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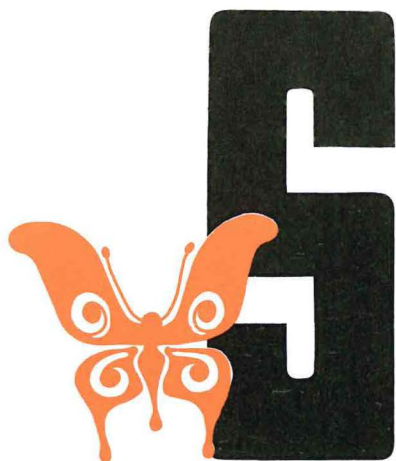
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## What is Spirituality in Christians?

BY FRED R. JOHNSON

A spiritual Christian is like a rose that blesses its admirers with beauty and pleases them with perfume. However, defining spirituality as a quality of the Christian life is about as difficult as explaining what electricity is and nearly as accurate as a blind man's description of a dahlia.

To the "initiated," there seems to be a kind of common understanding of what spirituality is whether or not its meaning can be clearly stated. In this article, the biblical teaching about spirituality will be discussed, a model about spirituality will be described, and the findings will be applied to two contemporary expressions of what spirituality is thought to be.

### BIBLE TEACHING DISCUSSED

Nineteen of 20 references that pertain to spirituality as a quality of the Christian life occur in the New Testament (*Cruden's Complete Concordance*, page 628). From these, three dominant emphases can be distinguished, i.e. spirituality involves (1) Christian maturity, (2) a religious outlook, and (3) an interest in Christian service.

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians that he was not able to speak to them as to spiritual persons but as to babes in Christ (1 Corinthians 3:1,2), he asserted that Christian maturity is one ingredient of spirituality in the believer. In developmental terms, they were minors who had not yet attained adulthood. Paul made a similar comparison later in the same letter when he appealed for a prophet or a spiritual person to discern that the things he was writing to them were the Lord's commandment (1 Corinthians 14:37).

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To the Galatian churches the apostle wrote, instructing those who were spiritual to restore in a spirit of meekness any Christians who had been trapped by some trespass (Galatians 6:1). Christian maturity, then, as one component of spirituality, involves at the least an attainment of adult capabilities, distinguishing between the Lord's commandments and those of men, and assuming adult responsibility for reclaiming weaker Christians, like parents retrieving their children from error.

A second ingredient of spirituality involves a religious rather than a material viewpoint about one's life. This contrast is drawn from Paul's statement about receiving "salary" for his work as a preacher. He describes his ministry as sowing spiritual things and his wages as reaping carnal (material) things (1 Corinthians 9:11).

Jesus also called His followers from concern for the material and secular to a commitment to the religious and spiritual. He exhorted them to lay up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19ff) and explained their inability to serve two masters, to wit, God and riches (Matthew 6:24). Then He commanded them to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness in preference to anxious attention to life's necessities (Matthew 6:25-34).

Indeed, nearly the whole of Scripture constitutes a call to men to turn from the least to the greatest, from the lowest to the highest, from the gross things that blight life to things of grace that bless. In a word, it is a call to turn from a secular to a spiritual viewpoint of living.

Finally, the Scriptures teach that a spiritual person is interested in Christian service. When Paul listed some 19 ways the Holy Spirit equips believers to serve, he described them as spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1ff). When relating service to one's spiritual experience with Christ, he exhorted believers to yield their members as instruments of righteousness (Romans 6:13).

Similarly, Christ made service to one's fellowmen a major criterion for entrance into heaven (Matthew 25:40). With Christ's love in the heart, service should be the natural behavior of the believer. A Christian who serves others embodies the spirit of Jesus, who said, "I am among you as one who serves." (Luke 22:27) A spiritual person, then, demonstrates that it is more blessed to give than to receive, that a fulfilled life consists of giving rather than getting.

Thus, the Bible teaches that spirituality as a Christian virtue has at least three ingredients, i.e., a maturity that exhibits adult characteristics of sustenance and service against the background of a personal surrender to God's will. He feeds on the *bread and meat* of the Word, restores failing



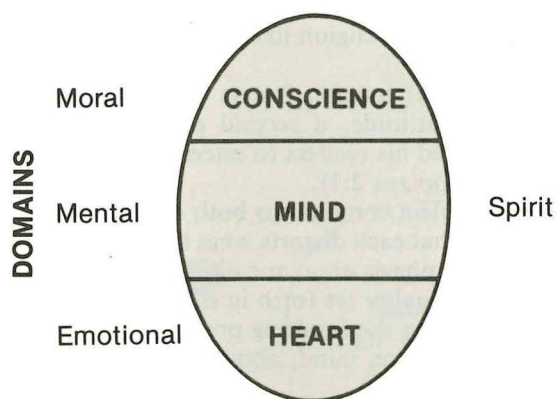
Christians to fellowship, and like Enoch walks with God (Genesis 5:22) intending to do everything to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

#### A MODEL DESCRIBED

The following framework for explaining spirituality in a believer rests on three assumptions. First, spirituality is simply one (albeit a very important one) of many traits of the Christian personality; second, it is an expression of the inner core of the person, i.e., his spirit; and third, there are dimensions to spirituality that correlate with the domains of man's spirit.

The first assumption is self-explanatory; it needs no illumination. Whatever spirituality is, without argument it belongs in the Christian character. The discussion of the second and third assumptions is expected to be the wind that will blow away the fog that has clouded our understanding of spirituality.

The last two assumptions deal with spirit, the inner reality of each person that God in creation breathed into man (Genesis 2:7). There are three dimensions of personality depicted in the Scriptures that describe the domains of man's spirit, i.e., heart, mind, and conscience. This inner core of the personality may be symbolized as follows:



One may conclude, then, that there are moral, mental, and emotional dimensions of spirituality that derive from the respective domains of spirit. When man's spirit is raised from its death in trespasses and sins and Christ becomes Lord of the life, obvious benefits accrue to each dimension of man's spirit.

In the moral domain, spirituality consists of purging one's conscience from dead works (Hebrews 9:14) so that it is void of offense (Acts 24:16); it is both pure (1 Timothy 3:9) and good (1 Timothy 1:19). The believer adopts God's values as his priority system and begins to live in harmony with God's laws. He is convinced that God's judgments are true and righteous altogether (Psalm 19:9). The Holy Spirit produces faithfulness and self-control (Galatians 5:22, 23).

Spirituality in the mental domain consists of attitudes of goodness, gentleness, kindness (Galatians 5:22, 23), and humility (Colossians 3:12). Such a spiritual person prays, as

Christ did, "Not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:42) He is able also to discern the will of God (1 Corinthians 2:15).

Regarding the emotional domain, spirituality in the believer consists of a consuming love of God and a compassion for people. Such a believer delights in God's will (Psalm 40:8) and desires spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:1). The Holy Spirit develops fruit of love, joy, peace, and patience (Galatians 5:22).

The sum of the matter is this. Spirituality as a Christian virtue is the composite expression of the moral, mental, and emotional domains of man's spirit as influenced by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Morally, God's standards of righteous living and His values as stated in the Scriptures become convictions for correct behavior. Mentally, since the believer has the mind of Christ, he demonstrates goodness, gentleness, kindness, and humility. He prays for God's will, not his own, to be done and endeavors to discern what that will is for him. Emotionally, he delights in God's will, desires spiritual gifts, and exercises compassion, patience, joy, and peace.

Spirituality, then, consists of convictions rooted in the conscience, attractive attitudes arising from the mind, and warm emotions bubbling from the heart. As these ingredients merge together, the believer attains maturity, develops a religious viewpoint, and is motivated to serve. He thus exhibits the biblical components of spirituality in his life. The following chart describes such a believer.

Domains of Spirit		Effects of indwelling Spirit	Dimensions of Spirituality
Moral	CONSCIENCE	purged from dead works, void of offense, pure, good, etc.	convictions
Mental	MIND	goodness, gentleness, kindness, humility, etc.	attractive attitudes
Emotional	HEART	love, joy, peace, patience, etc.	warm emotions

#### THE MODEL APPLIED

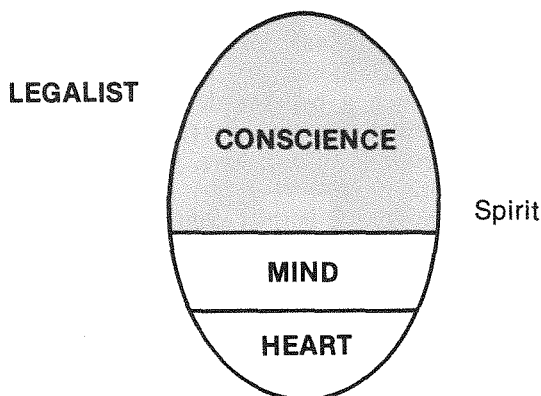
The dominant expressions of spirituality that appear among contemporary evangelicals may be regarded as opposite ends of the same continuum. On the left, there is the *legalist* and on the right, the *exhibitionist*.

The *legalist* adheres to the *letter* of the law. His convictions, like Gibraltar, cannot be changed; he makes no compromises. He abhors worldliness, which usually focuses on changing fashions, adornment, and the pursuit of pleasures.

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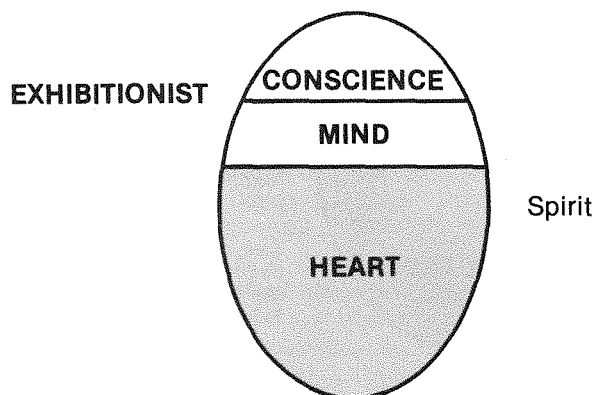


He seldom laughs but is devoted to duty, is scrupulously thrifty, conservative, and honest.



For the legalist, spirituality consists of the observance of a long list of prohibitions and the avoidance of the very appearance of evil. This emphasis attracts his attention even when reading the Bible. As the Pharisee (Luke 18:11), he thanks God that he is not like other people who appear frivolous and foolish. If one were to chart the condition of his inner spirit, you would find he is nearly all conscience.

At the opposite end of the continuum, the *exhibitionist* adheres to the *spirit* of the law. He, too, has convictions but they seem to fluctuate as his religious feelings rise and fall. When the emotional climate is high, he may pledge himself to large faith promises and to sacrificial prayer vigils at 2:00 a.m. But when the emotional stimulus is gone, he may be unable to meet his faith promise and unwilling to keep his night watch. When he feels emotionally drained, it is easy for him to believe he has lost his religion.



Spirituality, for the exhibitionist, is getting "high" religiously. As a result, he claps his hands, stomps his feet, and shouts "Amen" and "Praise the Lord." To be really spiritual, he will likely shout louder, testify longer, run the church aisles faster, jump more church pews, and wave his handkerchief higher than any other person present in the meeting. Unless he can get "high" emotionally, he will feel he might just as well have stayed home; the service is considered a flop.

To the legalist, the exhibitionist appears flippant, insincere, and inconsistent. Conversely, to the exhibitionist, the legalist will rise first at the rapture since he is "dead in Christ." (1 Thessalonians 4:16) If the inner spirit of the exhibitionist were charted, you would find that he is nearly all feelings, wishing he could be "high" all the time.

Admittedly, these descriptions may be overdrawn. On the other hand, both groups have desirable traits. The Christian must have a conscience that prevents him from drifting into evil but that also permits him to enjoy life. He needs the motivation of strong emotions but a conscience that holds him stable when feelings wane.

Both appear to define spirituality in terms of externals alone, i.e., avoidance of evil versus enjoyment of good. Both of them omit the role of the mind as guided by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Neither of them clearly explains spirituality as the composite expression of the domains of man's spirit—moral, mental, and emotional.

Diverse as these groups are, there are at least three problems common to both. First, there is a tendency to judge one's brother. If a fellow Christian attends movies, misses prayer meeting, or wears the latest fashions, to the legalist he is a worldly, hence inferior, Christian. The exhibitionist expresses pity for the Christian who does not demonstrate his religion emotionally. He seems to say, "Brother, if you have religion like I have, you just couldn't keep quiet!"

This attitude of judging fosters the development of a holier-than-thou attitude, a second problem common to both. Paul advised his readers to esteem others better than themselves (Philippians 2:3).

A third problem common to both extreme expressions of spirituality is that each distorts what true spirituality really is by an overemphasis upon one dimension of spirit. The definition of spirituality set forth in the model corrects this imbalance and solves the resulting problems by giving equal emphasis to conscience, mind, and heart.

#### CONCLUSION

Spirituality as a Christian virtue is difficult to define because abstract concepts are not easily understood. In current terminology, spirituality was described in terms of legalism and exhibitionism. In the former, the conscience plays the dominant role and leads to a rigid observance of rules. In the latter, the emotions play the dominant role and lead to a release from rules.

What is needed is a definition of spirituality that relaxes the slavish respect for rules, harnesses the emotions for productive service, and permits a place for the exercise of the sanctified will. The model set forth above accomplishes this by defining spirituality in terms of the composite expression of man's spirit, giving equal emphasis to conscience, mind, and heart. When this occurs, the believer will demonstrate maturity as a Christian and a religious outlook on life, and will be involved actively in service for Christ, exercising the gifts God has given him.

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There never has been a question about the high *quality* of the Linotype's product, but its versatility, speed, and future in this age of computer technology has brought the *method* into serious question. After thorough consideration of new systems available, Barclay Press has invested in a machine suited to our needs for several years. We now offer a great variety of sizes and styles of type with just a touch of a key and store it all in a "memory"!

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# NEW CALL TO PEACEMAKING: An idea whose time has come!

BY NORVAL HADLEY

What is the *New Call to Peacemaking*?

It started as an effort to find a positive approach to the problems of violence. It has become an effort of the three historic peace churches (Church of the Brethren, Mennonites, and Friends) to answer the question, "If war is wrong, what's right?" It seeks to find approaches to peacemaking that are not only positive, but also creative, practical, contemporary, and so biblically based and spiritually sound that they will attract the widest possible participation.

The New Call to Peacemaking seeks to address itself to a society that is fed up with war and the arms race and frightened at the prospect of nuclear war and to say, "Look, here's another approach to the problem of conflict." Since the New Call to Peacemaking is biblically based the historic peace churches will seek to say to society, "Why don't we try what God suggests, nothing else is working?"

There never was a time when war was less popular or less productive. There never was a time when there was more interest in the ideas of pacifism and nonviolence. There never was a time when all-out war was more untenable. It means total destruction for both sides. Peace can no longer be a pet project of a few radical "peaceniks" in the church. Peacemaking has become our only means of survival.

The United States is capable of destroying every Russian city with a population of 100,000 or more 40 times. They can destroy our cities 20 times. It is now possible to fire missiles with such accuracy that they can destroy the enemy missiles in their silos. If an enemy, knowing this, ever suspects we have fired ours, he will fire his.

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This puts nuclear war on a hair trigger, like two gun fighters in a dusty street.

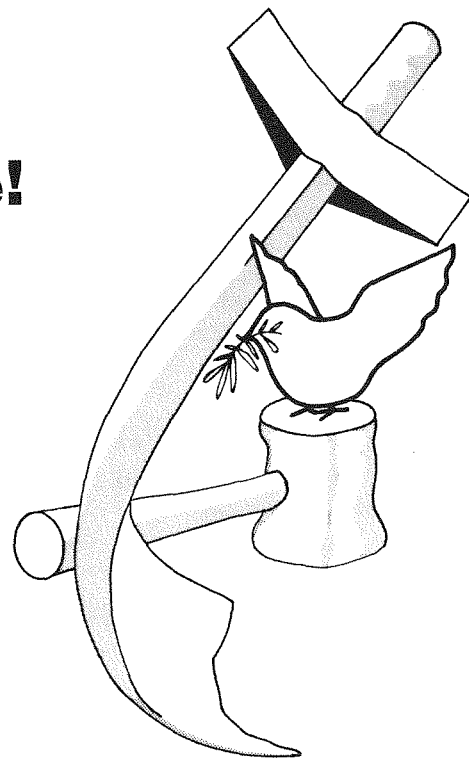
We are caught in a military system. The military seeks to build a strong stockpile of weapons in order to "keep the peace." But there are problems. Military structures are hierarchical with no room for dissenting voices in policy definition or execution. Militarism subverts domestic democracy. It fosters deceit and distrust through spying and other forms of subversive interference in the affairs of others. Militarism is marked by a built-in thrust to overrun any stated limits. An effort to cut down is perceived as cowardice, and domestic critique is siding with the enemy. The final effort is to raise rather than defuse the risks of war.

But as I say, we are caught in this system and some of us are not too sure we want to continue in this direction. The United States continues to produce three nuclear warheads per day, although in 1976 we already had 8,500 strategic nuclear warheads as compared to 2,500 possessed by the Soviet Union.

The administration's military budget request for fiscal year 1977 was \$113 billion. Do you know how much that is? If you could have spent \$1.80 a second (\$6,480 an hour) since the time of Christ you would not have yet spent \$113 billion.

Dalton Franz, Washington representative for the Mennonite Central Committee, says in 1974 the average American family paid \$1,978 in federal taxes and \$995 of that went for military programs. Based on these figures, he says the 70,000 families of the Mennonite Church contributed \$69 million to the military while giving \$46 million to all other programs of the church that year. Few Christian people realize that they probably give only two thirds as much money to their own churches as they give to the military.

The Friends Committee on National Legislation points out that federal income taxes withheld from your pay check from January 1 to June 23 go for military pur-



poses. Not until June 24 do you begin to work to support any other part of the cost of government.

Altogether \$300 billion per year is spent on armaments and military preparation, according to J. Duncan Wood, Quaker representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. This sum is equivalent to the combined gross national product of 65 countries in Latin America and Africa. It is equivalent to the total worldwide government expenditures on education. It is about twice as much as government expenditures on health and about 15 times as much as the value of all official assistance provided to the underdeveloped countries. Are we satisfied with this? This is one of the questions being raised by the New Call to Peacemaking.

There are five specific goals in this two-year three-denominational program. The first is to encourage a spiritual rededication to the Christian peace witness among our own constituencies. Second, we seek to clarify and express the biblical basis for our peace witness. Third, we want to extend to the larger church a call to respond to the gospel imperative for peacemaking. Fourth, we hope to develop and propose to the U.S. government courses of action for peacemaking. And fifth, we want to explore strategies and actions for promoting peacemaking within contemporary society.

To accomplish these goals three task forces have been working for some time, one on the biblical and theological basis for peacemaking, the second on peacemaking life-style, and the third on building institutions of peace. Two persons from each of the denominations are on each task force.

Thirteen regional conferences were held across the United States in the fall of 1977, and conferences will be held again in the spring of 1978 leading up to a national conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, October 5 to 8, 1978. Out of the two years of study and research, out of the mingling of ideas at the grass roots level and sharing and research, out of the papers and suggestions of resource people at regional and national conferences, the New Call to Peacemaking hopes to speak decisively and convincingly to the problem of violence with some Christian alternatives. One clear biblical alternative to fighting is to pray (James 4:1,2). For this reason the New Call to Peacemaking has issued a national call to prayer for peacemaking on March 5, 1978.

The historic peace churches believe that peacemaking is central to the Gospel. When the angels announced the coming of Christ they proclaimed "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." When the Bible lists the qualifications for entering heaven it says, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14)

We recognize that our call will require radical faith. We will be asking people to follow the Lord into lives of direct identity with the poor and oppressed. We will be suggesting radical changes in life-style in order to reduce inequalities and injustices as a step toward removing the occasions for war. From the beginning we have wanted the New Call to Peacemaking to do more than issue statements—to be action-oriented. Committed people in the historic peace churches will actually seek to provide a model of peacemaking life-style.

Some will heed the challenge of the New Call to Peacemaking out of commitment to Christ and to the Gospel, out of a concern to obey His commandments. Others, we believe, will heed the challenge of peacemaking just because it makes so much sense in our time. Many feel the New Call to Peacemaking is an idea and challenge whose time has come.

A poster in William Penn House in Washington, D.C., says it like this: "Let us take on ourselves the risks of peace rather than impose on the world the risks of war."

# THE DILEMMA OF A FRIENDS PASTOR

By T. EUGENE COFFIN

One of the moods in Friends meetings across the United States is that of discontent and frustration. The results of such a mood include an alarming number of pastors resigning to enter other fields of endeavor, a feeling of restlessness and insecurity on the part of those who remain, a genuine soul-searching on the part of yearly meeting executives and policy-making committees, an unwillingness on the part of many local and yearly meetings to really acknowledge that there is a problem, and a reappraisal of the role of the pastor in the Friends meeting.

The source of such a mental climate may be attributed to the cumulative effect of affluence contrasted with minimal living standards of many pastors, the general restlessness of the "age" as dramatically illustrated by marches, riots, and increase of crime, the many "credibility gaps," the lack of adequate communication at key levels of organized and family life, and an attitude toward the pastorate as a way to make a liv-

ing and not a high calling that demands the surrender of one's right to oneself.

Friends do not yet seem sufficiently grounded in the pastoral system to be able to see the importance of adequate support being provided those who are called to be pastors of meetings. Though many have moved to the city, members of the meeting think "rural" when it comes to their pastor's support.

By "thinking rural" I mean this: At one time the salary was supplemented with garden produce, milk, and meat brought to the preacher and his family in generous amounts. The pastor lived about as well as the average member of the meeting. Today, the salary has increased a little, but the garden produce, milk, and meat no longer make their way to the parsonage. Substandard living is too often the outcome.

It is to be admitted that Friends pastors do yield on occasion to the temptation to compare their lot with their counterparts in other denominations. Larger Christian groups seem to have more resources with which to provide better than minimal standards of living. The pastor in other communions also seems to have a much more significant place in community life and in the fellowship of the church. This is probably due to the long history of experience

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with pastors by the denominations who never knew a time of no pastoral leadership.

Friends' one-hundred-year history of pastoral leadership has not yet produced a full acceptance of the pastor as a necessary part of the Christian community known as a Friends meeting. This fact literally means that he has no one to back him up in his role as a spiritual leader and few to take his part if he is working under the hardships of physical need.

To be sure, there are exceptions to the above generalization, for some yearly meetings and monthly meetings are sincerely trying to correct the situation. These beginnings, however, do not fully assure a Friends pastor that he will be released to be the Friend called of God to pastoral service that he hopes to be.

This lack of sophistication on the part of Friends with regard to pastoral work has also left a large gap in long-range planning for adequate pensions and hospitalization insurance. Younger pastors cannot help but look at the fact that their fathers who served for 50 years in the Friends ministry are now faced with retirement without adequate support.

Few pastors have been able to invest or save money so as to insure retirement funds when needed. Most have had salaries that would not permit such savings even when desired, and not many Friends pastors have the benefit of a family inheritance to depend upon in the evening years of life. The result is that younger men see the unfairness of such a situation and decide to seek out a denomination that shows some Christian concern for those who literally give themselves away in the service of the church.

The ferment that has characterized the sixties and seventies has its influence on pastors and members of Friends meetings alike. The rapid urbanization of all of life, the population explosion as well as its mobility, automation, and the cybernetics revolution, technological and scientific advancement that opens up unthought-of and frightening possibilities, all combine to charge the atmosphere around homes and communities with bewilderment and the excitement of a possible new event of cataclysmic proportions.

The death of God idea, psychedelic drugs, the hippies, the race riots, and the campus capers have been deposited on the shores of every man's life by the strong currents of change. So perplexing have been the problems of accepting new shapes on

the shoreline that a pastor wonders if he should really be in the place where he has to interpret and try to make some sense out of it all for those to whom he is responsible.

The fuzzy and confused image that is the average protestant pastor's in this decade is one of the major concerns of the church and of the pastor. Carlyle said of Thomas De Quincy at one time, "He was full of bankrupt enthusiasm." The disparagement of the sermon, what it does or what it can do, has brought the contemporary Protestant pulpit to so low an estate that preaching might almost be called one of those "bankrupt enthusiasms."

Conrad Morse writing in *The Pulpit* says grimly, "In the history of the church preaching has been neglected, ignored, debased, even almost totally forgotten, but never has its place been as seriously questioned by those who are genuinely concerned with the vitality of the church's witness

the dissenters), but the decline in Europe of church attendance and participation is a prophecy of the future of the church in the United States when, and if, the scientists, educators, and politicians become the prophets and priests of the day. With the de-emphasis on the primacy of preaching comes the reaction in the person of the preacher that sets up the vicious cycle of preoccupation with the other forces to the neglect of study, preparation and delivery of the message of the Gospel. It is no wonder the comment should be made of one such preacher that he is "full of bankrupt enthusiasms."

Do we take these trends and the many other factors to mean that the preacher is on the way out? I do not believe we should! The spoken word will always have a hearing in groups both small and large. It is still a thought molder in whatever society its art is employed. The politician has not

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Many reasons can be given for this situation. One can be defined as the field of forces working on the pastors constantly. To the public he is the expert in religious affairs; to his colleague, he may have skill in one or another area but not all. The Christian faith he proclaims and claims for himself is so little demonstrated in the action of those called Christians.

The tensions between the goals and what actually happens, the legitimate concerns and the small amount of integration of those concerns into daily experience, all take their toll on a pastor's public image, personal competence, family relationships, and the vocation of the Christian ministry.

A second reason is the fact that the quality of preaching always declines when the *conception of preaching loses its primacy* and takes a secondary or inferior role. With the great emphasis now being made on counseling, liturgy, organization (mergers), administration, action groups, dialogue, and small group discussions, preaching is being forced to take a back seat academically and publicly. There is a residue of feeling that there must be a place for preaching lurking in the minds of most people (even

abandoned public speaking. The teacher, in spite of new electronic devices, cannot get away from it.

Every vocation employs some form of proclamation. Why should it be abandoned by the church, which, historically speaking, has contributed so much to the development of public speaking as an art form, but more importantly, by preaching has become the means of transforming society and individuals.

For a job description of the preacher we turn to the Apostle Paul and his concept of the ministry as recorded in his letter to the Colossians. The preacher, he says, is one under divine commission to declare fully God's Word, to warn everyone he meets, and to teach everyone he can so that every man can be challenged to his full maturity in Christ. So according to Paul the preacher is a man with the message, revealing the mystery, "Christ in you," a man with a warning, and an instructor in growth to maturity.

Strong and effective preachers, though they may differ widely in manner, have this in common: they believe greatly in preaching. The late W. E. Sangster, in his *Power in Preaching*, has a four-point outline about preaching: 1. Believe in it, 2.

Work at it, 3. Make it plain, 4. Glow over it. He explains, "No pulpit has power if it lacks deep faith in the message itself, and in preaching as God's supreme method in making His message known . . . an awful impoverishment falls upon the whole Church if the preachers lose faith in preaching."

To a moratorium on preaching Sangster would have said you may as well put a moratorium on the grace of God, for, after all, "it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe." (1 Corinthians 1:21 ASV)

Today's sermons, in their shallowness, frivolity, dullness, biblically unanchored, theologically unhinged moralisms, are but a reflection of the preacher who has lost his faith in preaching and almost lost his faith, period! The dilemma of a Friends pastor lies in the fact the above description of today's sermons may depict his own to some extent because he has been caught in the current of change.

Nevertheless, the preacher is a man who has faith that preaching is action—God's action in His called man for the sake of His Son, the Church that He has redeemed, and the world over which He yearns.

The preacher, then, is not a performer. He is a participator in an event in which he, endowed with authority not his own, enabled by the Holy Spirit, and upheld by the believing community (here is the mystery) brings God and man face to face.

How to be abreast of the changing times, not surprised or frustrated by what he finds in society today, equipped to provide leadership instead of defensive reactions, is all part of being a pastor who is seeking to minister.

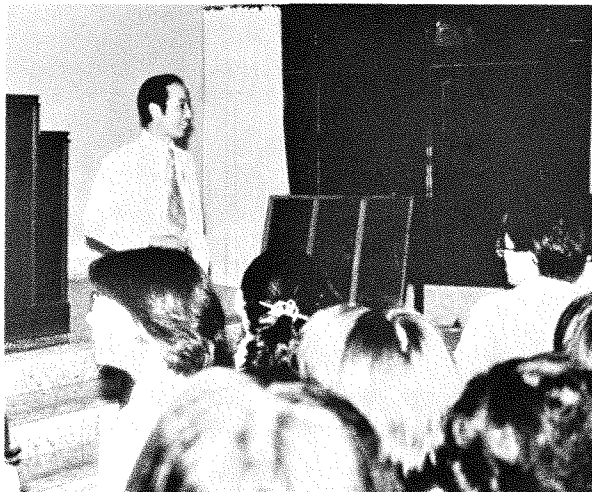
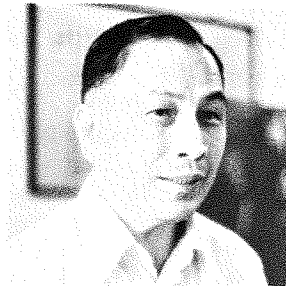
The entire Friends Meeting needs to be aware of the clues to change through the fact that Christianity is always related to society in two ways: It is a force for stability and it is a force for change. The pastor, then, is a participator in integration and innovation. He is a conservative and a revolutionary at the same time, and he must learn to keep the two in balance.

The church is really geared for change. We preach the Gospel of change: "Old things are passed away . . . all things are become new." Yet, we have built structures for stability while using the language of change. To stand in the gap between the old and the new is God's challenge to every Christian, and it is the privilege of every pastor to equip the Christian to do just that in order to move on into the new day. ☐



*Russell Myers (above) views Red China from a vantage point in Hong Kong.*

*Pastor Chan (upper left) is newly elected president of Taiwan Yearly Meeting. Upper right shows a yearly meeting delegate. Frank Wu (right) is vice-president of Taiwan Yearly Meeting.*



# REFLECTIONS

BY RUSSELL MYERS

For 25 days in September and October I was in another world. Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines are places pregnant with opportunities for the church of Jesus Christ today. Evangelical Friends are providentially placed in the midst of one of the most strategic areas of the world. The Chinese population alone is conservatively estimated at 844,000,000. Perhaps three million of these confess themselves Christian. Thirty-eight million Chinese are exposed to the Gospel in the noncommunist

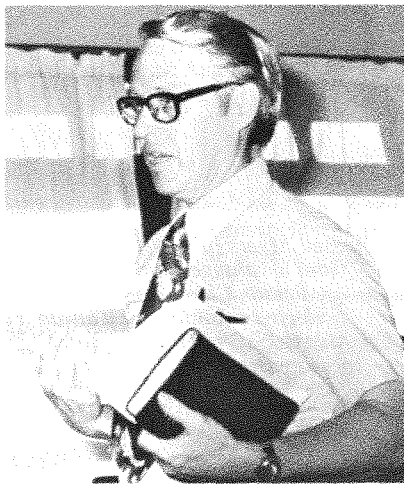
world. Many mission leaders are now projecting that by A.D. 2000 the largest group of missionaries in the world will be Chinese.

The Taiwan Friends Church is preparing to have significant participation in God's redemptive activity in the last quarter of this century. How scintillating that God is challenging evangelical Friends to join the mighty movement of the Holy Spirit among the peoples of Asia.

September 27 Taiwan Yearly Meeting was born. An organizational plan was adopted and the first Yearly Meeting officers were elected. Pastor Chow of the Taipei Northside church is the presiding officer, and Frank Wu of our Kaohsiung church was elected as the assistant. Pastor Chow, the mature, wise, patient, proven leader that he is, will be assisted by the young, attractive, capable, maturing Pastor

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*The above photos are from the first sessions of Taiwan Yearly Meeting. The upper row shows a youthful attendee, new missionary Jack Rea, and a mealtime scene. A youth choir sings for a yearly meeting service (lower left), and missionary Howard Moore is pictured lower right.*

Wu of our newest church. It is in the rapidly growing city farthest south on the west coast of the island.

It was indeed one of the most significant events I have ever witnessed firsthand. God's presence was so invading. I shall never forget the emotion of that moment when our Chinese church heard from heaven. They submitted to that divine guidance and the lordship of Jesus Christ. What could have been a politically, selfishly contested activity became the clear, persuasive action of the Lord. A church is born in the power and demonstration of the Spirit! This day may well have been one of the most significant in the history of the Chinese Evangelical Friends Church.

I was requested to share with them some of our expectations for them. What should I say? I came from the Eastern Region with no printed document to lay before them. Our board was nearly 10,000 miles away. It would have been presumptuous for me to have presented some neatly packaged, fan-

cily phrased set of goals and projections. Faced with the urgent need at that moment for some word, I believe the gentle Shepherd spoke.

"We want you in the Chinese church to be able to say, 'This church is ours—and God's. It is the fruit of our faith, our sacrifice, our blood, our sweat, our tears, and our labors of love.' It will be as big as you and God make it.

"We are your partners to help you grow the Lord's Church in Chinese hearts. We look to you as equals in God's sight. We are not here with you today because of pity for your culture. We are here because we look up to you as brothers in Christ. You are as precious to Christ as any of us are. We want to be identified with you as one in the family of God.

"We do not want the Chinese church to be a transplanted EFC—ER church. We don't want to westernize you in your organization, worship format, or your church growth methods. You Chinese have

been on this earth a long time. We have confidence that, with the power and leading of the Holy Spirit, you will have an indigenous, self-propagating, growing church—distinctly Chinese. That is great. To God be the glory!

"EFC—ER is not going to forget you. We are not going to pull out and leave you to go alone. Our missionaries remain here to work with you. They are not here primarily to show you the way. They are here to walk with you, to be enablers, to affirm you in the love of Christ, to bear the burdens with you, to teach, to pray, and to encourage you. The Jack Rea family has just arrived in Taiwan. This, too, is evidence that we are in Taiwan on something more than a temporary basis.

"The church has sent me to your Yearly Meeting as its official representative. It is hoped that this prolonged official visit further demonstrates to you the love of the U.S.A. church for you.

"While the Chinese Evangelical Friends Church came into being as the result of the worldwide vision of our Eastern Region, the story is not to end with that. In fact, I can see the possibility that the Chinese Evangelical Friends Church may develop a world outreach that goes far beyond what we in the Eastern Region have accomplished. You may well become the leaders and we the followers.

"The Lord of the harvest has not forgotten the nearly one billion Chinese people in the world. He is preparing the Chinese church in Taiwan to be the launching center for a worldwide thrust of evangelism among the Chinese people. My heart is thrilled to be here with you this week. You have challenged and inspired me. You have ministered to me in enlarging my vision and faith. What do we expect? We expect you to be, in God's providence, the 'greatest thing' that ever happened to us!

"What are our expectations? From the perspective of the longevity of your nation and culture, the magnitude of your numbers, the resources God has made available to you, and the strategic placement of the Chinese people all over the world, we expect the Chinese Christians to be the Christian world leaders by A.D. 2000. Please let us share with you in the glory and dynamic of your Chinese church! As Paul said to the Philippian believers, 'I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns.'" (L.B.)



BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

## No Time for Leaky Roofs

"When a man is too lazy to repair his roof, it will leak, and the house will fall in." (Ecclesiastes 10:18 *Good News Bible*)

Procrastination is a little softer word than laziness, but the roof leaks in either case. Being "undisciplined" is a kinder word than either of the other two, but undisciplined Christian living brings many leaky-roof problems to the church and the home. "Isn't it unreasonable for others to expect me to change?" a frustrated person was asking when a promised commitment was not kept. "I was born undisciplined."

We all were. But that is one of the traits being "transformed" in Christian conversion is supposed to care for. A lazy, undisciplined individual is characterized in Scripture as a serious sinner: "Work hard and do not be lazy." (Romans 12:11) Lazy people are also a problem to others, "Never get a lazy man to do something for you; he will be as irritating as vinegar on your teeth or smoke in your eyes." (Proverbs 10:26) Like most sins, laziness leads to lying—making excuses about procrastination that are often exaggerated. "The lazy man stays at home; he says a lion might get him if he goes outside." (Proverbs 22:13)

The first step in getting a handle on this as a spiritual problem is to *see* it as sin rather than just a curious nuisance. The undisciplined person often allows groundless fears (lions outside the door) to paralyze his action. One of these fears arises because the lazy person knows through past performance that he will not be disciplined enough to solve his problem. A life pattern of failure develops, causing even small problems to become a source of fear and despair. This syndrome is not restricted to alcoholics only.

A lazy person may have great dreams and goals, and yet he won't do what is necessary to achieve them. "If you are lazy, you will never get what you are after . . . ." (Proverbs 12:27) So, like all sin, the first step toward solving undisciplined living is to confess it as sin to God. Until this happens, there is no real motivation to begin dealing with it.

Another step is to set up some priorities and learn time management. Again, the writer of the book of Proverbs points out the ant as a good model of time management (Proverbs 6:6-8). Don't quit a task until reaching a decided-upon stage of completion; don't take a nap or go to bed until accomplishing the job at hand; get up at the time necessary; allow proper time for devotions; don't take

that second helping of food; write that letter now; make that call . . . or don't make that call (according to conscience and previous planning).

Another step is to obey the Spirit regardless of feelings. Lazy people often protest, "I didn't feel like doing this." They probably didn't, yet they sinned when they disobeyed. And it is a tremendous freedom to be free of feelings as the controlling factor in our living—it allows the really good feeling of accomplishment, obedience, and reaching a personal or spiritual goal. Tiredness has a spiraling effect; procrastination allows tiredness to build up until our energy and capacity even for making a decision is swamped. The lazy way out of this trap is to lie down, sleep, watch TV, or sometimes even to work real hard on something that really shouldn't be taking our time and energy at the moment.

Realistic goals need to be set. We can trick ourselves by deliberately setting unreasonable goals, then sigh that we have failed again. Much of the work of the kingdom is done by the more disciplined people, not necessarily the most gifted or talented or creative or capable. And that is too bad. Some lazy types are the nicest people around, with the greatest potential, and frequently quite clever too: "A lazy man will think he is smarter than seven men who can give good reasons for their opinions." (Proverbs 26:16)

And they go in circles: "The lazy man turns over in bed. He gets no farther than a door swinging on its hinges." (Proverbs 26:14)

And now, having just reread what I've written, I must get busy.

## Church Announcements: Bother or Blessing?

Some Sunday morning worship periods are loaded with commercials before the sermon. Some have to be. Some people don't read the printed bulletin, some printed announcements are so garbled an explanation from the pulpit is required. Some announcements insult the intelligence of the congregation with repetition, overstatement, and wordiness. Some of us have to be shouted at to hear or remember.

Some want announcements at the start (but latecomers miss them); some prefer them in the middle, but this interrupts the worship; some want them at the end echoing in their minds as they rush into what happens next (but this prevents the moving moment of decision after the message).

Announcements are the administrative lifeline of the meeting. Seen this way, they can be a blessing. Every good football team has to huddle and get the signals straight. So does a gospel team like the local church. Moses set a good precedent by "calling the people together" for announcements. Aaron turned out to be the announcing clerk, and ever after no monthly meeting should be without an announcing Aaron. ☐





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### EFA General Conference, July 15-18, in Denver

Evangelical Friends across the U.S. are invited to the next General Conference of the EFA to be held on the beautiful campus of Regis College in Denver, only a few blocks from the First Denver Friends Church. Following a theme, "A New Vision for Mission," a major address will be given by Dr. Robert Hess, recently named executive director of the Evangelical Friends Mission. Reta Stuart, of Kansas Yearly Meeting and assistant to Hess in the new cooperative effort, will be active in making arrangements for the conference.

Dr. Ralph Winter, well-known missionary leader on the staff at Fuller Seminary, former missionary in Latin America, and director of the new Christian Center for World Missions being developed in Pasadena, California, will be the guest speaker for the conference. Other speakers include Friends missionaries on furlough from the six major Friends mission fields around the world, Norval Hadley, president of the EFA, Stanley Perisho, Everett Cattell, Dwight Wilson, and Don Green. Workshops will be led by Sheldon Louthan, Don Crist, David Gould, Leroy Brightup, Dorothy Barratt, Dean Johnson, and Jack Willcuts. Cecil Riney of Friends University will be in charge of music.

Most of the facilities are air-conditioned. Ample space is available on the campus for campers, mobile homes, with dormitory rooms adequate for all attenders wishing those.

Those wishing additional information should contact Stanley Perisho, 4595 Eliot, Denver, Colorado 80211; phone: 303/455-7604, 424-7691 (residence). Full registration information is contained on the back cover of this issue.

### 'Antievangelical' Mood

Evangelicals may be more recognized than before, but new attention appears to be

creating an "antievangelical" mood in various aspects of society. *Saturday Review* recently ran a highly critical piece on evangelicalism, written by a preacher's son. In the movie *Oh God*, Jewish director Carl Reiner takes potshots at Billy Graham and Christians in general, and makes God out to be some aloof, deist-type power.

Newspapers jump on every gaffe made by Graham or other evangelicals in public spotlight. The press seems eager to expose the shallowness of evangelical commitment. Coupled with today's routine rejection of spiritual truth, "Fallout" of celebrities who "turn to Jesus," these developments form a picture where evangelicals aren't so welcomed.

—*Evangelical Newsletter*

### YFC Reports Large Youth Rallies Making a Comeback

In the past decade, "with it" youth ministries moved away from big rallies into low-key home-discussion groups. But now, according to Youth for Christ (YFC), those rallies, so popular in the fifties and sixties, are back in style. Riding on the tide, YFC launched this school year a new slim, trim, polished *Breakaway* rally program, which is reportedly a runaway success, resulting in large numbers, decisions for Christ, and improving relations between YFC groups and local churches. Observers say discussion groups are out; young people are looking more for authority figures who forthrightly state, "This is the way it is."

—*Evangelical Newsletter*

### Jewish World Population Is Set at 14 Million

JERUSALEM—The world population of Jews is 14 million, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics in Jerusalem. The United States has 6 million Jews, while the Soviet Union and Israel each have 3 million, the bureau reported.

—*E.P.*

### Microfilm Vault Under Mountain Contains 'Roots' of Mormons

SALT LAKE CITY—More than a million rolls of microfilm are stored deep beneath 700 feet of solid granite in the Wasatch Mountains just minutes way from Salt Lake City by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) Church. To them, the deposits are priceless—they contain their "roots," the record of their ancestors.

Searching for records of their kindred dead is much more than a hobby for the world's 4 million Mormons. They operate the world's largest genealogical library and

are engaged in the most aggressive genealogical microfilming operation ever known. Mormons believe that family ties established in this life do not simply last "until death do you part," but continue for "time and all eternity" when "sealed" by the proper authority.

—*E.P.*

### Carl George to Direct Fuller Church Growth Ministries

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA—Carl George, 38, currently pastor of the University Baptist Church (Independent) in Gainesville, Florida, is the new director of the Department of Church Growth of Fuller Evangelistic Association.

George, assuming his responsibilities on February 1, 1978, succeeds John Wimber, founder of the department, which has provided services and materials designed to stimulate church growth for a wide variety of clients during its two years of ministry.

—*E.P.*

### Evangelical Church 10 Years Old

INDIANAPOLIS—The Evangelical Church of North America, born in 1968, marks its tenth anniversary with membership triple the number at its founding, according to General Superintendent V. A. Ballantyne. Today's membership stands at 127 churches, and the denomination, "formed to assure a strong evangelical witness to the Gospel rather than become involved in a merging of church bodies," expects to more than double again by 1988.

—*E.P.*



### GRANDMA'S VISIT

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

"My goodness, this is a surprise!" said Grandma Atkins as she hugged Beth and Carolyn and Jimmy all at once. "I knew that you had grown but I did not expect that you all would be quite this tall."

Jimmy wiggled out of Grandma's hug. "It's been almost a whole year since you saw us," he reminded.

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# First Day News

## QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

SADA STANLEY, a Friends missionary to Jamaica for many years who gave 40 years of service to the Happy Grove School and Lundal Home for Girls, died November 12, 1977, at the age of 101.

QUENTIN NORDYKE, assistant general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, in cooperation with George Fox College and the Yearly Meeting Department of Missions will lead a second group tour of the Friends mission fields in Peru and Bolivia, April 28 - May 14, 1978. The "all-inclusive" package tour costs less than \$1,500.

FAITH BALDWIN, 83, Quaker author of My Crabbed Age, was asked, "How are you able to write of contemporary matters?" Her reply, "I am contemporary; I've always been."

HERBERTO M. SEIN, a veteran Quaker from Mexico and well-known as an international interpreter and former United Nations employee, died of a stroke October 31, 1977, at his home in Mexico City.

ROBERT HESS and RETA STUART opened the new Evangelical Friends Mission office January 1. Robert will continue as a part-time professor at Malone College until next July 1; Reta, recently returned from missionary service in Burundi, will care for correspondence and communications on all the mission work of the Evangelical Friends Alliance to encourage united prayer, candidating, and deputation across yearly meeting lines. They will administer the Mexico City work.

JACK KIRK, copastor of University Friends Meeting (Wichita, Kansas), was guest speaker and lecturer for a New Call to Peacemaking seminar on the campus of George Fox College, January 18-21. Some of the sessions were held at Camp Tilikum, to which Friends pastors were invited. The retreat was sponsored jointly by the college and Friends Action Board of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

DAN MARK-WHITLEY, social concerns coordinator for Friends United Meeting and copastor of Williamsburg Friends Meeting (Indiana), has accepted the appointment of field secretary for New York Yearly Meeting effective January 1, 1978. Originally from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Dan and his wife Pam attended Earlham School of Religion. They are making their home in Rochester, New York.

ROSCOE AND TINA KNIGHT returned to Bolivia January 27 via Mexico City for another term of missionary service under Northwest Yearly Meeting. They will divide their time between Bolivia and Peru, making their home in the fast-growing city of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The Knights founded the EFA mission work in Mexico City and during the past year traveled more than 20,000 miles in deputation ministries across the EFA speaking in 180 services in 150 Friends churches.

ANNA NIXON, Friends missionary to India, is enjoying the use of a new van the Friends women of Ohio purchased for her use and the use of Union Biblical Seminary.

VERL LINDLEY, pastor of the fast-growing Granada Heights Friends Church in La Mirada, California, led a series of spiritual renewal and revival meetings in the Newberg Friends Church January 29-February 1. The Newberg meeting, pastored by Ron Woodward, Richard Foster, and Steve Wood, serves not only the Newberg community but the George Fox College and Friendsview Manor communities as well.



## FRIENDS FOCUS

### 46TH ANNUAL FBC SALE LARGEST YET

The Friends Bible College Women's Auxiliary Sale netted a record \$17,887, with one quilt going for \$700. This event drew visitors and alumni from 12 states this year.

### FRIENDS MINISTRIES IN WASHINGTON STATE

A new full-time ministry to the local church has been organized and incorporated in the state of Washington under the leadership of Bob Rez and John and Ella Mae Buskirk, called Friends Ministries. By means of music, puppets, drama, skits, stories, slides, and dialogue, they have created a multimedia ministry for the family. They are also involved in children's crusades and vacation Bible school, as banquet entertainers, and in missionary conferences. They may be contacted at 6408 N.E. Bonner Dr., Vancouver, Washington 98665.

### FRIENDS YOUTH HANDLE CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERIES

The young people of the Trinity Friends Church (Lisbon, Ohio) offered to serve as postmen for the exchange of greeting cards for members of the church and community, using the visit to bring personal greetings as well. They also created a large wooden greeting card on the church lawn, and for a donation, did name lettering on it with each family or individual wishing to participate. This was a fund-raising program for the Friends Youth that turned out to be a ministry in itself.

### CENTRAL AMERICA FRIENDS MARK 75TH MILESTONE

In 1902 concerned individual Friends launched Quaker missionary work in Central America. Two years later, California Friends officially assumed responsibility for this ministry. Beginning as Gospel-and-tract distribution only, the work gradually broadened to include teaching, pastoral care, medical and dental services, training in agriculture, and linguistics.

Now--75 years later--Central America Yearly Meeting numbers approximately 2,800 Friends who belong to over 100 monthly meetings located in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. --From Friends World Committee for Consultation Newsletter

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF PASTORS

Under the leadership of Joe Roher, assistant general superintendent of the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region, Planning Retreats for Professional Development of Evangelical Friends Pastors are being set up. The three-and-one-half-day seminars consider "A Clarification of Roles," "An Analysis of Ability," "An Inventory of Knowledge," "A Survey of Characteristics," and how these may be understood and implemented. "The purpose of this retreat is to utilize a Plan Book designed to guide a process of self-reflection and colleague consultation."

Those interested in more information should contact the EFC-ER office at 1201 - 30th St., N.W., Canton, Ohio 44709.

### LESLIE ANN ROBERTS MEMORIAL

Northwest Yearly Meeting has been saddened by the sudden passing of little Leslie Ann Roberts, infant daughter of James and Gail Roberts, missionaries under appointment to Bolivia. Leslie was born May 30, 1976, while James was a student at Western Evangelical Seminary and he and Gail were actively engaged in the Highland Avenue



Friends Church in Salem, Oregon. They left for language school in Costa Rica last September. Following a short illness during which the baby contracted meningitis and encephalitis, Leslie Ann passed away on December 7, 1977, and the body was laid to rest in a San Jose cemetery vault.

James and Gail came back to the U.S. for a short time. Memorial services were conducted at Greenleaf, Idaho, by Gerald Dillon, chairman of the Department of Missions, and Greenleaf Friends Pastor Paul Goins. A Memorial Fund has been established to assist in providing playground equipment for the Spanish Language Institute in San Jose. James and Gail returned to language school in early January.

#### FWCC OBSERVES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Forty years ago Friends attending their World Conference responded to an expressed need for a channel of communication within the worldwide Quaker family by creating the Friends World Committee for Consultation. During these four decades the committee has maintained contact with all Quaker groups. This service--rendered by no other Friends agency--has enabled Quakers to undertake cooperatively a variety of explorations and enterprises, including world conferences; mission and service consultations; translations of Friends publications into non-English languages; inter-faith and interreligious dialogues; aid to Friends groups facing unique situations. Most recent efforts have been made in the sponsorship of the Faith and Life Movement, the Conference of Friends in the Americas, and the New Call to Peacemaking.

#### EVANGELICAL FRIENDS SEMINARY INTRODUCED

Dr. Delbert Vaughn of Houston, Texas, is providing leadership in the development of a correspondence study program at the seminary level designed for Friends pastors unable to enroll on a seminary campus. A competent faculty of Friends professors will participate in the ambitious program, which will ultimately grant degrees in both the master's and doctoral programs. Vaughn is a Friends minister of Kansas Yearly Meeting.

#### ARMIN GESSWEIN COMING TO MEN'S RETREAT IN NORTHWEST

The next event in the 1977-78 annual theme emphasis for Northwest Yearly Meeting is a men's retreat, "In Quest of Renewal," scheduled at Twin Rocks Conference Grounds, April 14 to 16. It will begin with registration at 6:00 p.m., first service at 7:30, and end with lunch Sunday. Armin Gesswein, founder and director of Ministers Revival Prayer Fellowship and teacher on prayer in many countries, will be the special guest. Roger Smith will teach on evangelism and Gerald Dillon stewardship. Maury and Margaret Rose Macy and their children will furnish music.

Cost will be \$13.75 for the entire weekend, plus an offering for conference expenses.

#### PRAYER AND FAITH 'KISSIN' COUSINS'

This is the way Charles Mylander, associate pastor of Rose Drive Friends Church (California), describes the Faith-Promise plan for giving. "They are so close that you seldom see them apart. Faith tells us about the importance of prayer if we want our Faith Promise commitments to materialize."

#### TAKE CARE HOW YOU 'DYE'

The Los Angeles Times carried this story, reprinted in Creative Aging. "In the early days when fabrics were dyed at home, it was not easy to get a fast color. It



would wash out. A good Quaker used an analogy based on this to instruct his children. 'It is the task of parents to take time with the fabric and dye of their characters to fit them for the responsibilities of life.' Upon the death of the old Quaker, a daughter found a notation he had made on the record of her birth, 'And fit her for her long journey, O Lord, with virtues that will wash.'"

#### EFA LIKES DENVER

The Evangelical Friends Alliance General Conference will be held in Denver July 12-16. The Coordinating Council and Executive Committee also met in Denver, rather than in Oklahoma City, January 16-19. (See back cover and story on page 12.)

#### SPANISH MISSION ENCOURAGED IN TEXAS PANHANDLE

Booker Friends Church, in the Texas panhandle, recently purchased a building from the Methodists for the development of a ministry among the growing Mexican migrant population in the area. Hutchinson Friends Church (Kansas) contributed pews. More than 70 attended a recent service led in the Spanish language.

#### 'PREACH AMONG ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE . . .'

"Let all nations hear the sound by word or writing.  
Spare no place, spare no tongue nor pen,  
but be obedient to the Lord your God.  
Go through the world and be valiant for the Truth upon the earth . . .  
Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations,  
wherever you come,  
that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people and to them;  
then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world,  
answering that of God in everyone."

--George Fox, 1656  
(taken from an FWCC pamphlet)

#### KOREAN CHURCH IN PORTLAND MOVES

The Portland (Oregon) Korean Church, a ministry of the Department of Missions of Northwest Yearly Meeting, has doubled their congregation the past 18 months. Having outgrown their facilities, they have purchased a downtown church, formerly the First Evangelical Church of North America. It is believed there are more than 4,000 Koreans in the Portland area. The group moved into their new facility on Christmas Sunday.

#### FRIENDS MARRIAGE ENCOUNTERS CONTINUE

The popular marriage enrichment weekends now being sponsored in various sections of the EFA are holding two in the Northwest: February 10-12 in Eugene, Oregon; March 10-12 in Seattle. David and Marcile Leach are planning and directing these.

#### IOWA QUAKERS HOLD FIRST YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Nearly 70 young adults--marrieds and singles--met in November at the Grinnell First Friends Church for an all-day conference entitled "Growth Discovery Day." The conference was designed to help bridge a gap in Yearly Meeting ministry, and also to provide an opportunity for young adults to enjoy fellowship, learning, and worship together. Topics considered included "Marriage Enrichment," "The Single Christian," "Financial Planning," and "Where Do We Fit in the Church?"



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"You are right. And that's a long time. Well, I can see that you all are changed. Changed for the good, though," she said, giving the girls another squeeze.

"Come on, Grandma," urged Carolyn. "We've got something new to show you."

"It's in our room," added Beth, not wanting to be left out even if she was just five.

Grandma followed the girls. Jimmy tagged behind.

"Meow! Meow!" Soft sounds came from the brown box in the corner of the bedroom.

"I can guess what you have!" whispered Grandma. "Look at those darling little kitties." She bent over to feel the silky gray-and-white softness.

"And that's not all," said Carolyn again. Quickly she disappeared into the closet. "Look! We have new dresses. Mother made them especially for us to wear while you are here."

"And I have a new shirt and a new football and I have learned to roller skate and to swim," added Jimmy.

Grandma sat on the edge of the bed. "All of this news makes my head spin. Things have certainly been happening fast here." She looked them all over again. Then, with a merry look in her eyes, she said, "By the looks of things I'd say that you have been busy losing teeth, too."

Jimmy smiled broadly, showing a few vacant spaces in his mouth. Carolyn and Beth both laughed as their tongues felt for places where new teeth were putting out rough edges.

"Something else is different, too. Our dog ran away," said Beth sadly.

"But the birds lived in our birdhouse last summer," reminded Carolyn.

"And Dad and I went fishing just all by ourselves. I'm old enough now that I'm eight," Jimmy told Grandma proudly. "In fact, just lots of things are changed since you and Grandpa were here last time."

Beth and Carolyn squeezed close to Grandma while their brother sat cross-legged on the floor in front of them.

"Things do change fast," Grandma said. "You'll find that out as you get older. But we just accept changes as they come. So much has changed since I was your age."

"Did you live in a log house?" Carolyn wanted to know.

Grandma chuckled. "No! We always lived in town when I was growing up. Of course we didn't have all the things that you

have but we had a happy life. I remember one real doll that was really special. My, she was a beauty!"

Grandma looked off across the room. In her mind she could see the plump, cuddly doll who cried "Ma-ma" when she was tipped over.

"Oh what fun my best friend Carol and I had with that doll. We played house by the hours, using a box for the doll's bed. Then, all at once, things were different. Carol moved away and the girl who moved into her house didn't like to play dolls. And before long, it seemed like even I was too old for such things. Yes, things do change fast sometimes."

Grandma Atkins looked at her grandchildren. "Dear me! My past history isn't very interesting to you people. But let me tell you one thing. There are some things that never change."

"What, Grandma?" questioned Jimmy.

"God's love, Jimmy! It is always the same. And Jesus Christ does not change, either. The Bible says that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is the same wonderful Friend now that He was when I was a girl."

"And He'll still be our Friend when we're grandmas, won't He!" observed Carolyn firmly.

"I know something else that doesn't change," said Jimmy. "The Bible."

"That's right, too. We have lots of new translations and new versions, but what God has said to us in His Word doesn't change."

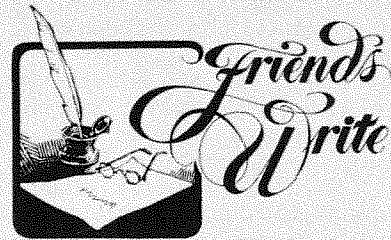
Grandma gave the girls another squeeze as she stood up. "I'm guessing that your mother is needing some help with getting lunch ready. Unless I'm mistaken, tables still have to be set."

"Yeah! That's something else that hasn't changed. And dishes still have to be washed. Ugh!" Jimmy hurried toward the kitchen with that parting word.

"And dried, too," reminded Carolyn.

"Yeah, ugh!" mimicked Beth on her way to the kitchen.

Grandma Atkins laughed. "I can see that you kids haven't *really* changed after all!"



### Thanks to Writers

A very big thanks to all the people who put the November 1977 issue together. Howard Macy provided the first explanation I've ever seen on the difference between the Sabbath and the Lord's Day. Sharon Van Scoy gave some solid scriptural advice in a very few words, and because she was brief, she will be reread. And Dan McCracken's "Oakars" were very charming.

I neglected to send a "fan" letter earlier on the issue about aging. The article on growing old gracefully will certainly be remembered when I reach those golden years.

JUDY JONES

Salem, Oregon

### 'Illustration . . . unfortunate'

The basic point which Russell Myers made in his column "The Religion of Hypotheticality" [November, 1977] was very good, but the illustration he chose to make the point was most unfortunate. It is a very serious matter for a church leader today to endorse the growth of nuclear energy and dismiss its critics as adherents of a "Religion of Hypotheticality."

The scientist quoted by Russell Myers may have been "very knowledgeable in atomic energy," but other scientists who are also very knowledgeable in atomic energy are saying something very different.

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In the spring of 1977 more than 2,000 biologists, chemists, engineers, and other scientists issued a "Scientists' Declaration on Nuclear Power." Their statement included these words: "... the country must recognize that it now appears imprudent to move forward with a rapidly expanding nuclear power plant construction program. The risks of doing so are altogether too great. We, therefore, urge a drastic reduction in new nuclear power plant construction starts before major progress is achieved in the required research and in resolving present controversies about safety, waste disposal, and plutonium safeguards."

Signers of this declaration include Bruce M. Alberts, professor of biochemical sciences, Princeton University; Nina Byers, professor of physics, UCLA; Bruno Coppi, professor of physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; John T. Edsall, professor of biochemistry emeritus, Harvard University; Paul Ehrlich, professor of biology, Stanford University; Stanley Pickart, professor and chairman of the Physics Department, University of Rhode Island; Harold C. Urey, professor of chemistry emeritus, University of California at San Diego; Manhattan Project; Nobel Laureate; and Norman D. Zinder, professor of molecular genetics, Rockefeller University. The full text of the "Scientists' Declaration" and additional material on nuclear power are available from Union of Concerned Scientists, 1208 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

The health and safety of all future generations of humankind depends on the ability of our descendants to perpetually and infallibly isolate from the atmosphere the radioactive wastes from nuclear energy production. I would suggest that only those who believe that human nature is capable of doing something perpetually and infallibly should commit themselves to the support of expanded nuclear energy production.

JOHN K. STONER

Executive Secretary  
Peace Section (U.S.)  
Mennonite Central Committee  
Akron, Pennsylvania

### 'When the going gets tough ...'

Ever since I read your latest editorial in the November issue, "When the Going Gets Tough," I've been wanting to write you about it.

Jack, you have a valuable gift of insight in the best way to live an every-day-in-and-

day-out kind of life. We do need and must have people who are willing to keep forging ahead one foot in front of the other. There are times that we surge ahead but it should always be under control, something like the overdrive in a car that helps us achieve a specific objective—at the same time if we try to run in overdrive all the time, we will burn out.

Your statement, "There will always be those who hesitate to believe that anything is of God unless it has about it some flavor of the unusual," coupled with "... gifts of the Spirit, scarcely any one is of greater practical usefulness than the gift of discernment," should help us all be more willing to take the time to sift out the useless and unnecessary items from well-meaning programs.

BILL AND RUTH FIELD

Sunnyside, Washington



Gordon H. Fraser, *Is Mormonism Christian?* The Moody Bible Institute, 192 pages, \$1.75, paperback.

Harry L. Ropp, *The Mormon Papers*, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 113 pages, \$2.95, paperback.

Both of these books are in-depth views of the fastest growing religious body in the United States. In the past 10 years the Mormons have gained one million members and are currently winning converts at the rate of 350 per day. It is claimed that over 90 percent of the converts come from the ranks of various Protestant denominations.

Are you curious about the beliefs of this religious group? Have you seen the dark-suited, clean-cut Mormon missionaries in your neighborhood, at your door? Under what command do they move? What do they believe and why? Is it "Christian"?

Harry Ropp and Gordon H. Fraser each take a look at the Mormon faith from the perspective of the Bible, and their insight is a scary revelation. Both authors compare Mormon teachings on God, Christ, man, and salvation with the Bible. Critical insight is gained from the evidence concerning the origins of Mormon documents.

Either one or both of these books are must reading for Friends. If we are to know how to respond effectively to this phenomenon, we must be informed.

—Ron Allen

Bamber Gascoigne, *The Christians* (photography by Christina Gascoigne), William Morrow and Co., 1977, \$17.50.

For Francis Shaeffer readers, *The Christians* should be made a required companion volume to *How Shall We Then Live?* Gascoigne has given us an excellent narrative of Christian history, from the life of Christ all the way to the present (no small task for 291 pages)! However, Gascoigne does not attempt an exhaustive presentation, but presents us with the moods, ideas, and movements of Christianity through excellent historical examples and situations.

Gascoigne's expressive style combines with a detachment that sometimes brutally presents the awful truth of the worst mistakes of Christian history and provides Christians with a rare chance to face their heritage squarely, without didactic apologies or explanations. He cushions the impact, however, with a wit that is at times reminiscent of Malcolm Muggeridge and allows us all to reflect on the admittedly amusing extremes and peculiarities of our history.

Bamber Gascoigne's pleasant style is beautifully, sometimes strikingly, accompanied by his wife's photography. As much a picture book as it is literature, *The Christians* therefore lends itself to interests of the young. But the level of scholarship and research that the work exemplifies makes it an excellent introduction to Christian history for the layman, and a thrilling review for the student and pastor.

Returning to my original statement, I believe that *The Christians* is a valuable work because of Gascoigne's obvious intent to present history, and not necessarily for any "lesson" or "apologetic" that may result. The horrible details of the Christian crusades are not spared, nor the shame of the Spanish massacre of Mexican natives in the name of "Christianity," nor the hundreds of conflicts and murders and wars, all in the name of Jesus.

Gascoigne is equally impressed with the sincerity of reform movements, and seems to celebrate with the reader when a new people rise with a renewed sense of direction from the Spirit. Quakers will particularly delight in Gascoigne's treatment of the early Quakers as "strange behaviour" on the part of "strange leaders" such as



George Fox. Remember *your* first reading of George Fox running through Lichfield barefoot?

I highly recommend *The Christians*, and hope that it will occupy the place it deserves on the shelves of many Friends.

—Daniel L. Smith

Roger Barrett, **Depression—What It Is and What to Do about It**, David C. Cook, hardback, \$6.95.

What's the difference between the "blues" and severe depression? Can a misunderstanding of the Christian faith lead to psychotic depression? How can you help a friend who is depressed?

In *Depression—What It Is and What to Do about It*, Christian psychologist Roger Barrett writes about a recurring problem in our society. Barrett, chairman of the psychology department of Malone College, takes time to explain clearly the different types of depression and then focuses on the depression many Christians experience as a result of what he terms "pharisaism" in the church. He offers no faddish new gimmicks, but shares insight and expertise gleaned from thousands of hours of counseling with those who are depressed. At the same time, the book is not a series of illustrations from the author's practice, but a practical handbook for the lay person.

—Ron Allen



## WHAT DO YOU NEED?

BY CATHERINE CATTALL

I was sitting beside a lady in Women's Missionary Session of Yearly Meeting not long ago. It was Kansas Yearly Meeting, in case you are wondering. She had been pastoring a church and lived in the parsonage. One day she was out for three hours and upon return found her house, her possessions in flames. It had been a very recent experience and the loss was almost total. There was a back room shut off a bit from the house that was not completely burned and, as she mentioned it, she said with a smile, "You know the kind of things one

puts in the back room." They were things, I took it, that one doesn't really need and doesn't know what to do with.

I asked her, "What do you *need*?"

"Oh," she said, "my needs have been supplied pretty well. I've had showers and gifts to cover the urgent needs."

My mind raced to sermon notes, books, pictures, precious things—keepsakes and the irreplaceable things. The thought emerged from the conversation that there was a sort of a cleansing in loss. There was a traumatic break with things that looked backward, and there had to be a new start, beginning with urgent needs. There had to be new and fresh inspiration for sermons and careful choosing of new interests. That lady had courage and a beautiful spirit.

In the same Yearly Meeting Sessions, a phone call came to me: Our daughter in Taiwan and her family had met with a sudden four-foot wall of water from the typhoon, and the first floor was under filth, mud, and water. There was great loss, much of it also irreplaceable.

I sat and pondered, knowing no details, but wondering—what does Barbara need? The one thing of basic importance was that the family, though scattered, was safe! Then I thought of the little shops, the little one-storied buildings nearby. Was there great loss of life? There almost always is in a typhoon. I thought of the mess, the filth, the work to restore order, and I wondered how their people would cope. Knowing Chinese, they *will cope*. They will begin again.

I sit here now wondering about the urgent needs of people who have sustained great loss. Sometimes it is loss of life, of loved ones, of family, or perhaps of hope and ability to cope.

What do they need? I wonder. Storms come in many ways. Devastation is very real. The needs are real. What would it be like to live in Johnstown, Pennsylvania?

Thinking of basic needs, I am reminded of the superficial way we confuse wants with needs. We "need" newer and better furniture, newer and better everything that is advertised on TV, and often basic needs are overlooked.

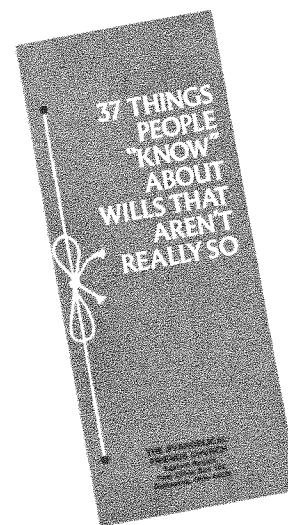
We not only need love; we *need* to show it.

We not only need basic things to support life; we need to share them.

We not only need comfort and understanding; we need to reach out and give them.

We need each other. Thank God for you!

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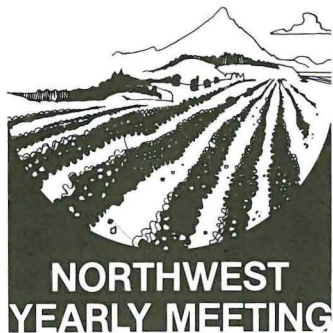
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# FRIENDS CONCERNS



## Superintendent's Corner

I write this as we enter 1978. Would it be appropriate to ask you to review with me some of the principles and concepts I have been stressing in my effort to encourage strength in the church across Northwest Yearly Meeting?

1. First of all we must have a spiritual dynamic in the church. This comes through faith and obedience and prayer. As R. A. Torrey says, (a) Let a few people get thoroughly right with God themselves. (b) Let them pray till revival comes. (c) Let them put themselves completely at God's disposal to help bring revival any way He directs.

2. We need to be willing to change. We live in a fast-changing society. Our theology and our purpose are constant, but our methods can change. If something isn't working in the church, I encourage our leaders to throw it out and try something else.

3. The church God blesses gets outside itself. Part of being a Christian is to minister at home and also to "Samaria and the uttermost part"—beyond our borders. Just as God blesses a cheerful giver, I believe that God blesses a church that cheerfully spends itself for those in need around it and overseas.

a. One of the best ways I know to facilitate a ministry beyond our own borders is through a strong missionary conference with an emphasis on faith-promise giving. Faith-promise giving allows God to use us as channels to generate the funds He needs to do His work. It's putting God in the driver's seat in our giving program—which is nothing more nor less than making Him Lord. I really believe that the secret to strength at home is to be a strong missionary-minded church.

4. After spiritual dynamic the second most important ingredient in a growing, healthy church is good leadership. I encourage our pastors and leaders to be constantly training by good reading and by seminars. Very often the difference between a successful church and one that does not seem to be growing is leadership. Good leadership results in:

a. Everyone in ministry exercising his spiritual gift. When those with

support gifts of Ephesians 4:11 successfully multiply themselves in other people the work will multiply.

b. Good leadership will plan ahead—have Spirit-inspired objectives and move steadily toward them. To facilitate this I encourage each church to have a planning retreat with its leaders at least once a year.

c. Good leadership will deal with problems. It is not necessarily true even in a church that if you ignore problems or just pray about them they will go away. I believe certain Scriptures like Matthew 18 direct us under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to tenderly deal with problems.

d. Good leadership will result in unity. We don't need to eliminate all differences of opinion in the church, but we need to be one in the Spirit. Only with that unity born out of united love focused on Jesus will we have the spiritual dynamic that will attract others. And it's by our love they know we are Christians. It's by our unity they know that God sent Jesus and that He is indeed divine. This is the secret to being able to win new people.

5. Part of being a Christian is to care for those with human need. Since the church was born, there were deacons to minister to human need. In Jesus' example the hot heart for evangelism and a deep compassion for the suffering and oppressed were wed. How can we be faithful followers with anything less?

6. Everything we do in the church is to be done with an appreciation for the fact that we serve a holy God and He wants us to have a passion for excellence. God's standard is holiness—that is, that we love Him perfectly and we love our neighbor as ourselves. He wants to purify our hearts by faith. Then out of clean hearts our thoughts and words and actions will be pleasing to Him. As golfer Gary Player says "God loathes mediocrity. He says if you're going to keep company with Me, don't embarrass Me."

—Norval Hadley

## Oregon Evangelicals to Hold Conference in March

Senator Mark Hatfield will be a speaker at the annual leadership seminar of the Oregon Association of Evangelicals at the Foursquare Church in Portland, March 10-11.

Hatfield, a widely known public official, educator, and conference speaker, will be joined by Evangelist Luis Palau, Dr. David L. McKenna, president of Seattle Pacific University, and Rev. Jerry Cook, pastor of East Hills Church in Gresham. Discussion over the two-day seminar, held in cooperation with the National Association of Evangelicals, will center around workshop titles such as, "The Message and the Media," "The Family in Today's World," and "Homosexuality: A Valid Life-Style?"

Those interested in attending the seminar should contact Rev. Al

Delamarter, P.O. Box 98, Turner, Oregon 97342, or call the Foursquare Church at (503) 235-3133.

## Jon Cadds to Micronesia

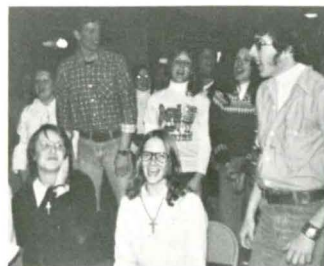
Jon and Cher Cadd with their son Joshua, of Newberg Friends, have been accepted to serve with Pacific Missionary Aviation in Micronesia in



the Pacific Islands. Jon, a pilot, will fly for the missionary organization, which assists in medical evacuations, search and rescue missions, serving the needs of missionaries in the area, and working with the government. Cher will be doing bookkeeping and running the radio.

## Did You Know?

...that over 200 high schoolers attended MIDWINTER CONFERENCE at Twin Rocks. They gave \$83 for Charlotte's Prayer Chapel and a love



offering for speaker Don Green plus agreeing to give \$55 a month for Dan Cammack's support and \$125 outfitting. Dan is the son of Ed and Marie Cammack, missionaries in Tacna, Peru.

...that \$5,373 was given to the Thanksgiving offering for relief by NWYM.

## Second Aymaraland Tour Planned

April 28 to May 14, 1978, are the dates planned for the second Aymaraland Tour cosponsored by the George Fox College Alumni Association and the Department of Missions, Northwest Yearly Meeting.

The tour is designed for people who have dreamed of seeing "first-hand" the exciting areas of Bolivia and Peru where our mission work has centered and thrived over the past half century. Opportunity will

be given to meet national church leaders, visit Aymara church services, see where our missionaries live, shop and travel, and catch some of the true flavor of mission life. These experiences will be supplemented by visits to colonial Inca and pre-Inca centers, including the fabled "lost city" of the Incas—Machu Picchu.

La Paz, a city of striking contrasts, and the surrounding altiplano and valleys will be visited, where a number of our Friends churches will be seen, including the large Max Paredes church and former mission home. A trip into the tropical Yungas Valley will be made, where spectacular scenery, including waterfalls and snowcapped peaks, will be observed, as well as various church sites.

In Peru our mission centers in Juli and Tacna will be points of interest in addition to some of the country churches. Those interested in history and archaeology will find visits to the historical centers of Lima, Arequipa, and Cuzco, as well as the ruins of Machu Picchu and Tiahuanaco to be highlights.

Quentin Nurdyke, veteran missionary among the Aymara people of Bolivia and Peru, will be tour manager. The tour group will be limited to eight so that visiting the missionaries and meeting national Christians, seeing the markets, stores, and churches can be an effective learning experience. Those interested in the tour write to Aymaraland Tour, P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

## George Fox College

George Fox College art professor Pete Snow has been chosen to deliver the college's annual faculty lecture scheduled for May. Snow, a former George Fox student, received a master's degree in art from Reed College in Portland and from Oregon State University. He joined the faculty in 1967 and was chosen for the lecture by a vote of faculty colleagues.

Crisanne Pike, George Fox's 1977 Homecoming Queen, was chosen to represent the State of Oregon in the Orange Bowl Festival, one of 51 college homecoming queens nationwide chosen from 350 contestants. She spent six days in Miami, Florida, participating in a variety of activities. George Fox College received a \$500 scholarship in her name because of the honor bestowed.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Milo C. Ross Fine Arts Center were held recently; it is scheduled for completion in August. Participants in the ceremonies were President David LeShana, board chairman Eugene Coffin, Newberg Mayor Elvern Hall, and Dr. Ross. Ross was president of George Fox from 1954 through 1969 and is now



executive director of the George Fox College Foundation. The new Fine Arts Center is "recycling" the former Hester Gymnasium, with the interior divided into two floors containing classrooms, music listening rooms, band and choral rooms, music studios, practice rooms, and faculty offices. A second phase of the project, a new 1,200-seat chapel/auditorium, will later adjoin the office/classroom portion on what is now the gymnasium parking lot.

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GFC students in mathematics are gaining valuable classroom experience along with their college studies in a cooperative program between the college and Newberg schools. Students are in the public school classroom 10 hours a term in addition to their on-campus classes, and the requests for these students exceed the available persons. GFC students teach math as a substitute for the regular teachers, serve as tutors for those needing extra help, assist as teacher aides, develop games and programs to reinforce math skills, and help with math lab situations.

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A 10-foot-long bench of black walnut, a single slab, is the center of attention in George Fox's Hoover Academic Building. The highly-polished, hand-hewn bench is the creation of religion and philosophy professor Arthur O. Roberts. An accompanying, matching wall plaque bears the inscription: "We utterly deny all outward wars for any end, under any pretense . . . This is our testimony to the whole world." George Fox, 1660



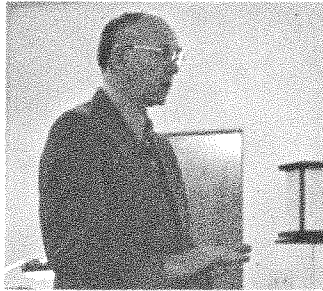
## ROCKY MT. YEARLY MEETING

### Choice City Ministry Conference

Fort Collins Friends had an exciting weekend November 12 and 13, when we held a ministry conference. The chairman of the four Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting committees and Superintendent Olen Ellis gave of their time and came to instruct us. The Abda Trio also spent the weekend, presenting excellent music and messages.

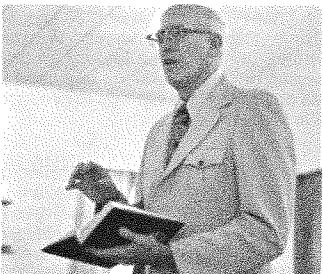
A delicious Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday evening began the

weekend, after which Pastor Lowell Weinacht opened the conference by introducing the Abda Trio. After a



half hour of music, Olen Ellis (above) gave a message about Jesus Christ's ministry to people, and God's call for us to follow His example, by reaching out to non-believers.

The four chairmen each instructed us about the responsibilities each committee within the local church has. Ken Kinser, Outreach chairman, urged us to "go out and witness everywhere; seek to promote missions and service; go into unchurched areas and help the weak; promote lay visitation." Other instruction included spiritual life, finances, and Christian education.



Bradley Fisher (above), the Spiritual Life head, told us our basic responsibilities in this area included worship, evangelism, and spiritual leadership. He shared a scriptural basis from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14: "Keep your eyes open for spiritual danger; stand true to the Lord; act like men; be strong; and whatever you do, do it with kindness and love." (LB)

All conference speakers were informative, and we've learned some important concepts that hopefully we'll be able to apply to our ministry in Fort Collins.

One conference highlight came when Pastor Weinacht, the Education head, presented his talk with the aid of a guest speaker, Ernie the Bookworm. Ernie told us his favorite story in the Bible, "Noah in the Dark," along with some of the ridiculous interpretations people have of the Scriptures.

Overall the weekend was a time of learning, and we ask for your prayers that we might apply these new insights to our ministry.

—Norma Anway

### The Christian Challenge

The year 1978 represents a new beginning and challenge to every Christian: simply following God and finding that friendship more valuable than all else. Unbelievers around us will only be reached when they see Christians themselves living the Christian life-style.

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians concerning this matter, and his insight offers us a valuable lesson: "Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for any one to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, and make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you; so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need." (1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 NASB)

By following this life-style we can witness more effectively to friends and relatives, praising God when they too accept Jesus Christ.

Let 1978 be a year filled with demonstrating God's love and quietly watching men and women find Christ, because they see Christ in you.

—Mike Henley

### The Miracle of A Redeemed Soul

When we share the Gospel, God promises to bring wonderful, mighty changes in lives (Isaiah 55:11). Only patience is required to see the miracle of changed lives.

At Rough Rock we've been privileged to see such a change in an older man. His wife did the same things as a medicine man, and was closed to God's Word.

The husband was at that time quiet and shy, and probably received the blame for his wife's unstable and undependable nature. He didn't seem concerned about spiritual matters, although he might sit through an occasional Bible lesson at home, or sometimes attend church.

A stepdaughter lived in the home for some years, recognized her need for Jesus Christ, and accepted Him.

### Upcoming RMYM Events

Below are two upcoming Yearly Meeting events; put them on your calendars now so you too can plan to be a part. Both will be at Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, Colorado.

RMYM Yearly Meeting—  
June 14-18, 1978

Youth Summer Camps—  
July 1978 (Specific dates  
will be given later.)

Her stand for Christ caused dissension between her and her mother.

God's Word and the stepdaughter's example finally convicted the husband of his sin. One Sunday he began walking up the mountain and caught a ride to a church service. After the service he revealed his need of forgiveness to the Christians, and they assisted him in praying for his need.

His conversion thrilled us, but his wife's hatred of Christianity kept him from outwardly confessing Christ.

His wife finally died from a serious illness, and through the loneliness of losing her he again sought spiritual help. He received help, and this restored his faith. He attended a session of Bible school and now gives his testimony publicly.

The man's age is what makes this story amazing. He is old, and it is much harder to persuade older people steeped in superstition and unbelief to turn to Christ.

Please pray that he would draw nearer to God and maintain a true witness.

"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13 NASB)

—Mary Gafford

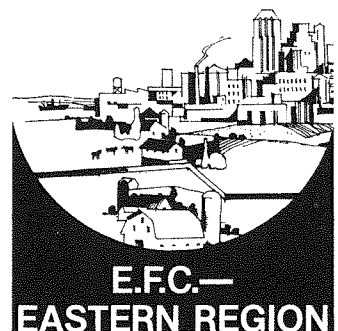
### Rough Rock Praise and Prayer Requests

#### Praise

1. A new Christian willing to publicly testify for Christ.
2. Progress on building the solar heating systems on the duplex and church.
3. Evidence of God dealing with hearts.

#### Prayer

1. A continuing ministry during 1978.
2. That a native woman would accept Christ as Lord.



### Alum Creek Member Finds Ministry

Kay Lyon of our Alum Creek congregation felt impressed by the Lord to write "The Greatest Is Love." These brief notes of love are published weekly in the *Shoppers Compass*, an advertising circular published in Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Kay believes

there is a real ministry here and at present she cannot know or measure the extent of this service. Being a new Christian (18 months), Kay felt an unworthiness to minister in this way, but sensing the Lord's direction, she started by faith. He has provided the inspiration and the way for her. While desiring a witness to the unsaved, she has learned that Christians of many years are finding encouragement through "The Great Is Love."

### Eva Clausen

Eva Clausen, recorded minister of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, went to be with her Lord December 13, 1977, at the age of 77. Services were held December 16 in the Gilead Friends Church and were conducted by Sherman Brantingham and Dane Ruff, pastor of the Tecumseh church, where she was a member. Born in Denmark, Miss Clausen spent most of her life in this country. After a period of teaching at Cleveland Bible Institute, she entered the ministry of evangelism and traveled for many years with Celeste Richardson. Eva Clausen was an effective preacher and her ministry was appreciated in revival meetings, youth and children's meetings.

### What Are You Doing for Bible School This Summer?

If this question is one your Christian Education Committee will soon be wrestling with, you may want to consider the *Child Evangelism Clown Team* sponsored by the E. P. & E. Board of the Eastern Region.

This brand new program in child evangelism began in the summer of 1977. A three-member team provided many churches with creative, Christ-centered programs for Bible schools, day camps, district camps, evangelistic "backyard carnivals," "family nights," and home Bible clubs.

If a church or group decides to use the services of the team, they should be prepared to provide room and board (for three persons for five

days), transportation expenses—round trip from Malone College at 12 cents per mile, a love offering at the conclusion of their services, and a contact person who knows your needs and interests.

If interested, contact:  
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Student Ministries  
The Evangelical Friends Church  
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The schedule for summer of 1978 is now being prepared.

### Focus on Malone

Dr. Roger K. Barrett, professor of psychology, has authored the book just off the press entitled *Depression: What It Is and What to Do about It*. Printed by David C. Cook Publishing Co., the book deals with types of depression, guilt, and inferiority feelings and offers insight and understanding into the problems of depression. The book focuses on religious misunderstandings, such as pharisaism, that contribute to depression.

Bob Starcher, baseball coach and athletic director, recently returned from Managua, Nicaragua, Central America, where he participated as first base coach for the International World Cup Tournament. Starcher was selected as one of the four U.S. coaches by the United States Baseball Federation.

A three-week credit tour of Central America for the chorale and others interested is planned for the summer of 1978. June 8-30 tour members will visit Guatemala, Costa Rica, and El Salvador. Further information for those interested in joining the tour is available through Dr. Robert Lair at the college.

"Naphtali," Malone's musical group of five representing the College, has recently been reorganized. Group members now are soprano



"Naphtali"—(from left) Don Murray, Jr., Dawn Elliott, Jim McClure, Charlann Robinson, and Jeff Nichols.

Charlann Robinson from Mt. Gilead, Ohio, alto Dawn Elliott from Flat Rock, Michigan, tenor Jim McClure from Dunfries, Virginia, bass Don Murray from Canton, Ohio, and pianist Jeff Nichols from Adrian, Michigan.

Columnist Erma Bombeck has released an album entitled "The Family That Plays Together . . . (Gets on Each Other's Nerves)." Warner Brothers taped her lecture in the spring of 1977 at Malone and used it as one of the two tapings to produce the record.

Dr. Ralph Earle, retired professor of New Testament from Nazarene Theological Seminary, was guest lecturer for three days at Malone January 25-27. His visit was sponsored by the division of Religion and Philosophy.

Fourteen seniors were honored at the Winter Convocation for being chosen for *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* for 1977. The following were given special recognition: Paul Anderson of Canton; Mark Engel of Huron; David Finnegan of Loveland; Linda Hines of Massillon; Marcia Johnson of Cleveland; Jacelyn Jones of Greensboro, North Carolina; Deborah Kuhn of Seville; Marian Lair of Canton; Antionette McPeck of Steubenville; Gordon Martin of St. Clairsville; Jeffrey Nichols of Adrian, Michigan; Sue Slyder of Canton; Jodi Stuckey of North Canton; and Dennis Tambe of Besongabang, Cameroon.

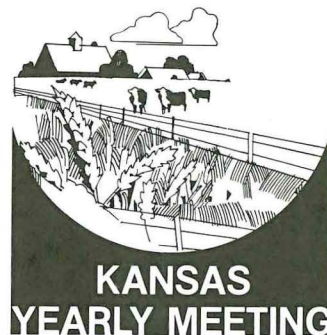
The students were selected for their scholarship, service to the community, leadership in campus activities, positive citizenship, and potential service to God and society.

Homecoming this year was the weekend of February 3-5. Charles

Robinson, Sr., 1953 graduate and currently pastor of Gilead Friends Church, gave the Homecoming Chapel address on February 3. The "Welcome Back '78" theme featured a Friday evening concert with "The Archers" and the crowning of the 1978 Homecoming Queen. The President's Prayer Brunch began Saturday's activities.

Malone's three-week December term featured "Futurism" as its topic for freshmen and sophomores. Dr. Eugene Collins served as coordinator for the miniterm in its eighth year. Many students were involved in the off-campus field studies in Guatemala, Florida, and Colorado.

Founders Week will be held February 14-16 with Joseph Roher as guest speaker. He is currently administrative assistant to General Superintendent Russell Myers for the Eastern Region.



### WMU

By Ann Fuqua

Congratulations to KYM young people on a job well done. Some of the sports equipment is in Burundi, and we hope to have a report from Burundi soon on how the Friends Youth are enjoying their ball games.

To those who do a good job, another challenge is being given. This year our project is library books in the French language for the Kibimba Normal School. Christian novels, biographies, and autobiographies are a real need now. The Christian students need up-to-date books to challenge them and help them grow spiritually.

For example, Willard Ferguson tells about Ferdinand, one of the Normal School students:

"He came from a Catholic background and during his studies at Kibimba he accepted Christ as his Savior and developed an interest in reading Christian books. He read as many as he could find in the library at the Normal School. He then began borrowing books that I had purchased for our own use. He would take four or five books and in three to five days would return them to borrow more. During a two-year



Child Evangelism Clown Team in action.



period he read some 60-70 books. He is somewhat an exception, as many Burundi don't like to read as he does. However, he and other Christian students have influenced others, making them want to read more of these Christian books."

There are a number of books written by Billy Graham, Hal Lindsey, Corrie Ten Boom, and others that have been translated into French. It is up to us to get as many of these books as we can into the hands of these Normal School students, who as Christians will be able to influence many for the Lord Jesus.

### Friends University

January Term projects for 1978 are taking students to many locations. Unique learning opportunities for study include tours in Europe, England, Costa Rica, Washington, D.C., Colorado, Houston, Dallas, and Tulsa. A number of courses are also offered on campus, including such unusual titles as Biorhythms, Estate Planning, Christian Themes in the Modern Novel, and an "After the Wedding" course for married couples. Close to 400 students will participate in the January Term, which runs from January 3-13.

During the midyear board meetings of KYM held January 24-28, 1978, there was a meeting of KYM Friends of Friends University. KYM-FOFU is an organization established to enhance communication and strengthen the relationship between the Yearly Meeting and Friends University.

Friends alumni are planning their annual Telethon for February 13-March 2. This year the goal is to raise \$100,000 for the operating expenses by the end of the calling period. Dr. George Potts, Friends graduate of 1961 and a member of the science faculty, is chairman of the Telethon. New this year will be attempts to do more personal solicitation and to have alumni living in selected cities call in their areas.

Several clearly identifiable needs and trends have surfaced as a result of a research project being carried out for the Division of Religion and Philosophy by Dr. Leroy Brightup. Utilizing questionnaires and interviews, scores of pastors and religion major graduates have been polled. More help in practical aspects of ministry, specific provision for field education, and a desire for graduate-level credit and degrees are among the needs expressed by a significant number. Research continues, and efforts to reshape the program to respond to needs will occupy the division's attention during the coming months.

Robin Johnston, head of the Department of Christian Education at

Friends Bible College, has for the fall semester taught a class at Friends University in Contemporary Youth Ministries. This class has been well received, and the enrollment was relatively high for an evening class. Dr. Leroy Brightup, chairman of the Religion and Philosophy Division, also announces that during the spring semester an evening course will be taught entitled "Practical Christian Counseling." This, like the youth ministries course taught by Robin Johnston, is an outgrowth of student interest and the study Dr. Brightup has been conducting. The counseling course will be taught by Dr. Bruce Anthony, pastor of the University Baptist Church in Wichita. Dr. Anthony has had extensive teaching and practical experience in counseling, and now operates a counseling clinic through his church that specializes in marriage counseling.

Ken Cable, director of development, reports on a new fund-raising venture for Friends. Cable states,

"We are so pleased with the recent Board of Trustees action which has led the way for the future of Friends by assuming responsibility for the liquidation of accumulated debts of the college. We are now ready to launch Phase II of the Decade of Adventure. In 1973 the Decade of Adventure was originally launched as a ten-year program to raise \$14,000,000. We have already received five million dollars, not including debt liquidation. Phase II is a quiet campaign to raise \$400,000 annually for current operations, \$200,000 annually for scholarships, and to add \$3,500,000 to the Permanent Endowment Fund over the next five years."

Dr. Cecil J. Riney, chairman of the Fine Arts Division, announces that the Singing Quakers will tour March 5-11, 1978. They will take a southern swing through Oklahoma and Texas, and then return for concerts in south central Kansas. Along with the concerts of sacred choral music will be receptions for alumni and all friends of Friends University.

## FRIENDS GATHER

### ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico

The key word in Albuquerque Friends during the next few months is quite simply—God's Word. We are participating in a three-month project where at least 50 percent of our congregation made a commitment to listen to the entire New Testament (on cassettes) monthly for three months.

A local Bible tape ministry provides the tapes to each participant free, so by investing 40 minutes daily the whole New Testament can be heard in one month. We anticipate great things from God as we saturate our minds with His Word, and see His promise in Isaiah 55:11 fulfilled in each of us: "So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

### ALLIANCE, Ohio

A *Christian on Trial* was the name of a play presented by our youth group on a Sunday evening. Written by Nancy Adams, one of our local young persons, the play posed the question, "If you were charged with being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

The Junior Youth Group under the direction of Esther Adams decided

to demonstrate their feelings at Thanksgiving time by visiting the local police department with gifts of cookies. Their more than 40 dozen cookies was their way of saying "Thank You" for the protection policemen afford. The police force responded by publicly thanking the boys and girls with an article on the front page of the *Alliance Review*. The police chief commented, "It really makes you feel good."

An old-fashioned "pounding" and casserole dinner following a morning worship meeting was the official welcome for our pastor, Jim Kilpatrick, his wife Judy and sons Ken, Billy, and Jimmy.

Our junior through high school youth brightened the Christmas season by presenting the musical, "Mary Had a Little Lamb." The narration and songs told the Christmas story as the animals might have seen and heard it. Of particular interest to us at Alliance is the fact that Dan Barker, who wrote the musical, is married to Carol Finefrock, who grew into her teens as a member of our fellowship.

All our youth, junior through post high, have been assigned adult prayer pals. The main purpose is that each young person be remembered daily in prayer. A fellowship time is planned so that they can

become better acquainted with each other.

The Quaker Circle missionary group held its December meeting at Copeland Oaks retirement center with three of our retired missionaries, Elsie Matti, Freda Girshberger, and Ethel Naylor.

### ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

"The Singing Echoes" presented a candlelight service December 11. Their singing was skillfully emphasized with slides and special lighting effects. Members of the team were Larry and Sue Bemiller and Keith and Jan Deel. The Christmas cantata "The King of Kings" was sung by the choir in another candlelight service.

Lucille Green's College and Careers Class, as winner of a recent Sunday school attendance contest, plastered Superintendent Keith Deel's face with a cream pie.

Alum Creek Christian Education Department is sponsoring a church newsletter edited by Keith Deel, our Sunday school superintendent. This newsletter is written by the lay people for the lay people, containing in addition to news of church activities an editorial by Keith, a feature article about one of the Sunday school teachers by Garrie Nolting, "Chatter" (miscellaneous news items about our people), "Bits and Pieces" (brief quotations gleaned from our testimonies by a listening ear), and other items as space permits. It is published bimonthly.

### BEAVER PARK Penrose, Colorado

Friday night, October 14, proved to be a special occasion in Beaver Park Friends when we celebrated Emma Sharps' 94th birthday (left), and bid



farewell to Esther Randall. Esther (right), a church member since 1939, is moving to California, so we'll miss her presence in the church.

### CAMAS, Washington

Our biggest project in 1977 was the remodeling of our church kitchen, which was done mostly by volunteer workers from the church. We are fortunate to have a builder and carpenter in our midst, Chester Sunby, as chairman, and we praise the Lord for each one who helped.

Our men have started a men's weekly prayer meeting on Saturday nights.



December 4 we were pleased to welcome Dick and Helen Cadd to share with us in song and testimony.

December 18 we had a Christmas program centered on putting Christ first in our lives. Our meeting decided to underwrite the expense of the Watseco Park well at Twin Rocks as our present to God this Christmas. The cost was \$1,500, and praise God \$1,700 came in.

December 25 we were delighted to have Mario Honore to give his talent and testimony. He has sung professionally with the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

We welcome seven of our young people into full membership of the church and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lemmons and two daughters, Sarena and Shelle, who came to us from Rose Valley.

We are looking forward to the coming year with much faith and hope.

#### DAMASCUS, Ohio

Through the very generous offerings of our people the church is now the proud owner of a bus, which will greatly aid in the ministry of the church especially with the young people. We appreciate all who made this ministry possible.

Rev. Joseph Miller presented a very meaningful drama on Christmas night in our church. Entitled "The King Who Visited the Christ," it was written by Joseph Miller and presented with the aid of his family.

Kathy and Larry Willett presented a program during morning worship with a ministry of message and music and The Ascension Quartette honored us with a program during January.

#### EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

A recent evening service was presented by the Youth Group in the form of sermonettes presented in a play entitled "The Door to Heaven." Different professions and occupations were chosen to portray. Some the congregation expected to enter were denied and some one would look down upon were accepted into heaven. Much Scripture was used, and we were left looking upon the lighted cross at the end with the music of "You Were Left Behind" being played. What a question to go home with!

Scott Armstrong, admissions counselor at Malone College, spoke to our youth group one evening. The evening service was led by "Naph-tali," the musical group from Malone, who presented us with a sacred concert.

Youth from Beloit, Damascus, East Goshen, Lisbon-Trinity, Salem First, and Winona Friends participated on a Volleyball-A-Thon at Knox Elementary School on November 25 for 10 hours. There were 90 youth who participated throughout the day. The money raised from sponsors and spectators will go for Endeavors for Christ.

Special congratulations seem in order to some of our couples

celebrating outstanding anniversaries recently: Mr. and Mrs. Loran Malmesbury in September for 67 years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bricely Lee in November for 61 years of marriage, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lockhart in November for 57 years of marriage. Congratulations, folks!

#### FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

Theodore Williams spoke to us about the Holy Spirit working in his life. Then during revival Rev. James Kilpatrick of Alliance brought some timely messages enriching our spiritual lives.

Several of our members ventured forth as faith promise witnesses this past few months, and Darwin Buck of Marysville shared his thoughts at Fulton Creek.

Attendees at the Faith Promise men's breakfast heard Joe Temple of Richwood speak, and those at the Women's Tea heard Margaret Dunbar share in song and word. The International Dinner was an uplifting evening with the Mt. Gilead choir and Don Worden with the Faith Promise film. Commitment Sunday revealed Faith Promises of over \$5,700. Praise the Lord!

The Christmas services were extremely fulfilling; in spite of bad weather and short practices the children presented a fine portrayal of *Christmas Around the World* under the direction of Sonja Kibler.

"Dorcas Pantry" was able to supply Christmas to approximately 20 families. Clothes, games, food, wrapped presents for children, Christmas trees, and Bibles were distributed under the apt guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Ray James. All was accomplished on time. Praise the Lord!

#### GOSHEN, Zanesfield, Ohio

"Together There Is So Much We Can Do." It's a marvelous challenge that should thrill each Christian to know that God makes it possible for us to do so much for those in need.

Our Missionary Conference continued through October. During that time we were privileged to have as guest speakers Dr. Everett Cattell, Rev. James and Barbara Thompson, Rev. Russell Myers, and Don Worden. The Lord is guiding us in our Faith Promise. Praise His Holy Name!

#### HANOVER, Virginia

The adult Day Care Center had a Christmas party beginning with devotions led by George Robinson, pastor of Hanover Friends Church. A hot lunch was served to 30 seniors. The program ended with the singing of Christmas carols and old favorite hymns. A joyous time of celebrating the birth of Christ was had by all.

The Hanover Friends Church missionary group sponsored a silent auction and Christmas banquet in December for the church and other friends as well. Christmas carols were sung, the choir presented special

music, and we had live music, made up of the Hanover Friends Center Rhythm Band, our elderly.

#### HAVILAND, Kansas

What is a Lock-In? Seventy-five high school youth and fifteen sponsors could tell you that it meant being locked in Hockett Auditorium at Friends Bible College Friday night, November 18, and released the next day at 7:00 a.m. Larry and Shirley Mendenhall directed the youth retreat, assisted by codirector Larry Conant, FBC student, and sponsors from participating churches. Pete and Jean Schuler and Karl and Linda Ballard sponsored the Haviland Friends Youth. An activity was planned for every hour.

J. R. Driskol and Allen Goff, "Harvest Group" from Joplin, Missouri, provided music with their guitars. Bruce Applegate, pastor at Friendship, Kansas, assisted with drums.

"Supper" at 1:00 a.m. consisted of "put together your very own pizza." A film, *Stranger in My Forest*, bore a strong salvation theme. Larry Mendenhall reported that one youth was saved, and two requested counseling.

Breakfast of cinnamon rolls and orange juice was served at 6:00 a.m. The all-night youth retreat closed with enthusiasm and requests that a Lock-In should become a yearly event, perhaps twice a year.

#### HUGHESVILLE, Pennsylvania

For our first Christmas in our new church the sanctuary was beautifully decorated with more than 50 poinsettia plants, donated at the close of business by a local florist, which made a beautiful setting to follow the lighting of the community Christmas tree. It was trimmed and lighted in the center of town, then we proceeded to our church, and a community Christmas program followed with the local ministers taking part.

Fruit baskets were distributed by the Ecroyd Missionary Society and food boxes and clothing were given to needy families at Christmas by the church.

An evangelism class and visitation program has been taught by Pastor Lauffenburger in our church with several people participating, and a number of people have been won to Christ through this program.

#### MERIDIAN, Idaho

November and December were busy months for Sounds of Friends, the youth choir under the direction of Steve Magee. They sang at a church in Horseshoe Bend, also at the church talent rally in Melba. They provided the complete evening service for Meridian Friends one Sunday. They sang for the Mature Christians dinner honoring retired members of the church and presented special numbers for the Christmas program.

Several alumni attended the George Fox Dinner in November with Norma Zimmer as the special guest.

Dr. David LeShana, president of George Fox College, was our special speaker on November 13. Norval Hadley, general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, and Richard Beebe, clerk of NWYM, were special guests at a joint meeting at our church, also during November.

Dick and Helen Cadd were guests for a Wednesday evening service. They presented an evening of Music and Mission.

Joyce Lamb, consultant with Evangelical Friends Alliance, conducted a Christian Education Workshop in our church. Many Sunday school teachers, workers, interested parents, and youth participated in the workshop.

Evening worship was held an hour earlier than usual this month so the church families would have a time for Advent fellowship and refreshment after services in various church homes.

December 11 our pastors held an open house for everyone in our church.

Our Christmas program was held the Sunday before Christmas. The Primary and Junior Sunday School Department presented their program during the morning service. That evening several members presented the play "Dust on the Christmas Star" directed by Todd Newell. A white offering was received afterward with the memorial gift being presented in memory of Leslie Ann Roberts. Christmas caroling and a hot chili feed were held later in the evening.

A Christmas Eve worship service and a New Year's Eve watch night service were held during the holidays. Many attended these times of fellowship.

#### MT. GILEAD, Ohio

Our new and growing CYC club (Christian Youth Crusaders) held their first Honor Council December 7, 1977. Some 70 children received hard-earned awards, including Help at Home, Scripture Memorization, Reading (Bible or Bible-related material), and Baby-sitting. The club's motto is that they are to learn to grow in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man. Under the care of about 25 leaders and workers, various groups have visited the fire station, gone hiking, spent an evening with veteran missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Ezra DeVol, listened to a talk by a local dentist, and gone Christmas caroling.

The youth of Gilead are not the only ones who've started something new. Several adults and some high school age people have started a church orchestra. Under the direction of Ralph Mosher, the group of about 15 has performed twice for the church.

#### MT. PLEASANT, Ohio

An International Dinner held recently climaxed the "Together



There Is So Much We Can Do" program emphasized at the Friends Church for the past several weeks. Wearing clothing from other countries were Wendy Warren, Misty Hastings, Carrie Scott, Jennifer Welshans, Tammy Woods, Pastor Milton Coleman, Dorothy Rutter, Grace Yost, Tranis Rinkes, Lisa Rutter, Paulette DeChristopher, and Donna Warren.

Nationalities were represented by composers of piano numbers played by Ms. Warren, Ms. DeChristopher, Bobbi Jane Woods, Ms. Welshans, Greg Blazy, Amy Warren, Larry Amstutz, and Curtis Thompson. Pastor and Mrs. Coleman sang an African melody.

### NEWBERG, Oregon

Bob and Maurine Gilmore shared "Something Beautiful"—an original slide/tape/music presentation in the evening service on November 6.

Joyce Lamb held a Christian Education Workshop on November 18 and 19, using the theme: "A Wise Teacher Makes Learning a Joy."

Richard Foster presented three messages on Christian meditation.

Tina Knight was the missionary speaker at the women's candlelight Holiday Dessert on December 5. Hints and ideas for the holiday season were given.

Christmas Music Night was December 4, with music by the high school choir, adult choir, men's choir, women's choir, and several soloists.

The Children's Christmas Program was given on Sunday evening, December 18, with Susan Allen directing.

The Christmas Sunday service was a unified service. The combined choirs sang "O Holy Night." There were stories for the children, a baby dedication, and a brief message.

The Newberg Area Rally was held in our church on January 8. The "Singing Cadd Family" ministered to us in singing and speaking.

Eugene and Gertrude Hibbs were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a reception in the Cap and Gown Room of George Fox College on November 6.

### OMAHA, Nebraska

The holidays are always busy, and this year was no exception at Omaha Friends. The Sunday before Thanksgiving we held a Harvest Dinner with time for Christian fellowship, and praise to God.

Our next exciting event on December 4 came when a singing group from Grace Bible College visited our morning worship service. The music proved to be inspiring, and encouraged us to walk closer with God.

The week before Christmas our church choir presented a cantata, "Ring the Bells." Christmas day was especially meaningful for each member as we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in song, silent prayer, and praise.

### ONTARIO, Oregon

On October 29 our pastor and wife entertained the adult Sunday school class in a fine evening of quiet games, visiting, and general fun.

The evening of December 18 our Junior Department presented a fine program of recitations, songs, and shadow pictures depicting the Christmas story. This was followed by a social gathering in the basement. We are grateful for our faithful workers in the Junior Department.

We thank God for what He has done in the past year and are looking forward with anticipation to what He is going to do in 1978. As our clerk, Lawrence McCracken, said, "We are watching God perform a miracle before our very eyes."

### PUTNAM, North Carolina

As we reflect on events of the past year at Putnam, we sense a fresh awareness of God's never-failing love and concern for His people. The value and power of prayer has clearly been demonstrated.

In October we had two special emphasis meetings. Our new pastor, Eugene Wright, served as evangelist for our fall revival. We rejoice in victories won. Also it was our privilege to have Don Worden and Joe Roher at our church to challenge and inspire us in the program of outreach.

In November we were richly blessed by the ministry of Theodore Williams, secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of India. He was only with us four nights, but his powerful messages on the Spirit-filled life will not be forgotten. Doubly blessed were those privileged to entertain him and his wife in their home.

The Christmas program was another highlight of 1977. The junior and senior youth and the tiny tots combined their efforts to present a play, *Born in a Barn*. Then on Christmas night a beautiful and impressive candlelight service climaxed the evening.

Finally, on New Year's Eve, beginning at 9:00 p.m., we observed our traditional watch night service. We enjoyed a time of fellowship and viewed a film entitled *Miracle at Fifth and Oak*. We closed the service by sharing in prayer and praise as the new year came in.

### REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

Reedwood was proud to host *Pilgrim's Progress*, a major production this year of the George Fox College drama department. The Christian musical-drama under the direction of Prof. Dennis Hagen includes choirs and the orchestra, making a cast of 100 or more.

Fred Gregory accepted an assignment with the Medical Assistance Program to do a month's survey and evaluation of their projects in Bangladesh. Fred and LaVonne spent two years in Bangladesh before coming to Reedwood, and he made another short visit there in August in 1975. He plans to spend a

few days of vacation enroute in England visiting friends with whom he has worked in his overseas experiences.

### ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio

The Union Thanksgiving Service of our community was held at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

This year our church has had a very joyful holiday season. First, we had a trim-a-tree party, where everyone was invited to put up our tree. We decorated the tree with pairs of mittens for our Canton Inner City Ministry.

Midwinter Retreat for our church was held at Camp NEOSA. This was opened to our junior highers and high school youth. Mel Johnson from "Tips for Teens" spoke, and our youth had much to tell upon their return home.

### SALEM FIRST, Salem, Ohio

November was a very busy month with Faith Promise commitments making new records. The Community Thanksgiving service was held the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving at our church with Lt. Richard Kelly from the Salvation Army as our special guest speaker. Then the following Wednesday evening we had our Thanksgiving Eve Communion service in which we heard thanks from a mother, a dad, a teen, and a young adult. In song we also heard thanks from a family and a businessman.

The following Wednesday evening the internationally known group, "Free Spirit," was present. The group consists of five young men and four young women who communicate God's love through music and with puppets.

We have much to thank God for this past year. He has nicely given us an overcrowded Sunday school and is helping us relieve the situation by bringing us one step closer to getting a multipurpose building. Plans were displayed recently and a proposal was approved to obtain de-

tailed plans and specifications for the center. Some adjoining land has already been donated for the building site. Our faith and hopes are beginning to materialize.

### SMITHFIELD, Ohio

"Bright Sunday" was declared at the Smithfield Evangelical Friends Church in honor of Karl Bright, a dedicated worker with the Ohio Valley Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Bob Lawver, sports director at WSUM and FCA leader in Barberton, was present for the program. A plaque from the adult chapter of FCA was presented by William R. McHugh, treasurer of the athletic group.

Dean Johnson of the Friends Disaster Service presented slides on the disaster program at an evening service.

Dr. John Oliver, historian at Malone College, filled the pulpit one Sunday during the vacation of our pastor and his wife.

The Christmas season for members of the Smithfield Evangelical Friends Church was made "Merry" by sharing with others. An "Adopt-a-Patient" program was conducted that will hopefully continue throughout the year. Church members selected names of patients from a nearby nursing home to visit and delight with a Christmas present.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rouch have been conducting services at the nursing home throughout the year. They came upon the idea of "sharing Christmas." Phyllis Ross (shown standing in the photo) did research with the nursing home to find out the needs and medical problems of the patients and made up a lengthy list for the congregation to choose from. Needless to say the nursing home patients were delighted.

The ladies of the Norma Freer Missionary Society pay weekly visits to the rest home to instruct in crafts and games, also.





**SOUTHEAST, Salem, Ohio**

The senior high youth enjoyed a 24-hour "Rock-A-Thon" the day after Thanksgiving. Each youth was sponsored by an adult. The money raised was used for camping, trips, retreats, and youth projects.

"A Child Is Born," a five-scene nativity program, was presented by the junior and youth choirs.

Stan Scott ministered with our people January 29 through 31. During his God-given messages, hearts were touched and souls were saved. Stan's happy enthusiastic attitude and presentation appeal to people of all ages. Stan's weekly TV ministry reaches thousands through Channel 7-WTRF, Wheeling, West Virginia, Sundays from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Three basketball teams were organized recently at Southeast, one girls' team and two boys' teams.

**URBANA, Ohio**

Harvest Home Day was one that caused each of us to ask, "How much faith do I have?" Our speaker was Rev. Levon Sharem, who with his wife operate by faith the Twentieth Century Boys' School at Sugar Grove, Ohio. He told how the Lord supplied their needs although He sometimes tests their faith up to the last day. Our people were very generous in their giving of food and household articles to the home.

We all like surprises, and as we celebrate our Lord's birthday this year we received some happy ones. Every Sunday school class from tiny tots to senior citizens participated with recitations, songs, skits, or poems in a program superbly arranged and announced by our Christian education director.

On Wednesday evening before Christmas the prayer meeting leader decorated a Christmas tree, representing eternal life. As she put the star, the angel, the bell, and other ornaments in place, she gave an inspirational significance for each. Everyone present then went up and placed the icicles of his or her life on the tree to be lighted and warmed by the Light of the World.

**WEST MANSFIELD, Ohio**

During October our church was involved in promoting Faith Promise. Guest speakers included Richard Pass of Mansfield, Mrs. Helen Vasser of Mt. Carmel, each giving special emphasis to Faith Promise and the blessings it affords.

An international potluck dinner was held in November to finalize the Faith Promise conferences. Many different foods were enjoyed by everyone, and our faith pledges exceeded our expectations. To God be the glory!

Our November evangelistic services were conducted by the Larry Grigsby family of Bellefontaine, Ohio. They presented the Gospel in song, while the sermons we heard were inspiring and challenging.

Those who attended were helped and encouraged, and some sought peace at the altar of prayer.

**WEST PARK, Cleveland, Ohio**

Looking back through the weeks of the past year we realize that we have been blessed by the Lord in and through various channels. Yes, we have had exciting speakers such as Roscoe and Tina Knight representing Mexico, the Taharas of Japan, Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore of Taiwan, various speakers through missionary conferences, and the depths and richness of the Scriptures brought by Willis Miller. Is this what it takes to make a church grow? Also we were thrilled and saturated with the music rendered by the Malone Chorale. Yes, this packed the church.

We are grateful for all these and many more; however, we appreciate

and are blessed by the steady, strenuous love and leadership of the pastor. It takes the guidance, counseling, instruction, and Bible study and truths each day, each week that he renders to his flock to help the church grow in "wisdom and stature."

In closing out the year a reception and a silver dollar shower was held in honor of the pastor and his wife's 25th wedding anniversary.

**WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania**

Willis Miller conducted Bible studies at our church from November 27 through December 2. Much was learned by everyone.

Our youth group, led by Linda Eslick, distributed over a thousand "tracts and treats" for Halloween. What a beautiful way to spread the Word of God!

## FRIENDS RECORD

**BIRTHS**

BELL—A son, Robert Joseph, December 15, 1977, to Robert A. and Adell Bell, Damascus, Ohio.

CAIN—A son, Nathan Bryan, December 21, 1977, to Bryan and Debbie Cain, Salem, Ohio.

CALL—A son, Matthew Bruce, November 11, 1977, to Bruce and Jeanette Call, Waite Hill Village, Ohio.

COOKE—To Dennis and Patti Cooke of Newberg Friends, Oregon, a son, Shawn Lee, December 15, 1977.

DOUGLAS—A daughter, Diana Ruth, November 10, 1977, to Allen and Ellen Douglas, North Olmsted, Ohio.

FOX—A son, November 26, 1977, to Mr. and Mrs. John Fox, Circleville, Ohio.

HAMEL—To Michael and Carol Hamel, a son, Christopher Ray, October 21, 1977, Omaha, Nebraska.

HUBBS—A daughter, Angela Sue, November 12, 1977, to Michael and Jayne Hubbs, Alliance, Ohio.

JANDECKA—A son, Mathew, February 15, 1977, to Charles and Rachel Jandacka, North Olmsted, Ohio.

LANDSBERGER—A daughter, Laura Lynn, November 10, 1977, to Roy and Hope Landsberger, Damascus, Ohio.

LIEDER—A daughter, Catherine Ellen, December 16, 1977, to Paul and Sharon Lieder, Salem, Ohio.

METZGER—A son, Stephen Michael, September 26, 1977, to Joe and Karen Metzger, Ashley, Ohio.

MOTT—A son, Joshua, June 2, 1977, to Jon and Margie Mott, North Olmsted, Ohio.

MULLEN—To Stanley and Marsha Mullen, a daughter, Jill Marie, December 29, 1977, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

PIERSALL—To Don and Terri Piersall, a son, James Steven, December 26, 1977, Newberg, Oregon.

PLANKENHORN—A son, Nathan Todd, adopted by Dan and Genevieve Plankenhorn, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

PRICE—A son, Andrew Raymond, December 19, 1977, to Norman and Beverly Price, Salem, Ohio.

RICKEY—To Jeff and Debbie Rickey, a son, Jonathan Barton, October 27, 1977, Seattle, Washington.

TAYLOR—A daughter, Jennifer Lynn, October 26, 1977, to Richard and Kathy Taylor of Joliet, Illinois (formerly North Olmsted, Ohio).

WALDIE—A son, Nathan Micah, November 12, 1977, to Bill and Sharon Waldie, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

WHITCHER—A daughter, Rhona Lee, December 21, 1977, to Roger and Marian Whitcher, Damascus, Ohio.

**MARRIAGES**

ARCHER-HOLZMAN. Gwetholdene Archer and Richard Holzman, September 3, 1977, North Olmsted Evangelical Friends, Ohio.

ARNOLD-MORSE. Brenda Arndt and Paul Morse, October 15, 1977, Alum Creek Friends, Marengo, Ohio.

BROWN-OLMSTEAD. Sandi Brown and Tim Olmstead, December 17, 1977, Newberg, Oregon.

CADD-EVERLY. Yvonne Cadd and Walter Everly, December 17, 1977, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

CARLSON-THOMAS. Patricia Carlson and Clair Thomas, December 25, 1977, Duncanville, Texas.

CIONNI-KENNEDY. Anna Marie Cionni and Robert Lee Kennedy, November 5, 1977, Smithfield Evangelical Friends, Ohio.

HALL-BINKLEY. Julie Hall and Curtis Binkley, Jr., December 3, 1977, Alliance First Friends, Ohio.

HALLBERG-BITTINGER. Carol Elaine Hallberg and Allen Bittinger, August 17, 1977, West Park Friends, Cleveland, Ohio.

HANCE-BANCROFT. Sonia Hance and Claude Bancroft, October 1, 1977, Barberton Friends, Ohio.

LAMB-HAUETER. Twila Lamb and Donald Haueter, November 5, 1977, First Friends, Salem, Ohio.

LOUTHAN-BROWN. Lynn Louthan and Clayton Lee Brown, both of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon, December 19, 1977.

MALMSBERRY-FULTZ. Peggy Malmsberry and John Fultz, November 5, 1977, East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio.

MIKE-DAVIES. Debra Mike and David Davies, November 18, 1977, Mt. Pleasant Friends, Ohio.

MOSHER-LAMAN. Carol Jean Mosher and Darrel Laman, August 5, 1977, West Park Friends, Cleveland, Ohio.

MURPHY-O'KELLY. Donna Murphy and Thomas O'Kelly, Jr., December 18, 1977, Hanover Friends, Mechanicsville, Virginia.

OSBORNE-MCNEIR. Betty Osborne and Charles McNeir, November 12, 1977, Springfield Evangelical Friends, Ohio.

POPICK-GARRA. Karen Popick and Neil Garra, November 25, 1977, Alliance Friends, Ohio.

PUCKETT-SCHMIDT. Carol Puckett and David Schmidt, November 19, 1977, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

ROBINSON-SCHOOLS. Kathy Robinson and Curtis Schools, Jr., November 18, 1977, Hanover Friends, Mechanicsville, Virginia.

STASICK-ANDERSON. Cyndi Stasick and Eric Anderson, November 26, 1977, Albuquerque Friends, New Mexico.

THOMPSON-RIGGLE. Bonnie Thompson and Theodore Riggle, November 19, 1977, Mt. Pleasant Friends, Ohio.

WOLLAM-FORRIDER. Vicki L. Wollam and William Keith Forrider, October 29, 1977, Delaware, Ohio.

YATES-BURG. Brenda Jo Yates and Scott William Burg, January 27, 1978, Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

**DEATHS**

ADKINS. Lois Adkins, 52, Springfield, Ohio, August 27, 1977.

BLACK. Peggy Black, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1977.

CAREY—Ray Carey, July 14, 1977, Massillon, Ohio.

DUKE—James Duke, Mingo, Ohio, November 17, 1977.

FOSTER—Sam Foster, June 9, 1977, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

FRENCH—Linda R. French, 69, December 22, 1977, Newberg, Oregon.

HAMSHER—Richard Hamsher, 53, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, October 29, 1977.

HOLLOWAY—Margaret Holloway, 63, Columbiana, Ohio, November 21, 1977.

KUTSCHARA—Albert Kutschara, July 15, 1977, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

LIPES—Milton Lipes, North Olmsted, Ohio, August 8, 1977.

LIPPIATT—Jerry Lippiatt, 68, Salem, Ohio, November 1977.

MOSHER—Harold Mosher, 76, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, October 20, 1977.

SMITH—Harry Smith, 76, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, October 13, 1977.





*1977 Young Believers*

## **BUILDING SOME MEMORIES WITH THE SUMMER OF '78**

- "Young Believers"—a singing travel group, 10th grade and up. Two weeks in Western Ohio and Michigan—June 26 to July 16
- "TWEENS"—a singing travel group for Junior High, 13 or entering 8th grade. One week in Ohio July 19-July 30
- "F.A.C.T." (Friends Athletes Christian Tour)—a group of young men playing softball and sharing Christ in Southern Michigan and Ohio. July 13-July 30.
- "CARAVAN" (CAMPFIRE MINISTRY)—a travel group sharing their faith in the camps and forests of New York. June 26-July 16
- "NAVAJO MISSION TOUR"—a work group traveling to New Mexico to assist the mission for 15 days.

Our teens will build some memories with the summer program of the Youth Board of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region. If you wish information about the summer program, write:

Rev. Bruce Burch  
 Bellefontaine First Friends Church  
 808 West Columbus Avenue  
 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311





# ANNOUNCING . . . THE THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE EVANGELICAL FRIENDS ALLIANCE IN COOL, COLORFUL COLORADO AT REGIS COLLEGE IN DENVER JULY 12-16, 1978

**Theme:** "Evangelical Friends—A New Vision for Mission" emphasizing the worldwide outreach of EFA missions and their new cooperative Evangelical Friends Mission program.

**Keynote Speaker:** Jack L. Willcuts, chairman, Pastoral Team, Reedwood Friends Church, Portland. Opening Banquet, 7:00 p.m., July 12.

**Featured Evening Speaker:** (Thursday through Sunday) Dr. Ralph D. Winter, noted missiologist, general director, U.S. Center for World Mission, Pasadena, California.

**Practical Workshops on Friends Ministry Here and Abroad**

**Music Director:** Dr. Cecil J. Riney, chairman, Division of Fine Arts, Friends University, Wichita, Kansas.

WATCH FOLLOWING ISSUES FOR FURTHER DETAILS. There will be something for *all* the family! Plan now to attend and make it a combined vacation-conference trip.

## PRE-REGISTRATION

If possible, please facilitate planning—pre-register by May 1, 1978

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Registration fee enclosed      Yearly Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I would like meals and lodging at Regis College.
- ☐ I would like meals, but not lodging, at Regis College.
- ☐ I plan to stay with friends or relatives.
- ☐ I would like camper/trailer space at Regis College.
- ☐ I would like information on available motels.
- ☐ We tentatively plan to arrive by public transportation (☐ bus, ☐ train, ☐ plane—Flight No. \_\_\_\_\_) at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
- ☐ We would like more information on tours in the Denver area.

This registration is for (number of):

\_\_\_\_\_ adults, \_\_\_\_\_ children 6-11, \_\_\_\_\_ children under 6.

Youth must register by May 15 with:

Paul Moser, Peters Rt., Box 189, Hay Springs, NB 69347.

**MAIL THIS FORM TO:** First Denver Friends Church  
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## CONFERENCE COSTS:

### Registration:

Individual—\$10  
Family—\$15

### Meals: (package price)

Adult (12 up)—\$29  
Children (6-11)—\$23  
(under 6)—\$19

**Rooms:** (double, per day) \$10, linens included. Floor space for children in rooms at \$2 per child, with maximum charge of \$14, no limit on number in room. Extra linen packets are \$1.

**Trailer/camper Space** (on campus)—\$2. Also KOA Campgrounds are in the vicinity.

**Camp Quaker Ridge:** (for youth)—\$25 for Thursday through Sunday. Speaker—Jim Settle; Music — Larry Mendenhall. Register with Paul Moser by May 15. Physical exam required. Campers transported to camp Thursday and returned to Denver on Sunday afternoon.

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