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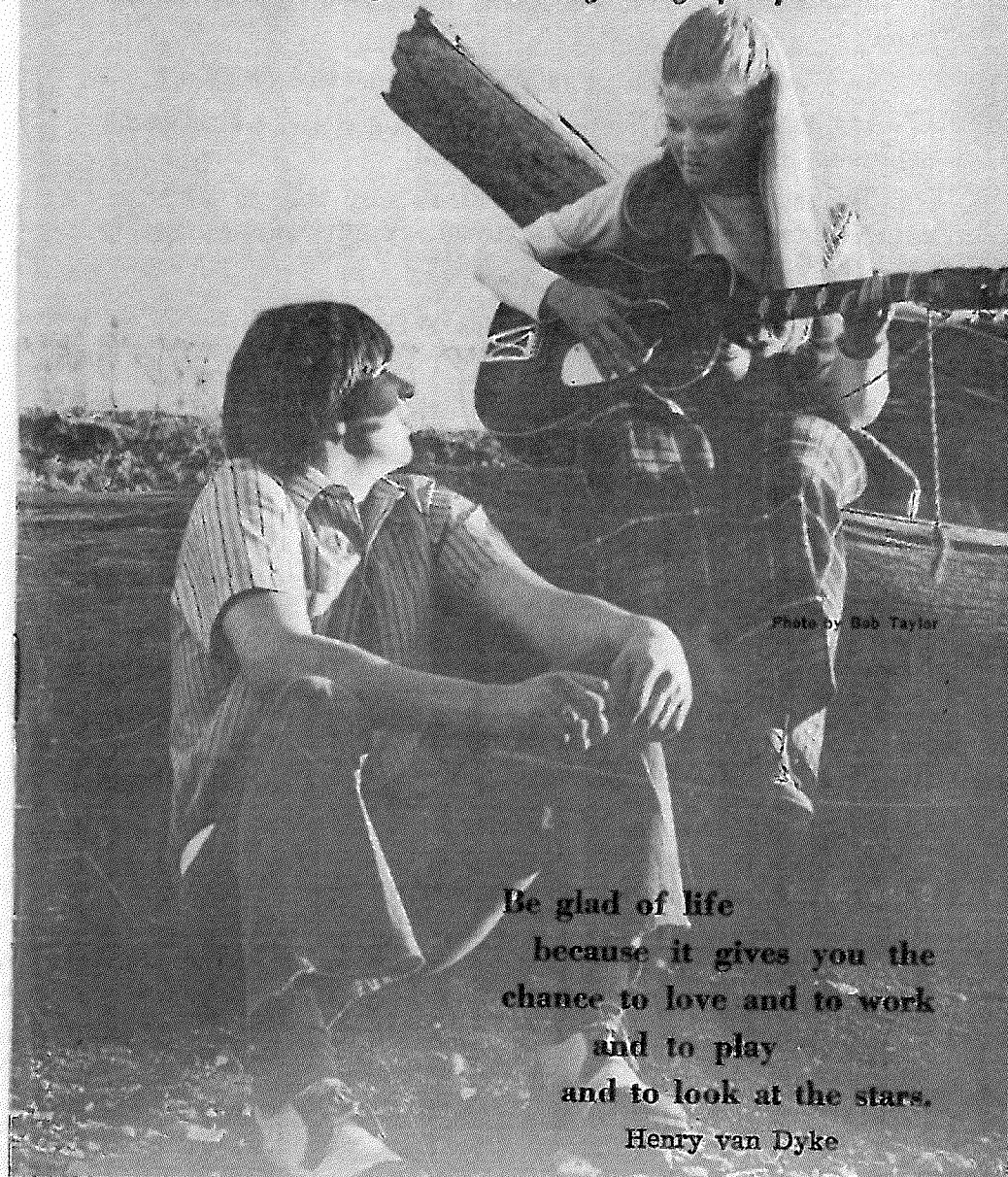


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**Be glad of life
because it gives you the
chance to love and to work
and to play
and to look at the stars.**

Henry van Dyke

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The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts life.

—WILLIAM JAMES

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**Unfailing
Love**



by David Neighbors

LOVE IS AN ART.

Too many people believe love comes so naturally that one need not exert any conscious effort to love. Perhaps this is why "love" fails.

"Love" is usually thought of in terms of romance, but let's concern ourselves with a love that we should have for those around us—perhaps the stranger on the street or the tramp in the alley. CAN WE CARE? CAN WE FEEL A RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIM? CAN WE RESPECT AND KNOW HIM?

YES! But only by God's grace—only by GOD'S love as we allow Him to channel that love through our frail human bodies and minds. —A DAILY, CONSTANT reciprocation of love between us and the Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ is the most important key to loving the unlovely. But then, God DOES expect us to do our part and make conscious efforts to fulfill the law of love...

ENCOUNTER—We will never develop love for anyone unless we break the barrier and **ENCOUNTER** that one and seek to **KNOW** the person as he is—**NOT** as **WE** want him to be! Not all people have the “good qualities” that one expects from others. Many are deprived of good looks, manners, poise, and general sociability that one might **WISH** they had. These people **NEED YOUR** love, concern, and companionship more than your circle of friends around you do!

CARE—We must give **OURSELVES**—and **NOT** with the thought of what **WE** are going to gain. Consider a mother and her child. The mother cares for the baby with complete devotion. The mother’s love is unconditional. The baby responds as though to say, “*I am loved. I am loved because I AM.*” The baby doesn’t have to **DO** anything to be loved by his mother. But that mother demonstrates her love for the child by **DOING** for him. She cares for her child as if he were her own body. Can **YOU** love the “unlovely” and care for him unconditionally as a mother loves her child? **CHRIST DID—AND DOES!** *Love is the active concern for life and the growth of that which we love. LOVE IS DOING!*

RESPONSIBILITY—“*Bear ye one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ*” (Gal. 6:2). Cain asked, “*Am I my brother’s keeper?*” The loving person has compassion for the

life of his brother. He possesses a burden for his brother’s soul, his happiness, and his needs.

RESPECT—Respect means the concern that the other person should grow and blossom within the realm of his own personality. Respect does **NOT** say, “*I want that person to develop his life for the purpose of serving ME.*”

KNOWLEDGE—“*To know you is to love you...*” Those familiar words to an old song express a real key to loving—*anyone*. We cannot always be pleased with what we know about an individual, yet the unadulterated love of God flowing through us enables us to love that person for what he **IS—NOT** what **WE** or society might expect him to be! **TO KNOW** we must first **ENCOUNTER!**

“*Why bother! Why should I inconvenience myself to the point of having to consciously love those I don’t feel like loving when I have my friends whom I find it easy to love??*”

BECAUSE CHRIST DID!
LOVE IS the fulfilling of the law!

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Just A Meaningless Tradition?

by Hope Dais

In the realm of our worship to God, we as Christians recognize that indeed it is of utmost importance that we avoid traditions which have been handed down from generation to generation, but are virtually meaningless as far as enhancing our relationship to God.

There are, however, traditions which are given to us directly by Christ. These are to be kept. Even in the keeping of these, we must be very sure that our observance is not “traditional” rather than heartfelt.

I am thinking specifically of the foot-washing ordinance which we observe in keeping with Christ’s example at the time of the Lord’s Supper (which time arrives this year on April 15).

Just what does the act of foot-washing mean to you? Is it *just an ordinance* which you observe once each year—or is it an act which truly portrays your daily attitude toward your brother? Can we stoop to splash some water on another’s feet, then arise, pick up our high esteem and ego, ready to push our way on through another year until time again to observe the “act” of humility?

If we go on day after day, year after year, making very sure that no one takes advantage of us, that we are given every iota of credit due us, and that we are given every consideration we feel we deserve, then can we truly observe the act of humility on the night of the Lord’s Supper with any real meaning or depth? Can we allow ourselves to become offended at any indication that we are being criticized or corrected—and then expect to receive a real blessing in observing the ordinance of humility? Can we allow ourselves, though human and subject to mistakes, to be readily critical of others—and still consider ourselves humble and in a condition to observe this ordinance? The answers are obvious; but, oh, how very often these very conditions can be seen in our lives.

As we come to the foot-washing portion of our service, is it such a great thing that we should stoop to wash the feet of a sister or brother *whom we dearly love*? This is not so great a thing; nor is this all there is to it. In our own self-examination, we must ask ourselves, “Is there a brother or sister whose feet I would *not* be willing to wash? If ours is true humility, we must be able to, from the heart, answer this question “No.” The Bible says, “...let each esteem other better than themselves” (Phil 2:3).

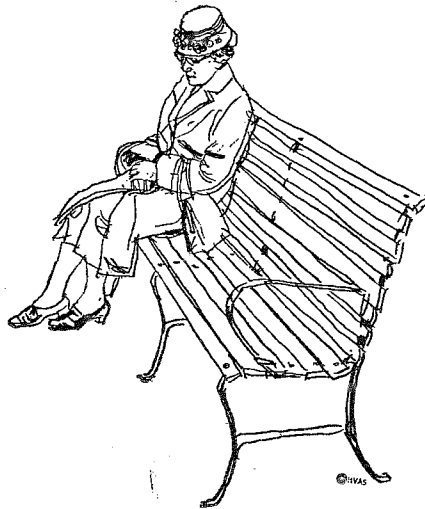
May each of us learn to apply this “foot-washing” attitude in our daily living—willing to be on a lower level than another, willing to be overlooked perhaps, and very unwilling to be offended by another. May we realize that we cannot apply a “dose” of humility to our lives by simply observing an ordinance once a year. Rather, it must be an attitude that is evident in our daily living and truly applied in our dealing with others. May the ordinance of footwashing become more meaningful to us as we observe it from year to year.

Teen Guidelines

"...I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." exclaimed the Psalmist David as he considered his life and realized the greatness of his God. We, too, can join with David in praising God for our creation because *we have been given a wonderful life*. Young person, do you know that the body you now possess is one of the most intricate, highly sophisticated, and technical machines man has ever tried to figure out, and about which he still has many unanswered questions? God has given you a great life through His creation, and He has promised you an even greater, more abundant life if you live for Him. *You have so very much to live for and look forward to!!*

The Lonely Ones

by David Robinson



Project yourself 50 years into the future... picture yourself carrying a cane instead of a baseball bat... picture yourself slowly rocking in a rocking chair instead of running down the football field... picture your strong, healthy body bowed, brittle, and pain-ridden... picture yourself reminiscing days gone by instead of looking forward to days to come. Now, can you imagine yourself in such a situation? Face it, young person... one day that youthful body of yours is going to grow old! Job said, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not" (Job 14:1-2). Bearing this in mind, ask yourself the question, "What will happen to me in my older years of life?" Get a good mental pic-

ture of what life will be like for you when you are an elderly person, and then consider the fact that in our society today, the most neglected and unwanted people are the elderly! What a way to spend the closing days of your life...

lonely,

rejected,

unwanted,

forgotten.

You *know* that you never want to reach a stage in life when you will be lonely, rejected, unwanted and forgotten. Why do you allow hundreds of old people around you to feel that way today? Do you know that as a Christian you have a direct command to care for the elderly? "What? Where in the Bible does it say that I must take care of old folks?" The Fifth Commandment itself teaches you and me that we are obligated to care for our parents. James 1:27 instructs us to "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." Throughout time people have tried to excuse themselves from their responsibilities to their parents, but the law of God remains firm. Such was the case when Jesus rebuked the Pharisees in Matthew 15:4-6. The early church recognized the need to care for the elderly, and they appointed seven men of honest report to care for the widows who had been neglected (Acts 6:1-6). Turning your back on the plight of the aged and pretending they don't exist is like trying to deny that you need to breathe air to live. The privilege of life carries some responsibilities along with it, and you need to meet the responsibility of helping the elderly. "Okay, so old people need help... what can I do about it? Our FYC goes rest home singing now and then... isn't that enough???" Rest home singing is good, but consider this fact—only 1 out of every 10 elderly people (70 years old and up) resides in a rest home. That means the other 90% never benefit from your efforts. There must be some way you can help more of these elderly people... AND THERE IS.

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How Much Land?

by Stanley Kauer

Exactly how much land should the Jews occupy to fulfill the prophecies regarding their return to Israel? This question is of special interest as we consider the present situation. Israel now holds much territory which before 1967 belonged to Arab countries, and the Arabs continue to demand that these lands be returned. But thus far, after five and a half years, none of the territory has been returned and there is very little evidence that the Jews have any intention of ever returning any of it.

From 1948 to 1967 we felt that prophecy was being wonderfully fulfilled by the return of the Jews and the rebuilding of Palestine. But all that time there was something lacking. Israel did not have the city of Jerusalem. Their return was called a "Zionist Movement" but they did not possess Mount Zion! How we rejoiced when Israel took the old city of Jerusalem and Mt. Zion!

The prophecy in Jeremiah 30:3 says "...I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it." What land was given to "their fathers"? Abraham is considered the original "father" of Israel, and in Genesis 15:18 we read: "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." This is much more

land than Israel possesses today, but they did rule over this much land in the days of kings David and Solomon. In I Kings 4:21 and II Chronicles 9:26 it is mentioned that Solomon ruled all the land from the border of Egypt to the river, and the marginal reference identifies this river as "the Euphrates."

There has been some question about the meaning of the phrase "river of Egypt" mentioned in Genesis 15:18. The great river of Egypt is the Nile, but it is located in the midst of the land, and for the Jews to possess the Nile would mean their possessing all of Egypt. So it is thought that this must refer to some other river, and the verses in Kings and Chronicles use the term "border of Egypt." But just what is that border of Egypt?

At the present time the border of Egypt is the Suez Canal,

and Israel occupies all of the Sinai peninsula to the Canal. Before 1967 the border of Egypt was the eastern boundary of the Suez situated only a short distance south of Beersheba. Farther southwest (in about the middle of the Sinai area) is a small river which some maps label "the river of Egypt." There has been some talk about Israel making a treaty with Egypt the terms being Israel's withdrawal from part of the Sinai, which perhaps includes that land extending to this small river. However, a recent news item indicates that they do, indeed, intend to retain this land. This news release reveals that Israel is now building a resort city in the Sinai desert similar to Palm Springs which is in the California desert. As I understand it, this is being built in the eastern part of the Sinai, probably northeast of the little river we have mentioned.

A news item in the December 12 issue of the "Jerusalem Post" tells of another reason Israel may want to keep part of the Sinai. The item reads in part: "What appear to be large deposits of high-quality tungsten, copper and other valuable non-ferrous minerals have been discovered in the Sinai desert. The discoveries were made in the course of a five-year scientific survey of the nature of the peninsula started after the Six-Day War..." Other Bible prophecies indicate that there will be things of great value in Israel, and these valuable resources will be one of

the causes of an invasion from the north, and this invasion will lead to Armageddon. So, you see, this recent mineral discovery does connect with those prophecies.

Before the Six-Day War the northern boundary of Israel was the Hulah marshes just north of the sea of Galilee. But the Six-Day War extended the northern area of Israel to include the south slopes of Mount Hermon located fifty miles north of Galilee. The fact that Israel intends to remain there is shown by recent building activity. On television news recently I saw hundreds of Jewish people at a ski resort on the slopes of Mount Hermon. They have nice lodge buildings, a ski lift, and have plans for much more building there. This is in territory the Arab nation of Syria is demanding that the Jews return to them. But the building which the Jews are doing indicates that they have no intention of returning that land. In fact, serious warfare erupting from time to time is with Syria and Lebanon, and there is every possibility that eventually Israel will expand its boundary farther north. Before the second advent of Christ, we may fully expect Israel's boundary to extend all the way to the Euphrates, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Jeremiah 30:3 which says they would return to the land which God gave their fathers, and that they would possess it—**ALL OF IT.**

Most of the Jews in Israel are
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Let's Save the Sea

by
Kenneth Lawson

I was walking along a deserted beach in California, a beach piled high with driftwood and large rocks. I had just finished a hard day's work, but yet, I was not ready to rest. I felt a deep urge to walk along the beach and be by myself. As I kept walking and climbing over the mangled piles of logs, I began to feel the presence of God, as if He were walking right beside me.

As I was walking I seemed to hear a voice say, *Why are you here, and where are you going?*

I kept climbing as the waves of the Pacific pounded and tore at the rocks below. As I climbed around the side of the cliff the ocean's roar became louder and louder until I could hear nothing but the crashing of the waves. When I reached the top, I sat down and watched the waves beat insistently below

—and I thought—

how the waves of the ocean are like many people in the world.

They run to and fro, and never seem to gain anything or go anywhere.

They are spiritually dead, but are of no use to the world either.

They are much like the waves of the ocean as they beat against the rocks and fall back and then come back in again. The people beat themselves against the rocks, so to speak, when they do not let God control their lives and they fall back into sin to mix with the world—maybe to come out again, or maybe to drift about until thrown or washed up on the beach to become as useless as a piece of driftwood.

They are without a purpose to live for or a guide to help them find their way.

Great despair overcame me as I wondered and thought about the many people who are in this lost condition. I thought about all the people across this great expanse of water who have never heard of Jesus and His saving blood.

I began to wonder how we could reach those lost people who have not a hope or a chance unless we give them that hope. *What can I do, I asked myself, to help those people?* I knelt there on the ocean's edge and prayed to God that He would use me to help those people find the true way. If I could not personally go and help them, I wanted to help them financially or any way possible.

Later, as I was once more looking out over the ocean, I again felt the question in my mind, *What are you doing, and where are you going?*

I then realized that the question meant not what was I do-

ing here on the beach—or where was I going now, but what did I intend to really do with my life, and where was I going to go to serve my Lord. I really felt the nearness of the Lord, and once again I prayed and asked God to use me anywhere, any place, any time.

There are so many souls to be won, and may God give us the vision to see the need to pray for workers to send to save the lost.—Workers to save the sea.

There is a sea —

—a sea of sinners,

—a sea of souls,

—a sea much like the
Pacific Ocean

beating itself on the rocks, and not gaining a thing.

We must help these people—we must channel them so they can be of use to God and mankind, and so they, too, will be saved. May God give us a greater zeal to work for Him and for the church.

Are you doing all you can for God?

Are you a servant of God?

Do you want to be a servant of God?

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Elder Ken Lawson presently serves as pastor of the Shawnee, Oklahoma church.



Start Packing!



by Steve Kurtright

"More than 4000 young Mormons go out 2 by 2 each year as missionaries without compensation, giving a year or more to the work of spreading the teaching of their Church at home and abroad." "Their missionary experience strengthens both them and their Church and offers a model of Church service and zeal equaled in very few of the larger churches in America." (Handbook of Denominations in the United States by Frank S. Mead.)

In a recent Newsweek article concerning the Mormon Church, they gave the statistics that in the past 12 years the Mormon Church increased its membership by 50%. This growth was solely attributed to their youth evangelism program.

I hope by now you have the point and don't think I'm asking you to join the Mormon Church. I want to point out the necessity of service to God and His Church. The youth of today need to become "mormon" in their service and zeal. NOW is the time to stop feeling sorry for the Church because She is so small and get busy feeding Her.

Like all children we, as children of God, need guidelines to serve as instruction. If you are one of those who think service is hard, then you are very mistaken. Basically you need four guidelines for service, and with some personal evaluation you will find you already have those guidelines.

To begin a work you must have something to say, and so a message is in order. You need a message that contains truth and is able to lead mankind through the trials of life. What better message can be found than that of the Scripture and of the Church of God? The message of salvation and the revelation of Jesus Christ is the most complete and most important message man can receive. You as a child of God have this message to share.

Along with this message you have to feel a *dedication*. The bearer of any message must believe in what he is advocating. We must be willing to sacrifice desire and self to believe in the message of the Church. If this message was and is important enough for us to accept, then isn't it just as important for someone else? Dedication

is what counts . . . and service is a product of this feeling. If for some reason your service to the Church is lacking, why not examine your dedication.

It is sad to think of the many who have lived and died without any motivation in their lives. How miserable it would be to lack drive of any kind. Praise God that this is one attribute you can't lack. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:" (1 Peter 2:9). What more *motivation* or *drive* could an individual ask for than to know the Creator has chosen him for a particular part of the salvation work, to be in reality one of God's chosen people!

Message, dedication, and drive are good, but what happens when you get to the end of the list? What do we do with the message and all of this dedication and drive? Start packing—I've got the answer!

VICTOC*—the service program of the Church! That's right, it's a program for you. It is geared to absorb all of that dedication and drive you have stored up. The Church needs you to help, and you can't forget that.

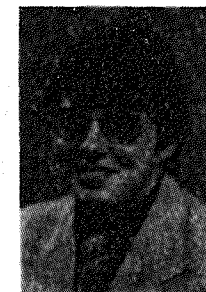
VISTOC is an answer to hundreds of questions and millions of prayers. Before this program most of you didn't know how to serve or what to do, but now the answers are here. Take advantage of VISTOC—get involved in active service. It's up to you! Service has now become a matter of your examining the priorities of your life and coming up with the right answers.

These four steps add up to model service and heartfelt zeal. Young people, take courage and take time to give back a portion of God's blessings to you by being a VISTOC volunteer.

So . . . get busy and be a "mormon." Give a little of yourself so that others might live. Romans 12:1, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your REASONABLE SERVICE."

*For complete information about VISTOC, write to National F.Y.C., P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.

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Winners For Christ

1972 Lighthouse Award Winners

Joplin, Missouri F.Y.C.

by Janice Henderson

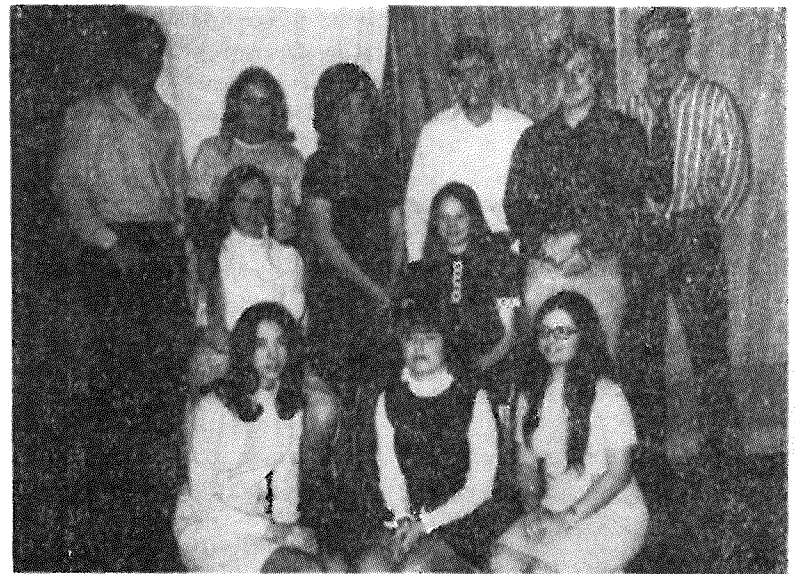
"Prayer is the key that unlocks the door . . ."

THIS is what drew us closer together and gave us strength to go on through the year in our work for the Lord and enabled us to achieve this honor—the 1972 LIGHTHOUSE AWARD WINNER!

God has truly blessed our once-stagnant FYC group, and we give Him the praise for helping us blossom into a winner for Christ. And we do truly attribute these blessings to PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY which drew us closer to God and to each other and thereby instilled within us the zeal for the Lord's work. *"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might . . ."* (Eccl. 9:10).

Although the first part of 1972 found us LACKING, we gained a new enthusiasm at the beginning of the summer after stepping back and taking a GOOD LOOK at our failings. Frankly, we analyzed the situation as IMPOSSIBLE! But then, *" . . . with God ALL things are possible"* (Matthew 19:26). And He surely made it possible for us to pick up the pieces as we set goals for the remainder of the year. Enthusiasm mounted for FYC activities, meetings (business ones, even!), projects, and especially spiritual growth. It was this spiritual growth that brought about all the success in the other areas. You see, that is the way God works—*" . . . seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"* (Matthew 6:33).

Our "seeking the kingdom of God" was richly experienced every Tuesday night as we met for sharing blessings and burdens, for prayer, for Bible study, and just ENJOYING the Lord together. These times together with God helped cement us for our times alone with God, and helped inspire us to be "profitable servants" for our Saviour and His Church.



Members of the award-winning Joplin F.Y.C. are as follows:

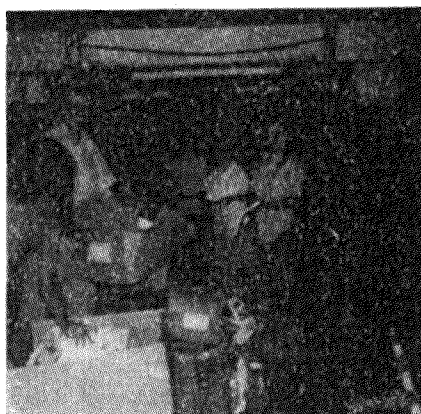
Back row: Alvin Overman, Deanna Overman, Sharon Overman, Raymond Overman, Raymond Riggs and Roger Overman.

Middle row: Alva Overman and Ruth Overman.

Front row: Janice Henderson, Janie Henderson, and Betty Riggs. Not pictured: Tom Orr.

We began seeing participation in the Mark of Merit as MORE than just winning a "prize." It became simply a channel of service for our Lord. Even if we had not become the "FYC of the Year," our work would not have been in vain, for we felt God's presence and blessings as we served others both individually and as an FYC group. A few of our service activities and fun times were:

- (1) A good National Youth Week program. We especially enjoyed the Sabbath "takeover" when the Joplin Church gave us the leadership of the Sabbath School and Worship Hour. One of our young men even delivered the sermon!
- (2) Monthly rallies. Our rally presentations have been primarily in the form of plays, and these have really been fun and inspiring to both the FYCers and the local congregation.
- (3) In August we packed our bundles and fled to the hills for a weekend of roughin' it! What a glory to share God's untouched handiwork in this way!
- (4) Special fund-raising projects included selling screw drivers and stationery for a "secret" project. Regular projects such as saving pennies and pop bottles, baling paper, etc, served to supply our treasury with necessary funds for our "ministry" and for fun times as well.
- (5) Blessings returned to us as we shared our monetary blessings with the Free Tract Fund, the Multiple Sclerosis Telethon, and purchased the AIM for each member of our local FYC.
- (6) Regular activities included such things as rest-home singing, tract study, Bible study, cleaning the church, etc.
- (7) A highlight of our year was a trek to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to view the well-known Passion Play. This certainly made us more aware of our Saviour's supreme sacrifice.



The Joplin F.Y.C. spent many nights baling papers to raise funds for their many projects.

"... For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required..." and given unto the Joplin FYC recently is the care

and keeping of the newly-organized Junior FYC. Pray with us that we may be an example to them, and that through our efforts, God will bless them and start them on the road to His glorious kingdom.



Pastor and Mrs. Harold Carlson surprised the Joplin FYCers with a fun-filled social one night.

PASTOR CARLSON'S CONGRATULATIONS

I am sure all of the FYC groups who have been participating in the award program have accomplished some wonderful goals for their local churches, and each group is to be commended for their work for Jesus. But as always in a contest of this type, only one group can win.

I, as the pastor of the Church of God (7th Day) in Joplin, Missouri, and all the local brethren are certainly pleased that our FYC group won the LIGHTHOUSE AWARD for 1972.

Also, I am sure the young people of the FYC group here in Joplin appreciate the efforts of their sponsor, Sister Billie Henderson, who has always encouraged them to continue on.

We have a wonderful FYC group and we are proud of their accomplishments in the work for the Lord.

LET'S SAVE THE SEA

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Are you going to be out in the sea drowning yourself in sin and shame only to become a piece of driftwood? Your only hope there is to become fuel for the lake of fire on the judgment day.

For the wages of sin is death,

BUT

the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom. 6:23).

HOW MUCH LAND?

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not Christians, and a great many are not even religious, but they are nonetheless a key to our understanding much of the last-day prophecy, and God is using them to fulfill His Word. We should continue to watch and to always be ready for the coming of the Lord.



Reach Out

Progress in the Philippines

by Cindy Gibbs
Foreign Correspondent

What a wonderful report we have from the Don Carlos, Bukidnon Philippines F.Y.C.! This group, lead by Brother Necy in 1972, has wanted so much to share their joy and reports of progress with us in the United States that we are featuring them in this issue of AIM. We are thankful for their dedication and hard work for the Lord's cause of saving and uplifting souls.

Officers of the Quezon (Don Carlos, Bukidnon, Philippines) F.Y.C.—Evelyn Romanes, Secretary-Treasurer; Nena Espiritu, Assistant leader; and Brother Necy, Leader.



Brother Prude Z. Sausa, Chairman of the F.Y.C. work in the Philippines, preaches the gospel message for a weekly broadcast over station DXMB. This radio broadcast, sponsored by the National Youth Department, has been a tremendous success.



One of the F.Y.C. social activities... a picnic at the Quezon swimming pool.

The Philippine F.Y.C.ers often join in fellowship at outings, picnics, and recreational swimming. They find these activities together keep them firm in their love for one another and the love of the Gospel.

The Quezon F.Y.C.'s big projects for 1972 was building the church gate for the local Church of God (7th Day). The picture shows their finished product.



Pray for these dedicated brethren. May God bless our local F.Y.C. groups as He has this one, and may we all work together for His honor and glory.

May we "Reach Out" to others as this Philippine F.Y.C. has done so faithfully and lovingly.

The More Abundant Life

by Pat Jones

"You made it back!"

"Whew, those roads were rough, but the Lord really protected us..."

"It is SO great to be back!"

Such exclamations were commonly heard on campus at Midwest Bible College as the students returned from midwinter break. By December 20 everyone had scattered in different directions to share their lives with relatives and friends during the three-week break from classes. MBC was represented in many states—California, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Texas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Oregon. January 9 marked the beginning of second semester and the final trek of a long, but far too short, year of growth and blessings for MBC students.

We lament the loss of a few first-semester students—Karen McNeal and Ed Crawford (now Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crawford), Mike Vlad (now living in Texas), and Tim Youngs (now at home in Walla Walla, Washington). However, we rejoice over the addition of two new students—Don Horton (Longview, Texas) and Jeff O'Haver (Ontario, California). Also, Haskell Hughes delighted all as he returned to his Stanberry "home" from Alabama.

January, the beginning of a new semester, ushered in much activity as we students struggled to settle back into a routine and participated in the various college activities. Saturday night, January 13, the MBC "fellas" romped on some of the local boys in a rough and tumble basketball game while the girls cheered them to their 106 to 40 victory!

The students extended their fond farewells to Tim Youngs at a "Going Away Party" on January 14. Tim's friends were so "plentiful" that the girls' dorm (where the party was held) al-



l. to r. Marcia Woods, LaNell Griffin, Elmer Childress, and Pat Jones. These three girls, all students at Midwest Bible College, recently appeared on "The Elmer Childress Show" in Wichita, Kansas.

most burst its seams! "A friend loveth at all times..." (Proverbs 17:17).

A rally on the 20th entitled "Countdown" highlighted the month of January. Students and local FYCers alike put much effort into the rally, and God really blessed everyone in attendance.

The last weekend of the month, three students—LaNell Griffin, Pat Jones, and Marcia Woods—traveled to Wichita, Kansas, to provide special music for a series of "Jesus Talk" evangelistic meetings being held there by Elder Dale Lawson. God blessed the weekend experiences abundantly and high on the list of blessings was the appearance of the girls and Elder Lawson on a local religious television program—"The Elmer Childress Show." The girls provided a solo and one trio number, and Brother Dale gave information concerning the services. This was a new and VERY enjoyable experience for the girls!

[Editor's Note: This free 15-minute TV appearance was also a new and exciting experience for the Church of God. It instills in me a new fervor to see MORE of this kind of thing! Many similar opportunities are available for the Church through various types of news media. In most cases, we simply fall short and fail to investigate or take advantage of such provisions. Many times we are exposed to publicity possibilities which we could propose to our pastor and/or church board. The time is SHORT! "... behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2). —All of us MUST put our best foot forward for the work of the Lord and the proclamation of the gospel message! SO let's keep our "6" senses open to opportunity when it knocks!]

February carried with it many blessings, especially with the rally on the 24th entitled "God, Through the Eyes of a Child" which featured the children and afforded tremendous blessings for the older folks. A social on the 17th also provided a nice change of pace for everyone.

The student pastors, Jerry Camero, Steve Kurtright, and David Robinson, made a number of visits to their assigned churches during January and February, and many of the students went along to provide music. It's always a blessing to be of service to the Lord in this way!

The Lord has really blessed us MBCers this semester and we're looking forward to the coming months which are packed with activities—spaghetti supper, spring break, rallies, prayer meetings, socials, Bible studies... Remember all of us in your prayers, and if you get a chance... **DROP IN FOR A VISIT!**

THE LONELY ONES (Continued from page 7)

In order to be motivated to seek out the elderly and make efforts to visit them, you need to rid your mind of the idea that elderly people are a bore and that you can't stand to visit them. Look at an older person as a storehouse of knowledge... a living history book... a natural resource for wise advice, and a person (a real, live person possessing the complete range of human feeling and emotion) who is as compassionate and loving as you are. Have you ever considered that maybe you are a bore to the elderly person you go to visit? Who wouldn't get bored with a young person who clams up, fidgets, and keeps his eyes glued to the clock during an entire 15 minute visit???

Get enthusiastic about visiting the elderly and doors of opportunity will open all around you! First visit elderly people you know personally such as relatives, church members, neighbors, and friends. Then welcome the chance to visit those who are mentioned by others as people who need visitation. If you show yourself wanting and willing to visit, you will have no trouble finding those who would like for you to visit them.

And when you visit with the elderly ones, share yourself with them. Share your daily experiences, share your ideas, share your time, share your laughter, and share your love. Little favors and little kindnesses you can do will go a long way in the life of some lonely old person. Remember, a visit from you can and will "make the day" for some lonely aged one.

Now as a young person you are looking forward to growing older, but what will you look forward to when you are an elderly person...?

"CAST ME NOT OFF IN THE TIME OF OLD AGE,
FORSAKE ME NOT WHEN MY STRENGTH FAILETH"
(Psalm 71:9).

2T4G—Take Time for God

L-O-V-E

by Marilyn Current

**Brotherly love—dating—marriage...
the divine order of maturity in love.**

We need to be careful that we don't put the cart before the horse. Until we learn to love ALL (BOTH guys and gals!), we are not ready for the responsibility of a boy-girl relationship. AND until we learn proper conduct for love in dating, we are not prepared for the responsibilities of an unselfish and undemanding love that is necessary for a loving and happy marriage.

MATURE love is "strong as death... Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it..." (Solomon's Song 8:7-8).

BROTHERLY LOVE

- April 1—I Cor. 13
- April 2—Gal. 5 (vs. 14 & 22)
- April 3—II Sam. 1 (26)
- April 4—Prov. 17 (9, 17)
- April 5—John 13 (35)
- April 6—John 15 (13)
- April 7—I Cor. 16 (14)
- April 8—I Pet. 4 (8)
- April 9—Lev. 19 (18 & 34)
- April 10—Heb. 13 (1-3)
- April 11—Matt. 5 (44-48)
- April 12—James 2 (8-10)
- April 13—Mark 12 (30-31)
- April 14—I Thess. 3 (12)
- April 15—Rom. 12 (9 & 10)

DATING LOVE

- April 16—II Cor. 6 (14)
- April 17—I Thess. 5 (22 & 23)
- April 18—Eph. 5 (3)
- April 19—II Tim. 2 (22)
- April 20—I Thess. 4 (1-9)
- April 21—I Cor. 6 (9, 13-20)
- April 22—Prov. 7
- April 23—Gen. 29 (20)
- April 24—I Cor. 7 (32-37)
- April 25—Matt. 6 (33)

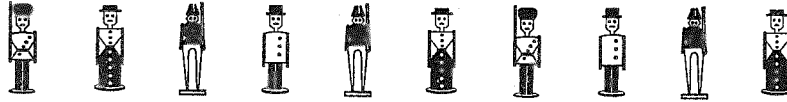
MARRIED LOVE

- April 26—Mark 10 (2-12)
- April 27—Gen. 2
- April 28—Col. 3 (19)
- April 29—Tit. 2 (4-6)
- April 30—Solomon 8 (6 & 7)

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

(I Corinthians 13:4-7. Revised Standard Version)

Picture This



by Marcia Woods

What is the greatest gift you could ever want to receive? A car? A boat? A huge sum of money? How about life???

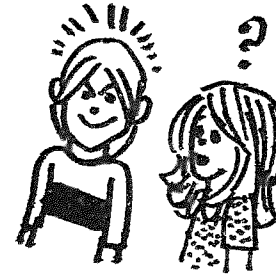
Picture this. You're standing before a firing squad... sure death looms ahead. You're looking down the barrels of ten guns and the commander yells "ATTENTION!" Men with expressionless faces stare coldly at you as they clasp their guns tighter... you discover that it's almost impossible to swallow. "AIM!" Now you begin to sweat and squirm... you know the end is near. As the commander harshly announces, "READY," you decide that life is over for you. Suddenly out from nowhere rushes a man whom you've never seen before shouting loudly that he is going to take your place, that he's going to die your death so that you can go free. How would you feel? Wouldn't this be the greatest gift that you could ever receive? You have already received just such a gift. Christ died for you about 2000 years ago.

God developed a beautiful plan of salvation so that your sins could be forgiven and so that you could live forever with Him. Read Exodus 12 which tells about the Passover, and compare it to your passover Lamb Who, though without spot or blemish, had to die a cruel death on a cross for you.

Many beautiful prophecies surround the plan of salvation. Read and study Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. For more information and scriptural references on the plan of salvation, see article No. 7 in the "Doctrinal Beliefs" handbook which you can obtain from your pastor, from the Bible Advocate Press, or from me.

God has promised too beautiful a plan of salvation for you not to take advantage of it.

Acts 20:28	Romans 8:32	Heb. 10:12	II Cor. 5:18
I Peter 1:18-19	John 15:13	John 1:29	I Peter 2:24



Do You Know?

by Sheryl Blalock

Do you know how to find what you're lookin' for? Ya' know your Bible like you do the Sears catalog or your diary??

It takes study, practice, prayer and perseverance to find Bible answers. Below are ten difficult Bible questions that may require some lengthy research on your part. None of the answers are simple, and some may be a bit tricky. *Test your Bible knowledge and skill... answer all the questions as thoroughly as you can and send your answers to AIM, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201. Any FYC'er who submits correct answers to all ten questions will receive a prize in the mail. May 1, 1973, is the deadline for your entry to reach the National FYC office. You need not be enrolled in the EVANGELLETTE program to participate.*

1. Of whose house is it said, "Her house is the way to hell"?
2. When God sent the quail to the Israelites, what was the minimum amount each man gathered?
3. Who was Huldah?
4. How many clean animals of each kind went into the ark?
5. While hanging on the cross, what was Christ given to drink?
6. When Jesus told the disciples to cast their nets on the right side of the ship, how many fish did they snare?
7. In Jotham's parable what does the bramble represent?
8. What ignorance did God wink at in times past?
9. God said He would raise up a prophet like unto Moses. Who was this prophet and how was he similar to Moses?
10. The accusations Christ made in Matthew 23 were directed to the common people. TRUE or FALSE?

Remember, STEP III in the EVANGELLETTE program is Bible search. Remember, too, that "practice makes perfect"!!! JOIN THE EVANGELLETES AND PRACTICE STUDYING THAT BIBLE EVERY DAY!

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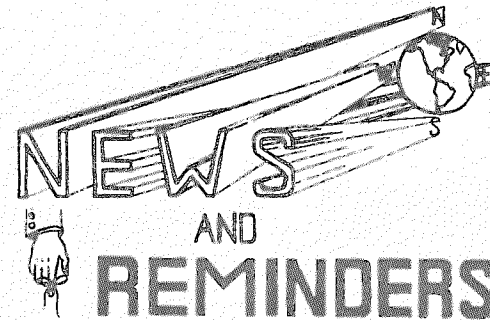
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The month of March marks the end of 1973's first quarter, so it is time to send in reports of your F.Y.C. group's activities during that time. If you have not already done so, please include a complete registration of your youth (names, addresses, birthdates) and a list of officers with the report. Send the completed report to:

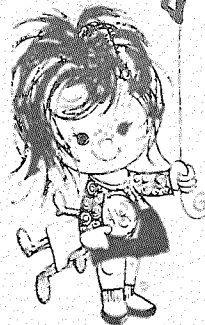
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DON'T MISS IT!

Remember, March 20-25 has been suggested by the National F.Y.C. as National Youth Week. Every local group is urged to plan for special spiritual activities during this week or during a week shortly thereafter.

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