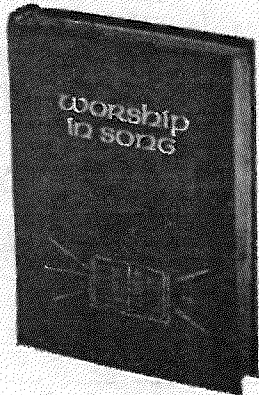


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A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parents of all other virtues.—CICERO

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BRADEN ACRES
GRADE SCHOOL

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come.
Raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come.
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified,
In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.
Amen.

—Henry Alford

An Embarrassing Confession

Great and Mighty God,
Creator of All Things . . .

There's something I need to talk to You about today—it's thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving season is here again, and people in our country are eagerly anticipating and busily preparing for Thanksgiving Day. You know, God, Thanksgiving is the one holiday that is purely American. It is a traditional time for family gatherings and turkey dinners. It's kind of like a memorial day—a day set aside so that we Americans will remember the heritage of our great land—a heritage we can be proud of. It is a designated time for us to thank You for the goodness and wealth You have bestowed upon our country and upon each of us.

God, I've been thinking about Thanksgiving Day and about thanksgiving. *It is with much embarrassment that I confess something You already know about . . .* Father, my own thanksgiving has been seasonal just as Thanksgiving Day is seasonal. God, I know that thanksgiving is nothing more than giving thanks to You . . . it is an attitude of a joyful heart . . . it's living a life of gratitude. God, help me to be more keenly aware of the meaning and the significance of thanksgiving . . . and help me, please God, to evidence this knowledge in the experiences of my every day living. And God, please forgive me for forgetting—no, for neglecting—to thank you as I should.

You've done so much for me and given me so much that I feel I could spend the rest of my life on my knees naming all my blessings. God, I'm thankful for them all . . .

For

good health and true happiness
real joy and peace of mind
the love of family and friends
the trust of a child

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the sunshine that fills our small, warm house,
books to read, food to eat, dogs to pat, and letters
the mailman brings
the beauty of a sunrise, a flower, a snowfall
laughter enough to share

For

a job to do
a cause for which to fight
a purpose for living
a goal to strive for

Dear God, please help me to be ever mindful and thankful for these simple everyday blessings I so easily take for granted. And then God, there are the deeper, greater, almost incomprehensible blessings . . .

KNOWING YOU AND FEELING YOUR LOVE
YOUR SON WHO DIED TO REDEEM ME AND ALL
OTHERS
YOUR CHURCH AND YOUR PEOPLE
YOUR SPIRIT WHICH FILLS MY BEING, LEADS,
GUIDES AND STRENGTHENS ME
YOUR BIBLE THAT LIGHTS MY WAY
YOUR COMING KINGDOM FOR WHICH I LONG

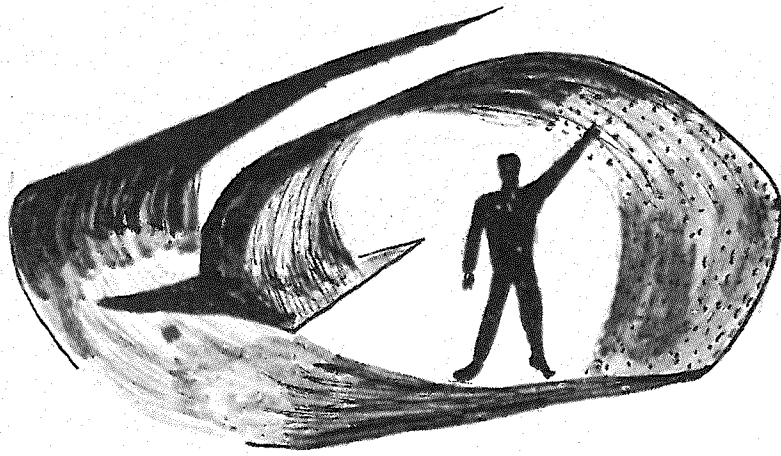
Oh God, my feeble mind cannot begin to comprehend Your greatness, Your goodness, Your mercy and Your love! But God, I want to always give You the thanks and praise You deserve. God, help me to know how to thank You. God, help me to make thanksgiving a way of thinking and living. Help me live a life that evidences my gratefulness to You and glorifies Your Name. Help me to share my blessings with others. Help me to always be thankful.

THANK YOU, GOD.

In Jesus Name I Pray,
Amen.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy mouth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. Bless the Lord all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul. Psalm 103:5, 8, 14, 22.

by Beverly Turner



Where Are You God?

"My life! Oh what's happening to me God? Where are You? I need You God, but I can't find you. No matter how hard I try I can't seem to reach You. Everyone says, 'Just pray, just call on God and He will hear you and will help you.' But it isn't that easy. It doesn't always work out that way... I've tried! I don't know what to do now... Life is cruel and harsh. Sometimes I wish I'd never been put here on this earth... Nothing seems worth living for anyway... Why should I be the one who has to live for no purpose at all???"

Not long ago these were my thoughts and feelings. *Life seemed like just one big mess—and it was for me.* I decided that I would quit trying to call on God because it seemed like He never heard or answered my prayers. I finally realized that the problem wasn't that God didn't answer my prayers, it was that I hadn't been praying with faith. You may say, "Aw, I hear about that faith stuff all the time. It doesn't really mean anything anyway." You're wrong! It does matter! Unless a person goes to God believing that God will hear his prayer, God won't answer the prayer. Like James says, if we don't have faith, we are like a wave that is tossed and blown on the sea. That was where I went wrong. I expected God to do all the work while I sat back and watched

things happen. I didn't have the faith I needed but I expected God to do things for me.

After I decided to forget God, I started getting scared. Scared because I knew enough about the Bible to know that there is a day coming when God is going to judge the unrighteous. I didn't like the idea of being among those who will cry for the rocks to fall on them and will be gnashing their teeth... nor did I like the thought of being burned up in a lake of fire. Just thinking of this caused shivers to run up my back. Even though I knew that these things would happen someday, I still didn't know if I really wanted God.

Soon after this I attended a special meeting for young people. I received a real blessing from the meeting and had a new desire to really know and serve God. I thought this desire would stay with me forever. Again I didn't do my part in believing... I didn't have real faith that God would answer my prayers. I felt a closeness to God, but I more or less "took for granted" that God would keep me close to Him instead of my keeping myself close to Him. God wanted me, just as He wants everybody, but human nature made it easy for me to not keep up my end of the relationship. *God wants people who will stay with Him.* When I realized this I began praying regularly and kept in close touch with the Lord. And I gained real faith!!

"Finding God" meant my giving up some crazy ideas and going to a friend with my problems. God, working through my friend, helped me. From that time on I've found real joy in keeping close to God and I've been able to keep the world from getting its arms around me. *I remember what the Bible so plainly says: "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:6). I remember, too, that if we let the world "get to us," God will have no choice as to what to do with us on that great Judgment Day.*

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves toward the goal of true maturity" (Romans 1:2, PHILLIP'S TRANSLATION).

He who thanks but with
the lips
Thanks but in part;
The full, the true Thanks-
giving
Comes from the heart.

**A SINGLE GRATEFUL THOUGHT TOWARD HEAVEN IS
THE MOST COMPLETE PRAYER.—Lessing**

Just Make Me!

by June Crisp

MAKE ME

Your pastor can preach soul-searching sermons, give altar calls, and plead with you. Your parents and friends can talk with you and urge you to get acquainted with God. But no one, my friend, can *make* you accept Christ.

God is waiting and ready to forgive you, but He will not drag you to the church altar or into the kingdom. *"For thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee"* (Psalm 86:5). God is *willing* to forgive, but *He gives you the choice to accept or reject Him and His forgiveness.*

CHANGE ME

How much good do you think would be accomplished if you were "talked into" or "made to" be baptized when you didn't want to change the rebel inside you? In David's prayer of mercy in Psalm 51:10 he asked God to *"create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."* David realized he needed the change of heart and



life only God could give. If our hearts are not changed, baptism is meaningless for us.

Have you ever seriously thought about what baptism represents? It represents change! The Lord said, *"though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool"* (Isaiah 1:19). Think of the contrast between the colors of red and white... drastic, isn't it? This is just an example of the drastic change that God's love can make in us.

PROMISE ME

"So what! What is so great about being converted?" There is a promise given in Revelation 7:14-17 to all who will be washed in the blood of the Lamb. *"... And he said to me, These are they which came out of a great tribulation, and have WASHED their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ... For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God*

shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Isn't this promise of God enough to make you **WANT** to serve Him? Surely you must long and hunger inside to live with God and Christ in the soon-coming eternal Kingdom. Won't you be washed of your sins?

COVER ME

When God washes away our sins, they are *completely* blotted out and forever forgotten. I thank God that He doesn't treat us as we treat Him. *"He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us"* (Psalm 103:10-12). We do not know how high above the earth heaven reaches, and there is no limit to east and west. But we do know that our sins are removed from God's sight *forever* when He forgives us. Praise Him! His mercy is great.

When we stand before God at the judgment our sins will not be remembered *IF* we have accepted Christ's blood. *"Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."* (Acts 3:19). Sometimes we are stubborn, rebellious, and unwilling to accept Christ and be changed. But no matter how stubborn and rebellious toward God we have been, He is always willing to blot out our past

and give us a new start, a new life. Remember this!

FORGET ME

Up to this point you may have agreed—"Yes, God washes me, forgives me, and forgets my sins." Certainly God does! But what about you? **HAVE YOU FORGIVEN YOURSELF AND FORGOTTEN YOUR PAST?** Satan is not resting. He will try to make you doubt the love and forgiveness of God. He can make you think God will not receive you. *Careful. Don't let Satan talk you out of eternal life!*

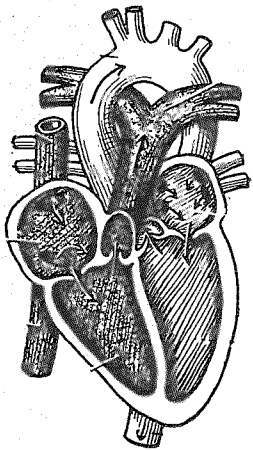
The apostle Paul could have thought on his past and doubted that God really called him and forgave his sins, but he didn't. *"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, FORGETTING those things which are behind, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13, 14).

Paul **FORGOT** his old way of life and pressed forward. His life of rebellion toward Christ changed to a powerful working force for Him. The same thing can happen to you and your life!!

Christ's blood can wash you and cover your sins... God can forgive and forget your sins... His love can change your life completely... The wonderful promise of life eternal can be yours!! Accept Him and look forward to eternity in His coming kingdom!

The Anatomy of a Change

by Cindy Gibbs



- A. What happens to us when we become Christians?
- B. Exactly how are we affected?
- C. How does all this take place?

So many times we try to explain how and why we become new changed individuals when we accept Christ into our lives. When we start living the Christian way the changes in our lives are so miraculously wonderful that we find it somewhat difficult to describe them with words alone.

Christ said He came to give us life; and to give it more abundantly. When we realize our need for Him and His love in our lives, we know that unless we repent, we shall suffer final destruction. "To repent" means "to change." We then realize a need for changes in our lives so that we can fully receive His promises.

At conversion many changes begin to take place. Our ideas, attitudes, outlooks, goals, appearance, habits, friends, interests, affections, conversation, feelings, and contemplations change because the master and center of our lives has changed. Before our change we were ruled by selfish desires, but after conversion we bow before our Lord and are ruled by His desires.

We leave the actions of the "old man of sin" (it may be a young man, in some cases!) dead in his tracks. As we review our old ways we being again and "behold, ALL things become new" (II Corinthians 5:17). Thoughts we never had before enter our minds as our hearts

are opened to the understanding of God's ideas and the love He has for us.

Instead of pleasing ourselves, we want to please others and show love to them in every way possible. We have a hopeful outlook and we eagerly learn new lessons in life. We are God-fearing and our goals are centered on His will. Our countenance changes as worry and fear take their ugly frowns and wrinkles off our faces. Our appearance improves because we become more conscious of proper dress and good grooming. We change some of our habits so we will have not even an appearance of evil. Our true friends become the ones who share common ideals of living to its fullest. We find that our interests and affections are set on God's plan for us and others.

Pleasingly, three things that change most drastically are our feelings, our conversation and our contemplations. Because we feel differently about ourselves and our purpose, we contemplate God's words and ways. As we think of His glorious words, our conversation shows it for we know that "From the heart, the mouth speaketh" and "As a man thinketh, so he is."

PRAISE GOD! He changes every single aspect of our lives so we can move into harmony with what He sees fit for His coming Kingdom!

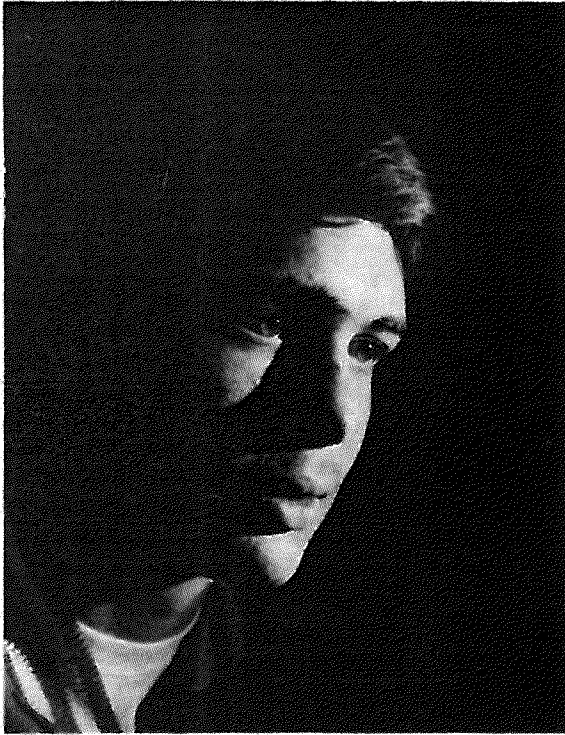
STOP! And Thank God

Words can never begin to express what God has done for me. He has done so very much!

Many times I've knelt to seek help from God, but you know, not very many times have I knelt to thank Him for all He has already done for me. It isn't that I don't feel thankful for His help . . . it's just that I don't take the time to thank Him like I should.

Many people seek God for help, but few really give Him the thanks He deserves. Let's stop and think what God has done for us. He sent His only Son to die for us that we might be free from sin. He loves us and cares for us each day. He provides our material and our spiritual needs. He has done so very much for us . . . don't you think we should STOP! AND THANK GOD more often?

Connie Johnston
Oklahoma FYC'er



My Story

It's hard to tell just when it all started or why. I can only tell you what happened and let you draw your own conclusions. I'm the youngest in our family of four. There are my parents, my older sister and myself. When I was eleven years old my family decided we should go to church because it seemed right that we should have a church home. A neighbor invited us to visit his church, so his church eventually became our church too.

By the time I was fourteen I was a freshman in our public high school. Mother and Dad didn't approve of my friends. If I'd only listened to them then, I could have spared us all a lot of pain. But Dad smoked and Mom and Sis liked their highballs, so I felt that my friends were no worse than my family's habits were. Their disapproval of my friends created plenty of friction between us.

When the fellows offered me a marijuana cigarette in the school restroom I accepted it and smoked it. To my surprise, nothing unusual happened. It was just a smoke. It became a different story when I smoked the third or fourth cigarette. That's when I got "high." I was light-headed or dizzy, much like being drunk. Soon I wanted to smoke every day, and that took money. In

order for me to have my own income, I started buying "lids" for \$10 and selling them for \$13. With the \$3 profit I supplied my own need for the smokes.

And this is just the beginning of my story. I was soon buying white cross (LSD) in the restrooms at school. I took from six to ten pills at a time and it wasn't long until I needed them every day. I'd buy the nickel bag or \$5 size. There were twenty pills, each worth a quarter.

One day the principal called me to his office. I suspected it would be for questioning about the dope, so I slipped my bag of pills to a friend to keep for me. Because of the lack of evidence I was soon excused from the principal's office. It wasn't long until a commotion in the lunch room had the students upset. I could hear screaming and yelling. A lot of the kids raced to see what was happening. To my amazement, my friend was dancing wildly on the top of a table. He'd taken all my pills—an overdose! He was really high. Suddenly he lost his balance and fell. He fell so hard he split his head open and had to be rushed to the hospital.

The incident really upset me. It was because of me that my friend was in the hospital. I resolved to quit the dope, but somehow the right time to quit never came. Each time after taking it, I'd promise myself I'd quit "after this time." Then I bought the dime bag (\$10 size).

Once when I was without the stuff a friend gave me some pain pills from his family's medicine cabinet. The pills had been for his grandfather who had recently died. I took too many and landed in the hospital for a couple of days. It was then my mother learned that I was on dope. She had suspected it before. So in order to keep my father from learning the truth she gave me money to support my habit. But her salary was limited and my needs kept increasing.

It didn't take long for me to spend all she could give me and I still didn't have enough money. That's when I started burglarizing houses and selling the loot to pawn shops and second hand stores. One day I broke into a country home and took two rifles and a handgun from an old gun collection. As I walked along the road I saw a police car approaching. I threw the guns into the brush along the road, but they saw me do it. One officer searched me, and kept me beside the car while his partner retrieved the guns.

I admitted the theft and was taken to police headquarters for questioning. When I refused to give my name they locked me in a jail cell. I really raised the roof, yelling at them and calling them every loathsome name I could think of. While I was there a detective found footprints near another house that had been burglarized. They made plastercasts of the print and tied me to that crime

too. I was placed on probation for three months and was released to my mother.

Probation or not, I was free again to associate with my old friends. Nothing was really changed. One day a friend and I were at the water front. We'd both taken dope and were goofing off on the pier. Both of us fell into the water and were in no condition to act sensibly. I was having a tough time taking care of myself but knew enough to realize that my friend was worse off than I. Without some help he would surely drown. Somehow I managed to get him out of the water. My friend was sent to the youth center, a jail for kids, for two weeks. A week later I was sent there too.

My probation officer wanted to help me. He took me to a medical center in an effort to learn why I was resorting to drugs. A psychiatrist talked to me, asking endless questions. The questions probed too deeply for comfort. I didn't cooperate with him very well.

Finally I was off probation. I got a paper route to support the old habit. One morning I stole a tape deck from a car that was parked beside the street. I was picked up and the officer made me make a foot print in the fresh snow. Of course the print matched the ones beside the car, so it was back to the police station and back to probation for me. Our gang was now constantly watched by the police.

All this time we were attending church regularly. My mind had seldom been on the sermons, but now I started to listen. When I joined the young people in a midwinter youth retreat, I still had drugs in my possession. The retreat speaker was a forceful young man who impressed me. One night I decided to go to the altar just to make it look good. But as I knelt there, something mysterious happened to me. I really wanted to get rid of the drug habit. After the services closed, I went to my sleeping bag and took the pills I'd hidden there and threw them out on the ground. I found a counsellor and asked for prayer in my behalf. I felt like a changed person, and I even had my hair cut as evidence of the big change.

But after retreat was over I went back to the same school, the same old gang, and the same drug habit. When summer came I attended a youth camp. Once again I resolved to give up drugs, and once again I had my hair cut. But when I went home again the old life came back stronger than ever. Before long I was in a gang fight and involved with the law. This time the parole officer gave me a choice of being sentenced to the youth center for a year and a half, or attending our church's school in another state. The choice was easy—I chose the church school.

So in another new attempt to quit drugs, I flushed my mari-

juana down the toilet. The wad was so big it stopped up the stool. But then I went into the withdrawal agonies. The cramps were so severe that I thought I could never quit . . . I just wanted to die. I tried to commit suicide with an overdose of LSD. I passed out on the living room floor. That's where my mother found me. I gradually gained consciousness to hear my mother crying and praying. She had called the ambulance and now prayed God to spare my life. At the hospital the doctor said it was a miracle I'd survived. I knew that the drugs had to go—I'd have to forget them forever.

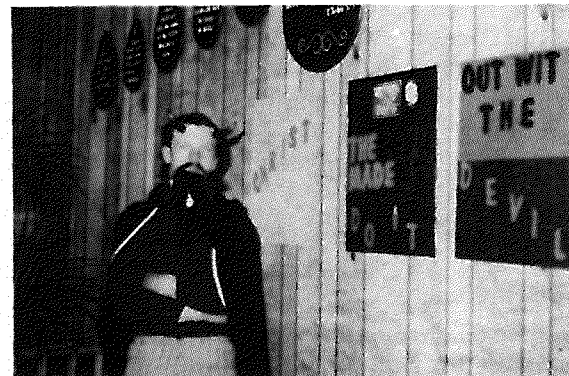
I still have hard cramps in my leg muscles, but prayer helps. I know the Lord will see me through, if I trust Him. And I know that my victory is not complete until I go home (after the term is over) from this Christian school and face and overcome the temptations of my former surroundings.

I know that you also face challenges—perhaps not as big or serious as mine—but just as real. If we sincerely wish to avail ourselves of the power God offers, we can count on victory. We will not be overcome of evil, but will overcome evil with good!

Name withheld at the request of the author

THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT!

Reported by Tim Weir



The devil visited the New Auburn, Wisconsin, Church of God during a recent Sabbath afternoon Youth Rally. He cunningly tempted several of the FYCers participating in the program. The devil appeared in several skits with the FYCers, but every time he was rebuked, resisted, and overwhelmingly defeated with Scripture and special music. The New Auburn FYCers overcame the devil and threw him out. Be on the look out . . . don't let him sneak into your church! And above all else, don't let him get hold of your life and "Make You Do It!"

Stepping Back . . . And Stepping Forward

by Vanessa Moore

"Boy, this is really neat!"

"I just loved the glass blowers!"

"Did you see Thomas Edison's old lab?"

Enthusiastic comments such as these expressed the students' whole-hearted approval of a "real, live history lesson"! Last week we Spring Valers toured Henry Ford's Greenfield Village at Dearborn, Michigan. Many students were amazed by this 17th, 18th, and 19th century village with its moved and restored original houses of famous people. Included in the village are buildings closely associated with the lives of great Americans such as Abraham Lincoln, Foster, Luther Burbank, Noah Webster, Wilbur and Oliver Wright, Edison, and Ford.

Throughout the village are many craft shops where trades are practiced as they were a century ago. An old covered bridge, old stores, stables, the blacksmith shop, factories, and log cabins are a few of the more than 100 sights to see. The village is built as an exact replica of the villages of yesteryear . . . brick walks, gas lights, narrow streets!

After having lunch at the village and completing our tour around 2:00, we went to the Henry Ford Museum which is located next to the village. We were amazed at the numerous exhibits, especially the original Ford car. Generally, the boys had their interest focused on the old cars and planes while we girls congregated in the furniture and domestic areas. Even though we spent two hours in the museum, we still didn't have time to see everything. We will remember that enjoyable day for a long time!

The following Saturday night all of the SVAers piled on trusty No. 14 and traveled to Detroit where we attended the Mid-America Sunday School Convention at Cobo Hall. Art Linkletter,
(Continued on page 35)



The Answer

by Linda Mann

Millions of today's teenagers are searching for their true identity. Leaving homes of love and security they are wandering around the countryside, some in groups, others alone, trying to find their inner-selves . . . trying to break away from a society which seemingly enslaves its members . . . trying to find real peace, true happiness, lasting contentment. And it's not just teenagers who, dissatisfied with the modern-day society, find life empty and meaningless. It's not just teenagers who desperately want real peace, true happiness and lasting contentment.

Yes, there are millions—*young and old*—who are searching for hope, guidance, and answers to life's problems. One glance at a newspaper or television screen is enough to convince any viewer that this poor, sick world is far from being "God's Country." Turmoil, war, famine, sickness, floods, earthquakes and countless other calamities daily bring suffering and heartaches to this world's inhabitants. Sad millions are searching for happiness under the colored lights. Night after night they fill the places of make believe finding laughter and song. But beneath the shiny covers of those miserable millions are lost souls and broken hearts. "WE WANT PEACE" is the cry of multitudes the world over. Peace—peace from within and peace from without. *Life's problems become too complex, burdens become insurmountable, roofs cave in and these lonely, lost suffering millions have no place to find refuge, no one to turn to for help.*

Fellow Christians! Let's tell these searching, seeking ones about Jesus Christ, the Son of God! Let's tell them that in Christ they will find their true inner-selves . . . they will find meaning to life . . . they will find real love, peace, happiness, and contentment. Let's tell them that CHRIST IS THE ANSWER!!

A retreat it was! The anticipation and excitement felt by each retreator prior to the retreat was rewarded bountifully with wonderful blessings and activities. I expected to find several things at this retreat. . . and I found them! Young people from several states coming together for a great weekend, good spiritual services designed especially to fit the needs and desires of young people, and good music in the form of specials and chorus sessions. All these things were there just as I expected. However, there was something at this retreat that I had not expected—and this unexpected thing was the highlight of the retreat for me. At this retreat we were blessed by being able to witness the baptism of a new brother in the faith. The Spirit of the Lord was upon each one of us as we stood in the cold, windy October day observing the minister and candidate making their way into the brisk, chilling waters of the small lake. A feeling of great joy overwhelmed me as a new brother emerged from the watery grave . . . there stood a new creature in Christ Jesus, and I could see him! A retreat it was, but all the more a spiritual advancement.

David Robinson

We all came home from retreat so filled, happily exhausted, and full of the blessings of Jesus. We are so fortunate to have a common focus with all people we meet who are part of God's Church. It is almost as if looks, personality, oddities, whatever, mean nothing—but just that those we meet love Jesus and His Father as we do—this is all that is important. This is what makes us all one in the Spirit. I thank God for this wonderful unity.

Vicki Overman

The retreat was outstanding in every way. The services were inspirational and of much benefit to me. Elder Ken Knoll, the guest speaker, spoke on topics very relevant to today. It was great making new acquaintances with Christian brothers and sisters from other areas. All these people have different personalities and occupations, yet have a common goal through Jesus Christ. This mutual desire to bring others to God and His love is a beautiful thing!

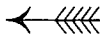
Paul Severance

I really gained a tremendous blessing from the Stanberry Youth Retreat. I found only one thing wrong with it though—it was too short! The Holy Spirit was ever present with us. I was especially blessed by the testimony and baptism of Jim Craig. After his baptism a radiance appeared all about him. It really was a beautiful thing!

Ed Crawford

In spite of all the rain and mud we still had a GREAT time at that small camp located on the back roads of Missouri farm country. We really felt God's spirit there—and not just in our services—He was with us in everything we did.

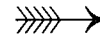
Tim Youngs



IMPRESSIONS

Stanberry Fall Youth Retreat

Oct. 20–22, 1972



Even though I am a Baptist I like some of the Church of God (Seventh Day) ways. At the Stanberry Youth Retreat we had a baptism on Sabbath afternoon. Brother Jim Craig was baptized. Several of us from Stanberry were talking about baptism. We came to the conclusion that baptism is three things: 1) Baptism is a death. A death of sins. 2) Baptism is a birth. A birth of a new Christian. . . A new life. 3) Baptism is a marriage. The joining of a new family. Brother Jim said "It's a wonderful feeling." We know that God was there. Baptism is a very beautiful thing.

Nancy Conover

The saying "God is still on the throne" is a cliché that is in constant use by the Church of God. We point to various evidences, each one containing truth and validity. But we are still hesitant in our thoughts concerning the growth of the Church. Some unseen force holds us back and our little group continues to remain uncomfortably small. Then we hear, "Why isn't God adding to His Church?" "Where is that pentecostal experience of bringing thousands into the Church?" "Is God really working with us?" I can answer these questions by referring to the recent Stanberry retreat. Church of God! We now have another new brother—Jim Craig. He was added to the family Sabbath afternoon in a baptismal service. A brother, yes, and to the skeptics, an ADDITION! God is dealing with His Church! Even if the additions seem few, they are souls for the kingdom. He truly is on the throne and this retreat made it even more evident. By the addition of this soul we can see the working of God through His Church. Even if souls are added one at a time, they are still added and they help to build the Church of God in preparation for the coming kingdom. For this very reason we can praise God. HE IS STILL ON THE THRONE!

Steve Kurtright

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Four Plays That Make a Winner

by Tom Landry

Part II—Continued from
last month's AIM



A GOAL

I think the third thing you've got to have is a goal. It's pretty easy in sports to set a goal. We knew what our goal was in July. We were going to the Super Bowl. That's what this is all about. But you say, "That's easy. Why doesn't everybody go in the Super Bowl if they set a goal?" The reason is that they don't set specific goals that build them to the type of team that eventually becomes the world's champions.

You remember two years ago when we played the St. Louis Cardinals in Dallas? Five games left, and they beat us 38-0 that night. Everybody thought the Cowboys were through. We were two games behind with five games to go. How did we achieve the Super Bowl that

year? We set a goal to be in the playoffs and we prepared every day so that we wouldn't be denied on Sunday. We won five games and then we won seven and were in the Super Bowl against Baltimore. To me this is what it's all about when you set a goal.

One of the great stories in track took place with a guy who goes a long way back. Charlie Paddock. Charlie was a young guy. He wanted to be an Olympic champ. He went to his coach, "I want to be an Olympic champ but I don't think I can." The coach gave him the speech: "Charlie, you can do it. You work hard and if you train hard and if you believe you can do it, you can do it." Charlie did that. He worked hard, he trained, he set his goals to be an Olympic champ.

In 1920 he won the Olympic gold medal. But the story doesn't end here. He came back and was talking to a group of high school youngsters, telling them the story. He said, "Maybe one of you would like to be an Olympic champ." After it was over a little black boy came up and tapped him on the arm. "Mr. Paddock, I'd like to be an Olympic champion." Charlie came back and gave the same pitch that his coach had given him. He told him, if you'll work hard and if you'll set your goals, you can do it. That little black guy in 1936 won four gold medals in the Olympics. His name was Jesse Owens.

It seems the story ought to end there, but it doesn't. Jesse went back home. He's riding down the street in Cleveland in a parade. His car stops and a little skinny black guy runs up to the car. He was so skinny they called him "Bones." He was nine years old. He tapped Mr. Owens on the arm and said, "Mr. Owens, I'd like to be an Olympic champion like you." Jesse didn't forget what Charlie had told him. He related the same thing. That little nine-year-old was so happy he ran all the way home and went right through the screen door and grabbed his grandma around the neck and said, "Grandma, you know what? I'm going to be an Olympic champion."

He started training and in 1948 when they shot the gun for the 100-yard dash six of them came down the runway

and the guy out in front was little skinny. His name was Harrison (Bones) Dillard. He won the 1952 Olympic championship.

To me that's a great example of what it means to set a goal. I think the same thing is true in the Christian life. What did Paul say about a goal? In Philippians 3:13 and 14 he said this: "No, dear brother, I'm still not all I should be but I'm bringing all my energy to bear on this one thing, forgetting what is past and looking forward to what lies ahead. I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us because of what Christ Jesus did for us."

The Christian life is eternal life. That's our goal. We expect to receive the prize for which God is calling us because of what Jesus did. If you want to reach this goal you've got to keep it in mind every day. It's got to be your goal and you have to keep it in mind if you're going to achieve it. *To be a champion, as a Christian or as an athlete, you must have a goal.*

A WILL

Of course, the last requirement is a will. You've got to have a will. *You've got to possess the will to reach the goal that God has set for us. It's probably the most important thing of all.*

I think a great example in track competition is this young track boy who is a high jump-

er. He was so small they didn't know how he could jump so high. He couldn't see why that was any problem. They asked him one day, "How do you jump so high?" He said, "All I do is throw my heart over the bar." That's what it means to be a competitor.

Ben Hogan—who can forget Ben Hogan? He went around that car, remember, back in the 1950s—going from one golf tournament to another at night. It was foggy in El Paso and he ran head-on into a Greyhound bus. They said he would never swing a golf club again. A couple of years later (I can still see him walking down the 18th fairway) he won the National Open. That's what it's all about.

Mildred "Babe" Zaharias was the greatest woman athlete of all time. The first time she ever picked up a javelin she broke the world's record. She didn't even know how to throw it! She later became a great golfer. You remember what happened to Babe? She was struck down by cancer. Doctors had her up on the operating table and they said, "She'll never play golf again." Eighteen months later Babe Zaharias captured the world's championship in golf while she was still recovering from cancer.

To me, this is what it's all about—commitment. *In the Christian life you have to have a will if you're going to be successful.* People determined to do something for God are people who *want* to do something

for God. They have the will to do it.

There's a great story about Nehemiah in the Old Testament. He had the political job of cupbearer for the king. He was a prisoner. God needed His wall built in Jerusalem and Nehemiah came to his king and said, "Let me build it." He was far away from it. The king said "Okay." I'm sure he thought he was crazy. But Nehemiah picked up a sword in one hand and a trowel in the other and he built the wall in Jerusalem. How did he do it? Why? Because he had a will to do something for God.

The Christian has the perfect advantage in this area of will. We can submit our own wills to the will of God and that combination is tough to beat! Let the Holy Spirit work through you. You'll have a hard time beating that. The Apostle Paul was a great example. Here's a guy with a thorn in his flesh. They beat him; they did everything they could to him but they couldn't discourage him. He was a great competitor.

I remember Peter. His was a great story. Peter was a guy with real determination. You remember when he was brought before the Sanhedrin and they told him to quit speaking about Jesus. But Peter said, "Whether it be right to hearken unto thee or unto God judge ye? For I can only speak and tell what I've seen and heard."

I think between January of 1971 and January of 1972 we Cowboys had the great example

of these four basics: faith, training, goals and will. In 1971 we'd been denied the championship many times. I'll never forget when Baltimore kicked the field goal to beat us in that last minute, and we saw lineman Bob Lilly's helmet going the length of the Orange Bowl. That was the frustration of the Cowboys through many years. But we didn't lose faith in ourselves. We still believed we could do it. We went right back to the same training program that we are on right now the next year and worked even harder. We set the same goal to become the world's champions and we had the will to do it. This is an example of what it takes to be a champion in the world of sports.

The same thing is true with God. To be a champion of God we must first have faith in Jesus Christ. We must accept Him through faith. Of course, we must train ourselves to be a member of His forever family. That's the only way you can know the Bible and through the study of the Bible know what it really means to be a member of His family. Our goal is life eternal. We've committed our life to Christ but we've got to have a goal to do something for God here on earth.

You've got to have a will and commitment. Without this, you will never make it. That's what Paul was afraid of when he talked about punishing his body so that they wouldn't set him aside. He was afraid of that.

My final story concerns Bob Richards. You've seen him on

Wheaties boxes. Bob Richards was a great pole vaulter, an Olympic champion. He told a story of sacrifice one day in Canada to some high school boys. When it was over everybody stood up and applauded. At the end he was talking to people up on stage and he felt something on his arm. He looked around and saw a little high school boy looking up at him. The lad said, "Mr. Richards, I know what you mean when you talk about sacrifice." And he walked away.

Bob nodded and turned back, but something made him turn and look again at that boy, as he walked away. Bob noticed he had only one arm in his letter jacket. The other sleeve was turned up underneath. He could not take his eyes off this youngster. A sports writer saw him and said, "Mr. Richards, do you know who that boy is?"

"No, I don't know," Richards admitted.

"Let me tell you a story about that youngster. Two years ago he lost his arm in an accident. Earlier this week he finished second for the whole Dominion of Canada in a ten-mile swim."

That's what it's all about. He knew what it meant to sacrifice.

I BELIEVE IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A CHAMPION FOR GOD OR IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH. YOU'VE GOT TO TRAIN. YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE A GOAL. AND YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE A WILL TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Do Something About It!

by Marcia Woods

Centuries of prophecy and promise were fulfilled on a quiet autumn day in a small town called Bethlehem almost two thousand years ago. Moses had prophesied it. Isaiah had foretold it. David had talked about it. In fact, it was probably the most talked about birth in man's history! Yet, what does it mean to YOU?

From as early as the garden of Eden, Christ's first coming and His triumph over death was foretold (Gen. 3:15). Throughout the Bible we can look at scriptures such as Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 which are filled to overflowing with prophecy. Even His resurrection was spoken of in Psalm 16:10. Yet, unless YOU accept Christ and live for Him, His life and death mean nothing.

He gave His life for YOU. He left an example for YOU to follow. He made a way for YOU to draw closer to God. He ascended to heaven to be an intercessor for YOUR sins. Christ did all of this for YOU. He did His share. What are YOU going to do about it?

To accept Christ means far more than merely believing that He is. We must do something about it. Love for Christ must be love in action. Love for our fellowman must be so intense that we cannot bear to see others lost. But being concerned about their salvation is not a matter of choice because our own salvation depends upon it. Look at Ezekiel 3:17-19. If we see our brother in sin and we fail to warn him, and if he dies in a lost condition, then we are responsible. His blood is on our hands. Think about it. How many of your friends, how many in your own family are lost?? Have you warned them?? It's serious business!

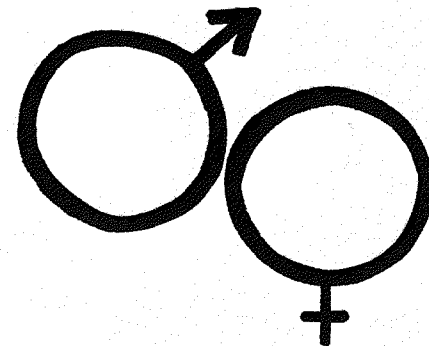
It is important. In fact it is so important that your very life depends upon it! Think about it. Pray about it. THEN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

I Peter 2:21 I Peter 3:18 Genesis 3:15 Hebrews 2:3
Isaiah 53:6 I John 2:1 I Timothy 1:15 Acts 1:8

2T4G-Take Time For God

by Marilyn Current

Unisex- God's Plan?



"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God" (Deuteronomy 22:5).

PRAYER: "God, give me inner strength that will enable me to resist the current trends—those of unisex fashions, women's lib, acceptance of sexual perversion, and all others which work toward confusing the separate roles of men and women. Please grant me grace to resist without envy and resentment."

UNISEX FASHIONS

- Dec. 1. Deut. 22.** Thought: Men and women are not to wear each other's clothing (verse 5).
- Dec. 2. I Thess. 5.** Thought: We should give very careful consideration in our choice of clothing (verse 22).
- Dec. 3. I Cor. 11:** Thought: Men are to wear short hair; women, longer hair (verses 14 & 15).
- Dec. 4. Rom. 12.** Thought: Our bodies are to be acceptable unto God (not to conform to this world's fads and trends) (Note verses 1 & 2).
- Dec. 5. I Tim. 4.** Thought: We are to be an example in conversation (outward conduct; manner of life) (verse 12).

SEPARATE ROLES

- Dec. 6. Gal. 3.** Thought: Verse 28 points out that it is not Christ's intention for the man to be considered superior and the woman inferior (as the women "libbers" mistakenly accuse the Bible of teaching). As far as salvation is concerned, we are all equal.
- Dec. 7. Matt. 22.** Thought: Christ points out that after the resurrection there will be no marriages (no one will function either as a male or a female) but all will be as the angels. This is another example showing that God does not consider one sex inferior and the other superior as such (verses 23-32).
- Dec. 8. Mark 12.** Note verses 18-27.

Dec. 9. Luke 20. Note verses 27-38.

Dec. 10. Eph. 5. Thought: The separation of the roles of men and women is an analogy, or example, of Christ's role with the Church. It is as though we are actors in the play of life. The male was chosen for the lead role, the female for the supportive role. The lead role represents Christ and the supportive role represents the Church. We must "play" our parts according to the "Script" (Bible), not resenting the role of another. We will be judged according to how we fulfill the obligations of our individual role (verses 22-33).

Dec. 11. Gen. 2. The history of the male-female relationship is found in verses 20-25.

Dec. 12. Gen. 3. The history behind the separate male-female roles is given in verses 1-19.

Dec. 13. I Tim. 2. The basis for God's deciding to place the man in the lead role and the woman in the supportive role is found in verses 9-15.

Dec. 14. I Pet. 3. An example of how the roles are to be fulfilled is given in verses 1-7.

Dec. 15. Col. 3. Instruction on how the roles should be "played" is found in verses 18 & 19.

Dec. 16. Tit. 2. Role explanation is given in verses 3-5.

Dec. 17. I Cor. 14. More "rules" for roles are found in verses 34 & 35.

Dec. 18. I Tim. 3. Male role is defined in verses 4 & 5.

Dec. 19. Prov. 31. Female role is defined in verses 10-31.

Dec. 20. Prov. 12. More about the female role (verse 4).

Dec. 21. Rom. 7. A woman's position is under the law of her husband (verse 2).

CONFUSED SEXUAL ROLES

Dec. 22. Rom. 1. Thought: Homosexuality is condemned (verses 24, 27).

Dec. 23. I Cor. 6. Effeminate men and homosexuals won't inherit the kingdom of God (verse 9).

Dec. 24. Lev. 20. Thought: Homosexuality was forbidden (verse 13).

Dec. 25. Lev. 18. Thought: Homosexuality was forbidden (verse 22).

Dec. 26. Deut. 23. Sodomy (homosexuality) was denounced (verse 17).

Dec. 27. I Tim. 1. Note verse 10.

Dec. 28. I Cor. 7. Men and women should marry if tempted (this also discourages homosexuality) (verse 9).

Dec. 29. Gen. 19. The men of Sodom were sexually perverted (verses 4-11).

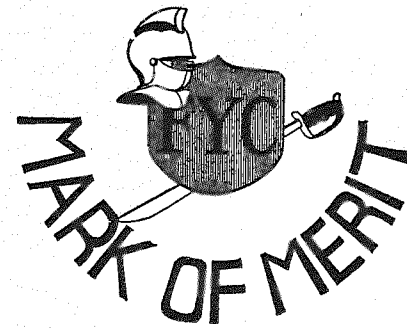
Dec. 30. Judges 19. The Benjamites were given to homosexuality (verse 22).

Dec. 31. Judges 20. God punished the Benjamites through war.

This month's completions include:

California—Barbara Ogren (3rd quarter)
 Michigan—Diana Coulson (3rd quarter 2nd year), Andy Hassen (2nd quarter), Kathleen Leach (1st quarter)
 Minnesota—Mary Carol Davis (1 year), Joanne Hamlin (1 year), Dianne Jackson (1st quarter), Bob Salazar (2nd quarter, 2nd year).
 Missouri—Ruth Ling (6 months), David Robinson (6 months)
 Nebraska—Sylvia McNeal (1st quarter)
 Oregon—Peggy Williams (2nd quarter)

Congratulations to all of you for your diligence—keep on reading and praying!



By Nolan D. Rincker

Working at the Bible Advocate Press is a very rewarding experience. Often while working I think of how many parallels to the Christian life can be drawn from the printing process. For instance, we use a remelt furnace to melt down all of our used type so that this lead can be recycled. After the type has been printed in the monthly magazines, the used lead slugs are placed in the 600° remelt furnace where they are liquefied. Then the liquid lead is poured into molds where it hardens to forms called pigs. These lead pigs are used to make more lead slugs for use in the next month's issues of the publications. When the hot liquid lead is poured into the molds, the pigs all harden to the same shape, size, color, etc. All of the pigs look alike. Only a few small flaws cause their appearance to differ slightly.

The Christian experience can be paralleled to this recycling process we use in the printing work. Before we can be used in service to God our lives must be recycled from carnal to spiritual; we must be melted, or converted; and then we must be poured into a mold—the footsteps of Jesus. Just as the lead pigs take the same form and look alike, after conversion we will follow the way of all Christians—for we, like they, have been poured into the "mold" Christ made for us. But just as there are small distinguishing features on the near-identical pigs, there will be distinguishing features in each Christian life. Each Christian will maintain his individual identity and personality while exhibiting a character identical to that of all other Christians.

In drawing another parallel, we can say that the FYC is a type of mold that young people are placed in. Is your local FYC a good mold for all FYCers? Does your group help mold good, strong Christian lives? It should! Help your FYC become a better mold for forming more Christ-like young people!

REMEMBER?

In each month's AIM we would like to feature a brief sum-
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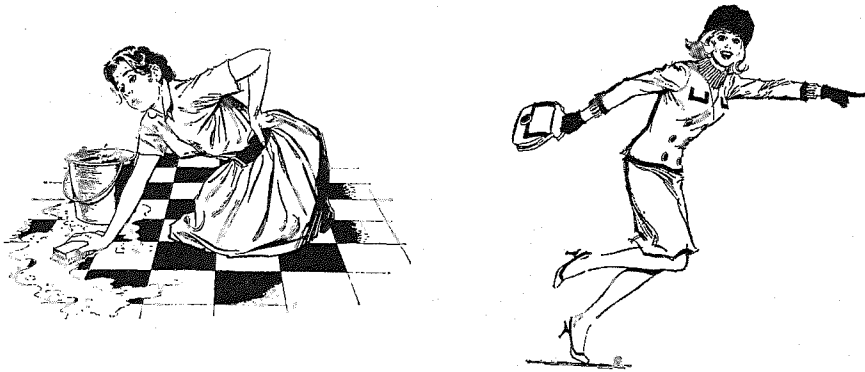
Teen Guidelines

by Calvin A. Burrell

"As women we accuse men in North American society of being domineering, aggressive and competitive. Men treat women as sex objects and make them the drudge workers; men do not listen to women or think women have brains."

These lines, written by Linda Seese in the book *The New Women* (page 155), are probably an accurate summary of the gripes voiced by most women who have become involved in the "battle between the sexes." The women's liberation movement, as it is commonly called, has marched and moved for many adjustments in our society but their basic four demands, as listed in Diana Reische's book *Women and Society* (page 22) are:

1. Free, twenty-four hour child care centers.
2. Free abortion, on demand.
3. Complete equality for women in employment, advancement, opportunity.
4. Complete equality for women in education.



The Liberated Ones

LEARN TO DO WELL: SEEK JUDGMENT, RELIEVE THE OPPRESSED, JUDGE THE FATHERLESS, PLEAD FOR THE WIDOW.
Isaiah 1:17.

Decency, respect, and fairness are Christian attributes that should be applied in every area of life. The sincere believer cannot condone or practice abuse, exploitation, discourtesy, or discrimination toward *anyone* on the basis of sex or race. These are cornerstone principles of the Scriptures, which, if applied to all

people, would solve much of the apparent inequality in the American society today.

BUT FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION, GOD MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. Mark 10:6.

However, the same Bible that demands universal compassion and courtesy also teaches that the all-wise God created men and women as distinct, different beings. Man and woman are not the same physically, and neither are they identical in emotional make-up. We must admit that God "built-in" these differences and a study of Scripture will show that He also made a distinction in the roles given to male and female (Genesis 3:16, I Corinthians 11:3, Ephesians 5:22-23, etc.).

The fact that man and woman were given differing responsibilities and roles in life does not mean that they are unequal. Opposites in sex are not identical nor are their roles interchangeable, but they are equals in God's sight. It is not a case of superiority and inferiority.

The "women's lib" movement makes its biggest mistake when it fails to recognize and accept Bible authority. Some of its moderate advocates have spoken slurringly of the Apostle Paul's comments about the female, while the more radical promoters frankly reject the Bible as having any pertinence in this 20th century "struggle for freedom."

For us to question the position and duties of men and women as described in the Bible is to accuse God of making a mistake! Where there is inequality, oppression, and discourtesy in our modern society, let it be corrected. *But let fairness and equality be judged by God's standards and not by our own!*

LIKEWISE, YE HUSBANDS, DWELL WITH THEM ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE, GIVING HONOUR UNTO THE WIFE, AS UNTO THE WEAKER VESSEL . . . I Peter 3:7.

Weaker? Certainly women are not weaker mentally or spiritually. *But they are weaker in regard to their authority in the Christian family.*

The subject of women's liberation—that is, a *proper examination* of the subject—is by no means a simple criticism of modern trends in female behavior. It involves a complete study of the assigned positions of the male and female in the home, the church, and all areas of life. Just as certainly as God ordained that women would bear children did He intend for women to be the "keepers at home" and for wives to be in subjection to their husbands.

Those women who argue that housework and child care are boring, undignified, menial tasks are victims of worldly thinking. They have been brainwashed by the attitudes of this world,

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Man! That's Where It's At

by Gerry Schlenker

Spiritually speaking, September went out with a roar and the month of October rolled in with an even greater force! Even though the "glory" and newness of the first weeks of college have worn off, we have continued to keep a strong spiritual atmosphere, and our bond of unity has grown at a phenomenal rate. As is common in the Church of God, we have found our schedules packed with activities and are constantly on the move. The month of October was an extremely busy one for Midwest Bible College!

Our three senior ministerial students, Brothers Steve Kurt-right, David Robinson, and Mike Vlad, have been assigned student pastorates, and they are consistently bringing back good reports from their churches. David travels to Central City, Nebraska twice a month as does Steve to Macomb, Illinois. They are both incorporating an extensive "reach out" program in the areas of their churches, and we are confident that God will really bless these efforts. Mike travels to Jingo, Kansas each Sabbath and has also started a literature distribution program there. Groups of Midwest students accompany these three "student pastors" when they travel to their churches and help out with special music. Such was the case the first and last weekends of October.

Revival services were held at the Stanberry church from the 9th to the 16th of October by Elder Wesley Walker of Eu-

reka, South Dakota. The services were well attended, and we praise God for the blessings.

The 15th to the 21st of October was a very rushed and exciting time for us MBC students. A retreat sponsored by the Stanberry FYC was held on Friday, Sabbath and Sunday at Albany, Missouri. We all were very busy and involved in preparation for the retreat project, and yet we found that our homework did not decrease by any means!!! A new Midwest singing group, *Emanuel's Experience*, under the direction of Brother Ron Overman spent three hours each evening of the week in practice for a performance at the Retreat on Sabbath.

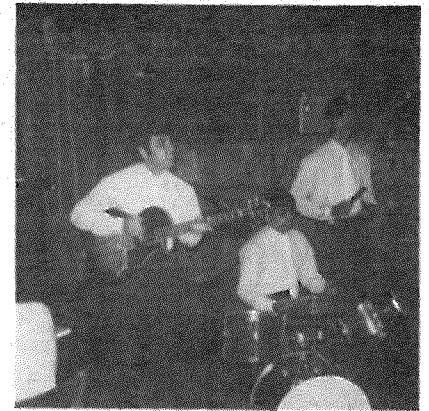
On the 23rd and 24th of the month Elders Calvin Burrell, Robert Coulter, Max Morrow, and Ray Straub visited the college for special committee meetings. They talked with us and asked various questions con-

cerning Midwest and its curricula.

October ended in the same way, and we feel His spirit Trinidad Padilla held revival services from the 23rd to the 28th in St. Joseph, Missouri. Different groups of college students attended the revival services throughout the week and presented a special program on Wednesday evening. God blessed us abundantly once again!

God has been so good to us this year and we can't thank Him enough for everything. We are all united here at Midwest with one common goal and that is to see souls saved for the Kingdom. I cannot describe the love we feel for one another. God is working with us in a great way, and we feel His spirit more each day! Dedicating one's life to God really is an adventure with surprises unlimited. As one of our students would say, "Man that's where it's at."

We thank all of you for your prayers. November promises to be another blessing-filled month for the college, and we hope that it will be the same for you!



A new Midwest singing group called "Emanuel's Experience."

IT'S WELL WORTH IT!

by Sharon Norton

Can you imagine starting the school day with prayer in the classroom—hearing a professor say, "God isn't dead"—seeing a classmate open a Bible to answer a question?? If you've attended college somewhere else, it is hard to believe! It was for me. It wasn't until my third year of college that I decided to attend Midwest. During those years I had heard just the opposite. Prayer was scoffed at, God and Jesus Christ were constantly ridiculed, along with those who were just foolish enough to believe the "great myth"—the Bible. I was constantly reminded of Romans

I where it speaks of those that "when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools..." Does it sound like your college classrooms? It sure sounded like mine!

At that time I also became aware that as a Christian I was becoming stagnant. I knew God created the earth, the Bible said so, but to those who didn't believe the Bible I couldn't exactly explain creation or other things I thought I knew. Taking 19 units a quarter wasn't easy and it didn't leave me much time to do any "in depth" studying of the scripture, or anything else for that matter. Many questions arose. Just being in that type of atmosphere influenced my thinking. I needed some time to study religious matters. I needed a change of atmosphere. I needed to learn from those wiser in the scriptures. Midwest Bible College met those needs.

Now that I have completed my college education, I am well convinced that the time I spent at Midwest was well worth all the effort. I am continually encouraged and inspired from the knowledge I gained there. It will be well worth it for you to attend MBC too!!

MARK OF MERIT

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many of an outstanding project some local FYC has accomplished. There isn't an FYC spotlighted in this issue of AIM because no group has sent in a report or pictures. Won't you send a brief explanation and pictures of some project your FYC has completed? **We want to hear from you!**

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Since this is the cold, wet season in most parts of the country, an outdoor project might be prohibited by weather conditions. For this month's project I suggest that your FYC meet together to study (REALLY STUDY) a tract.

The third quarter reports we have received to date are as follows:

FYC	Merit Points	Bonus Points	Amount Sent	Goal
CALIFORNIA				
Bloomington	345	721		
Ontario	370	656		\$50.00
Sacramento	310	65	\$14.05	
Stockton	453	951	60.00	80.00

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MISSOURI				
Joplin	398	1219	45.00	60.00
Stanberry	203	20	60.00	102.50
NORTH DAKOTA				
Alfred	453	415	51.00	68.00
OHIO				
Toledo	465	714	23.00	23.00
OKLAHOMA				
Tahlequah	428	410	24.00	32.00
OREGON				
Elmira	393	430	27.00	36.00
Harrisburg	455	1191	120.00	120.00
SOUTH DAKOTA				
Eureka	335	260	45.00	45.00
TEXAS				
Houston	100	90		33.00
WASHINGTON				
Tacoma	395	955	74.00	74.00
WISCONSIN				
New Auburn	380	390		60.00

TEEN GUIDELINES

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and are in need of transformation by the renewing of their minds.

SO OUGHT MEN TO LOVE THEIR WIVES AS THEIR OWN BODIES. Ephesians 5:28.

If Paul was wrong, then so was Peter. Both received inspiration from the Holy Spirit to declare woman's subordination to her husband in certain matters. But one can hardly fail to notice the "safeguard" that was built into this relationship. Peter said, "giving honour... dwell with her according to *knowledge*." What is that knowledge? Simply that he (the husband) in his relationship with his wife is expected to reflect Christ's behavior toward His church.

Christ loved the church. He gave Himself for her. All that He did, as the Head of His church was with the church's well-being in mind. And through that relationship the Church is liberated.

And so the women who fulfill their God-given roles in life are the ones who are truly happy and liberated!

WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS LIBERTY. II Corinthians 3:17.

IMPRESSIONS

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I looked forward to this retreat but had reservations about sleeping under the conditions of cold, damp bunks. The Spirit would be here. I knew that. "But why do I have to go through all that?" I wondered. Well, I went. I slept. And I had a ball! Washing our faces and brushing our teeth outside with water we pumped ourselves was really fun and refreshing!... A group of kids started singing and soon everyone relaxed and joined in. This started the Sabbath off joyfully as we sang in the unity of the

Flowing freely throughout the room was the presence of the Holy Spirit which touched each of those who were wanting to feel it, those truly seeking it. However, not all felt this wonderful peace and joy that is brought by God's Spirit. At such a retreat, it is fairly easy to feel God's Spirit flowing because there are so many searching for it. At times, though, we who are earnestly searching for God's Spirit tend to forget those who aren't as close to Him and who do not feel the need to seek Him. One impression that I got at the retreat bordered on cliqueishness as those who were seeking seemingly forgot those who weren't. Unfortunately, it seemed to be us hosting students, the MBC gang, and close friends of the college, who centered ourselves around a table or in a circle praising God while the other campers sat in the corners or around the edge. Some effort was made to offset this Sabbath afternoon as the circle was enlarged, but still the feeling seemed to be there. One of the most important aspects of our Christian walk is love and concern for others. We, as spiritual leaders, should have made a special effort to reach those who did not know Christ rather than selfishly seeking Him with others who already knew Him.

Marcia Woods

"And whatever work you may have to do, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the Father through him. . . . Whatever you do, put your whole heart and soul into it, as into work done for the Lord, and not merely for men—Knowing that your real reward, a heavenly one, will come from the Lord, since you are actually employed by the Lord Christ, and not just by your earthly master" (Colossians 3:17, 23, 24, PHILLIP'S TRANSLATION).

Spirit... Our morning rap session covered an area I'd never given much thought—the different outreach programs of the people of God since Adam. It was extremely interesting and enlightening. . . . At retreat I realized how I have to directly talk to God more through prayer. . . . I felt refreshed and glad to meet more Christians. I was thankful to have more time with the Christians I've already grown to know and love. . . . I hope every heart went away with deeper thoughts on serving God more diligently for I feel that was the purpose of the retreat!

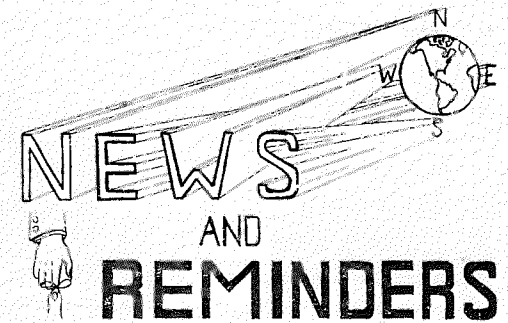
Cindy Gibbs

Exploring New Horizons

The National Youth Committee met November 5-6 in Denver, Colorado (headquarters for the new National FYC office) to discuss the current status of the work of the Youth Department and to plan exciting steps of progress. A great challenge awaits the National FYC and each local FYC as we explore new horizons and meet the challenges of today. Pray much for your youth leaders and for your own local FYC so that together, with God's guidance, we will forge ahead winning many young people for God and His coming kingdom.

Sorry, We Goofed

In last month's AIM (pp. 22-23 "Meeting the Challenge in South America") we announced that the National FYC has launched a project of sponsoring a missionary in Guatemala. Actually, the project is one of sponsoring a Guatemalan missionary



who will work full time in the country of NICARAGUA (located in Central America). Contributions for the Nicaragua missionary project can be sent to: NATIONAL FYC PROJECT-NICARAGUA, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.

A New Year—A New Calendar

1972 is almost gone and it will soon be time to take down the old calendars and put up the new. Attractive new Sabbath calendars have recently been printed for the Bible Sabbath Assoc. These calendars are available for 50¢ each from: BIBLE ADVOCATE PRESS, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, CO 80201.

SVA REPORT

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the guest speaker, spoke on drug abuse (the prevention of drug abuse is his crusade in the United States). His presentation completely captivated the attention of 12,000 people who filled the auditorium. Chuck Ohman, Diane Susek, and a big inter-school Negro choir presented an outstanding musical program too. The evening was inspirational in many ways, and many of our hearts were touched. While we were there someone remarked, "Oh, wouldn't it be wonderful if we knew everyone here is a true Christian!"

At Spring Vale we are doing our best to reach out to people—especially to young people—and to lead them to Christ. Please remember us in your prayers. We need God's help as we step forward and reach out to a world full of people who don't have a Saviour.