  
... and love to hold in your heart. Happy Birthday."*

And so i can find a card "just right" for every occasion—a card to express my thoughts, my feelings . . . It's not even a problem to find one of these lovely cards with a message like "Jesus Loves You," "We are one in the Spirit," or "Praise God!"

The booming card industry's great and successful appeal to the hearts and emotions of people is visible evidence of the new mood, the new feeling of this generation. People are realizing more than ever that they do need other people . . . that there is "something" missing in life . . . that the deeper, intangible things are indeed the things worth living for. In years past we Americans have been lulled to sleep by the hum-drum of our daily routines—we've worked hard to earn our livings, to build respectable reputations for ourselves, to educate our children, to make comfortable homes for ourselves, to create leisure time . . . but we've neglected the needs of our "inner selves"—our spiritual selves. Our inner selves and the inner selves of others are crying out for recognition, for food, for shelter . . . Young people, old people—all people are groping for deep, satisfying, lasting personal relationships to meet the needs of their inner selves.

Ah, if only these hungry, lonely, searching ones could first fill the emptiness of their inner selves with The One Great Person. If only they would realize that a personal relationship with Him is the ultimate in living! If these searching hearts and minds could just experience the realness of Christ . . . the experience of all experiences! The one great experience that causes us to see through eyes of beauty, hear with ears of sensitivity, speak with words of joy, and feel with a heart of love. The experience that so completely satisfies every longing of the inner self . . .

**"Life is what we're alive to," and when we're alive to Christ, we're alive to all things!**



## ANNOUNCING . . .

This month we are initiating a new feature, "ANNOUNCING . . .," which will appear regularly in AIM. The purpose of this monthly feature is to recognize and welcome new FYCers. To make this feature a success, each local FYC must be diligent in reporting names and addresses of new members to their groups. Please send your reports to National FYC, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, COLO 80201.

We are happy to welcome the following young people to the FYC, and we pray for God's blessing in their lives:

Evelyn Brady  
Mustang, Oklahoma

Jim Henion  
Horseheads, New York

Johnny Brady  
Mustang, Oklahoma

Ray Porter  
Conroe, Texas

Nancy Henion  
Horseheads, New York

Royce Spain  
Denver, Colorado

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Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another.—Thomas Hughes

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Youth Tour—East was one of the best services I have ever attended. To me it was a real faith-builder. When I am at work with all the worldly people and the ugly side of life, REACH OUT TO JESUS, HE'S ALL I NEED, and THE KING IS COMING keep running through my mind. It's wonderful to have an inner peace and happiness, to know that everything works out for the best, and not to let the things of this life pressure you.

The team has a really good program to present. I hope everyone enjoys it at least an eighth as much as I did. If they do, they will have many blessings.

Elaine Blalock

Hammondville, Alabama

All of us here at the Delaplaine Church of God really did enjoy the young people's tour program. The way they talked about the FYC really got us interested. The way they spoke of God and the ways we can do our part to serve Him really got me interested because I really want to be used by God. We loved the young people who were here on the Youth Tour—East. The next Sunday (3 days later) after the Youth Team was here we got together and started an FYC at our church. All the young people seem to be very interested in it.

Mary Ball

Delaplaine, Arkansas

I'm writing to tell you how much I enjoyed the Youth Tour. We drove to McAlester last Saturday night and listened to them. They were just great. I loved their singing, and they were a real inspiration. I think it was the best tour I've ever heard. They are all so nice and I'm glad we got to visit with them after church. I'm grateful these young people are doing so much to witness for Christ.

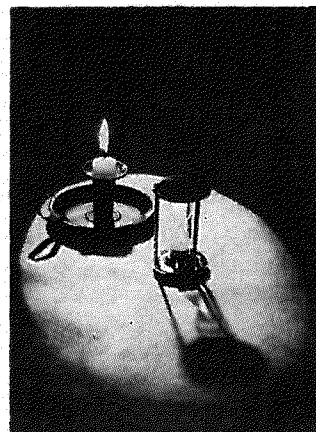
Darla Mauldin

Shawnee, Oklahoma

The Youth Team came our way last night. They had a very, very meaningful and very well organized program. They are all so very friendly and seem to really enjoy what they are doing. I only wish that they could put on the program for Spring Vale when it starts. Praise God! We still have young people who love the Lord.

Janna Patchen

Owosso, Michigan



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## Take Time for God

by Marilyn Current

CHRISTIAN YOUTH

AND THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION

"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 GOOD REPORT, IF THERE BE ANY VIRTUE, AND IF THERE BE ANY PRAISE, THINK ON THESE THINGS**" (Philippians 4:8).

PRAYER: "Father, fill my mind so full of pure thoughts that there will be no room for the evil thoughts thrown at me from every direction in this sex-orientated society."

EVIL INFLUENCES

**Sept. 1. Rom. 1.** Thought: Is watching movies, reading books and magazine stories and looking at pictures that portray these sinful things mentioned in this chapter (unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, murder, etc.) any different than actually committing these sins? "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things (see vs. 29-31) are worthy of death, **not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them**" (verse 32).

**Sept. 2. I John 2.** Thought: Beware

of the "lust of the eyes" (verses 16-17). "Wandering eyes" are related to wandering hands!

**Sept. 3. Prov. 2.** Thought: Refuse to listen to seducing, flattering words of men or women (verses 16-19).

EVIL THOUGHTS

**Sept. 4. Matt. 5.** Thought: To lust after a person of the opposite sex is the same as committing adultery with that person. The thought is the same as the action (verse 28).

**Sept. 5. Mark 1.** Thought: Evil thoughts, adultery, and fornication begin in the hearts, and the

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alent to a charge of electrical energy surging through your veins! Then it can be said of you as was said of the apostles: "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20).

I believe we can also learn a real lesson from what some so disrespectfully term as "Jesus Freaks." Although we cannot agree with all methods, nor can we confirm the genuineness of many of them, we must admire their boldness in bringing Christ to others. At least the name "Jesus" is no longer a "hand-over-the-mouth" word to be uttered only in the presence of other believers! **WE NEED MORE OF THIS!** We need our young people—YOU—to put Christ and His truth before the world!

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SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS

Success in life is seldom a finished work, but only a series of continuous strugglings. Happiness in life is seldom found in materialism, or applause. It usually comes in striving for an ideal. Its highest form is helping others. Success without happiness is hollow. Happiness without peace with God is shallow and temporary. With faith and trust in God, we can have a worthy purpose which brings both happiness and success.

—Paul H. Sengpiehl.

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Be patient in little things. Learn to bear the everyday trials and annoyances of life quietly and calmly, and then, when unforeseen trouble or calamity comes, your strength will not forsake you.—Anonymous

Can you imagine yourself bringing Christ to...

- ...a lonely old man on a park bench?
- ...a service station attendant while he fills your car?
- ...a waitress while she serves your meal?
- ...a motorist whose car is stalled?
- ...a classmate who sits next to you day after day in Biology class?
- ...a fellow basketball player in the locker room of your school gym?
- ...an instructor who advocates or hints at a belief in evolution?

If you can answer "yes," PRAISE GOD! Don't ever stop witnessing!

If you must answer "no," then TAKE COURAGE — REMEMBER CALVARY!

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to EVERY ONE that believeth..."*  
(Romans 1:16)!

## Will You Answer the Call for Help



by Ruth Ling

Did you know that your FYC can support an orphan in India for only \$5.00 per month? If you hear the call for help, contact Elder Reuben Moldenhauer, Chairman of Foreign Missions Department, 8314 Amboy Avenue, Sun Valley, California 91352.

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*"During the Nigerian Civil War I lost all my Biblical books, I don't even have a Bible now. There are other people who don't have a Bible, either. Some of the books I lost were: History of the True Church, Bible Dictionary, Egermeier's Bible Stories, Cruden's Concordance, and Bible Home Instructor."*

Are some of these books simply collecting dust in your library when they could be used by eagerly searching fingers hungry to find the truth? If you hear the call for help, send the books to Ruth Ling, 119 W. 5th, Stanberry, MO 64489.

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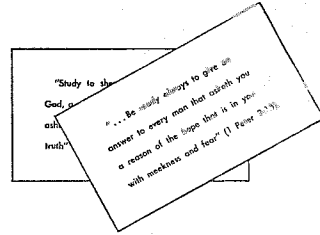
*"The sum of \$200 you sent to workers here through Bishop Tikili is well distributed. But that alone cannot solve our financial needs here. Most other missions in Nigeria have one or two vehicles which enable them to travel easily to visit some who call from a far place. But the Church of God in Nigeria has no vehicle.*

*A minister and I traveled to visit Elder E. T. Nssien on the 17th of March, 1972. We traveled about 95 miles. We both suffered from the long trip and arrived late in the night. There are many other places that need our visit, but we don't have the money..."*

If you hear the call for help, contact Elder Reuben Moldenhauer, 8314 Amboy Ave., Sun Valley, California 91352.

# MINUTEMAN

by Marcia Woods



Step number one in being an effective volunteer for Christ is realizing our *complete dependence* upon Him. Without Christ we are nothing—but with Him nothing is impossible. As we are told in Philippians 4:13, “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*”

Lean on Him. Trust in Him. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths (Proverbs 3:6). He will take charge of our lives and show us the better way, but *only* if we acknowledge Him. Our lives can be nothing less than beautiful if we let go and let God have His way and nothing less than misery if we refuse Him.

In our speed-crazy world we are conditioned to rush, rush, rush, and we are very impatient. Isaiah, however, says that through waiting upon the Lord we gain strength (Isaiah 40:31). We must be willing to obey, regardless of the order. In I Samuel 30:24 we discover that those who are commanded to stay and work at home share equally in the reward with the ones who are commanded to go down and fight. Regardless of the call, we must be ready to answer.

God knows our capabilities and our deficiencies far better than we do ourselves. Even more wonderful, He can erase our deficiencies and build our capabilities. Just as He strengthened and assisted the reluctant Moses, He will help us . . . if we let Him.

We must be willing at all times to realize our complete dependence upon Him and His wisdom in planning our future. We simply must say yes if He says “go” or “stay” or even “wait.”

“Nevertheless not as I will but as Thou wilt.” (Matthew 26:39)

I Peter 5:7	Philippians 4:13	Isaiah 40:31	Isaiah 41:29
Proverbs 3:5-6	Exodus 4:12	Psalms 37:5	Psalms 125:1

We are happy to announce that your Minuteman director has moved to Stanberry, Mo. where she will attend Midwest Bible College this year. Her new address is: Marcia Woods, Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, Missouri 64489.

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thoughts of these things defile the person (verses 14-23).

**Sept. 6. James 1.** Thought: “Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.” Then the lust bringeth forth sin (verses 14-15).

**Sept. 7. Eph. 2.** We are no longer to fulfill the lust of the mind (verse 3).

**Sept. 8. I Tim. 2.** Thought: Girls should dress and behave modestly so they won’t cause men to lust after them. If it’s wrong for a man to think evil thoughts of a woman—to lust after her—then it’s no less wrong for a woman to entice a man to do so (verse 9).

**Sept. 9. Prov. 6.** Thought: Don’t even lust after a woman’s beauty (or a man’s physique) (Verses 24-29).

**Sept. 10. Phil. 4.** Thought: THINK PURE THOUGHTS! (verse 8).

**Sept. 11. I Peter 1.** Thought: “Wherefore gird up the loins of your minds . . . not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts” (verses 13-14).

**Sept. 12. II Cor. 10.** Thought: Bring into captivity **every thought** to the obedience of Christ (verse 5).

**Sept. 13. I Chron. 28.** Thought: God searches all hearts and understands all imaginations of the thoughts (verse 9).

## EVIL CONVERSATION

**Sept. 14. Matt. 12.** Thought: Verses 33-37 can be applied to the telling of “dirty” jokes and stories.

**Sept. 15. Col. 3.** Thought: Stop all filthy communications (dirty jokes,

stories, gossip, rumors) (verse 8).

## EVIL ACTIONS

**Sept. 16. Ex. 22.** Thought: There is a way to make “amends” for fornication (verses 16-17).

**Sept. 17. Gal. 5.** Thought: The works of the flesh are adultery (extra-marital sex), fornication (pre-marital sex), uncleanness (impure thoughts) (verse 19).

**Sept. 18. Jude.** Thought: The modern trend of “sensuality” is condemned (verses 18-19).

**Sept. 19. Prov. 30.** Thought: People find all kinds of excuses in an attempt to justify evil, saying it’s all right when it has some kind of “redeeming social value” or “What is done between two consenting adults can’t be wrong.” What a mockery! (verses 5-14).

**Sept. 20. Num. 25.** Thought: When young men or women are placed in a society where the moral standards are not governed by God’s laws—such as in Viet Nam—immorality is **still not** excusable.

**Sept. 21. Ex. 20.** Thought: “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” “Thou shalt not covet (anything that is not yours). (verses 14 & 17). There are NO EXCEPTIONS to these laws!

**Sept. 22. Heb. 12.** Thought: Watch diligently, so that you don’t fail and become a fornicator (verses 15-16). Note: An adulterer is unfaithful to his or her present mate . . . a fornicator is unfaithful to his or her future mate. Both are equally serious offenses.

## EXAMPLES

**Sept. 23. Gen. 38.** Thought: Evil desires always hurt someone, as with

Tamar (verse 24).

**Sept. 24. II Sam. 11.** Thought: David and Bathsheba—an example of the harm resulting from seeing that which we have no business seeing.

**ADMONITIONS**

**Sept. 25. I Cor. 7.** Thought: Consider Paul's admonition to unmarried and engaged couples concerning sexual desire (verses 8, 9, 36).

**CONSEQUENCES OF EVIL**

**Sept. 26. Deut. 22.** Thought: Even though we no longer have stiff penalties for adultery, fornication and related sins, they are just as abhorrent in God's sight now as they were then.

**Sept. 27. Lev. 19.** Thought: The "double-standard" is **not** God's standard! Men and women both

are responsible for their actions. (verses 20-22).

**Sept. 28. I Cor. 6.** Thought: Partakers in any type of sexual sin will not inherit the Kingdom of God—fornicators, adulterers, effeminate (men acting, looking, and dressing as women), and homosexuals (verses 9, 10, 13-18).

**Sept. 29. I Cor. 5.** Thought: Don't keep company with one who is a fornicator (verses 1, 11).

**Sept. 30. Gen. 6.** Thought: God destroyed the earth by flood because man's heart and thoughts were evil (verse 5).

Note: If we SEE no evil and HEAR no evil, we probably will THINK no evil. If we think no evil then we will not SPEAK evil or DO evil. Avoid seeing or hearing evil!

**HOW MUCH WILL YOU PAY?**

The Creator sells us good things at the price of labor, effort, drudgery, persistence, and renouncement. We pay for our high ideals, sometimes, with great loneliness. We pay for life itself in effort to sustain it, in greater effort to train it into worthy channels, in unremitting effort to keep it there. We pay for our inevitable sorrows and losses and errors sometimes with anger and denunciation, sometimes with endurance and stoic quiet, or best, with tender and hopeful resignation. But whatever coin we give we know at least that nothing may be had for nothing.

What do we most desire to buy? Are we able and willing to pay the price?

If we choose to buy pleasure and ease and self-indulgence, somehow we must scrape together the purchase price. We may not eat our cake and have it too.

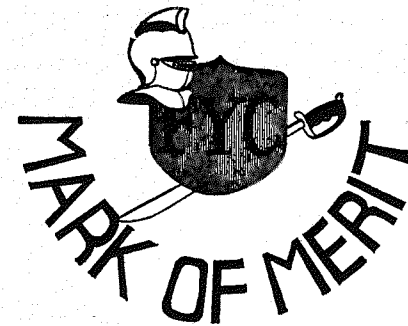
Haven't you noticed what a high price those pay, in the end, who just drift through life, trusting to get the reward of labor and escape making the payments?

On one occasion a lady said to a famous violinist: "I would give half my life to be able to play like you do."

"That, madam," he replied, "is exactly what I have given to do it."

And it was Leonardo da Vinci, the great painter and philosopher, who exclaimed: "Thou, O God, dost sell us all good things at the price of labor."

—Adapted.



By Nolan D. Rincker

The total enrollment in the Mark of Merit program has climbed to 29 FYC groups! We're happy to welcome the Claremore, Oklahoma, FYC as our newest addition to the program. The following groups are reporting their second quarter's total points. (Will those groups who haven't yet submitted their second quarter's report PLEASE DO IT NOW?!)

	Merit Points	Bonus Points	Amount Sent	Goal
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>				
Bloomington	270	436		
Sacramento	195		14.05	
<b>MICHIGAN</b>				
S. W. Michigan	250	30	37.50	75.00
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>				
Claremore	240	150		
<b>TEXAS</b>				
San Antonio (Spanish)	335	195	37.50	75.00
<b>WASHINGTON</b>				
Walla Walla	240	227		
<b>WISCONSIN</b>				
New Auburn	265	185		60.00

Along with some of your quarterly reports I've received letters and short notes giving details of certain projects you've tackled and completed...and along with these details there have been requests for additional points above that which is normally allowed for the type of project you completed. I know some projects require more time, effort, and finances than do others, but I can award only the standard amount of points for any given project.

After thinking about these "more points" requests for quite some time, I began wondering "ARE WE FYC'S AND FYCers ADOPTING AND COMPLETING PROJECTS MERELY FOR THE



REWARD (THE POINTS) OR FOR THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD??" I do hope the latter is our true incentive, because the whole Mark of Merit program is a failure if our spirit of competition overshadows our spirit of love and service. The competitive-type Mark of Merit program is designed to help your FYC be an active group socially, physically, and most important, spiritually. Use Mark of Merit as a guide to active, energetic participation in God's work on this earth.

*Is your FYC doing all it can for God or are you "getting all you can, canning all you get, and sitting on it"? Is your emphasis on the pleasurable, social side of life rather than on sharing the great joys of God and His love with others? Are your projects geared to the needs of your own group rather than to those in need of God's saving truths? Consider these questions in relation to your own group's involvement with Mark of Merit. How about making your group a more active FYC—a more loving FYC—a more sharing FYC? Let's put Christ in all we do in '72—and always!*

#### SUGGESTED PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Within the next month spend a day distributing tracts in your area or the area of your local church. Consult your pastor for help in selecting tracts that are timely and get his advice on areas to canvass. **BE SURE TO READ THE TRACT AND KNOW WHAT IT SAYS BEFORE YOU HAND IT TO OTHERS TO READ!**

#### SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR FYC

Without cooperation nothing is accomplished. For the last three months we've been announcing in AIM that we want to feature in each issue of AIM some outstanding project accomplished by a local FYC. We've been unable to have this special feature because we haven't had response from any FYC group. Share a notable project with other FYCers by sending 2 or 3 action photos (black and white preferred) with a short explanation of the project. Remember: Cooperation accomplishes!

#### MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD

If all the gold in the world were melted down into a solid cube it would be about the size of an eight-room house. If a man got possession of all that gold—billions of dollars worth, he could not buy a friend, character, peace of mind, clear conscience, or a sense of beauty.—*Charles Banning*

#### DESTINY

There is a destiny which makes us brothers,  
None goes on his way alone;  
All that we send into the lives of others,  
Comes back into our own,  
Edwin Markham

#### Favorites Anyone??

The National FYC is presently compiling a list of "favorite choruses" and plans to print a chorus book-let this fall. If you would like to see your "favorite chorus" included in this book, which will be made available to local FYC groups, please send your chorus suggestions to National FYC, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, COLO 80201.

#### Happy Birthday, Sheryl!

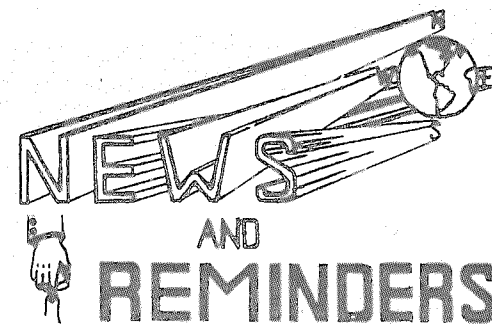
Sheryl Blalock, our Evangelette Director, received an extra-special "birthday present" this year... she and her husband, Joe, became the very happy parents of a son, Joseph Addison, on July 24th, Sheryl's birthday. **CONGRATULATIONS, Joe and Sheryl!**

#### General Conference—Already???

The 1973 session of the General Conference and Camp Meeting was recently announced for August 10-18 near St. Marys, Ohio. This Conference will include outstanding youth activities and the business meetings for the National F.Y.C. It's not too early to mark that date, and to begin making your plans to attend.

#### Marcia Moves To Midwest

The new address of our Minuteman Director, Marcia Woods, is: Marcia Woods, Midwest Bible College, Stanberry, MO 64489.



#### One Problem...

It is very important that we keep our FYC and AIM files updated so that you receive your AIMS and FYC correspondence without needless delay and so that we can eliminate the expense of returned mail. We cannot keep our files current without your cooperation. Any time you move, **PLEASE** notify us of your new address 2 or 3 weeks in advance of your move, when possible, or as soon as you are located at your new address. Thanks for your help!

#### Another Problem...

"... And how shall they read without a writer?" The question asked in Romans 10:14 in regard to salvation of believers and the preaching of the word can be paralleled to our AIM magazine. Presently the biggest problem in the production of our magazine is the lack of material to print. You can help solve this problem by writing for your magazine. Contributions of material for publication will be greatly appreciated by your editor and by all AIM-readers! Manuscript should be sent to Gail Rincker, AIM, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, COLO 80201.

### Just a Reminder

Remember . . . in each month's AIM we would like to feature a brief summary of an outstanding project some local FYC has accomplished. Please send 2 or 3 action photos (black and white preferred) and a summary of a project your group considers notable. We want to hear from YOU!



## *Something to Crow About*

We are happy to announce another "giant step" of progress in the work of the Youth Department. The board of District No. 1 recently adopted the proposal to have a full-time youth worker in their district. In a joint effort with the National Youth Department, the district will pay the worker's salary and the National Youth Department will pay his expenses.

Brother Jerry Moldenhauer, who is a member of the National Youth Committee, has been accepted as the District No. 1 Youth Worker, and he officially began his work on August 1st. Jerry will closely work with each FYC group in the district helping them with their programs, projects, and outreach on both an individual and group basis. He will be busy conducting workshops, spiritual services, and programs to spark greater enthusiasm among young people. He will actively work with the Leadership Committee-men and Local FYC leaders in that area and will be of big help to them.

We thank God for making this step of progress possible—the potential for progress in the West Coast District is unlimited!

### Do It Now!

Have you applied the "infallible formula" (2T4G+M-Man+E7) to your life yet? If not, do it now. Enroll in 2T4G, Minuteman and Evangelette, and watch your spiritual life blossom right before your very own eyes!

# Because God Cares

Recently I underwent surgery at Iowa University Hospital. At age 14 my back and leg were broken in an accident. Only after these injuries healed did I learn that I could have lost a limb. However, I'd never been quite as thankful as I learned to be this summer. While I was in the hospital I met an older gentleman who suffered with hardening of the arteries and had to have both legs removed. One evening some of us were talking about why we were there in the hospital, and all this man said was, "I may not have two legs, but I thank God I have my mind." This man, who had much he could have complained about, impressed me with his attitude of gratefulness.

God has blessed me greatly. I may never be able to run again, but I'm sure of this one thing—I'll walk with Jesus until the glorious day comes when I can run into His arms.

**I thank Him for the morning light,  
For His love shining bright.**

**It helps to make my day complete  
just to know I have two feet...**

**I thank Him for my arms and legs,  
and for eyes to see  
Those not as blessed as me...**

**I talked to a man who had no legs—  
his knee bones were bare.  
But his heart was filled with a daily prayer  
WITHOUT TWO LIMBS HE BELIEVES GOD CARES...**

**It's easy to complain about heartaches and pain  
Yet I'm thankful each day  
that I have a limb to ache, a pain to bear  
BECAUSE GOD LOVED ME ENOUGH TO CARE.**

Christine Bailey  
Age 16  
Iowa FYCer