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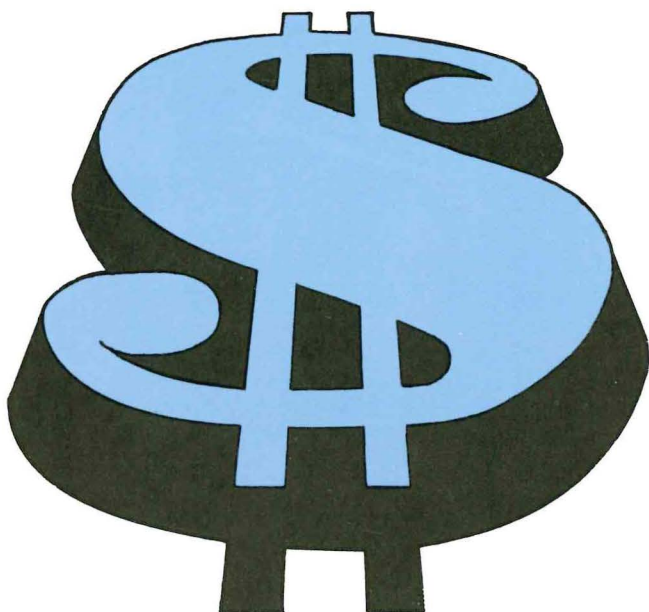
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S'mores



Christian Stewardship

BY GEORGE FOOSHEE

DO YOU REMEMBER those campfires where you ate s'mores? That combination of graham crackers, chocolate bars, and melted marshmallows was so tasty you always wanted some more. Thus the name . . . s'mores.

Christian, what percent of your income are you giving to the Lord now? 1 percent — 5 percent — 10 percent — 20 percent — 50 percent?

Whatever you're giving now, the chances are you'd like to give s'more. More giving results in more blessings. These blessings include:

Gifts . . . Give, and it will be given to you. (Luke 6:38 RSV)

Love . . . God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Riches . . . He will always make you rich enough to be generous. (2 Corinthians 9:11 TEV)

Joy . . . They begged us to take the money so they could share in the joy of helping the Christians in Jerusalem. (2 Corinthians 8:4 LB)

But inflation! With the cost of almost everything increasing steadily, most of us are struggling to keep our spending in line with our income.

And into my collection agency office march dozens of Christians who have *lost* the spending battle and are *mired deep* in the debt trap.

With debts and inflation plaguing us, what practical biblical steps are available to help us reduce our spending so we can dramatically increase our giving and/or debt payments?

Did you know the Bible has principles to guide us in our spending? And each principle results in a two-fold benefit: money saved and God blessed.

The Bible says in James 1:25 (RSV), "But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in all his doing." If you want God's blessing stamp on your spending, look at these biblical principles and implement them into your own personal finances. And for each principle you obey, you may expect to cut your spending to the glory of God.

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AVOIDING DEBT

The most frequently violated money command in Scripture in my experience is at the conclusion of Luke 3:14: "Be content with your wages." The sure sign of violation of this Scripture is overspending your pay.

The easiest way to allow your spending to get out of control is to succumb to the "minimum-payment" charge account and the "good-almost-everywhere" credit cards.

The only thing easy about one "easy payment" is the ease of buying to accumulate large balances on your account. Most of you, along with hundreds of people I've counseled, can testify that repaying those runaway revolving accounts is tough stuff.

Cigarettes contain a warning by the Surgeon General that smoking may be dangerous to your health. Credit cards have no warnings to advise you that the use of the card may lead to tension in your marriage, debt pressures on you and your family, and a possible loss of your witness for Jesus Christ.

The Bible warns us not to get entangled in civilian affairs. From my vantage point, there are no entanglements more strangling than the mounting pressure of debts.

Counselees bring me glowing reports of less spending and balanced budgets after that great family credit-card-destruction ceremony. That's the time when you gather as a family to destroy all credit cards by cutting them into small pieces. Then you commit to each other to buy with cash only. All testify that cash spending is a real money-saving revelation.

With installment debt averaging \$7,000 for each American family, an interest rate of 12 percent results in \$70 monthly interest. You can see that avoiding debt may save you approximately \$70 a month. Isn't that a tremendous profit resulting from obedience to Romans 13:8, "Owe no man any thing"?

Commit today to "make do with your pay!" (Luke 3:14 NEB) If you don't have it, don't spend it. Do without! Postpone! Fix it up! Make do!

PLANNED SPENDING

Most people don't plan their spending. Jesus instructed us to count the cost, "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough money to complete it?" (Luke 14:28 NASB)

The record in my counseling is unbroken. To this day, no one has ever come to me in financial trouble who can show his kept-up-to-date budget book!

No spending plan—dollars wasted. It's my experience that if you are not operating on a budget, you are *wasting* between \$50 and \$125 a month.



When you've established a plan for your spending, you'll frequently find yourself using those money-saving, almost-magical five little words, "It's not in the budget!"

Nowhere is planned spending more important than in certain "Budget Busters." Any well-managed household can turn from success to failure on any one of these three: vacations, Christmas, back to school.

A vacation without a budget can be a family disaster. Heading cross country with no spending plan often ends with surprise debts.

One enterprising family split its vacation funds into two parts. All the family knew that they would go just as long and as far as the first half of the money lasted. With the other half they would return home. They traveled much further than they had expected and returned home having spent no more than they had planned.

Be certain to set aside at least four to five cents per mile for those car repairs and tire usage that will be a part of any automobile trip. For a 1,000-mile trip you'll need \$40-\$50; higher mileage trips cost proportionately more.

Families with no plan often use back-to-school desires and Christmas gift giving as times to spend without counting the cost. The obvious answer to such sprees is to set aside some money each month in special "Christmas" and "back-to-school" funds. Then discipline yourself to spend only the amount you accumulated for that specific purpose.

Charles Spurgeon said, "To earn money is easy compared with spending it well."* To the servants who were wise stewards of that which God entrusted to them, the Lord said, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." (Matthew 25:23)

Being faithful in spending what God has entrusted to you will increase your ability to give. That's a biblical principle.

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*John Ploughman's Talk, or Plain Advice for Plain People by Charles H. Spurgeon, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1953, p. 95.

AVOIDING WASTE

Whether wasting money through not keeping a budget or by paying interest on accumulated debt, the result is the same—violation of another scriptural principle.

What did Jesus command after the miracle feeding of the 5,000? "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." (John 6:12)

Surveys reveal that approximately 10 percent of food purchases are thrown out in the garbage. How many meals a week do you eat of well-preserved, well-planned leftovers? What some people call planover meals may reduce your food spending by \$15-\$30 per month.

DISCIPLINE

As Christians we're told that "bodily exercise is all right, but spiritual exercise is much more important . . ." (1 Timothy 4:8 LB) Spiritual exercise is of great importance in the spending area. Our self-control muscles need flexing several times each day.

The push-ups I need to do daily are the repetition of those four little words—"I don't need it!" My own self-control exercise program includes no desserts at noon, no lunches two days a week, no eggs at breakfast except one day a week, and no snacks before bed. Savings results—a bunch of calories and at least 50 cents a day, or monthly, \$15.

Using the minimum savings of interest (\$70), keeping records (\$50), avoiding wasted food (\$15), and self-control (\$15), the reduced spending already adds up to \$150 per month. Are you ready for s'more?

BUY USED

S'more savings comes from buying used instead of new. You might as well get used to *used*. Remember that *new* only lasts one day.

Except for a house, automobiles are the biggest expenditures most families make. Note the loss of value of a car in its first seven years.**

END OF YEAR	% LOSS NEW CAR	LOSS OF VALUE	CURRENT VALUE
1	30%	\$7,000	\$2,100
2	50%		3,500
3	65%		4,550
4	75%		5,250
5	85%		5,950
6	90%		6,300
7	93%		6,510

***The Time-Life Book of the Family Car*. Time-Life Books, New York, 1973, p. 108.

If you buy a \$7,000 new car and drive it five years, your car is worth only \$1,050. Your cost of the car has been \$5,950 or \$1,190 annually.

If you buy the same car when it is between two and three years old, you can buy it for approximately \$3,500. Driving it five years, you find it is worth only \$490. Your

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cost of the car has been \$3,010 or \$602 annually. If you assume that added repairs will cost you \$288 more than for the newer car for each of the five years, you've still saved \$300 a year by buying and driving a used car. S'more savings of \$25 a month, not counting the extra interest most folks pay to drive a new car.

As a counselor for people in financial trouble, I can tell you that most people are driving late-model cars that are a real drain on the family finances. As for me and my house, we buy them used and seem to get every place we need to go.

Remember, dependability of machines is determined by proper maintenance, not by age.

So many folks fit the bumper sticker—"This is the Lord's car; I bought it with my tithe."

GIFT GIVING

Gift times often lead to splurging. Someone has said we should purge the urge to splurge. How would you like to buy all the gifts you give at half price, but have them enjoyed twice as much?

My older daughter and her husband have taught me how. For her sister's birthday in August they bought her a ski cap in late March at the end of the season sales. When the present was opened in August, she was pleased. Additional enjoyment resulted when she wore her cap for the first time in January.

Buy your gifts several months before you give them. Takes planning . . . but pays rich dividends.

Multiplying all the special occasions, family birthdays, and gifts for friends, you should easily save \$10 monthly.

Adding to the \$150 reduced spending, the used car savings (\$25), and the planned giving (\$10), you have a monthly savings of \$185.

What would \$185 monthly add to your giving to the Lord's work? 50 percent? 100 percent?

Christians, let's do s'more self-control, record keeping, and doing without. Then we'll be blessed with more ability to spend whatever we have to the glory of God and with more money to give to the Lord's wonderful works.

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This may be a grim reminder to many who have seen enough snow for one winter! But the purity and beauty of this phenomenon of God's creation cannot be denied—especially as it blankets an idyllic setting in Oregon's Cascades. (Photo by Shirley Putman)

ANTECEDENTS

It would be interesting to know how many "Family Budget Books" one could find in an average American home! You know the kind—those well-organized little bound volumes with proper columns for every category of family income and expense? I'm sure stores do a land-office business on these items around the first of the year, appealing to our New Year's resolve to "do something about our family budget now that we've used all our cash and credit for Christmas." But it may be more revealing to know how many *incomplete* "Family Budget Books" we'd find—accurately kept through January, tapering off to a few entries through March, and then nothing! Get the picture?

It's obvious many Christian people are getting the picture—people well-qualified to help others in the Body of Christ to be good stewards of all God's resources. Books, seminars, and counselors abound. We need not be deprived of practical knowledge on the subject. But we desperately need to apply the sound principles advocated.

This month's feature by George Fooshee of Kansas is a succinct, practical stewardship article sure to give impetus to our resolve to do something about our family finances—and God's—during 1979.

Seldom have we been quite as personal in our Quaker cartoon series as this month. Our bewildered Quaker (left) may bear resemblance to someone we all know. Be sure to read the editorials on page 11!

—H.T.A.

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in "As Heaven, So Earth" in -REALLY?

BY JAMES L. ROBERTS

WHEN JESUS CHRIST lived on this earth, He prayed. There is convincing evidence that the power of Christ's ministry came from His prayer life. "He went up the hill-side quite alone, to pray" (Matthew 14:23*); "He went off to the hill-side to pray" (Mark 6:46); "It was in those days that he went up the hill-side to pray, and spent the whole night in prayer to God." (Luke 6:12)

"About eight days after these sayings, Jesus took Peter, James and John and went off with them to the hill-side to pray. And then, while he was praying, the whole appearance of his face changed and his clothes became white and dazzling" (Luke 9:28); "Then he went off by himself, about a stone's throw away, and falling on his knees, prayed . . ." (Luke 22:41); "I am praying to you for them: I am not praying for the world but for the men whom you gave me." (John 17:9)

The disciples were so impressed with the prayer life of Christ that they said, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1) Day after day they had seen Him pray, usually in the morning, and then watched with admiration as He healed the sick, answered with

**All Scriptures are quoted from the J. B. Phillips version except where otherwise noted.*

James and Gail Roberts are first-term missionaries on the Friends mission field to Bolivia under Northwest Yearly Meeting. James's fresh insights into the problems and possibilities of the Friends Church in Bolivia are challenging. He has the benefit of growing up in the home of missionary parents in Bolivia and this gives a helpful perspective to his vision and concerns.

great wisdom the questions of the Sadducees and Pharisees, cast out the demons, and drew to himself great throngs of people because of His teaching. They wanted this kind of effect in their ministry, too.

Recorded in the New Testament is Christ's answer. It is a short prayer, but are its meaning and content greater than Christians realize? Consider, for instance, the beautiful and astonishing phrase: "Thy will be done, *as in heaven, so in earth.*" (Luke 11:2 KJV) How many times have you heard this phrase in your church? I have recited it many times. The more traditional version states, "In earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10 KJV) Do we Christians really realize what we are asking? I doubt that the disciples fully understood it.

When we pray this part of the Lord's prayer, we are, in fact, asking God to transform this earth into the likeness of His heaven. The Revelation to John describes heaven as a wonderful and beautiful place. It is the place where God is. That is what makes it so lovely. God's *will* is acted out in its perfectness. Christ is ruling in all His splendor according to the *will* of God. Sickness, tears, and death are not present in heaven, in accordance with the *will* of God. Sin and Satan do not exist in heaven because God's *will* cannot tolerate their presence. The tabernacle of God in heaven is with men, because this is the *will* of God.

So what is it that we are really asking when we pray, "Thy will be done, *as in heaven, so in earth?*" First, we are asking Christ to reign here on earth *as He does in heaven*. The petition is asking Christ to reign *on earth* with power, with wisdom, with strength, with honor, with glory, and with blessing. How is it possible for Christ to reign on this earth with such splendor when there is so much sin and corruption?

GOD HAS DESIGNED in His great plan that Christ will rule on this earth through Christians or not at all. That is why Christ taught His disciples to pray that the good will of the Father be accomplished here on earth in the same way it is accomplished in heaven. He wanted them to recognize when they prayed that they were actually praying (in accordance with the will of God) that He himself would be able to rule in all His fullness through their very own lives.

In Acts 2 we read that before His ascension, Christ imparted to His disciples the promise of the Holy Spirit. While the disciples waited in Jerusalem as their Master had commanded, they prayed, remember-

ing His example. Finally the Holy Spirit came and filled each one of them. Christ became the strength and vitality of their lives. They were experiencing His fullness (Ephesians 4:13).

Peter immediately began to preach and heal with great power, such as he had never before experienced. Stephen was filled with so much of Christ's presence that the Jews murdered him with the same kind of rage and hatred with which they crucified Christ. Philip was sent by an angel to the chariot of a eunuch who needed a man of God to explain to him the Scriptures. It could have been Christ himself in any one of these situations. But Christ chose men to be His words and actions. Christ was, in fact, ruling on earth through Peter, Stephen, and Philip.

The second thing we are asking when we pray, "Thy will be done, *as in heaven, so in earth,*" is that the work of Satan be destroyed here on earth as well as in that final day. We are asking for faith with an offensive strategy, a faith that not only defends itself, but aggressively attacks the enemy of God. It is the kind of faith that recognizes that "the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13 KJV) has already pronounced the death sentence on Satan.

THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS of offensive faith are shown when a mature Christian is able to lead someone to a knowledge and an acceptance of Christ; to feed and nourish new Christians; to teach holiness through life, deed, and word; to expose sin for what it is; and to encourage and unify the forces of Christ. Christ will destroy Satan eventually, but He wants to destroy him in the lives of many people on this earth *now*, before Satan's final damnation and the damnation of all who have been misled by his craftiness. Christ can do this only through the lives of Christians.

Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, was able to destroy a satanic thought from the minds of Christians in the first church. Ananias and Sapphira had listened to Satan's words and had brought to Peter what the people thought to be the full amount of money for a piece of property they had sold. What they did not know was that the Lord Jesus and Peter were in the same place. The Bible tells us that Satan cannot stand in the presence of God. Ananias and Sapphira had lied to God, and God himself struck them dead. This caused great fear among the people. They saw the horrible fate of two people who had yielded to Satan. The power of God convinced them that Satan and his ideas mean death.

Satan suffered many defeats after God allowed him to crucify the Christ. In Acts 2:41-47 we read:


Then those who welcomed this message were baptised, and on that day alone about three thousand souls were added to the number of disciples. They continued steadily learning the teaching of the apostles, and joined in their fellowship, in breaking of bread, and *in prayer*.

Everyone felt a deep sense of awe, while many miracles and signs took place through the apostles. All the believers shared everything in common; they sold their possessions and goods and divided the proceeds among the fellowship according to individual need. Day after day they met by common consent in the Temple; they broke bread together in their homes, sharing meals with simple joy. They praised God continually and all the people respected them. Every day the Lord increased the number of those who were finding salvation.

IT APPEARS that Satan was destroyed completely out of the presence of this community of believers. Christ had destroyed Satan. The will of God "*as in heaven, so in earth*" was a reality.

Third, when we pray "Thy will be done, *as in heaven, so in earth*," we are asking that men be reconciled to God through Christ. It is said that Billy Sunday preached to over 100 million people. Out of these, one million made decisions for Christ.

Can you imagine what would happen to our world if one million Christians each led one person to Christ every year? The next year each new convert, as well as the original million, would lead a new person to Christ, and so on. After 10 years there would be 512 million Christians. Each of the original million would have had to reach only 10 people for Christ in 10 years. I am sure the heart of God would rejoice if each Christian devoted a major part of each year to leading one person to Christ.

The power of "the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13 KJV)— (1) His power to rule on earth, (2) His power to destroy the works of Satan *now*, and (3) His power to reconcile men to God—is channeled through the faith and witness of Christians. He has chosen us to do His work. As we look at this world and its condition, we are able to see that Satan is causing great amounts of mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical damage. We do not like to see this. In fact, we hurt when we hear and see how Satan has trapped men. But this is not enough. We must actively apply the power and wisdom Christ has given us to diminish the unhappiness of our world. When we do this, we will begin to see answers to the prayer "Thy will be done, *as in heaven, so in earth*." 



ALTO LIMA: a landmark for the Bolivian Church

BY NANCY THOMAS



SATURDAY NIGHT. From the church singing voices pour out into the night:

*"Oh Señor, es mucha la labor,
Y obreros faltan ya;
Danos luz, ardiente fe y valor,
Y obreros siempre habra."**

The accordion is slightly off key, but the feelings sincere and enthusiastic.

Here in the tent I note that the candle has only an inch of light left. After that, I guess I write by flashlight, or crawl in my sleeping bag and call it a day. The kids are already sleeping, while Hal studies for a theology class later tonight on the doctrine of man. The candle flame sways in the

** "Oh Lord, the work is so great,
and workers are lacking;
Give us light, ardent faith and courage
and there will always be workers."*

Nancy Thomas again shares in her creative way and beautiful writing skill a provocative insight into the personality and thinking of our Aymara Friends in the Bolivian highlands. Seeing life through their eyes enables us to better identify with third world mentality.

breeze, sending shadows dancing. A light rain patters out its own rhythm against canvas, but the jungle night is pleasant.

It's been a good week.

Monday morning we loaded tent, kids, books, 11 students, and food for a week into the pickup and pulled out of La Paz. In a nine-hour trip we wound our way down the river valleys to Caranavi, then up to the jungle colony of Alto Lima. Here six other students met us for a long-anticipated week of study and fellowship.

But the story really starts nine years ago when Friends missionaries in Peru and Bolivia struggled with the problem of how to train leaders for a growing church. The church was mushrooming, with new congregations dotting the altiplano and Yungas valleys, and enthusiasm was high. But where were the pastors to come from? Who would train them? And where?

In La Paz, Bolivia, a residential Bible school was meeting some of these needs. Young men and women from the city and outlying areas were coming into "Instituto Biblico Patmos" at an average of 20 a year. The good teaching and the fellowship and service opportunities undoubtedly influenc-

ed these young people positively. But a very small percentage of the graduates left the institute to become pastors. In many cases the excitement of city life discouraged a return to country areas.

The heart of the problem had to do with the natural leaders, the older men the Aymara culture naturally looks up to in its own decision-making and leadership patterns. These men had responsibilities to family and fields that tied them to their own communities. Taking off three years to attend Bible school in the city was, of course, out of the question. Yet these were the men, the natural and accepted leaders, who should have been receiving pastoral and lay-leadership training.

The problem was not confined to Friends in Peru and Bolivia. National churches and

ing year. Interest in the program quickly grew, and 1974 saw 39 centers with 400 students in Peru, and 19 centers with 230 students in Bolivia. We're now past the initial stage with its excitement and problems, and enrollment has leveled out to 100 students this year in Bolivia. Our vision is that eventually 10 percent of the national church** will study God's Word through extension Bible school.

Many problems still exist. But we've almost conquered one of the biggest: development of the curriculum. Materials for adults with an Aymara background and a low educational level were not available, so back in 1969 the missionaries decided we'd just have to write our own curriculum. And we have done so. Writers for the 36 courses in the six-year plan of studies have



missions the world over were wrestling with the same dilemma, and some were finding an answer in an innovation called extension Bible school. A simple concept, really, the extension Bible school, instead of requiring students to come into the city to study, takes the school out to the country where the students already live and work. Textbooks are programmed so that the students can study and check their work at home. Then one day a week all students in a given area come to a center to discuss the material and take tests. A trained national teacher leads each center.

It sounded good, certainly worth a try. So the Peruvian Friends Mission started the "Instituto Biblico Los Amigos" in 1969, and the Bolivian Mission introduced the program to the national church the follow-



included Phyllis Cammack, Betty Comfort, Ralph Chapman, Ron Stansell, MaryBel Duran, and Nancy Thomas. It's been a labor of almost 10 years, and Hal Thomas is even now writing the last course in Advanced Theology. And then we plan to revise and rewrite. But we've come the first mile.

* * *

The rain has stopped, and the tree overhead is shaking stray drops on the tent. The candle burned out long ago. And my bubble gum is stale, but my mental gears are turning, and I can't stop now.

The church building here in Alto Lima perches on a high hill, commanding a view of rolling greenness for miles around. Just down the side of the hill about 30 black and yellow *huchi* birds are building their hanging nests. Their low warbles, sounding somewhat like an opera singer gargling in slow motion, provide a tantalizing background music. This is the cooler time of year, and the bug population is low. But we're on a constant lookout for snakes and lizards.

** The "regular attendance" figures for the Bolivian Friends Church are approximately 15,000 adults.



The jungle is our setting this week as extension students gather from the Caranavi, Frontera, and Cordillera districts. But this is not a typical extension center. These students are special. They are among the 20 men who will be honored in January as the first graduates of the extension Bible school in either Bolivia or Peru. All will be recorded and recognized as pastors. It's a landmark, an end, in a sense, to the first phase of an ambitious leadership training program.

This week Hal and I are teaching the last three courses required for graduation. It's an intensive but exciting experience. Take last night's class in Friends History. The students had previously studied and filled out their textbook, so I concentrated on an overview of the whole Friends movement. The class was fascinated by the *National Geographic* photos of England, brought to give flavor to the story of Friends' beginnings. And the story certainly is interesting, covering the dynamic early years, the periods of quietism and then revival, and ending with God's moving in Latin America through Friends.

But, even more than the story, the class enthusiastically noted all the applications. The fervor of the "valiant sixty" as they spread out two by two to evangelize England, their consistency in the face of persecution—these struck responsive chords. Many of these students have faced similar persecution in their own communities.

We talked also of the work of Friends for social justice, noting the many similarities between conditions in Bolivia today and in the England and U.S. of the 17th through 19th centuries. How would God have Bolivian Friends respond to the social injustices, poor prison conditions, and ignorance that exist in some sectors? We then discussed at length the different divisions and historical squabbles over the authority of Scripture versus the Holy Spirit.

Thinking of the current nativistic prophet movements in Bolivia, Alejandro asked, "Well, how *do* we know when the Holy Spirit is speaking?" That question was good for another hour. We concluded the class with a resolve to further reflect on the triumphs and mistakes of the past, to learn what we can, and to go on from there.

That was last night.

This morning Hal got through only the first point on his outline on the theology of God: "God is spirit." The Aymara word for spirit, *ajayu*, has connotations vastly different from the "same" word in either Spanish, English, or Greek. To say "God is *ajayu*," and just leave it at that, would simply add God to the list of existing Aymara spirits and gods. What *does* the Aymara person understand when he hears the word *ajayu*? What is the Greek sense of the word? What are the characteristics of God as "spirit" that would differentiate Him from the Aymara *ajayu*? And, having figured out all that, how then do we "worship him in spirit and in truth"?

We teach from a Western background, and our thought patterns have been molded by our own culture and language. Our students are animistic Aymaras, and the difference is great. Furthermore, we teach in Spanish, a second language to both cultures. One culture is trying to communicate to a completely different culture, through the medium of a third culture. Without the help of the Holy Spirit, would any communication take place? But He does help and powerfully so.

The class spent the morning on "God is spirit," slowly grasping it and becoming able to express the concept in their own language and thought patterns.



In addition to classes, we've enjoyed worship services, prayer sessions, and lots of good meals together this week. The *esprit de corps* is beautiful, a result not only of this special week but of the shared experience of having studied for six to eight years and finally reaching a goal.

The graduates come from varied backgrounds and range in age from 21 to 61. Mariano Medina has been working for several years now as the lay leader of the Siwincani Church on the altiplano. Although only 38 years old, Mariano and his wife have seven children, all between the ages of 16 and 20! (It is possible!) Along with caring for his fields, raising his family, and lay pastoring the church, Mariano has

been consistent in his studies and now desires to enter San Pablo Seminary in the fall.


Wenseslao Mamani's wrinkled, weathered face testifies to his 61 years living in the Jesus de Machaka valley on the altiplano, where coaxing produce from the earth is a full-time job. Wenseslao claims that his age affects his memory and makes it hard for him to read or study. And it's true that he's had a rough time. But he's also been faithful and persistent, lay pastoring the Tacaca Friends Church for seven years as well as studying. And in January old Wenseslao will be recognized in name before the yearly meeting as the pastor he has long been in practice.

Eugenio Poma at 21 is the youngest graduate and the only single fellow. He did not grow up in a Christian home. When still a small boy his foster parents forced him to attend a Friends church as punishment for stealing at school. Eugenio continued attending church out of habit, he claims, but understanding little. When he was a teenager, the extension center opened up in his church, and he decided to enroll. That year he studied the life of Christ and introductory doctrine, and for the first time he understood who Jesus was and what it means to be a Christian. He gave his life to Christ, and now his heart's desire is to teach and preach God's Word.

Eugenio, Wenseslao, Mariano—these are but three lives that are being prepared and released into service through extension Bible school. There are many many others. How exciting it will be in January to see these 20 men presented and commissioned! They are the first fruits—the results of much work and prayer.

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What's happening here this week in Alto Lima? Education? Worship? A pleasant week away from the routine? The long-awaited conclusion to nine years of study? Yes, all this and more. God is answering the prayers of hundreds of people to raise up laborers for the work. He is feeding His sheep, equipping His church, spreading His kingdom. Beneath the jungle skies, behind the country faces, in the midst of the crude classroom—behold the miracle!

It's late now. Hal's class is over and already he's sound asleep. Tomorrow will be here soon. But before I close my eyes I just want to say, "Thank You, God. Thank You for building Your church. Thank You for letting me be a part of it. And thank You for these men. Bless them and use them mightily in Your kingdom. Amen." 



Early Quaker Insights into Meditation

BY RICHARD J. FOSTER

Modern society is such that all of us have an acute sense of our own inner fragmentation. We feel trapped by "muchness" and "manyness." As a result, there has emerged a renewed interest in the ancient practice of meditation. Regrettably a good deal of the interest is faddish and will not stand the test of time. There are, however, many who genuinely desire to go down into the recreating silences, into the inner world of contemplation, and it is to these that this article is addressed.

The Quaker Ethos

The popular stereotype of the "quiet Quaker" is so rooted in contemporary culture that many are shocked to discover that meditation was *not* the distinguishing feature of the early Quaker explosion. There was no writing pouring out of that period on meditation techniques as was characteristic, for example, of the early Franciscan and Jesuit movements. Even the silence that was such a distinctive feature in early Quaker worship was not the most important feature. Robert Barclay declares, "We make not silence to be the sole matter of our worship." Silence was a *means to*, and a *by-product of*, something immensely more central.

I stress this limitation on meditation at the outset because of the modern tendency to view meditation as an end in itself. It is

This is the second in a new series dealing with the fundamentals of our Quaker faith from a scriptural perspective touching on various aspects of our "faith and practice" as Friends. This feature on "meditation" written by Richard Foster of Newberg Friends Church is adapted from his recent book, Celebration of Discipline (Harper and Row).

commonly believed that if I meditate I have done what is required of me: if I do a little religious exercise I have somehow pleased God. The early Quaker conception is worlds apart from, and light-years ahead of, such fashionable notions.

Central to early Quaker life and thought was the conviction that Jesus Christ was among His people as their living Teacher and Prophet. The inward centering and stilling of "creaturely activity" was for the purpose of hearing His voice and receiving the power to obey His word. The aim was to hear and obey, not to be caught up into the effortless suspended bliss of cosmic consciousness.

It is significant that William Penn could author both *Fruits of Solitude* and *Fruits of the Active Life* without the slightest feeling of contradiction. It is even more significant that *Fruits of Solitude* is not a book about how to engage in solitude, but a handbook of practical advice on right living that was the result of solitude. He writes, "Reader, —This Enchiridion*, I present thee with is the Fruit of Solitude: A School few care to learn in, tho' none instructs us better."

What we discover from the early Quaker milieu is an almost total disinterest in meditation as a religious technique and an absorbing interest in hearing and obeying the divine Word—Jesus Christ.

THE SOCIAL IMPACT of such an approach toward meditation was and is staggering. Early Quakers were on the forefront of literally every positive social reform of their day. Why? Because they knew that they had a present Teacher and Prophet who would guide them into all truth if they would listen to His voice. Hence we can say with confidence that the most central feature of the early Quaker witness to the use of silence was to hear and obey their present Teacher and Prophet, Jesus Christ.

A second feature of these early Publishers of Truth was the stress they placed upon the corporate aspect of silence and meditation rather than the contemporary emphasis, which is almost entirely individual. This was intrinsically bound up with their sense of worship, in which they would wait until they *felt* themselves gathered together in the power of the Lord. Robert Barclay witnessed, "When I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power among them, which touched my heart; and as I gave way unto

it, I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up."

What these "children of the Light" were doing is really quite revolutionary. They were gathering together without any ritual supports of any kind to feel Christ's presence and to hear Him as a *people*. They had far more interest in corporate obedience than they did in private revelations. It is impossible, for example, to make any sense out of their approach to business without seeing how totally they had experienced Christ to be among them teaching them. His *living* voice could be heard by all. He was not locked up in a book or some technical theology.

WHILE THEIR APPROACH to meditation and silence was distinctively corporate, it was not exclusively so. The experience of Thomas Story (1691) illustrates the beautiful blend of individual and corporate silence that marked the early Quaker ethos. On the way to a gathering for worship he writes, "We rode some miles together in profound silence, in which my mind enjoyed a gentle rest and consolation from the divine and holy presence." Once in the meeting, he sought to discern whether these were "a people of God in their meetings; or, in other words, whether they worshipped the true and living God."

So powerful was this corporate meditation, this expectant listening, that he could write, "Not long after I sat down among them, that heavenly and watery cloud overshadowing my mind broke into a sweet abounding shower of celestial rain, and the greatest part of the meeting was broken together, dissolved and comforted in the same divine and holy presence and influence of the true, holy and heavenly Lord . . . And, in the same way, by the same divine and holy power, I had been often favored with before, when alone, and when no eye but that of heaven beheld or any knew, but the Lord himself."

The end of the meeting did not mean the end of that sense of expectant listening, "the meeting being ended, the Peace of God . . . remained as a holy canopy over my mind in a silence out of the reach of all words; and where no idea but the Word himself can be conceived." Following the meeting, he was invited to go to a nearby home; "I went willingly with them; but the sweet silence . . . still remaining I had nothing to say to any of them 'til he was pleased to draw the curtain and veil his presence; and then I found my mind pure and in a well-bounded liberty of innocent conversation with them."

Meditation and Contemporary Man

Meditation is a perpetual state of being rather than a series of religious acts. It means appropriate activity prompted by the divine Center rather than no activity.

"True quiet means keeping still when the time has come to keep still, and going forward when the time has come to go forward. In this way rest and movement are in agreement with the demands of the time, and thus there is light in life."

While we must continually stress that meditation is not a matter of techniques, we must also see that there are things we can do to open us to this way of living in which we can say with Catherine de Haec Doherty, "All in me is silent and . . . I am immersed in the silence of God." I have described some beginning steps into meditation in *Celebration of Discipline*, and I shall not reduplicate those efforts.** I will, however, add to them a few further practical suggestions.

Do seek to detect God's thunderous silent speech in and through the ordinary tasks of your day. Last January I engaged in a one-year experiment of *listening* to God every moment of my day. My object was to try to understand how God "speaks" in the course of daily life. One of the most remarkable discoveries of that little experiment was the growing perception of words or thoughts that would somehow stand out from all the others as if they were spoken in italics. If many of us would engage in similar ventures and share our findings, we would help each other immensely.

A SECOND THING we can do is to come together in little bands for the express purpose of feeling Christ's power gather us together and hearing His voice teach us and guide us. We dare not rely upon public worship services, since they are for the most part too enamored with techniques (including the technique of "silence"!) to bring us into this life and power. Nor must we be discouraged with failures—like all beginners we will make mistakes but we will learn. And we will keep at it, because we have an absolute knowing that the divine Word—Jesus Christ—will speak to us if only we will listen. Hence I urge us all: listen to the shout of El-Shaddai in His "wondrous, terrible, gentle, loving, all-embracing silence."

**In the book I also set forth the biblical basis for Christian meditation, which I have not done here due to space limitations.

*A handbook or manual



BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

On Giving Ourselves

Everyone else is talking about it, so I will too. Marriages. "How's *your* marriage going?" I was startled to be asked. Come to think of it, I'm not sure. I must remember to ask my wife about that when I get a chance: that should be interesting. So I did. And she said it was going okay as far as she could tell. I agreed. And that about covers the discussion of our "marriage" during the past 33 years.

Those who cringe at this callous treatment of such a delicate and explosive subject must not leap to conclusions. We are happy, in love, enjoy each other, share a lot of things and interests, disagree on several things sometimes, find great joy in our family, our work, our home, our shared burdens, distresses, dreams, and frustrations. But we have just never given much attention to our marriage. It is like the sunrise and the seasons, always happening and sometimes noticed, mostly taken for granted and often superbly beautiful and exciting. And, somehow it is not something I am inclined to tinker with too much. Like a lovely flower, too much handling does it no good.


But our relationship, that is something else. It has been noted that the first gift God gave Adam was a wife . . . not a mother or a brother, but a wife. But this couple had their problems, which had mainly to do with sin. Trifling with God's design in our lives brings alienation and selfishness and really wrecks relationships in marriage. They started blaming each other right away after they lied to God. I wonder how Adam and Eve communicated on the outside of Eden? How do any of us communicate outside of God's presence and approval? The times *our* own relationship has gone sour are when sin, selfishness, and spiritual disobedience have crept in.

Communication at the feeling level is a spiritual quality—not just talking all the time about religious things, but an honest, expressed confidence in each other as a person of value and trustworthiness. My pastoral job includes what some might call "marriage counseling," and I have concluded a lack of talking and of listening is a very big sin in marriage. I know it is in ours. When a husband lets his wife in on his feelings, any sense of inadequacy in his work, or the pressure-cooker things he sometimes works through during the day, the fears, frustrations and bills, the world situation, the future for the kids . . . if he can just let these feelings pour out it has the effect of building his wife's confidence in herself as a person worth sharing all this with. This is a lot better than preoccupied, half-listening, and pretended conversation. She suspects silence or superficial conversation is a cover-up for something, but may not be sure what. And that uncertainty can cause lots of reactions such as stonewalling herself off, nagging, and other rumored or real bad acting. Though it leaves a husband or wife vulnerable, sharing

at the feeling level says to each other, "I trust you enough to share my feelings with you because you can be trusted to handle them gently, and not take advantage of my vulnerability." In other words, giving ourselves to each other gives affirmation of trustworthiness and allows an atmosphere of love to happen.

Listening is as important as talking. Which of us husbands has not on occasion (probably recently) found ourselves at once immersed in private thoughts and at the same time engaged (or disengaged) in a one-sided wife-husband conversation? It's a familiar, and a spiritual problem—listening with incomplete attention. But it really communicates, for it says, "You are not important. What you say is of little value, and I really do not care how you feel or what you think." It works both ways, of course, like a wife not waiting to the end of his sentence to get back to her agenda.

By affirming each other's self-worth through listening with attention, we are enabling each other to be a better, less anxious, more creative person. And in the marriage thing, that better person becomes a better marriage partner. Once this kind of listening or talking becomes, by the grace of God, a genuinely learned response, it is surprising how spontaneous and dynamic and ever more intimate and growing that relationship also becomes.


Ephesians five has a phrase not always picked up when so frequently quoted on this subject: "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her . . ." (v. 25) This "giving" love was not a list of gifts, but *himself*. Can we reverently draw this out to see how much easier it often is for us to give things, but overwhelmingly difficult to give ourselves—even to each other? 

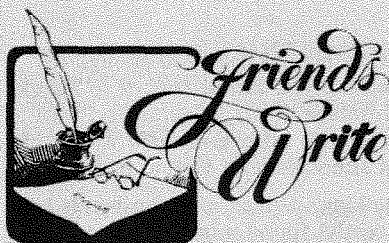
Watch Out for My Wife's 'Dear Husband'!

When that description of me drifts out of a phone conversation or in the church hallway, it is bad news. "My *dear* husband" in that setting translates into forgetful, bumbling, disorganized, and male-second-class-ism. It means once again my ineptness and unstable double-mindedness has surfaced and the pastor's *poor* wife is obliged to face the consequences.

It may be a forgotten wedding rehearsal, an overlooked counseling session with the child of a sensitive, talkative mother, bringing an unexpected guest (or half a dozen of them) home for Sunday dinner, a last-minute canceled evening together due to an overlooked previous commitment to some committee or other, an offending remark in the heat of an otherwise beautiful sermon. Things like that.

That pastor's wife walks a perilous road. She weaves her way through marriage among the mistakes of a dedicated but sometimes mixed up "dear" husband. She is one of the church's most put-upon persons, who must smile through her pain and tears with saintly patience. A tough act. She learns to gnash her teeth in such silence that even her obtuse pastor-husband doesn't detect the sound of it.

Except when that fearful, hand-wringing, condescending expression drifts out of a phone conversation or in the church vestibule . . . "my *dear* husband . . ." 



We Are Quakers

■ It isn't often that I write to the editor, although I must admit the thought has crossed my mind sometimes. First, to express my appreciation for the EVANGELICAL FRIEND and the excellent work of the editorial staff. We all can be rightfully proud of our paper. However, sometimes I find other reasons for writing and this is one of them.

I was taken back by your opening remarks directed toward the "many pastors and churches of the Evangelical Friends Alliance," who were "casual and sometimes even critical" toward the New Call to

Peacemaking. Let me encourage you not to be too disheartened on the one hand or overly critical of your evangelical brethren on the other. After all, we *are* Quakers and are supposed to be very deliberate in our actions, as you know. I grant that we are often slower than we need to be, but be patient with us. OK? Give us time, and whatever is of His Spirit we will support—wholeheartedly.

After all, the peace emphasis is not new among Friends, and I fear that previous experiences in this area of concern, many of which have not been too pleasant, have developed a backlog of disappointment and disillusionment. Some will even wonder about those who plead for the poor of the world while living in such luxurious surroundings as Green Lake. Others, I am sure, will see among your champions those who have espoused quite theologically liberal causes in the past. Of course, we are glad they want to join in any movement that is "biblical" and "evangelical," and I trust that this will be consistently carried out in other alignments and an open confession of the Gospel. I look forward anxiously to see the confessions of these new adherents of the way of the cross.

I, for one, would like to see a new call to "peacemaking" within the Friends Church, a peace that would heal the divisions that still separate us—both theological and spiritual. With a new sense of unity and peace among Friends, especially within our local churches where the love really counts in the actions of life, and a new sense of concern for people, we would be in a better position to approach the world. Don't you think so?

Again, thanks for the good article, but take heart and be patient.

As ever, your "evangelical" Friend,
Gladstone, Oregon

GERALD W. DILLON

Don't Be Sad

■ Please do not be "sad" because many evangelical Friends do not get on the bandwagon of the "New Call to Peacemaking." The peace bandwagon has had some very flat tires in the past, and confidence in its ability to proclaim *peace* and *salvation* from the same lips has been almost nil. It is obvious that one section of Friends has preached peace and the other salvation, and a marriage of the two must not look like a forced wedding—it *must* take time. There is no gulf between peace and salvation—only between those who have historically proclaimed each.

Salem, Oregon

FRANK N. HASKINS

'When Trouble Comes'

■ I agree with the article in the December 1978 issue, "When Trouble Comes." It is excellent and relates to my life. Praise the Lord.

Also, I would like to see a place regularly in the magazine for readers to share personal experiences in the form of a testimony, about a healing, a short original poem, or other concern. Maybe it would be a little bit like your editorial titled "Standing on the Promises." It might be called "The People Speak," or "Readers' Page," or "Sharing."

RUBY COLLVER

Portland, Oregon



'AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS'

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

These familiar words had an ominous sound tonight after the Walter Cronkite news. Sometimes it has just a "sign-off" sound, but at the beginning of a new year with war or the makings of possible war in country after country, Taiwan betrayed, the peace in the Middle East less certain, horrible things happening—riots, murders—well, it sounded tragic tonight to hear that this actually is the way this world is at the start of 1979.

I wish so much that situations were not the way they are. It sounds rather hopeless to simply say, "That's how it is," considering threatening inflation, the uncertainty about even Social Security—finding out security is not necessarily there.

Then there is tragedy here and there, at times very near. There are epidemics, and earthquakes, and the earthshaking divorces between erstwhile lovers, dwindling interest in the church, loose morals, the drug scene.

Is that all there is? That is the way it is, isn't it? Yes, and no!

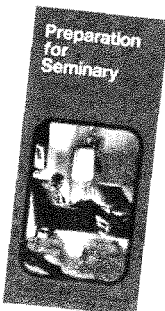
It depends somewhat on whether one has heard Handel's *Messiah* lately and listened carefully to the words beginning with "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God." Or did you notice that in spite

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

Dr. and Mrs. HAROLD KUHN, of Asbury Theological Seminary and members of the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region, joined the Friends missionaries in Taiwan December 10 for an early Christmas dinner and gift exchange.

A Friends History in Chinese is being edited by Dr. CHARLES DeVOL and is to be ready by midsummer 1979 in time for the 25th anniversary year of Taiwanese Friends. Several Friends have been invited to write chapters on different periods of Quaker history.

DELBERT and RUTH REPLOGLE, who began their married life as Friends missionaries in Alaska, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary September 8 in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they are now retired in Friends Homes.

First Friends Church, Vancouver, Washington, J. EARL GEIL, pastor, recently started The Friendly Word broadcast on KPDQ-AM every Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

KEN VANDENHOEK, associate pastor of Boise, Idaho, First Friends Church, was the speaker for a Friends midwinter conference at Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, Colorado, December 27-January 1. Theme: "The Normal Christian Life."

MARTIN MARTY, M.D., of Fresno Friends Church (California) will spend three months in the mission hospital in Kenya, Africa, a 120-bed facility sponsored by Quakers. This is his desire upon finishing medical school and before starting his residency in pediatrics.

RON ALLEN, pastor of Friendswood Friends Church (Texas), is guest speaker for the Friends Bible College faculty seminars January 11, 12 at Haviland, Kansas. FBC is the recipient of a \$15,000 gift recently from the Julia Gass estate.

FRIENDS FOCUS

MEXICO FRIENDS CONTINUE TO GROW

"Each church needs its old Christians for love and guidance and new Christians for enthusiasm" is quoted by Mary Ann Martens, EFA missionary in Mexico City. A third-generation Christian family who have recently moved from Ciudad Victoria Friends Meeting to Mexico City have provided new strength to the church; Enrique, a new Christian, adds freshness in his new faith, adds Mary Ann. Anna, named the Sunday school superintendent, has brought six women living on her street to Christ.

FRIENDS MISSIONARY SPECIALISTS NEEDED

Leaders of the China Evangelical Seminary in Taipei and Union Biblical Seminary in Yavatmal, India, are requesting theological professors to come for a short or longer term and teach in English. The need for medical doctors is particularly acute in Burundi, Africa, where a 65-bed hospital is being operated now by two missionary nurses with African helpers. The Christian Hospital in Chhatarpur, India, is supervised by an Indian, Dr. Mategaonker, and he too would welcome help. Medical technicians and nurses are also needed in Nepal, according to Reta Stuart, EFM secretary.

PHILIPPINE FRIENDS USE HOME EVANGELISM PLAN

The new Friends work in the Philippines now has ten home Bible studies going. "Filipinos are more hospitable in their homes than in any other place," explain the Prietos, who are now serving there under the support of Eastern Region Friends. They believe the Philippines is a country with great potential to become a missionary-sending country to other Asian countries.

FY MIDWINTER AT TWIN ROCKS

Friends Youth of Northwest Yearly Meeting participated in the traditional holiday vacation "Midwinter Conference" December 28-January 1 in the winterized Twin Rocks Friends Camp on the Oregon coast. "All Things Have Become New" was the theme. Clyde Thomas is the NWYM FY president.

DECLINING DOLLARS HIT FRIENDS MISSIONARIES HARD

Bob and Connie Shaffer, Friends missionary appointees to Burundi, are in France for nine months of language study. It costs \$128 a month for noon meals, \$2 to wash a load of clothing in their washer (not counting drying); airmail letter postage is 45 cents, a postcard, 36 cents. It may cost them \$6,000 for the nine months for living expenses. In contrast, Ralph Choate, a veteran missionary to Burundi now retired after 40 years of continuous service, reports the adult missionary daily salary from 1934 to 1946 was \$1.09½ per day. (Taken from Scope, Vol. II, No. 2, November 1978)

HOW TO EVALUATE YOUR PASTOR

Howard Harmon, who has been involved in starting three new Friends churches and is now in his 14th year at one of these, Clackamas Park Friends (Portland, Oregon), which now averages nearly 300, uses an annual evaluation procedure. The agenda in the January meeting of the Spiritual Life Committee is a discussion of his ministry as pastor. He presents the committee with a self-evaluation paper on his work of the previous year, then leaves the meeting, and the Spiritual Life clerk later interprets to him the discussion that follows. Howard feels this has been mutually helpful when it becomes an expected process. A key question coming from the discussion is how can the people better help the pastor and how can the pastor better help the people. Harmon also serves as chairman of the NWYM Department of Evangelism.

'LIVING IN THE SPIRIT'

This is the title given to the small fellowship group ministry of University Friends, Wichita, Kansas. It now involves more than 150 in the meeting and includes "Bible study, prayer, study of books, and sharing experiences related to the activity of God in our lives."

SKIING IN KANSAS RISKY

The Junior High Sunday School class in Liberal (Kansas) Friends Church began selling First Aid Kits at \$3 each to raise money for a ski party planned in "either December or February." (They also handle Reese's peanut butter cups, spaghetti suppers, and bake sales.) It may be quite a distance to the ski slopes.

ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION IMPORTANT . . .

It is to Friends at Friendswood Friends Church (Texas), who enrolled 64 in their fall term. The spring term courses offered are Greek, Church Music, Prophecy,

Church History, Christian Education, Friends Doctrine, History of Mexican-American Culture, "and if there is enough interest" a repeat of a minicourse on Christian Finance. Carol Cline is director of this impressive program.

NEW CHURCHES IN KANSAS

The new Friends Church at Great Bend, Kansas (Mid-America Yearly Meeting), was dedicated November 11. Robert Barrett is pastor. On October 29, Argonia (Kansas) Friends Church broke ground for a new structure to include a sanctuary, education unit, and fellowship hall. Clarence Lanier is the pastor.

A TIP OR A TITHE?

From the Alliance, Ohio, First Friends Church midweek paper comes this observation: One church was considering finances and figured the level of giving per member was only 2 percent. The committee was meeting in a cafe, and when they figured the tip for the waitress decided 15 percent was about right. "Otherwise she will think we're cheap or ungrateful." What does God think?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE NEW YEAR

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6,7 The Living Bible--This promise was quoted in the East Richland Evangelical Friends Church "Midweek Reminder.")

'WILL FRIENDS MEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE?'

This is the theme of the Men's Retreat scheduled at Twin Rocks Friends Conference March 9-11, according to President J. D. Baker of Hayden Lake, Idaho. Ralph Palmen, vice-president of Sherwood and Roberts, Inc., a Seattle realty firm, will be the guest speaker.

CHRISTMAS ECHOES

Various interesting happenings are reported in observing the Christmas season across the Evangelical Friends Alliance. Joseph Miller, pastor of the Alum Creek Friends Church, Marengo, Ohio, gave a dramatization at Salem (Ohio) First Friends titled "The King Who Visited the Christ." This monologue is based on the biblical account of the wise men visiting the child Jesus.

Clackamas Park Friends, Portland, Oregon, invited each individual or family to bring one tree decoration to morning worship to trim the church Christmas tree. The Primary Department at First Friends Church, Canton, Ohio, trimmed a tree with socks and mittens, which were given to the local FISH ministry. Youth called the "King's Daughters" at First Friends, Alliance, Ohio, delivered greeting cards placed in a box in the church foyer, with the unused postage donated to a missionary project. Carolers at East Richland Friends (Ohio) planned to tour the community on a flatbed truck. "If the group is large enough we'll use a semi-truck bed." And the sermon topic that day was "When Shepherds Became Quakers." At Hesper, Kansas, the pastor, Alden Pitts, with two high school boys, Rick Lutz and Gary Dahlem, went into the homes of the congregation prior to Christmas and took pictures. The night of the Christmas program these slides were shown along with a tape recording of what these families reported that Christmas meant to them.

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of "how it is," "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and *all* flesh shall see it together"?

It all built up to such hope as Christ the Savior came into a world that was just the way it was then, like now—just the way it is. He is here saying ever so tenderly in that beautiful air, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

It thrilled me to hear "Behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world"—mine, yours, all of it, and at such a cost! "Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow." He understands sorrow and He made it redemptive.

When the soprano was singing, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring good tidings . . ." I wept tears of joy, first that someone's feet reached to where I was and then that we could have a little part in taking the Gospel of peace to others—even to a few, even to the poorest of men. What a privilege! Perhaps things won't always be just as they are this year if we take the message a little more seriously and really get it out a little further!

The "Hallelujah Chorus" had us both on our feet. "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He *shall* reign for ever and ever." Things won't always be like they are just now. Such hope, such promise for the future!

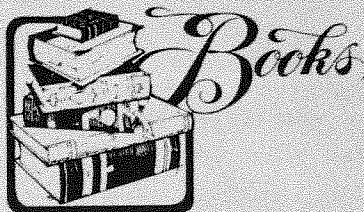
Twice before the *Messiah* has changed the perspective for me—from heaviness because of the way things were to a glorious hope and a desire to be a part of changing things even if ever so little.

This time the whole panorama from the prophecies of the Old Testament to the glorious time when we will join the hosts of heaven in singing, "Worthy is the Lamb," moved me deeply and changed the whole atmosphere—from "and this is how it is" to hope and challenge. God is in charge. He is looking for feet to take the Gospel of peace.

"Arise and shine, thy light is come." Let us share it and help to make things better by preparing the way of the Lord, to change what is to what should be.

And "This is how it is" may just sound to you like "Just as I am"—it does to me, and I am looking for changes for the better, for He promised to perfect that which concerns both you and me.

Isn't that just great!



Robert K. Greenleaf, *Servant Leadership*, New York, Paulist Press, 335 pages, \$10.95

Robert Greenleaf's *Servant Leadership* is not for everyone! But it is addressed to some quite specific readers—church members, trustees, people in business, foundation personnel, and those concerned with and working in education. For those people it's a must.

One of the unique things about the book is that Greenleaf always makes clear when he's speaking from experience, and when he is theorizing.

Part of the book was written especially for its publication, but a larger portion has been carefully adapted from speeches Greenleaf—a Quaker—has given at conferences and workshops around the country. In spite of this variety, he has done a good job of editing and keeping the flow of the book going.

There are several major recurring themes: that people are more important than products or institutions; that serving and being served are the major functions of humans; that educational institutions and churches are in the unique position of being able to identify and nurture potential leaders; that a new style of leadership—servant leadership—is needed in our day, and examples of that style are available; that shared leadership is stronger and more likely to sustain itself than is the "single chief" concept of leadership.

If all those ideas haven't sparked an interest, maybe *Servant Leadership* isn't the book for you. But if you're the least bit curious, let me recommend that you read it. It's one of those books that gave me an unusual number of "aha!" experiences.

—Kara Cole

Tex Watson, *Will You Die for Me?* Fleming H. Revell, 216 pages, \$7.95.

In *Will You Die for Me?* Charles "Tex" Watson tells his personal story of salvation—how from a religiously conservative Texas home he became a willing participant in Charles Manson's family and eventually a mindless instrument for the committing of murder. For those acquainted with Vincent Bugliosi's *Helter Skelter* there is little new

to offer in the way of background information—in fact, much has been written and is known about the Manson family. What is new and interesting is Mr. Watson's perspective on the man Charles Manson and the events leading up to the mass murders in Los Angeles in 1969. This is not, however, a book about Charles Manson. It is rather a story of personal release through Jesus Christ.

The final chapters describe a struggle with guilt, the Holy Spirit, and assurance, which lie in stark contrast with the slavery of the Manson family experience described in the first chapters.

An immensely personal and detailed narrative, *Will You Die for Me?* may not appeal to all readers. The grisly details of August 8 and 9, 1969, are told in bloody realism. The descriptions of living conditions at the Manson commune, Spahn Ranch, are still repulsive. The frequency of drug use for the purpose of mind control is almost beyond belief. Still, this book may serve a purpose. As a testimony to the grace of God working in the lives of all people, the book is excellent. It may help us to realize again the tremendous forgiving power of God.

In the aftermath of Jonestown the question, *Will you die for me?* takes on a much more significant meaning. The American fascination with cults and the Christian community's concern with cult psychology were both reawakened by the bizarre tragedy of Jim Jones's Guyana commune. How people can believe in a new and dif-

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ferent incarnation of Jesus Christ in the form of a Jim Jones or a Charles Manson is part of what Tex Watson hopes to explain in this testimonial. —Robin T. Ankeny

Haydn Gilmore, **Jog for Your Life**, Zondervan Publishing House, 151 pages, \$1.50 paperback.

Those who haven't been infuriated, motivated, sickened, or otherwise repulsed by the millions of words already written about the benefits and chic of jogging in this country, can read this "Christian" addition to the canon. Hopefully the author can get some return on his investment before this current wave of popular culture breaks.

—Robin T. Ankeny



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Defense Admits It Can't

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of Defense has again highlighted the fact that it cannot defend the people of the United States.

At a Pentagon news conference November 14, Bardyl Tirana, head of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, said Carter will ask Congress for \$1 billion to figure out how to evacuate people from the cities to the countryside in case of an impending nuclear attack. Those who have tried to leave metropolitan areas at the beginning of a three-day holiday may feel this program is underfunded.

President Carter signed Presidential Directive 41 on September 29 launching the "crisis relocation program." The millions evacuated from the cities would presumably be put up by folks in the surrounding countryside.

Tirana estimated that even with a billion-dollar civil defense evacuation program 70 million Americans would die in an attack. The plan doesn't deal with the fallout resulting from the attack or the aftermath of such a catastrophe. —F.C.N.L.

Christians Helping Others: The Fine Art of Caring (Loving)

"People are a lot like eggs. We may look tough on the outside, but we're pretty easily cracked," states a *Campus Life* (October) article titled "Trouble-shooting, How to Help a Friend in Need."

The following excerpts are from "ten basic principles developed by professional counselors to help you help a friend":

1. "LEND AN EAR. It's not easy to be a good listener—we all like to talk."

2. "LEND A HAND . . . One hug is worth a thousand words; a concerned look and sincere touch say it all."

3. "SHARE SOMETHING TO EAT. It's no mystery that food and friendship go together."

4. "BE PRACTICAL . . . Real help may cost something; it might mean real work."

5. "KNOW YOUR LIMITS . . . When setting out to help someone, acknowledge your own weaknesses and limitations."

6. "REMAIN OBJECTIVE . . . You empathize and sympathize with (your friend)—that's good. But in order to be a true helper, you also need to control your feelings."

7. "DON'T PLAY JUDGE . . . Assigning blame for the problem at hand may make you comfortable, but it doesn't do much for your friend."

8. "DON'T GO OVERBOARD . . . Don't mistake a plea for help as an invitation to manage your friend's life."

9. "SUGGEST PROFESSIONAL HELP . . . If, after getting all the facts, you decide that you're in over your head, don't be afraid to suggest your friend see a professional counselor."

10. "PRAY FOR YOUR FRIEND . . . Praying for friends is a very important way in which Christians can help, and something not everyone can do."

—*Evangelical Newsletter*

More Refugees Need Sponsorship

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA—More than 800,000 Southeast Asians have fled their homeland because of the threat of communism, says Elmer Towne on the *Old-Time Gospel Hour*, a broadcast from Thomas Road Baptist Church. All this has come since the end of the Vietnam conflict in 1975. According to the *Washington Post*, "This makes one of the greatest migrations in recent times."

The plight of the "boat people" has been featured in the media, and as a result representatives from about 40 countries

gathered in Geneva in December to try to settle the future of the thousands stranded in the refugee camps. (Friends of Northwest Yearly Meeting, and perhaps others, are mounting another effort to sponsor more of these families. Pastor Do Van Ngyen, who shepherds the Christian refugees in Portland, Oregon, and surrounding cities, reports 85 percent of the 1975 refugees from Vietnam are now self-supporting—the best record of any immigrant group in that length of time. Due to his efforts, the Christian fellowship is growing. Two years ago about 20 were meeting for worship; a year later it had grown to 50, and now is more than 100. They worship in the Reedwood Friends Church.)

George L. Ford to Head Free Methodist World Convocation

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—Dr. George L. Ford, for many years executive secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals and more recently director of communications for the Free Methodist Church, has accepted a special assignment general coordinator of the Free Methodist World Convocation to be August 16-26 in Indianapolis. He plans to retire at the close of the convocation.

Four Outfits Are Called Essential for Clergy by a Clothing Expert

NEW YORK—Clothing consultant John T. Molloy, who has advised more than 450 corporations on how their executives should dress, is now studying clothes worn by clergy.

The author of *Dress for Success*, in an interview with "Church Business" newsletter, says the clergy should dress to reflect authority. This is doubly true for women to "gain greater acceptance in this traditionally male vocation," Mr. Molloy states.

Four outfits are essential for the well-dressed pastor, Mr. Molloy says:

1. Business Power Suit. This is a dark pinstripe suit worn with a white shirt and a solid or nondirectional design tie. "This outfit," the article states, "should be worn for important meetings when you want to meet businessmen on their level, but on your terms."

2. Counseling Outfit. Mr. Molloy says that when clergy soften the "high authority" image, the individual being counseled responds better. For this Mr. Molloy suggests wearing a sweater over an open-collar white shirt. He says this dress can be used effectively by Roman Catholic and Episco-

pal priests "who tend to look especially powerful in black suits and white collars."

3. Dress-up Social Outfit. He states that if the pastor does not wear a clerical uniform and must look fairly formal, a beige or tweed suit is formal enough yet "approachable." Mr. Molloy warns, "stay away from business suits."

4. Pulpit—Authority Outfit. Mr. Molloy says that clergy uniforms (robes, vestments) are best for this, but that clergy can "create" this pulpit-authority look. For this he suggests a dark blue suit, white shirt, and maroon tie before a lower middle class congregation and a dark grey suit, white shirt, and maroon tie before upper middle class congregations.

Mr. Molloy warns that established clergy can get away with less authoritative dress. However, younger clergy need to dress more formally because "no matter how marvelous a minister he is, he's still 'a kid' to the 60-year-old parishioner." —E.P.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION— GENERAL SECRETARYSHIP

FWCC invites applications from Friends (women and men) for the post of General Secretary in the FWCC world office at present based in London. The position becomes vacant because William Barton reaches retirement age (65) on 4th June 1980. The assignment begins on 1st May, 1980, to allow a period of overlap with William Barton.

This important post offers exceptional scope for responsibility and initiative in helping to implement FWCC's unique role of international communication among Friends. First-hand knowledge of Quaker life and work among Friends of varying background and in different parts of the world would be a significant advantage as would public-speaking and minute-writing abilities.

The assignment will be for three years in the first instance, subject to the conditions set out in a formal contract. Salary will be based on experience and qualifications. Any pension rights will be a matter for mutual arrangement.

Applications (by airmail from overseas) with names and addresses of two referees should reach The Chairman, FWCC, Drayton House, 30 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AX, England, by not later than 1st June, 1979, earlier if possible.

Disciples' Meeting Emphasizes Small Church, Youth Ministry

ST. LOUIS—Regional executives of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) discussed priorities for the denomination's future ministry at their annual conference here. Two issues that they stressed were the needs of small churches and youth ministry.

Sixty-seven leaders from 34 of the denomination's 35 regions participated in a three-hour discussion on a small church project in the northwest states, led by Rev. David J. Brown.

In a discussion of small church problems, Mr. Brown told the assembly the church has "got to stop feeling guilty about numbers and get at evangelism. It has been ignored too long. Sharing the Good News does not mean numerical growth."

The regional executives also recommended that the denomination give youth ministries higher priority in future programming. The recommendation to the executive committee asks for "adequate funding and staffing" of youth ministry, a "clearly defined organization" for youth ministry at all levels of the church, and a stronger youth stewardship program.

—E.P.

International Evangelical Leaders Express Confidence in Expansion Plans of World Evangelical Fellowship

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA—"The 20th Century is facing the greatest expansion of the Gospel in world history, and the great new fact of our time is that the church now exists in every land," announced Waldron (Scotty) Scott, general secretary of World Evangelical Fellowship, Inc., in his report of expansion plans to key evangelical leaders and the stateside board of the WEF.

Everett Graffam, formerly with the World Relief Commission of NAE, is now director of development of WEF, and Everett Cattell is a former president of WEF.

—W.E.F.

The Good News Bible Sells Seven Million Copies

NEW YORK, NEW YORK—Well over seven million copies of the *Good News Bible*, which was published just two years ago, are now in circulation in the U.S. and around the world, the American Bible Society has reported.

The American Bible Society was founded 162 years ago as a nonprofit, nondenominational organization.



THIS IS ^{UZIN} PZLG?

Can you answer these puzzles without any help at all? No? Then use your Bible for some help. As a last resort, see page 23 for the answers.

After you solve the puzzles, see if you can puzzle your best friends. Find out if they can discover the answers without *your* help.

'Living for Jesus'

"Living for Jesus," we sometimes say. But what does it mean, day by day? Look at these words and follow the rule; You'll need the Bible as a tool.

Rule: Exchange X for A, Z for E, Q for I, J for O, M for U.

BZ KQND (Ephesians 4:32)

BZ TRMTHFML (2 Chronicles 18:15)

LJVZ JNZ XNJTHZR (1 John 4:7)

GQVZ X TZNTH (Genesis 28:22b)

PRXY, RZXD BQBLZ (1 Timothy 2:8; Isaiah 34:16)

JBZY YJMR PXRZNTS (Ephesians 6:1)

The Bible tells you how to live;

To pray, to love, and what to give.

So read your Bible every day.

"Living for Jesus" can be *your* way!

Who Said It?

"Am I my brother's keeper?"

"Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?"

"Here am I"

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,"

"If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."

"Come after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

An Important Message

Cross out each small j and find out the important message from the Bible.

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(Puzzle solutions on page 23)



'IT COULDN'T HAPPEN TO US!'

By DONOVAN WINN FAMILY

This is Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1978, one that does mean much more than most. The past 42 days have been days of disbelief, indecision, decision, frustration, and days when things happened so fast we could hardly believe our eyes. The one comment that still runs through our minds is "It couldn't happen to us, a tornado on October 12 in Winona, Ohio." Well, it did, and this is why we are so thankful today.

We lost in less than two minutes what we had helped build for 19 years. The roofs of our hay storage and milking barns were blown off. Our machine shed was gone. The milk house and corncribs were gone or destroyed. Fences were gone too.

Why am I thankful?

1. Thankful for God's protection of us as a family.
2. Thankful that we did not lose our milking herd, our source of income.
3. Thankful for strength to go on each day.

4. Thankful for wisdom: the ability to think clearly.
5. Thankful for patience: things don't rebuild overnight.
6. Thankful for trust that we can and will continue.
7. Thankful for the absolutely wonderful response of family, friends, neighbors, carpenters, masons, and other willing people who came to our need in time of trouble.

The first days were—what do we save, what do you want done with this, with that, what can I do to help? Those who came were many. Most we knew or tried to make acquaintance with. We have now seen what the Friends Disaster Service can do. This is a worthy arm of our Yearly Meeting. Our Sunday school class and church at Damascus mean more because of the love that was shown. There were many other organizations that contributed much time and food, for which we are very grateful, too.

We still are not back to normal, with the milking herd at a barn owned by Earl Bardo. We are most grateful to the Bardo family for letting us use their barn.

Through all this we have learned to be thankful in all things; thankful for those people who cared and realize that we could not have accomplished everything that had to be done by ourselves.

The miracles that the Lord has worked out for us in our lives as a family are many.

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Why does a woman need a Will?

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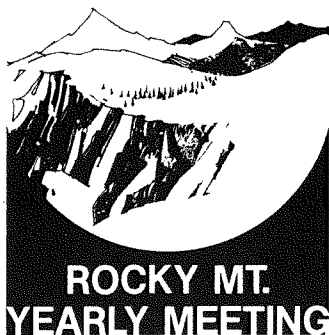
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Rocky Mt. Yearly Meeting

RMYM Briefs:

Below is a compilation of interesting news items from around the Yearly Meeting. I would like to make this a regular, ongoing part of our Friends Concerns section, but I need co-operation from everyone in the RMYM to do so. Send any item you feel is of interest to: Mike Henley, 1660 So. Shoshone, Denver, Colorado 80223. The following are especially appropriate: new ministries, pastoral or staff changes, church needs, prayer needs, unusual events, or other newsworthy items.

—Regional Editor

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado—Eric Van Camp from Jews for Jesus recently spoke in our church. He is an assistant professor of music on leave of absence from Iowa State University. The goal of Jews for Jesus is to present Jesus as an option to both Jewish people and Gentiles. They raise the issue of Jewishness and Christ as being not only compatible, but complementary.

FORT COLLINS, Colorado—Several of the members of the Fort Collins Friends meeting are working toward reading the complete Bible in 1979.

PENROSE, Colorado—Recently the high school class participated in a contest held in Sunday school that included Bible memorization, attendance, Bible reading. David Kurek won first place, while Patty Boyer took second place. They each won spending money for a church trip this summer.

Rough Rock Thoughts

Attending a recent prayer meeting turned out to be quite an experience. Our ride to the meeting in the mission carryall was quite a bumpy experience because the roads were so rough.

Deep ruts showed signs of vehicles that had fought through mud. A detour guided us away from a deep gorge in the road, made by running water. It was evident we could make no speed record on the trip.

Our purpose in going was to hold a prayer meeting at the request of a family. After knocking we were wel-

comed inside. The only light was a kerosene lamp and light from a fire in a coal stove. We sat on a bed, chair, or on the cabin's floor. On a bed nearby two boys were lying sick with bad colds. The father seated on the floor was also sick.

Our prayer service opened with several songs. Seated close to the lamp, Amos Redhair was able to see enough to read his Scripture lesson. Words of exhortation followed, urging hearts to give a faithful witness for Christ by their lives.

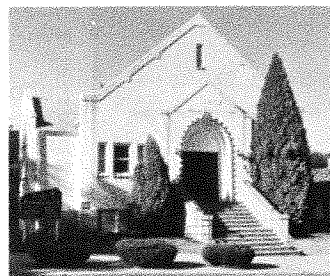
Sincere requests were made by the Christian mother for her wayward husband, sons, and daughters. Amos endeavored to urge the father to pray for forgiveness. He had tried at various times to live the Christian life, but never would remain true. Finally he prayed.

At the close of the service, Amos spoke words of encouragement to the father. Another prayer service was scheduled for the following week. This would be an opportunity to give more spiritual help.

I had mingled feelings as we left. Satan will try his best to discourage the new convert. We must commit him to God's care, who knows the soul's needs much more than we do. It is a real consolation to know his faithful wife stands by, with her strong faith in God, which had taken her through many hard places in her Christian life.

Focus on Pueblo Friends

The First Pueblo Friends Church began in 1925 as a tent meeting held by Claude and Lavina Wilson, who later became the first pastors. On October 2, 1925, Denver Quarterly



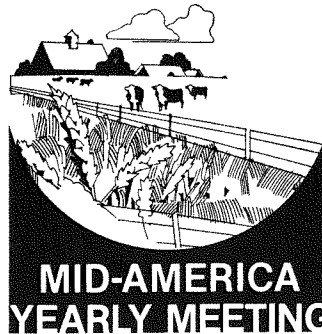
Meeting set the Pueblo meeting as a monthly meeting. Jerry Mercer was the present pastor.

In the past two years the church has not grown so much in number as it has in God's Spirit.

The prayer need for this church is: God, make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love, fellowship, and heavenly care; and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and hate. Make the threshold low enough to be no stumbling block to children, weakness, or straying feet, but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power.

The church's goals are to continually walk in God's leading, and to not be afraid to step out in faith.

Your prayers are appreciated.



Mid-America States Plan "New Call" Follow-Up

Newton, Kansas—Aiming for more involvement from peace church members, a follow-up meeting of the New Call to Peacemaking will be held at the Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton, March 2-3.

Intended for six states—Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Missouri—the meeting, say organizers, will be open to the general public. This is a departure from earlier delegate meetings during 1977-78, which culminated in the national New Call to Peacemaking conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin, October 5-8, 1978. That national conference called for the historic peace churches—Brethren, Friends, and Mennonites—to work hard at strengthening interdenominational peace efforts on a regional and local level.

To kick off the opening Friday evening session, Howard Macy of Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, will speak on "The Biblical Foundation for Peacemaking." Saturday workshops will deal with conflict resolution, tax resistance, and the World Peace Tax Fund, economic conversion and the arms race, and resources for peace education.

Harold Regier, Newton, secretary for peace and social concerns of the General Conference of Mennonites, chairs the area steering committee. Other members of the committee, all of whom live in Kansas, are Leland Lengle of McPherson, Galen Hinshaw of Emporia, and Edith Stucky of McPherson.

A registration fee of \$5 has been set for individuals; couples will be charged \$7.50, and students \$3.00. Inquiries may be directed to Harold Regier, Box 347, Newton, Kansas 67114.

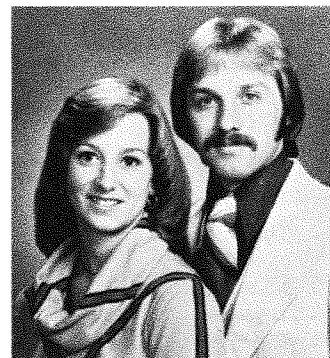
The Glen Elder Friends Church wishes to invite former pastors and members to celebrate 100 years of ministry June 3, 1979.

People You Ought To Know

(Second in a series of personality profiles of those who serve among us.)

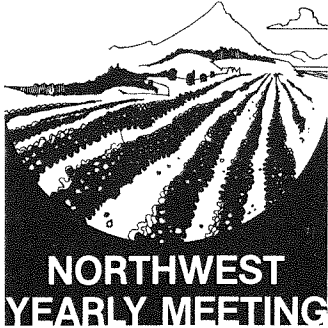
Larry and Shirley Mendenhall started their full-time ministry in July 1978, which has taken them into various denominations as well as many Friends meetings across the United States. Their ministry brings a wealth of musical and vocal talent along with a vibrant testimony that states: "We love Jesus Christ, our personal Lord and Savior, with all of our heart, and we resolve that this ministry will exalt Him, the Son of God."

Larry is from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mendenhall. Shirley is from Haviland, Kansas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Binford. Larry is a graduate of Friends Bible College and has served Haviland Friends Church in the position of Christian Education and Youth Director. Shirley has had two years at FBC and has served the Haviland church as a high school youth sponsor and a Sunday school teacher.



The purpose of Larry and Shirley's ministry is to help the Christian use God's Word in his daily life. "The Practical Use of Faith" is their theme for this year. Their program combines gospel music (some of it original), comedy, worship, fellowship, and practical helps on how to use the Word. They confront people everywhere with biblical truths and ways to carry them out. The Mendenhalls are available for youth camps, retreats (for any age), concerts, one-day or evening services; but their primary thrust is toward sharing in a seminar approach or a week of Christian renewal meetings for four to five days. Their home is a travel trailer and their support is through love gifts or offerings.

The Mendenhalls' itinerary for the coming months is as follows: January-February—Colorado; March-April—Northwest Yearly Meeting; May—Kansas; June-July—Kansas area and preparation for new year; August—Mid-America Yearly Meeting. Fall schedule will begin in Kansas. The Mendenhalls can be contacted by mail at: Box 44, Haviland, KS 67059.



Ralph Palmen to Speak At NWYM Men's Retreat In March

Guest speaker for the Men's Retreat to be held at Twin Rocks Conference Center March 9-11 will be Ralph Palmen, vice-president of Sherwood and Roberts, Inc., of Seattle, Washington. J. D. Baker, president of the men's organization, announces the theme of the weekend, "Will Friends Men Make a Difference?" There will be sessions on personal life, family life, business life, community life, and church life.

Palmen has authored many articles on executive development and selling skills. He comes with wide experience in human relations and motivation, as he supervises over 800 salespeople in 19 real estate offices in four states, with sales in excess of \$175 million.

Men of Northwest Yearly Meeting Friends churches are encouraged to reserve March 9-11 for the Men's Retreat and plan to attend.

Superintendent's Corner

Returning from Washington, D.C., recently, I attended part of a conference in Richmond, Indiana, on "Quaker Roots—Launching a New Dream." Because of commitments back in Northwest Yearly Meeting, I missed messages by Don Green but heard Elton Trueblood twice. I consider him, even at 78 years of age, one of the most creative thinkers on the scene today. He promised us he was using new material in this conference. I'd like to fill this column this month with some quotes and ideas from Elton Trueblood:

On the vision of wholeness, "I don't see any way you can be a good Friends pastor without knowing John Woolman. He, more than others, had the vision of wholeness—the roots and the fruits. He was simple, loving, gentle, but bold." Some think if you have enough social gospel you don't need a personal gospel. The two must be wed. There were many acts of gross immorality on the Selma march.

On the subject of Christ as center, "Quakers without Christ cannot deny that it was not religion that changed George Fox. It was Christ. Jim Jones had religion. Marxism is religion. I put belief in Christ before

belief in God. Nearly all I know of God I learned through Christ. Quakerism that understands itself is the most Christ-centered Christianity there is."

On discipline, Trueblood quoted William Penn, "There is a time and place for everything." He said his rule is to go to bed by 10:00. "I am too busy to stay up later. What if a whole congregation observed a 10:00 p.m. bedtime? The each-one-do-his-own-thing philosophy may have been the most vulgar idea ever perpetrated. In Jesus' concept of freedom (John 8:31-32), freedom is at the end of the process, not at the beginning. Discipline is the price of freedom. I've never disciplined my fingers to set them free to play the piano."

Trueblood said his friend Eli Lilly wrote a history of his church and in it he reached the conclusion that he didn't want to reach—that the ups and downs depended almost entirely on the pastor—on his vision.

On Quaker use of plain language, "Thou is the true singular of the second person. You is the plural. Early Quakers understood God was one and that He was present. *Thou* was the most intimate and reverent word in the world to them."

To pastors: "The Bible says that if a plant doesn't bear fruit, we are to put manure on it for one more year and then dig it up. So you preachers are manure-spreaders."

"It's a great ministry to give and loan books—the keys to the kingdom. A third-rate church never has a book table."

I went to that conference to present my dream—that Friends might pool their resources and produce a quality dramatic documentary film on our Quaker heritage. People at the conference supported this idea strongly. Some felt it should be a two-hour movie with quality enough to be shown in theaters. Why should we let Hollywood mold the image of Quakers? I feel that if Quakers are ever to be any kind of a united force, it may come through a return to the spiritual strength of our roots. Pray with me for the fulfillment of that dream.

—Norval Hadley

Thanksgiving at Piedmont

Thanksgiving dinners are customary in November, but Thanksgiving dinner at Piedmont Friends Church in Portland, Oregon, is unique. Each year the families of the Friends for Kids program are invited to dinner at the church the Thursday evening preceding Thanksgiving day. The other Friends churches in Portland assist.

This year 165 people shared in this interracial fellowship. The women of Piedmont prepared the turkey and dressing; Lents provided foil-wrapped bread ready for warming; Lynwood baked pumpkin and apple pies; Clackamas park delivered pans of scalloped potatoes. A crew of young adults came from Reedwood to serve and help in the kitchen so



the Piedmont members could mingle with the guests.

The tables were decorated with placemats made by the junior girls. The bulletin boards featured Thanksgiving cards, also made by them. Natural materials for these were gathered by the girls on a Saturday outing. Pictures of the summer activities were on another board and shared by the parents. Curtis Field wore his leather visor made in his craft class. Roger and Debbie Hadley are providing leadership for crafts.

Before the dinner the guests assembled in the sanctuary to watch the film *Little Indian*. The Kids sang "I Feel It" accompanied by Alvin Johnson. This was composed by Andrae Crouch, whose concert was another of the extra activities experienced by the junior highs. The group adjourned to the basement where dinner was served.

Every chair in the church was used, and many waited to eat at a second table while visiting with the guests. Like the loaves and fishes of old, the food was multiplied, with everyone satisfied and food left over. By nine o'clock the vans had made their last trips, with many parents expressing their appreciation for the dinner and also for the weekly program. Thanksgiving dinner at Piedmont was over until next November.

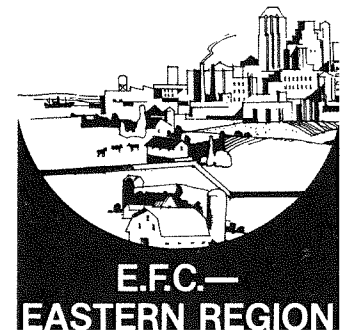
David LeShana Speaks At Midwinter '78 at Twin Rocks

David LeShana, president of George Fox College, was the speaker for the high school Midwinter Conference held December 28-January 1 at Twin Rocks Conference Center.

Centering around the theme, "All Things Have Become New," LeShana challenged the young people with the Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:17, where Paul declares that a person who has become a Christian is a new person inside. His messages included the topics: A New Beginning to Life, A New Understanding of Sin, A New Challenge to Commitment, and A New Dimension to Success.

The conference schedule included classes with Gunnar Payne on why growth is essential to new life; Ernie Cathcart on relationships—beginning new relationships and ending other relationships; and Edna Springer on the end times of the earth and the beginning of a new relationship with our Lord after His second coming.

About 150 high schoolers from Washington, Idaho, and Oregon attended the conference, planned and directed by Jim LeShana and Lauri Willett.



What the Simpsons Found Out About Wills

Robert Simpson could think of about 29 things he would rather have been doing on a Saturday morning, but he was on his way to an attorney's office, just to please his wife, Joan. He had already decided that writing a will was a waste of time and money at his age, but he had agreed to talk to an attorney about it.

Joan kept leaving articles lying around in unobtrusive places, like his breakfast plate, telling him what happens when people die without wills. Not that Robert objected to reading at the table, but he preferred the sports section.

So here they were, seated in the attorney's office, wasting a perfectly good golf day.

They had barely sat down when the lawyer started asking questions—names, addresses, property owned, bank accounts, stocks, pension plan, life insurance, collections.

Robert began to feel much wealthier than he had thought he was. He found his list of worldly possessions surprisingly long.

The attorney continued asking questions and making notes on a form.

"How do you want your estate distributed at your death?"

"That's easy," Robert answered, "everything to Joan."

"And you, Joan?"

"Ditto," she said, "everything to Robert." Robert started to get up, assuming everything was settled. He might get some golf in after all.

"Oh, except the old family portraits and antiques," Joan added. "They should go back to Mother's side of the family. They wouldn't mean anything to Robert."

That reminded Robert of something. "I suppose you ought to put in

about my old coins going to my brother's boy."

"What would you want to do if you both died at the same time?" asked the attorney. "Since you have no children, this would be especially important for you to include in your will."

Joan and Robert agreed they would want most of their property to go to Aunt Alice who had helped them both through their last years of college. If Aunt Alice died before they did, they would want their property to go to their church.

This is a fictitious example, based on the kinds of questions that come up when people write their wills. It helps explain why wills are important to accomplish lifetime goals and provide for loved ones.

While you are considering writing or updating your will, send for our helpful booklet, "37 Things People 'Know' About Wills That Aren't Really So." Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, 1201 30th Street N.W., Canton, Ohio 44709. No charge.

was closed with prayer by the Stewardship Committee chairman.

Special meetings were held in our church the week beginning November 5. It was a time of spiritual renewal and growth, with Dr. Lowell Roberts from Wilmore, Kentucky, as the guest speaker.

CAMAS, Washington

Greetings from Camas Friends Church. As we do not have a pastor at present, our people are doing a good job keeping the Lord's work going. In October we had Lowell Roberts for a week of special meetings.

We have had many good men fill the pulpit each Sunday. Thanks to Reedwood Friends and much appreciation to Charles Hanson and Ray Barnes.

December 3 we had a Senior Citizen's Day, with seniors taking part in the program and a dinner at the church.

We are meeting in homes for evening meetings with Errol Templer leading. A group of our women meet every Tuesday morning for prayer.

CLINTON CORNERS, New York

On October 8 Clinton and Ruth Tatsch shared some of their experiences during a world tour on which they visited many mission fields, including Taiwan, Japan, India, and South Africa. They showed slides and described some of their activities. Ruth, a registered nurse, had been a missionary in Johannesburg, South Africa, for many years.

COLLINSVILLE, Oklahoma

After nine years of service to our meeting, Pastor Cooper Beaty shares that what is happening here is God's doings and He gets the glory. Seven members of this congregation are in training for the ministry; seven others are already engaged in a full-time ministry, besides five who are involved in part-time work for the Lord. We have lost several families who have taken work elsewhere, but God sends others. So our morning attendance remains about 100 to 120.

As of September, Jim Evans, formerly associate pastor at Riverton, Kansas, is our director of Christian education. He and his wife Bonnie have begun Junior Church.

DAMASCUS, Ohio

Homecoming was held November 25-26 with Earl and Catherine Smith, Russell Myers, and former ladies' trio, Edna Henry, Wanda Snoddy, and Evelyn Steer, participating. Games were held on Saturday at the junior high school, followed by a chili and oyster supper. Breakfast was shared Sunday morning before Sunday school.

An annual Senior Citizens' Tea was held December 5 sponsored by the Barbara Brantingham-Rebecca Coleman Missionary Circle.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

A mortgage-burning service was held November 19 when the mortgage on our new parsonage was paid off several years in advance. Also, a dedication service was held recently for our new piano and organ. Special guest musician, Marshall Bailey, and our own pianist, Mrs. Nancy Howenstein, had the concert program dedicating these instruments. The Lord has blessed our church richly.

FORT COLLINS, Colorado

Late last fall the Fort Collins Friends Church started a very exciting project—faith promise giving. For several months, on the first Sunday we had been promoting faith promise giving.

On November 11 we held a missions conference. Ferne Cook of Greeley, Colorado, was our speaker



(above with Olen Ellis, left, and Lowell Weinacht). She spoke in a Saturday night following the dinner and on Sunday morning. She brought with her several interesting artifacts from Africa, and told of her visit there.

That Sunday we viewed the film *Master Controlled*.

Byron Nielsen provided us with special music Saturday during the dinner hour. Special music on Sunday was by our women's group—



(from left) Anita Wemple, Naomi Weinacht, Dorothy Terrel, and Norma Anway.

The exciting part is that we decided to give God a chance to work through us, and accepted faith promise giving. We had been praying about this for some time, and listening for God's guidance. The amount

FRIENDS GATHER

ALLIANCE, Ohio

The Junior Friends Youth took cookies to the police station and received a tour of the department.

When the Senior Youth group learned of the illness of Pastor Earl Bailey of Canton, they gave up their plans for a Rock-A-Thon to raise money for Midwinter Retreat. Pastor Earl has been ill for quite some time and his rental property has been left in very sad condition. The youth got it cleaned up and in shape for renting again. Our youth leaders are Jim and Sheila Moore.

Faith Promise commitments for 1979 have reached \$22,000. Our Thanksgiving offering, which goes to WRC, was over \$1,900. We thank God.

ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

A Church Family Thanksgiving dinner was held on Monday evening, November 20, at a local grange hall. Pastor Joseph and Marlene Miller hosted the turkey dinner, with 105 persons attending. After the meal, there was a fun time led by Keith, Jan, and Bev Deel. The evening closed with singing and devotions.

BYHALIA, Ohio

We appreciate our new pastor, Don Murray, Jr. His messages are very plain, encouraging, and challenging. On October 29 we had an "International Dinner" and on November 19 a special fellowship dinner followed the Ingathering offering.

BATTLE CREEK, Michigan

November 10-12 revival services were held with Mike Grogan, pastor of Poland-Bethel Friends Church. Saturday morning a workshop was held on church growth, which ended in setting a goal for church growth in five years.

Elective Sunday school classes began in September with "Proverbs" and "New Testament Survey." "Biblical Beliefs" began in December. The attendance in adult Sunday school has increased 40 percent.

The Friends Youth raised over \$75 for EFC-ER Youth Mission projects through a "Slave Day." Every five to six weeks the Friends Youth sponsor a film in our Friends Community Center for the purpose of reaching other youth for Christ.

Each Tuesday evening, concerned people gather at the church for a "Care and Share Time."

BOISE, Idaho

Our Area Missionary Rally was held in Caldwell on Sunday, October 15. Robert Hess, executive director of Evangelical Friends Mission, was the speaker.

We had the dedication of our building addition on Sunday morning, October 15. Scripture was read by the clerk, a statement of appreciation was given by the Trustees chairman, and Carol Roberts sang, "Bless This House." The pastor read the Act of Dedication and the dedication

stated on our cards when they were totaled was outstanding, and now we can watch to see how God will provide through us for His work.

FOWLER, Kansas

Our Friends youth group has been busy the last couple of months. In November they, along with several sponsors, held their annual "bake-in." Their proceeds were in excess of \$200. Then, 10 of our youth attended the Midwinter Retreat at Quaker Ridge in Colorado.

We are also happy to report two church improvements: there is a new street light on the corner of the church property, made possible by the Chaney, Routen, Zortman families, and others; we have also purchased new microphones and necessary equipment for the public address system in the sanctuary. We are thankful for these additions.

FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

The 50th wedding anniversary of George and Helen Schultz was observed the first Sunday in November.

We have been busy lately helping people. Several families were helped with Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas boxes. We have a Dorcas Pantry for distribution to the needy. Several visits have been made to the Union County Manor for Senior Citizens providing a religious atmosphere and light refreshments.

November 19-26 revival services were held with Richard A. Smith as evangelist.

The Youth Group has been having paper and scrap drives and have just finished a whole hog sausage sale. Approximately 400 pounds of meat were sold.

GLEN ELDER, Kansas

Kim Fine was our guest speaker in November. She related to us how she was liberated from the grip of liquor, drugs, and fear by the transforming experience of accepting Jesus into her heart. Her home church is the Friends church of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

We were glad to have Gerald and Marjorie Teague in our services in November. Gerald brought the message in the morning worship. We then adjourned to the fellowship hall to enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner. The pastors, Bob and Mary Beth Winters, were given a grocery shower at the close of the noon meal.

The following memorial gifts have recently been given to our church: a

Puzzle solutions from "Once Upon a Time"

(1.) Be kind; Be truthful; Love one another; Give a tenth; Pray, read Bible; Obey your parents.

(2.) Cain (Genesis 4:9); Miriam (Exodus 1:7); Samuel (1 Samuel 3:4); Angel (Luke 2:10); Devil (Matthew 4:3); Jesus (Mark 1:17)

Bell and Howell movie projector in memory of Dale Porter by his wife Maxine, and new hymnals in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Long and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson by their grandchildren, Dawn, Thayne, and Shelly Thompson.

HESPER, Kansas

This year our Christmas program was different from anything we have had before. The pastor, Alden Pitts, with two high school boys, Rick Lutz and Gary Dahlem, took pictures as we went into the homes of our congregation and community. As the slides were shown at the program, we had a tape recording of what these family members reported that Christmas meant to them. There were special numbers, Christmas carols, and a fellowship supper, which all added up to a new appreciation for a Christmas program.

Our young people have been very faithful to their Wednesday evening gathering. During the evening their pastor leads in a Bible study, and then time is spent in prayer, sharing, and practicing of musical numbers. Refreshments and fellowship follow.

HUGHESVILLE, Pennsylvania

A steeple has been erected on our church and greatly adds to the beauty. A cross adorns the top of the steeple.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon

Ron and Carolyn Stansell, missionaries on furlough from Bolivia, were featured speakers at our missions conference, October 27-29. EFA Missions Director Robert Hess closed the conference with a Sunday evening address.

Diane and Bill Hopper have done great things here in the past two years, Bill in church planning and administration, Diane in developing a strong music program. On December 3 Diane directed *Down by the Creek Bank*, a children's musical play written by Dottie Rambo. On December 23 The Hopper Family, with kids Rich, Michelle, and Michael, presented a farewell concert of singing and testimony. The Hoppers are moving to Salem, where Bill is employed at the head office of the State Welfare Department.

MELBA, Idaho

A Christmas play *The Wonderful Magic of Christmas* involving all ages was presented under the direction of Wanda Clarkson. Treats were given out following the play. Open house at the parsonage climaxed the evening.

Our church continues to be involved in community activities: Senior Citizens meet once a month for a special dinner; meals are taken to shut-ins; several ladies meet each week for painting and knitting and fellowship. Home Bible studies are an important part of Melba Friends ministry. Girl scouts and Brownies meet in our building each week.

MORNINGSIDE, Port St. Lucie, Florida

November was "study month" for the fellowship, with a continued study of the Friends Church and its doctrines, a series of messages on "The Highway of Holiness" from Isaiah 35, a study of Colossians, and the study of *The Spirit of Holiness* by Everett L. Cattell.

Also our pastor trained seven persons in the Stow Home Bible Study program. On November 29 studies were held in five homes as a conclusion to the training program.

The program for our November Fellowship Supper on November 5 was a play written and given by inmates at the Indian River Correctional Institution. "JOB: 1978" was the title of the very interesting and well-done presentation.

MT. PLEASANT, Ohio

Several of our youth participated in the 11-mile Crop Walk for Hunger that was held October 1. On October 25 we hosted the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Sunshine Services are held the First Thursday evening of each month at the Reynolds' Nursing Home, sponsored by the Missionary Society.

NEWBERG, Oregon

Ron Woodward presented a Sunday evening series during November on theological themes in the *Narnia Chronicles* by C. S. Lewis.

On December 3 the church choir, dressed in native costumes, introduced the Christmas season with Christmas songs from around the world. Jack Loo, a well-known youth speaker, shared a devotional message.

Amahl and the Night Visitors was presented by the choir on Sunday afternoon, December 24.

January is family month. The pastors are bringing a series of Sunday morning messages relating to the family.

NEWPORT NEWS, Virginia

"Operation Outreach" has been started with its goal of winning people for Christ. Our pastor, Owen Glassburn, is conducting a "New Converts Class," which has grown in number. The Holy Spirit has truly been working in our church.

The young people have a choir called "The Overseers" that conducts the service in the evening of each fifth Sunday night. Also they are giving concerts in other churches.

NORTH VALLEY, Newberg, Oregon

The month of November brought in many blessings for North Valley Friends Church. The WMU had their annual Christmas bazaar, November 17-18. The \$150 that was raised went toward our Pastor Roger's trip to the mission field (November 28-December 23). November 1 we had Bob Rez sharing his puppet show with us and an all-church fellowship potluck.

November 19 our World Relief Offering brought in \$812. Praise the Lord! We received 15 new pews this month for our sanctuary to accommodate 115 more people. Thank the Lord for a growing church!

December brought Roy Clark, pastor of West Chehalem Friends Church, to share with us while our pastor was gone. December 20 we ended the second session of our home Bible study group meetings with an all-church potluck fellowship and with Ron and Carolyn Stansell and family sharing with us. What started as a trial session of Bible studies has turned out so successful that we started our third session of home Bible study groups on January 3, 1979.

OLYMPIC VIEW, Tacoma, Washington

The Christmas program on December, written and produced by Gerri Sugden, was very well-attended and there was an air of expectancy as the lights were dimmed. We were not disappointed! The Christmas story is forever new and to hear it so beautifully narrated by the young people, together with the slide presentation, gave to the sanctuary the sense of a divine Presence. The younger children enhanced this feeling as they sang carols during the interval.

The Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve, the first of what is to be an annual event, was very much enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended.

RAMONA, Oklahoma

Pastor Roman Ward reports that they had 125 in attendance at their Christmas program. At the conclusion of the presentation, "In the Fullness of Time," directed by Norma Black, a man accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

The month of December was filled with two caroling parties, a pizza party after the Christmas program, and praise to our heavenly Father for what He has done for us.

REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

The Reedwood Library Open House was well attended recently. A new reading table and book return and display rack designed by the committee and built by Lawrence Lovegren adds a great deal to the efficiency and appearance of this splendid facility in our church.

Christmas was a busy time at Reedwood. The George Fox College Oratorio Choir and Orchestra presented a Christmas concert December 10. The Young at Heart Club held a Christmas dinner December 11. December 17 in the evening our annual Holiday Dessert was held in the Friendship Center. This featured finger foods from many ethnic origins. At 7:30 p.m. our Children's Christmas program was given in the sanctuary with Dan and Wendy Martin in charge. We held our annual Christmas Eve worship

beginning at 9:30 p.m. and featuring music and candlelight.

Kara Cole left January 8 for Richmond, Indiana, to begin her responsibilities as administrative secretary for Friends United Meeting.

SALEM FIRST, Ohio

A real renewal was experienced November 12-15 when William Wagner from the Sarasota Friends (Florida) extension was guest speaker, and Gary Robinson served as musician.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

An exciting contest was held with the men and women competing—the women were the winners! The Sunday School contest involved attendance, bringing Bibles to service, and bringing guests.

At the end of October, a homecoming dinner was held with a singspiration following.

Fourteen members of our church attended the Church Growth Seminar held at Malone College in December.

The Thanksgiving season resulted in some uplifting meetings. Our pastor participated in a Community Thanksgiving service. Also, the Norma Freer Missionary Society had as their guests ladies from the Mt. Pleasant Friends Church for a Thanksgiving program and luncheon.

SOUTH EAST, Salem, Ohio

We were privileged to have Willis Miller for one Sunday morning and three evening services during the month of December. He spoke on "Bible Prophecy."

December 8-10 the FY was host to a youth retreat with the youth from Pellam Friends Church in Canada.

December 17 our 22-member Junior Choir presented a lovely children's Christmas cantata "Jesus Is Born." December 24 our adult choir presented the cantata, "The Joyous News of Christmas."

URBANA, Ohio

Much encouragement and help was experienced when Harold Wyandt, our district superintendent, preached Spirit-inspired messages recently for a weekend meeting.

Our Sunday school has begun an excellent "Go, Teach" program with projects for each class consisting of contests, Scripture memorization, and visitation.

The residents of the Champaign County Nursing Home deeply appreciate the monthly services held by several members of our church. Lay members give short messages and provide special music.

WILLOW CREEK, Kansas City, Missouri

We have recently had some activities that have added positively to the quality of our church life here at Willow Creek. First was the Christmas Stocking Dinner. Marilyn Cresto and her crew planned a wonderful evening of fun, food and fellowship for all of us. There were 25 recent newcomers or visitors among the 65 present.

Second was the Christmas cantata by our adult choir presented during the morning worship service. It was a privilege to have our pastor, Greg Harris, direct this. Then third was the children's Christmas program that evening. We had a splendid presentation by the directors, children, and puppeteers. They all worked hard and did a fine job.

WINONA, Ohio

During the Thanksgiving season we had a Show 'n Tell, Thank 'n Praise service. Everyone brought an item that showed or symbolized something for which they were thankful during the past year. Examples were Christian books, a Christian record album, new babies, medicine, pictures of our church, a new garage, and family members (some of whom nearly lost their lives this past year).

We have started a new Sunday evening format. Instead of 7:30 services, we now begin at 6:30 with a 45-minute vesper service followed by some type of fellowship. One evening we were to invite someone from the congregation to our homes. On other evenings we have refreshments in our fellowship hall. Our attendance has increased substantially as a result.

MARRIAGES

ALLEN-ANKENY. Susan Allen and Scott Ankeny, December 17, 1978, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

HUDSON-WELLING. Tami Hudson and John Welling, October 7, 1978, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

MANLEY-ROGERS. Launi Manley and Dale Rogers, December 2, 1978, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

McCUE-KINKUS. Nina McCue and William Kindus, October 2, 1978, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

PRUITT-WILSON. Patricia Pruitt and Keith Wilson, November 25, 1978, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

RACKLEY-BROZOBIC. Vickie Jo Rackley and John E. Brozobic, January 13, 1979, Friendswood, Texas.

RANGER-KELLEY. Brenda Ranger and Timothy Kelley, August 26, 1978, Battle Creek, Michigan.

RUTHRAUFF-GRAHAM. Bertie Ruthrauff and David Graham, November 25, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

SAVAGE-BRODOCK. Denise Savage and Thomas Brodock, November 4, 1978, Battle Creek, Michigan.

SMITH-BENKE. Connie Smith and Brad Benke, December 16, Omaha, Nebraska.

SPOKE-WASHO. Joyce Spoke and Capt. William Washo, November 30, 1978, Newport News, Virginia.

TARVES-BUTLER. Merrilee Tarves and Carl Robert Butler, III, November 25, 1978, Dublin, Indiana.

WELSHANS-DOOLIN. Nannette Welshans and Randall Doolin, November 3, 1978, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

WHITTLESEY-REMPEL. Rachel Whittlesey and Evan Rempel, September 16, 1978, Forest Grove, Oregon.

DEATHS

CARPENTER—Floyd E. Carpenter, 63, January 6, 1979, Pratt, Kansas.

COX—Hadley Cox, of University Friends, January 3, 1979, Wichita, Kansas.

DUDLEY—Earl Winston Dudley, October 4, 1978, Newport News, Virginia.

FINK—Charles Fink, 71, November 11, 1978, Alliance, Ohio.

GOLDSMITH—William W. Goldsmith, 78, December 21, 1978, Haviland, Kansas.

GROVER—Mary Ellen Grover, 97, November 26, 1978, Liberal, Kansas.

JONES—Richard Lisle Jones, 69, June 24, 1978, Las Animas, Colorado.

KESTER—Harrison Kester, a minister, 81, October 19, 1978, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

NITTINGER—Betty Nittinger, November 29, 1978, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

RIFFLE—Geraldine Riffle, 49, November 13, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

WANK—Dorothy Wank, 63, November 22, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

AKERS—To Rodney and Lynn Akers, a daughter, Shanna Lynn, October 23, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

BERGER—To Roger and Kathy Berger, a daughter, Taylor Leigh, November 16, Beloit, Ohio.

BREZINSKI—To Robert and Pam Brezinski, a son, Joshua Robert, October 23, 1978, Newport News, Virginia.

BROWN—To Anthony and Debbie Brown, a daughter, Carynn Lynae, October 26, 1978, Springfield, Colorado.

COBBS—To Jerry and Carol Cobbs, a daughter, Jean, September 2, 1978, Damascus, Ohio.

COSAND—A son, Matthew Lauren, to Wesley and Ruth Cosand, November 3, 1978, Newberg, Oregon.

CROOKS—A daughter, Rose Ann, to Jim and Arlene Crooks, December 5, 1978, Newberg, Oregon.

CUTHRELL—To Rev. Carl and Lorene Cuthrell, a son by adoption, Benjamin Dean, born September 14, 1978, Newport News, Virginia.

FORREST—To Joseph and Kathy Forrest, a son, Jason Scott, October 7, 1978, Newport News, Virginia.

FRENCH—To William and Jamie French, a son, Michael Allen, June 20, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

HARRUFF—To Carl and Paula Harruff, a son, Keith David, November 1, 1978, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

HIVELY—To David and Nancy Hively, a son, Todd Andrew, November 16, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

HOBBS—Twin daughters, Lucy Anne and Emily Jeanette, to Dan and Jan Hobbs, November 8, 1978, Newberg, Oregon.

JACKSON—To Chuck and Debbie Jackson, a daughter, Amy, August 3, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

KENNEY—A son, Paul John, to John and Cynthia (Dunlap) Kenney, December 31, 1978, Nampa, Idaho.

KRUPP—To David and Phyllis Krupp, a son, Andrew Phillip, September 2, 1978, Medford, Oregon.

MEIMER—To John and Edith Meimer, a son, James Arthur, Columbus, Ohio, November 6, 1978.

PEAK—To Brian and Melody Peak, a daughter, Michel Ann, November 14, 1978, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

RICH—A daughter, Lindsay Marie, to Don and Diana Rich, September 8, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

SHEPHERDSON—To Mark and Sue Shepherdson, a son, Jason Mark, Boise, Idaho, November 2, 1978.

SMITH—To Robert and Nancy Smith, a daughter, Elisabeth Ann, November 16, 1978, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

WALTER—To Mark and Nancy Walter, a daughter, Carol Lee, November 19, 1978, Battle Creek, Michigan.

WARNER—To Vickie and Bob Warner, a son, Joseph, November 28, 1978, Sebring, Ohio.

WEAVER—A son, Sean Colin, to Tim and Robin Weaver, December 26, 1978, Newberg, Oregon.