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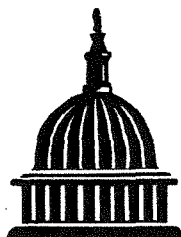


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Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.*
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A BETTER WAY TOWARD PEACE



BY MARK O. HATFIELD



George Kennen, former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

On the morning of August 6, 1945, a massive atomic cloud mushroomed over the city of Hiroshima. Within moments, between 100,000 and 140,000 human beings were incinerated. The entire city was laid to waste. I was a young naval officer awaiting the invasion of Japan. Because the atomic bomb rendered the invasion unnecessary, it probably saved my life. When I entered Hiroshima, the charred bodies were still being pulled out of the rubble. The horror that I experienced burned a lasting impression in my consciousness. To this day, it serves as a philosophical anchor—my beacon of clarity in a political arena that turns a deaf ear to those who do not speak the exotic language of megatons, kill probability ratios, and other terms that desensitize us to the true nature of nuclear war.

I had experienced the ugly reality of war in the Pacific theater but this was something entirely different. I was not the only person to conclude that unleashing of the atom against innocent human beings was probably the most significant moment in the history of mankind since the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

There were voices then, as there are voices now, offering curious reassurance that nuclear weapons are nothing



Senator Mark Hatfield is a controversial person. His clear Christian testimony and political positions seem to be in conflict for one of two groups: 1. those who view political issues more conservatively, and 2. those who view Christianity more liberally. Featured in the October 22 issue of Christianity Today, Mark Hatfield describes his spiritual pilgrimage from a "disdainful attitude toward fundamentalists." "Finally," he says, "I reached a point where I had

to make some kind of commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Master as well as Redeemer. That commitment was my real encounter with Christ." His alternative to Christian organizations who take positions, disseminate literature and propound the Christian position on government and national policies is: "the living presence of Christ in the life of the believer in every facet of society. Christ calls us to be leaven, the light, the salt. Those elements are known for their capacity to make an impact, to influence, to transform their environment. Christian political action tends to pull apart. We have a greater power, the power of the Holy Spirit working within us, expressed in love, compassion, and the other fruit of the Spirit. Why should we reduce that power, thinking we're enhancing it through organizations?"

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more than "big bombs." The bomb dropped on Hiroshima that day was primitive by modern standards. Many of the more than 50,000 nuclear weapons in the world today contain 50 times its destructive power, for a total of two million Hiroshimas or four tons of TNT for every man, woman, and child on earth.

A fundamental reality that generally escapes us even during those fleeting moments when we are forced to think about nuclear war is that the physical and psychological survival of the Hiroshima victims is largely due to the fact that a world existed beyond the disaster. As the incredible magnitude of the destruction became known medical supplies and help of all kinds were channeled to the city. If nuclear weapons are ever used again, and there is increasing reason to believe that they will be used, there will be no outside world to come to the aid of the survivors. In other words, the good news about nuclear war is that you will probably be killed; the bad news is that you might survive.

Every American president of the last three decades has warned of the danger of nuclear war. Each made grandiose expressions of his desire to eliminate nuclear weapons from the earth; yet the accumulation of nuclear weapons has continued unabated. Perhaps this is because the driving force behind nuclear weapons technology derives not from the military or the White House, but rather from a complex of scientists and technologists who are merely doing their jobs. That "job" is replacing and improving upon current weapons systems. According to the Chief Scientific Advisor to every British Prime Minister of Defense since the second world war, Lord Zukerman, "The researchers in the nuclear

weapons laboratories of both sides have succeeded in creating a world with an irrational foundation, on which a new set of political realities has in turn had to be built. Casting spells that embrace us all, they may never have been in battle, they may never have experienced the devastation of war; but they know how to devise the means of destruction. And the more destructive power there is, so, one must assume they imagine, the greater chance of military success."

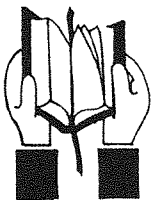
Nuclear weapons, then, pose to Americans a logic contrary to everything they know and respect about progress. The impressive level of civilization we have attained is based on technological innovation that turned dreams into reality. Our great cities and industries could not have been born if

someone had not devised the means to make them possible. In the nuclear age the reverse is true. Everything we have and everything we are will cease to exist unless we wipe out effectively the cancerous desire to improve upon our ability to inflict mass destruction.

There are those who disagree. The Reagan Administration is currently pursuing a \$4.2 billion program to relocate the American public in the event of imminent threat of nuclear war. It envisages moving Americans from 380 "high risk" areas to a number of host areas throughout the country. With boundless hope for the future an administration spokesman pointed out that "we might ask people to take food with them." The objective of this scheme, stemming from the belief that a nuclear exchange would be

BEWARE THE WRATH OF THE LAMB

BY T. CANBY JONES



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OF THE INCREASE of his government and peace there shall be no end. Why do the nations rage? He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. He shall break them to pieces.

Do we really believe that he is Counsellor? Everlasting Father? Mighty God? Prince of Peace? And that of his government there shall be no end?

Beware the wrath of the Lamb. The Lamb is pictured as a mighty warrior, riding on a white horse. He shall be called King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to smite the nations.

Thousands of people have engaged in demonstrations for a nuclear freeze, and the churches have been at the heart of this movement toward national repentance. Lord, make it happen! Keep it up, so that it becomes more than a fear of destruction, but becomes a national awareness of your sword of Truth, which cuts down all evil and all the workings of Satan, the prince of darkness, and brings us to our knees and to the feet of you—the Prince of Peace—so that all nations will remember the purpose for which human beings were



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created: to love God with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

Help us to know that there is only one ruler, and that you, Lord God, are that One, and that your Son has come to preach the Good News to those who are near and to those who are far off. Help us to enlist in this war of the Lamb against all evil, and to consecrate our lives to you as the one king, ruler, and

Lord, to whom we owe allegiance, whose conflict is fought with the weapons of love, truth, and righteousness—and above all with the sword of the Spirit, to cut down all the evil in Pentagon and Kremlin, and to enter the fearful, paranoid hearts of all those in governments who build up weapons to destroy humanity. Help us to know that there is one Prince of Love, who with his sword of Light will wipe out these weapons and bury them in the bottom of the sea. Help us as people and nations and countries to trust in your cross and your power, which is the only power that redeems and delivers, that saves us and brings us to our knees in repentance and forgiveness and new life.

Give us a vision, Lord, of your peaceable kingdom, which you have endowed for your children on this earth, as promised in the Scriptures by the prophets and by our Lord himself. Give us courage to be your prophets and apostles, and bearers of the Good News that if we give ourselves to you, you will bring peace to each of our hearts, and to every tongue and every nation on your green earth. Give us a sense that this work has already begun in our midst, and that others have also begun to spread abroad the Good News and to bear the Lord's banner, so that we can say with Paul, "Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us together in triumph, spreading the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere."

Make us worthy to be this kind of servants and apostles and visionaries and martyrs for your Son, the ruler of all nations, who loved us and gave himself for us.

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"survivable" with advance preparation, is to enable 80 percent of the American population to survive a nuclear attack.

Contrast this strange optimism with Dr. Helen Kaldicott's description of what can be expected following a nuclear war.

"Millions of rotting corpses, particularly in hot weather, will cause radiation resistant strains of bacteria, fungi and viruses to multiply and mutate—even to become more virulent. Insects such as cockroaches and flies, which are

thousands of times more resistant to radiation than humans, also will multiply. Their natural predators such as birds will be blinded or perish. The insect population will enlarge rapidly and spread swiftly into areas beyond the blast site eating crops and spreading uncontrollable infestation leading eventually to epidemics of such diseases as hepatitis, polio, typhoid, and dysentery."

A National Academy of Sciences study estimates that if only 10 percent of the superpowers' nuclear arsenals were
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THE CHRISTIAN AND THE NUCLEAR AGE

BY MARVIN HEIN



DON'T worry about nuclear war in the United States. Relax! Our government is prepared. The Post Office Department has specially prepared "change of address" cards so that forcibly evacuated citizens can continue to receive their *TV Guides* and *Playboy* magazines. You might experience a slight inconvenience of having the post offices vaporized, but cheer up: the cards are printed.

A government agency has also prepared "relocation rules" to regulate how people can inhabit houses vacated by those who have been cremated in the holocaust. Relax! The government is prepared to enforce the rules when you, the survivor, get ready to occupy the dwelling left by someone erased from the human race.

Last week I viewed a film depicting possible results of a nuclear war on our shores. My first impression, after several minutes of viewing those gory, horror pictures, was to say: "Just don't expose me to this whole rotten business." We were encouraged to show this film to our congregations. After five minutes I decided it would be too terrible. As the film continued I heard the nar-

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rator say: "There is no survival that has social value in a nuclear war." An ordinary nuclear bomb today has the clout of 80 Hiroshima A-bombs. "It is highly probable that the survivors in such a blast would envy the dead," said a doctor who referred to this issue as "the ultimate medical issue of our time."

I don't like that kind of talk. I'd like to think that because it's so terrible it will never happen. I dream that God wouldn't allow such self-destruction to occur. He has too much invested in mankind. I'd like to block out all talk about racial suicide. When the news gets about so bad, you just turn off the TV. Just don't listen!

That is precisely what the Church and many Christians do. We tune out. We disregard the uncomfortable and disturbing. What we don't know won't hurt us, we hope. We stick our heads in the sand and believe our lack of knowingness will spare us from the problem. I submit that a "head in the sand" posture is not biblical. We are stewards of this earth—and of human lives. We can't shut our eyes to worldwide destruction possibilities.

In 1 Chronicles 12:32 the sons of Issachar are described as "men who understood the times." That understanding led them to "knowledge of what Israel should do." In similar fashion we read in Esther 1:13 of the king who spoke to the wise men of that day—and they are described as people "who understood the times." It's our business to know the times. And you can't understand

the times when your head is in the sand. You have to be watching. It's like Yogi Berra said: "You can observe a lot just by watching."

My chief concern is not to suggest specific courses of action in an age of nuclear holocaust possibilities. I'm not even persuaded the best approach is to stand or sit on the steps of the White House or before Congress to witness to the sin of possible self-extermination. Neither am I opposed to those who feel they wish to express their concerns in those ways.

What I feel most strongly is that we need to be *people who understand the times*. We need to know the potential of nuclear warfare. And once we understand the times, we need to give ourselves to prayerful intercession for the world. Our congregations need to know about the powder keg on which the word sits, and then lead them to a prayerful concern, first of all, for a world that could well become a Humpty-Dumpty world—where no one can put the pieces back together again.

The Bible asks us to pray "for kings and all who are in authority." Why? "In order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." There's nothing quiet, tranquil, godly or dignified about the prospect of the world burned to a crisp. God's will is peace and wholeness. We are not simply praying for ourselves when we ask God to guide men and women so that a nuclear holocaust does not occur. It's the whole world for which we pray. The crown of God's creation (humanity) is at stake.

The feverish, impetuous movement of one irrational madman could trigger the firing of a fateful bomb. That would be terrible if it landed in our country. But would it be any less terrible if its origin was Washington, D.C., and its destination was Havana or Warsaw or Moscow? We are urged to pray for *all* kings and authorities, not simply those kings who are on *our* side. We need both to discern the times and pray for all men—and perhaps then God will guide us to further actions.

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Most of us are alarmed by the volatile state of world affairs and find along with Mr. Quaker startling contrasts between the essence of Christmas and world situations. (Cartoon by Ray Bennett)

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"President Eisenhower said upon leaving office that one of these days the people would make the governments of the world stand aside and let them have peace." This statement comes from Mark Hatfield in this month's lead article.

More than one in four voters responded to nuclear freeze resolutions November 2. Eight states and the District of Columbia approved resolutions.

This nuclear freeze movement often reflects humanitarian concern rather than Christian conviction. And some Christians, even within Friends circles, see peace as one of the electives of the Gospel. But for those of us who see the clear command of Christ through word and example calling for nonretaliation, opposition to the foolish expenditure of human and natural resources for the building of a stronger military defense becomes an act of obedience to Christ.

Our motivation for peace becomes important as we present a way of life rather than just a position on a national issue. As followers of Christ we do not have the option of distancing ourselves from the biblical standards of peace because others approach the issue from a different direction or because a *Reader's Digest* editor writes a McCarthy-type piece about communist penetration of the United States peace movement.

"Let's Be Friends" (page 10) and the editorials (page 11) complement nicely the three presentations of the nuclear armament concern on pages 2-4. "The Bible witnesses clearly that God cannot abide callousness and carnage," writes Howard Macy, "for it violates His loving purpose for all of creation. The issues may vary, but the compassion of God remains the same."

Let me recommend that you use one, if not all four, of the Christmas features on pages 6-8 for out loud family reading.

May the peace of Christ be yours this Christmas season and throughout the new year. —D.L.M.

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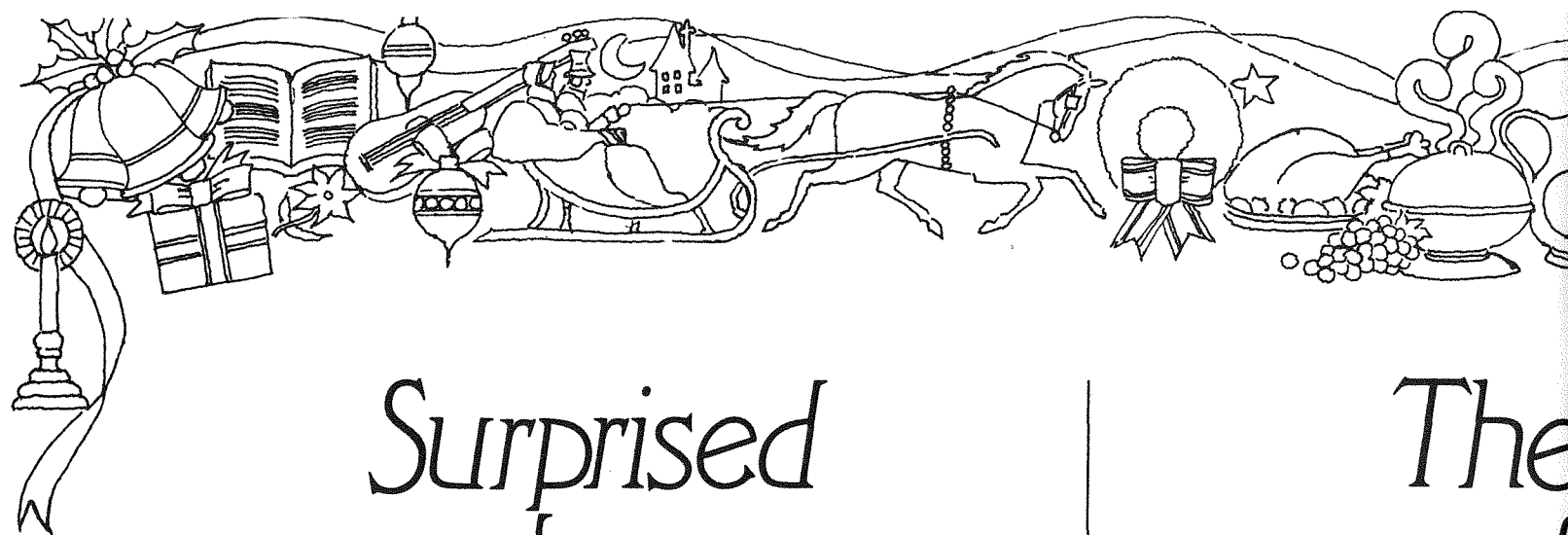
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Surprised by Joy

BY FRANCES DEVOL

CHRISTMAS Day of 1965 was unlike any other we had ever known. First, we were in the rugged Himalayan country of Nepal. Secondly, we were alone on Christmas day for the first time. Thirdly, we had no plans for the day. The previous two weeks had been full of activities with many different groups. Now all was quiet—too quiet! We were far from home, and family, and no plans of our own.

The day was crystal clear; bright sunlight contrasted the eternal snows with the azure blue beyond. It was a lovely day, just the kind to hold one of God's surprises.

What would it be?

It was easy to relive old memories of this special day with our children. They had brought so much joy into our lives, but now three of them were married and they would be having family gatherings at home, and perhaps they too were remembering those precious Christmases we had shared. Our youngest, Philip, was traveling with friends from Woodschool school in India. We were happy to have word he had reached the Hess home in time for this day. In three days we would join them to share Christmas and Council meetings. Jamie Sandoz was accompanying us. Jamie, a Quaker from Northwest Yearly Meeting, had joined our staff as a laboratory technician and had

Dr. Ezra and Frances DeVol, now living in Newberg, Oregon, are inspiring examples of Christian dedication to the entire Evangelical Friends Alliance. Veteran missionaries to China, Nepal, and India, their memories of Christmas are shared to make this season more meaningful to us all.

become a part of our family. Recalling past memories was too nostalgic. I must turn my thoughts to this present day. The question in my mind, what does the Lord have for us, was still unanswered.

Ah—a knock at the door! Who would it be? It was our hospital dietitian, Miriam Krantz, with the news that there were several people who had not received invitations from the western community for Christmas dinner.

Here was the answer to our question! The Lord's surprises are always on time! What could be better than to share our home with those who like ourselves far from their families?

The invitations were out immediately and soon eager guests were coming to lend helping hands for a festive Christmas. Joy of joys! There were three children, one a Nepali lad who had accompanied the village health nurse. There was much laughter and sharing of the customs and traditions from other lands as we prepared food and decorated the room. We had to use what we had at hand, gifts appeared from "somewhere" and were placed under the tree while the children watched with wide-eyed excitement!

Finally with everything ready we gathered around the beautiful table to offer grateful praise in song and prayer. Here we were sharing a Christmas dinner prepared by celebrants from Australia, Great Britain, Germany, Nepal, and America. We were experiencing the "Good Tidings of Great Joy" in a new way—the aloneness had vanished. Once again our Lord had shown us His love in a special time of need and turned it into an unforgettable celebration! The spontaneity of our gladness was not something contrived—it was an exuberance unplanned—to borrow the words of C. S. Lewis, we were "SURPRISED BY JOY!"

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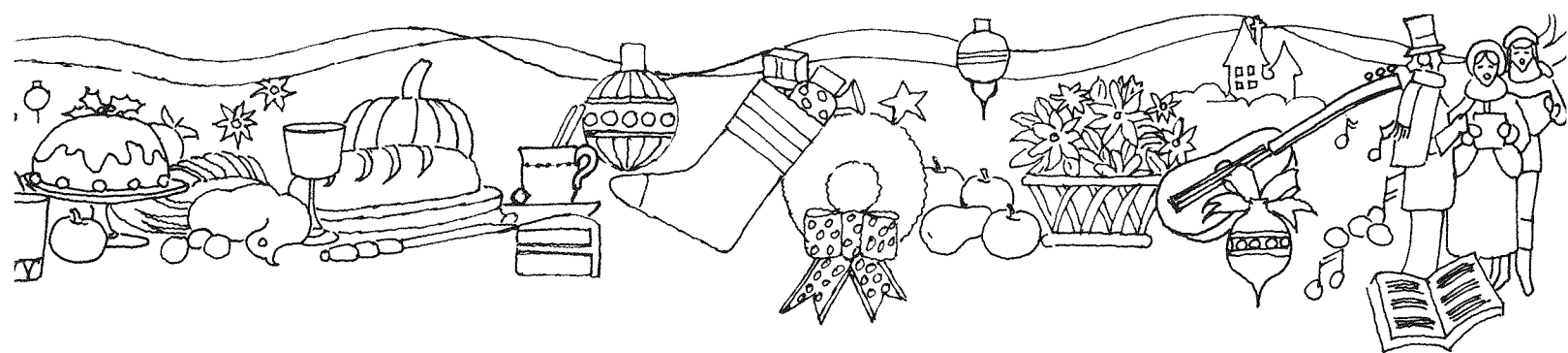
BY WILLIAM EZRA DEVOL

WHEN they had seen HIM, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this CHILD." (Luke 2:17 NIV)

How does one convey a new idea? You will talk about it, of course, probably using your hands in appropriate gestures. If you are going to do it before a group you may use charts or diagrams, or an overhead projector, or slides. If the news is very important, you will use all the means at your disposal to make the message clear.

Visual aids are especially helpful when one faces the challenge of crossing cultural and language barriers. We have endeavored to make the historical reality of Christ's birth come alive to our neighbors in India and Nepal by means of drama, a method they use very well themselves.

Our hospital complex in Chhatarpur, India, is uniquely suited for this. Our "L" shaped building is lined with verandas on the sides facing the central court. We use the separate archways as the settings for Nazareth, Mary's home, and Joseph's carpenter shop. At a little distance is the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth. The chief focus of attention is on the manger scene at Bethlehem and its nearby field, where shepherds huddle about a fire watching their sheep. Fortunately the hospital has a flat roof in just the right place for the angels to suddenly appear and startle the shepherds into action—causing them to pick up their smallest lambs and go to Bethlehem to see



Wonder It All

for themselves whether this wonderful message of the coming of their Messiah is really true.

King Herod's court is decorated with all the splendor of a Maharaja's palace, and the Temple where the Holy Child is taken for dedication has been thoughtfully planned, including the provision of two white pigeons required for the ceremony.

All the animals needed for the Christmas story are available, a donkey for Mary to ride, the cattle for the manger setting, horses for the Roman soldiers, and three camels for the wise men. (One year when our friends from the villages brought in four camels, we used the fourth one to bear the gifts for the Christ child.)

The story unfolds as our chaplain reads from Micah and Isaiah, and from the New Testament accounts. Light illuminates the characters who, being very appropriately garbed, pantomime their responses to the written word. No voice is heard except that of the narrator reading the Holy Scripture until the last scene, when the entire cast, angels and all the participants, sing together with great exaltation, "O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye . . . come let us adore HIM!"

Indian winter presents an ideal setting for this drama of dramas; it is so much like that of Judea. We are favored with a cool, clear, cloudless night, as the stars add their sparkling authenticity to this wondrous event. The crowd that came with noisy excitement leaves quietly, and, we trust, thoughtfully considering the wonder of the true story that occurred so long ago, but means so much today!

Christmas Is Joyful News

BY WAYNE L. CONANT

"**I** BRING you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone!" (Luke 2:10 LB)

It was Christmas Eve—a perfect night for the Christmas program. The moon and stars shone brightly in a cloudless sky. The sparkling snow reflected the lights from cars loaded with parents and happy children as they converged from every direction toward the church building, which was located in the center of the village. There was hardly enough parking space. Down the narrow sidewalks came people all bundled in heavy winter coats, boots, and furry mittens.

There was standing room only inside the church. The coat hooks on the back wall were bulging with coats, and the extras were piled on the rickety table in the corner. There was the inconvenience of tightly packed benches, but no one seemed to mind too much for this "special night."

The program was scheduled to begin at 6:30 because of the "little ones" and the many families who opened their presents at home on Christmas Eve. Even the "seventy-three" people didn't make too much fuss about the "change of meeting" for this "once a year affair." "After all, you have to give in a little," they agreed.

The subdued whispers of the children ceased when the organ began to release the familiar notes of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

The program began with the Old Testament prophecies related to the coming of a Redeemer, and closed with the Holy Family in the stable. The story was depicted by the small choir, narrators, angels, shepherds,

and throngs of visitors to Bethlehem. It was the same old story, and to many in the building it was just a rerun, something to be done every year—a tradition.

However, the family who played the part of Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus was not following a tradition. This was the first year in their four years of marriage that they really felt a part of the "joyful news for everyone" crowd. They had been brought through the outreach of the church members earlier in the fall. These young parents had much to learn through experience and diligent study, but they were making a meaningful beginning.

A young teen, standing third from the right in the choir, sings "O Little Town of Bethlehem" with the joy of heaven in her face. Her commitment at summer camp was reason enough to see and feel new meaning in these "old carols."

The tall slender young man, home from college for the holidays, stood on the dark side of the stage and strummed his guitar to the tune of another carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Strange place indeed for this young man—enthusiastically taking part in a church Christmas program. He had been on "trips," but not trips to church. Through dedicated and persistent outreach, this youth was caught up in the redemptive love within the church. The spotlight focused on him, and it seemed that "Angels [were] bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold." His face radiated the peace and joy of new and bold faith. This was truly a trip with real meaning!

There was no spotlight beaming on her, but four pews from the front and next to the center aisle sat one on whom "the light

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No Angel in the Sky

Indian Village
at Christmas Time

By CATHERINE CATTELL

of heaven shown." Her hair was as white as the snow that covered the roof of the little church over her. For more than half a century she had attended these programs. In fact, the first one was when her five-year-old daughter gave the "Welcome." To this earthly saint, these times were always new and refreshing. As the youth choir sang "Angels, from the Realms of Glory," her lips moved silently with the words, "Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King." Why was this so new, so real? Because, every year for so long she always practiced her worship 50 and 2 times a year before the Christmas Eve program—"come and worship!"

An old man sat in the second seat from the back on the left side. All during the program he listened intently as each person and group did their bit. When the light shown on "the Shepherds" as they knelt on the hay in the stable, a tear rolled from the old man's eye and ran slowly down his wrinkled face.

As a final part of the program, everyone was invited to sing "Joy to the World, the Lord is come." The old man's trembling hands gripped the pew ahead as he pulled himself to a standing position. Not knowing the words of the song, he listened and absorbed its message.

Quickly, he searched for his coat in the pile on the rickety table. As he trudged homeward that night, the frozen snow crunched beneath his feet. The salty tear froze on his leathery skin as he headed into the stinging north wind, but his heart was strangely warmed. He sensed an angel walking beside him saying, "Don't be afraid! I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone!" For the old man, this was not a rerun! It was a first!

THE camping party had stayed out in the villages longer than usual, and it was time to get back to the mission station to prepare for Christmas.

Parcels from America were piled high in the storeroom waiting for the missionaries to gather for the dividing of the gifts and food sent out by missionary societies back home. I felt the pressure to get back to attend to the details for making Christmas for the women's party at our house. I hoped there would be cake mixes enough to make cakes for the occasion. The women eagerly awaited cake at Christmas made from American boxes.

There were the village Christians scattered over the area who expected the mission Jeep with gifts and goodies, especially cake.

There were programs to prepare for hospital patients, gifts and programs for servants, orphans, teachers, in addition to the missionary Christmas and our own family Christmas.

There was a lot to do and only a few days left. The pressure was on to go back home and get started, but there was one more village close by. It was a shepherds' village—one we had never visited. We, the few men and two women in our party, decided that we must go to them before returning home.

It was evening when we arrived, and the shepherds had eaten their evening meal and were starting back up to the hill beyond to watch their flocks.

"Please wait," we urged, "you see we have a message for you shepherds in this big Book we have brought. You must hear it."

The men looked at the Book and out of curiosity hesitated. Wives and children gathered to see what the delay was about. We started singing Christmas carols—village style with accordion—and the crowd gathered, bringing earthen bowls of hot coals to help them keep warm as they sat about on the ground.

It was a clear night. The cold bright stars shone down upon us, so close that we could almost touch them. The shepherds were there. The sheep were huddled together waiting.


Suddenly it was as though we were on the Judean hills on the first Christmas night—standing there telling the shepherds that shepherds like themselves were chosen to hear the message given by angels that unto *them* was born a Savior.

As I spoke I became more aware of the likeness to the first Christmas—the star, the shepherds, the sheep, the cold clear night. It was as though I was there. I began to expect an angel to appear. The stage was set. But—there was no angel. Instead an inner voice said to me, "You are it!" It was my great joy and honor to announce for the very first time to those gathered together before me, "Unto you is born a Savior."

No, there was no angel in the sky that night, but we who were messengers of Glad Tidings returned to the Christmas preparation with a new realization that the angels' message of the first Christmas was ours to give. In fact, we are the angels commissioned to go and tell all nations.

Christmas was special that year, and as I look back, it was my favorite. ☐

Catherine Cattell, loved and respected as a missionary, writer, and Quaker leader, now lives in Newberg, Oregon. She shares here a Christmas experience when serving as a missionary in India under Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region (Ohio Yearly Meeting).



OUR 'PAWICHI'* ... NOT BEAUTIFUL, BUT OURS!

BY TINA KNIGHT

They came one by one. Carefully picking their way down dark, narrow, rock-strewn streets, pulling their shawls or coats close to keep out the damp sea mist, talking softly in bewildered, frightened tones, they arrived at the office of the General Secretary of Housing Development. Word spreads fast in the sleepy little fishing village of Ilo, Peru, so everyone knew the reason Friends were gathering—to defend their rights—to fight for their land, if need be!

Their sluggish, lackadaisical attitudes were jolted upon hearing words from the magistrate: their unoccupied property was to be parceled out to others... eight others had asked to live on it... the rusting corrugated fence was an "eyesore" to the community... besides, there was objection to an evangelical church being built there, and no written permission had been given for such. (With this last statement, Ilario quickly showed a photostatic copy of the permission given many months earlier, signed by the former magistrate.) So, convinced of their rights, at 11:30 p.m. the little group of Friends marched out into the night, determined to occupy their own church property even though they had no building on it!

Ilo Friends had become an every-man-for-himself church. At one time attendance ran in the 70's, with close to 90 on special occasions. But criticism had eaten the soul of the meeting. The pastor, who had enjoyed his title but not its responsibilities, and his wife, whose quick tongue

had continually sliced all who didn't agree with her, had renounced their position and left the flock to fend for itself.

The flock met for many months in the large room of a not-too-faithful brother. But the day came when they were forced to look for another place of worship. They had property, but no building. So, discouraged and without a leader, they disbanded. Months went by. Now and then missionaries and brethren from neighboring Tacna visited the area, trying to reunite the group, but to no avail.

However, all was not lost. God was watching over His children. If needed, He would allow opposition to draw them together again—opposition from without to bring unity within. And a spirit of love and cooperation would very soon pervade a once-divided group. Let me share with you how we witnessed this remarkable transformation.

Several times we'd planned a trip to Ilo, but each time had been hindered. Finally, in desperation, we left early Sunday morning with many doubts running through our minds:

... they need us here in Arequipa to be with the Israel group today. It's such a new group and they know so little of the Word.

... tomorrow, Monday, probably won't be a good time for finding people at home in Ilo, and we simply *must* visit with the main laymen of the church.

... there is so much pessimism, negative talk, and criticism there. How can we counsel them without being critical of the troublemakers?

But we drove on, five long hours over the desert, through mountains, around sand dunes and boulders, finally arriving at the coast, a bay tucked under the shelter of giant dunes.

We would make our first stop at the home of a layman, Juan. Surprise! He was at home—had just walked in and was leaving again. "I'm so glad you came! We're all meeting down at the church lot; come on down." Off he went and we followed.

The noise of hammers, saws, and much advice met us as we pushed open the old rusty gate. Everyone was busy. Women were cleaning the last crusty grains of rice from large kettles while children played in the sand at their feet. Mama Catalina straightened rusty nails that were to be used again. Gregorio set studding in place (Too long? Just dig the hole deeper). Maximo nailed siding supports. It didn't matter when the door hung at a rakish angle. And the siding? Ah, that versatile bamboo mat, used for walls, roofs, rugs, sleeping mats, etc., was quickly tacked on. And Ilario, with his know-it-all attitude, bossed the job. (They couldn't get along without him, but many can't get along with him, either!) So in a short time walls and roof were in place.

But wait, it's not finished yet... They proudly anchored to the flat bamboo roof a large sign that read *La Iglesia Nacional Evangelica Los Amigos de Ilo*, announcing to all that an Evangelical Friends Church was in occupancy. Then two by two the brethren carried benches and pulpit from a neighboring house, and we promptly met inside for a praise service.

Again on Monday evening we all met in their new bamboo building. And what a refreshing time! The Holy Spirit knit hearts together, melted stony opposition, and prompted a reconciliation meeting that brought tears, words of confession and pardon, and left us with that warm feeling of love toward one another.

The light of flickering candles reminded them of their need for electric lights. Prices were going up, so that night, one by one, they came forward and placed their offerings on the pulpit—\$90! Enough for the electric installation; thank You, Lord!

But that wasn't all. Money still came, this time for 13 sacks of cement. "Now we'll start making cement blocks to replace the old iron fence, and then we'll build our church!"

Excitement... Enthusiasm... Togetherness... Love! You can feel it among the brethren at Ilo now. And, as they gaze with shining eyes at their little bamboo church, you can hear them say, "This old *pawichi* isn't beautiful, but it's OURS!" ☐

*Aymara word meaning *shack*.

Roscoe and Tina Knight began their missionary career in Bolivia in 1945. They have served also in Peru and Mexico City and are presently stationed at Arequipa, Peru.

Let's Be Friends

BY HOWARD MACY

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CHAPTER 1		
1 God's judgment upon Syria, 6 upon the Philistines, 11 upon Edom, 13 upon Ammon.		
T HE words of Ā'mos, ^a who was among the herdmen of ^b Te-kō'ā, which he saw concerning Īs'rā-el ^c in the days of Ūz-zī'ah king of Jū'dah, and in the days of ^d Jēr-q-bō'am the son of Jō'āsh king of Īs'rā-el, two years before the ^e earthquake.	2 And he said, The LORD will roar	B. C. 787. a ch. 7. 14. b 2 Sam. 14. 2. c 2 Chr. 20. 20. d Hos. 1. 1. e ch. 7. 10. f Jer. 25. 30. g Joel 3. 16. h 1 Sam. 25. 2. i Is. 33. 9. j Is. 8. 4. k Jer. 49. 23. l Zech. 9. 1. m Or, yea, for four. n Or, convert it, or, let it

long embrace "Children of Light" who dally with such darkness until its shadow dims and even extinguishes their beacon altogether.

The love of God also requires us to live the truth. We cannot talk peace at the meetinghouse and vote war at the polls. We cannot laud self-sacrifice and generosity in Sunday school and applaud the politics and economics of greed at the office. If Christian commitment and the real world intersect at all, then the people of God must actively cultivate justice, the care of the needy, and the healing of individuals and of the structures of society. God surely will require of each one a different role, but in no case will obedience demand idle complacency.

This is hardly a call for political or social action for its own sake, but for faithful service that proceeds out of the intimate knowledge of God. Too often Friends have acted in a spirit of human wisdom and partisan politics, completely uninformed by prayer and by the power of God. Such activity has often failed and even damaged the cause of right. Without prayer, it deserves to fail.

On the other hand, there is a type of prayer and prattle of praise that revolts God. To self-righteous Israel came the word, "Let me have no more of the din of your chanting, no more of your strumming on harps. But let justice flow like water and integrity like an unfailing stream." (Amos 5:23-24 *Jerusalem Bible*) Piety and politics cannot be separated. Devotion to God must penetrate every detail of daily living. Anything less fails to understand the meaning of the Gospel.

It has embarrassed me for a long while to think that Friends ever held other human beings as slaves, though they did, all the while comfortably "doing good and doing well." Change came only when John Woolman (and eventually others) challenged them, cherishing absolute devotion to God more than the security of the status quo. In this time when Christianity is being pirated away by the spirit of our culture, we, too, need a people of God who know that faithfulness involves all of life, who will rise from their beds of ease and who will walk courageously in the ways of God.

Let's be such a people. Let's be Friends.

BEDS OF EASE

Idling about on beds of ease wishing for something fancier, they stole from the bedless poor everything but their underwear. Rising well rested (and slightly hung over), they went to sing praise to God that He had chosen them and had provided such bounty.

The jarring words of the prophet at the church door seemed exaggerated and treasonous, full of violence and ruin. They seemed so to the prophet, too, but they were the only words he had, for he saw the world through God's eyes and not through the colored lenses of his nation's flag. He would have preferred silence, but discovered that the fire of love that God enkindled in his heart was also a fire burning in his bones that seared silence, consumed complacency, and demanded unflagging obedience to the divine command alone.

To risk seeing the world through God's eyes always threatens to put us at odds with the status quo, for God does not guarantee to see things as our culture sees them, as we have seen them traditionally, or as we would like to see them. Once the love of

God is rooted deeply in our hearts we begin to share the divine compassion for the world, a compassion that emerges in both tenderness and judgment.

Having known the love of God, can we do less than experience deep horror at the intentional slaughter of innocents in Lebanon and the United States' complicity in it? Can our hearts be hardened to families whose members have been spirited away by murderous governments in Central America? Can we fail to plead for the disadvantaged instead of hiding, even boldly, behind Jesus' phrase "the poor are with you always" and labeling them all "welfare cheats"? The Bible witnesses clearly that God cannot abide callousness and carnage, for it violates His loving purposes for all of creation. The issues may vary, but the compassion of God remains the same.

If we know the heart of God, we, like the prophets, must tell the truth: God will not long endure a nation that uses His holy name to hallow its plans for limited nuclear wars, its oppression and neglect of the poor, its greed and its vanity. Nor will God



BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

Which Voice Do We Hear?

"It is always much simpler (and safer) to ignore controversial matters that need to be examined by church leaders today." So begins an introduction to a new magazine, *Fundamentalist Journal*, published by Jerry Falwell's organization. The articles that follow on capital punishment, war, humanism, and the King James Version are indeed controversial. As an evangelical Christian with deep convictions regarding Friends' understanding of the Bible and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, I find complete agreement with only about one statement in the publication. It is given in a featured reprint sermon from Bob Jones, Sr.: "I know of a certainty that we Christian people can get along if we agree on the essential fundamentals and disagree about what we don't agree about . . ."

So many voices offer many counsels. Another of these is Richard Niebuhr in his treatise on *The Responsibility of the Church for Society*: "Christian people may need to find their way today, as in some past periods of confusion, by means of simple, democratic, equalitarian discussion and decision, relying on no dominant human leader but on the Spirit in the churches. However that may be, the time requires of all Christian folk in all these associations profound and continuous thought on the great issues of human life."

Another voice, Ted Engstrom, upon assuming the presidency of World Vision fears most "the inroads of affluence and contentment with isolation from the needs and hurts of the world. I fear a collapse of the whole world's economic systems. I think we're in an apocalyptic age. The nuclear age is the most dangerous age we've had since Adam . . . these could well be the days just before Jesus returns, but we are to occupy until He comes."

From Dresden, East Germany, Billy Graham tells 7,000 people, most of them young, packed into the city's largest church, which seats only 3,500, that it is the duty of Christians to help to solve world problems. He described the arms race as the most difficult problem. He pointed out that the atomic bomb does not explode of its own accord, someone has to press the button. No ideology, he said, could give a person the amount of love necessary to maintain peace—only faith in God could do that.

This is an important point (doctrine). Only the power of the Holy Spirit can enable one to love one's enemies; that is why Jesus sent the Spirit. Enemies seem to exist in every sphere—sometimes in families, sometimes in the church, the community, and behind the Iron Curtain. How is it that a devout writer on "War Is the Will of God!" can quote John 19:10, 11, "The powers that be are ordained of God" and also insist that "our real defense as a nation rests in the spiritual convictions,

character, and commitment of our citizenry? David discovered that fact and declared: "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." (Psalm 20:7) (From the *Fundamentalist Journal*, November 1982, p. 22)

It is confusing how one can interpret these same Scriptures as a polemic for more armaments, while another, like myself, as a clear basis for peace and Christian behavior.

Evangelism, holiness, and peacemaking along with concern for the lost, lonely, destitute, and victims of discrimination are part of the same Gospel. We need authoritative preaching, a holy life, unity of Christians in the Spirit, and involvement in social issues.

Chronobiological Devotion

Most of us at sometime or other determined to match John Wesley or Martin Luther's example of very early morning prayers. Some of us have gone to sleep at it, or forced ourselves to go through with it for awhile with more discipline than delight.

In spite of the psalmist's preference for being renewed every morning—and the parade of saints of the past insisting (a few quite fiercely) that true spirituality required devotions at dawn or before—it just may be some equally holy Christians are more regularly blessed at other spiritually peak times.

Why not give our most *productive* time of the day to prayer? It may or may not be at daylight. This idea may find support in the merging field of science called chronobiology. Chronobiology holds the promise of improving our work, our learning, and our health by allowing us to understand the daily cycle of energy and rest our bodies go through. Something called "circadian" ("about a day") cycles occur in most people. Body temperature, blood pressure, respiration, brain waves, and a lot of chemical levels in the blood rise and fall over a roughly 24-hour period. All these vary from person to person.

Industry and educators are taking note of this and have designed "flextime" since people work and study best when they feel like it, or are more alert and energetic.

The idea of doing things when the mind and body are at peak efficiency should be discovered and then given to the Lord. God made both "day" people and "night" people.

A Missed Opportunity?

Upon the death of Soviet Premier Brezhnev it crossed my mind what a splendid opportunity for our President to plan an immediate conversation with his successor to talk about our mutual interests for peace. It was reassuring to read that Secretary of State Schultz and National Security Advisor Clark urged the same thing. They proposed Mr. Reagan attend the funeral as a gesture of concern and thus place the U.S. President and the new Premier in a setting congenial for uninhibited diplomacy.

How sad our President rejected this opportunity! Without even this willingness to build bridges of understanding and trust, the arms race will undoubtedly accelerate. ☐



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Mennonite Gets Probation, Fine for Failure to Register

GOSHEN, INDIANA—Mark Schmucker, a 22-year-old Goshen College student, was sentenced October 19 by Federal District Court Judge Ann Aldrich in Cleveland to three years probation and ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine for violating the Military Selective Service Act.

Schmucker must spend the first 24 months of his probation in alternative service at a home for retarded adults as one of the conditions outlined by Judge Aldrich. He reported October 26 to Emmaus House, which serves 125 severely and profoundly retarded adults in Marthasville, Missouri. Schmucker will be allowed to leave the premises of Emmaus House only with the permission of both his probation officer and supervisor there. Also, he may not accept academic credit from any institution for his service there.

John Stoner, executive secretary of the Mennonite Central Committee's U.S. peace section, who attended the trial of Mark Schmucker, expressed outrage at the court's refusal to hear testimony on the reasons for Mr. Schmucker's decision not to register. "It's shades of [the book] 1984 with the government like a computer standing in judgment—refusing to ask why, and only

asking whether," he said. "If it's impossible for questions of conscience to be raised before a jury, then for all practical purposes conscience, and with it religious freedom, is silenced."

None of the courts hearing cases of those men indicted for failure to register has yet permitted evidence concerning the young men's motives. The courts also have restricted testimony on whether the Justice Department was engaging in "selective prosecution" in its choice of individuals to indict. In every case, defendants previously had notified the Selective Service System that they were not registering and why, and that they intended to break the law. Defense lawyers have nevertheless argued that enough prima facie evidence existed to find that the government had unfairly discriminated, but has not ruled finally on the question. — *Evangelical Press Association*

Unprecedented Evangelistic Harvest in Paraguay

ASUNCION, PARAGUAY—A month-long national evangelistic outreach came to a climax in this capital city when Evangelist Luis Palau conducted eight days of meetings in September. Over 10,250 people registered commitments during the Crusades in seven of the country's cities. At the final service of the Paraguayan Campaign, 1,690 of the 25,000 people in the soccer stadium here registered public decisions for Christ. Palau said that the response was the largest ever recorded at a single meeting in the team's 20-year history.

"This Crusade was the most historic event to take place in recent memory here in Paraguay," said Jose Missena, a Baptist pastor who coordinated the national effort. He added that his congregation in Asuncion had incorporated 300 new members as a result of the outreach—thereby doubling its size. — *E.P.A.*

Mormon Leader Wants Mother Back in Traditional Role

SALT LAKE CITY—If present trends in American family life continue and more mothers seek work outside the home, there will be more emotionally disturbed children, divorce, depression, and suicide, a Mormon Church leader predicted.

Ezra Taft Benson, president of the Council of the Twelve Apostles and the probable successor to 87-year-old church President Spencer W. Kimball, told the faith's 152nd semiannual General Conference that the family was threatened as never before. "No

society will long survive without mothers who care for their young and provide that nurturing care so essential to their normal development," said Mr. Benson, 83, who was agriculture secretary under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. — *E.P.A.*

Experts Meet to Discuss Worldwide Evangelism

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO—"I believe there has been a marked advance in world evangelization since 1900," Dr. David Barrett said as he addressed executives attending an Evangelical Foreign Missions Association Missions Consultation. Barrett, editor of the *World Christian Encyclopedia*, acknowledged that the percentage of the world population that identifies with Christianity does not confirm this opinion. Other contributing factors, however, have led him to this conclusion.

The encyclopedia shows the combined total of Christians of all descriptions to be
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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

DONALD GREEN, 33, the past three and a half years chairman of the pastoral team at Reedwood Friends Church, Portland, Oregon, died November 16. Don never regained consciousness after injury in an accident while cutting firewood in the forest.

A frequent speaker at Quaker conferences and gatherings, Don Green is held in high esteem, not only by Friends, but by the wider Christian community. This summer he was keynote speaker at the Friends World Conference in Kaimosi, Kenya, and spoke at the sessions of London Yearly Meeting.

A memorial service was held November 20 at Reedwood Friends Church led by Jack L. Willcuts. Other speakers were Robert Hess, Eric Mueller, Dea Cox, and Vaughan Palmore. Survivors include his wife, Ellie, their four children, and his parents, Dr. William and Mary Green.

ELSIE MATTI, 91, died November 12 at Salem, Ohio. Elsie, a recorded minister, and her husband, Charles, served Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region as pastors and missionaries. The Mattis were missionaries in China and in Taiwan from 1925 to 1957. For the past 14 years Elsie has been an active member of the Beloit Friends Church. John Morris presided at funeral services conducted November 15 at East Goshen Friends Church. The life and ministry of Elsie Matti was featured in the article "Quaker Women: Reflections from History and Example" in the February 1982 Evangelical Friend.

DR. JOHN CHAPPELL, missionary educator in Taiwan since 1952, passed away October 26 in Chungli, Taiwan. In 1956 John and Rachel Chappell started Sheng-te Christian College. Prior to going to Taiwan, he was a chemistry professor and served as a Friends pastor. The Chappells were members of the Friends church in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. HOWARD MOORE, field superintendent of the Taiwan Friends Mission, gave the memorial message at the service November 7. John Chappell was 91; his wife preceded him in death a year ago.

FRIENDS FOCUS

TEXAS CHURCHES BACK AUSTIN OUTREACH

Paul and Leona Thornburg have for several months been traveling to various cities in Texas where fellowship groups are meeting in the name of Friends. It has been recently decided that the Thornburgs will focus on the fellowship in Austin, and they have located there. They have contact with eight families and several university students. Services are held Sunday morning, and there are two weeknight Bible study groups. This outreach is a project of Texas Area Friends churches.

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Two new newsletters have appeared in Northwest Yearly Meeting--"Priscilla Papers" and "YAF News." The NWYM Task Force on Women chose the name of a New Testament woman of "courage, leadership, knowledge, understanding, and an excellent reputation" for their newsletter. "YAF News" is the communication piece of Young Adult Friends of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

FUM GENERAL BOARD ACCEPTS APPLICATION OF TWO EAST AFRICAN GROUPS

The 40-member General Board of Friends United Meeting, at their meeting in Richmond, Indiana, October 20-23, accepted, after a lengthy discussion, applications for membership from Elgon Religious Society of Friends and East Africa Yearly Meeting (South). The Elgon group has been functioning as an autonomous Yearly Meeting for 10 years; the southern group for a shorter period. These two groups of East African Friends were originally portions of the large East Africa Yearly Meeting of Friends, whose membership encompassed much of north and western Kenya, as well as eastern Uganda.

Friends have had an active mission interest in East Africa since 1902. Conservative estimates of the number of Friends in East Africa range from 40,000 to 75,000.

DENVER AREA FRIENDS UNITE FOR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Musicians from Friends churches in the Denver metropolitan area are practicing a Christmas musical entitled Joseph, the Carpenter. The musical will be performed December 12 with A. J. Ellis directing the choir and orchestra.

FBC AUCTION

The 51st annual Friends Bible College Women's Auxiliary Sale was a big success. The special day brought 500 to 600 people from many states to share in the activities, including former Mid-America superintendent, Merle Roe, who helped with the auctioneering. Proceeds this year were over \$39,000. The top-selling quilt was made and donated by Mary Clark of Haviland. --MAYM Scope

PEACE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

"The Church and Peacemaking in the Nuclear Age" is a conference on biblical perspectives scheduled for May 25-28, 1983, in Pasadena, California. A large representative group of evangelical church leaders are scheduled to address the nuclear arms race. The list of board members responsible for the event includes many names familiar to Friends, including former Northwest Yearly Meeting superintendent, Norval Hadley. Details are available from CPNA, 1539 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California 91104.

'ANYBODY CAN HONK!'

Boise, Idaho, Friends Church made available through the church office bumper stickers in connection with a recent stewardship emphasis. The bumper stickers read: "If you love Jesus--TITHE! Anybody can honk!"

FRIENDSWOOD GIRLS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Two young people from the Friendswood, Texas, Church will be participating in the International Special Olympics next summer in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Michelle Louthan, daughter of Jerry and Mary Louthan, and Paula Trainer, daughter of Art and Billie Trainer, have been chosen as part of the six-member Texas gymnastics team.

TURKEY-GRAM

Young people at Orange Road Friends, Westerville, Ohio, did a special missions benefit project at Thanksgiving time. For a donation, the youth turkey delivered messages for those who had signed up for this special service.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES STUDIED

A four-part elective on "Employment Opportunities in the 1980s" began November 17 at First Friends Church, Alliance, Ohio. Speakers for the 7:00 p.m. Wednesday sessions were Ed Seaver, Bob Williams, William Johnson, and Scott Armstrong.

CONSULTATION ON ELDERING

Friends from across the country will be meeting December 9-12 at the Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, Indiana, for a consultation on eldering. Material distributed prior to the meeting included the following observation: "Eldering, used as a verb, implying function and process, has been a revered Quaker practice, a lost art which needs to be recovered. But 'elder' used as a noun, signifying status and power exercised by individuals, has often been divisive and destructive both to individuals and meetings."

ALTERNATIVE TO GHOSTS, GOBLINS, AND GHOULS

An All Saints Party was held October 31 at Camas, Washington, Friends. Attenders dressed up as their favorite Bible character or a saint from any time in history. Teens of the church made themselves available for those who wanted assistance with makeup.

FIVE STEPS TO A FRIENDLIER CHURCH

1. Speak to the other person first. Don't wait for him or her to take the initiative.
2. If there is someone you don't know, introduce yourself to him or her.
3. Be pleasant in your words and expressions. A great church cannot be built with frowns.
4. Invite newcomers to come and introduce them to other members.
5. Encourage people to participate in those church activities that interest them.

'UNPLUG THE CHRISTMAS MACHINE'

The Christmas season can be a time of peace and joy, but more often than not these are intermixed with pressures and frustrations that deprive Christmas of its beauty. After five years of study and extensive leading of workshops, Jean Toppock Staeheli of Reedwood Friends Church, Portland, Oregon, has coauthored a book that helps the family recover the meaning and enjoyment of Christmas. Unplug the Christmas Machine looks at the holiday season from a variety of angles and gives families a host of practical suggestions as to how we can deal with that entrapping yet illusive "Christmas Machine."

Five or more copies are offered at a reduced rate of \$4.22 each and may be ordered from Jo Lynn Capraro-Wm. Morrow, 105 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016. It is available in bookstores for \$6.95 and is published by Quill Press.

QUAKER QUOTE

"I want less love of money, less judging of others, less dependence upon external appearance. I want to see the fruit of the Spirit in all things, more devotion of heart, more spirit of prayer, more real cultivating of the mind, more enlargement of heart toward all, more tenderness toward delinquents, and above all more of the rest, peace and liberty of God."

--Elizabeth Fry

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1.4 billion, making up 32.8 percent of the world population. In 1900 the percentage was 34.4 percent. Barrett contends that other findings have led him to believe that a greater percentage has been confronted with the Good News. His findings include these factors: since 1900 Christian books and periodicals have increased by 600 percent; Bible publication and distribution has risen by 600 percent; listeners to Christian broadcasts have increased from 0 in 1900 to one billion at the present time. Barrett also cited a fourfold increase in missionaries during the period. These factors have led him to his conclusion that we have seen a marked advance in world evangelization.

Dr. Donald McGavran, after calling for a fresh commitment to reaching the unreached peoples of the world, said, "However, all I have been saying is merely academic unless a tremendous new tide of vision, sacrifice, prayer, and giving floods the churches of America."

The urgent need calls for generating in our churches "a vast collaborative effort in promoting prayer, education and giving focused on the unreached peoples, unreached segments of society." —E.P.A.

Pope Says Husbands, Wives 'Subject to One Another'

ROME—Pope John Paul II says that St. Paul tried in the manner of his times to say that both partners in a marriage are meant to be subject to one another and subject to the Lord. Paul's admonition to wives to be subject to their husbands, set forth in his Epistle to the Ephesians, has long been a sore point for many modern women.

Pope John Paul was obviously at pains to put to rest any notions that he considers the wife's role inferior. He told an audience at St. Peter's Square that each partner in a marriage "is to be subject to the other out of Christian piety, a piety that springs from awareness of the mystery of Christ and that finds expression in love." —E.P.A.

Captain Kangaroo Unhappy with Broadcasters' Values

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Bob Keeshan, better known to millions as TV's "Captain Kangaroo," says broadcasters are shirking their responsibilities for teaching values to America's youth. "There is no way to defend the exploitative programming we see on Saturday morning," Keeshan challenged. "It is not really designed to

enhance the child's well-being in any way but to exploit children and sell products."

Keeshan said broadcasters rely too heavily on audience ratings and advertising dollars to determine what programs to air. Children (and other minority groups) suffer because they do not constitute a large audience or spend a lot of money.

But Keeshan also criticized the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for reducing requirements on broadcasters to carry specific types of programs. "I spent the last 15 years as a broadcaster talking against regulation, saying broadcasters are responsible human beings who don't need to be told by the FCC to do this or that," he said. "Now that the threat of regulation has been removed, I've seen a lot of broadcasters make a liar of me. They have not acted responsibly."

Keeshan also scores parents who use the TV as a baby-sitter, a practice he calls one of the "misdemeanors" of child abuse.

—E.P.A.

Catholic Archbishop Says Violence Still Plagues El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR—The head of the Roman Catholic Church in El Salvador said the government is not taking strong enough action to stem political violence in this nation torn by three years of civil war. Acting Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas also protested the deaths of 24 persons, including 16 civilians, in leftist-rightist violence in one week. He said unidentified gunmen in civilian clothing kidnapped 10 persons across the country that same week, including two women who were dragged from a San Salvador orphanage.

Church and human rights officials blame rightist death squads for many of the estimated 38,000 political slayings in this Central American nation in the last three

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years. Many believe that the death squads operate with tacit support of government security forces. The Salvadoran Human Rights Commission says that at least 134 civilians died in political bloodshed last month.

—E.P.A.



THE PLANNERS AND THE PRAY-ERS

BY NANCY THOMAS

Every December Friends missionaries from Peru and Bolivia gather for an annual retreat. For three days we talk over the previous year's work, plan for the coming year (the serious part), and try to work in a few hours of swimming, hiking, and singing (the fun part). As the serious part of retreat gets under way, I've noticed that people gravitate toward one of two groups. I'll call them the planners and the pray-ers.

The planners are those who like to map out the coming year in detail. Priorities must be well established and all goals (long-range, short-range, home on the range) stated in measurable terms. They require precise job descriptions. The planners need to know not only where they are going, but why and how. Extreme examples of this personality type will not tolerate even looking at the scenery along the way or taking

an occasional detour. They frown on changing routes midway down the road. They take seriously Paul's teaching that we are responsible collaborators together with God (1 Corinthians 3:9) rather than "channels only." Certain verbs pop up in their jargon: strategize, execute, accomplish, evaluate, manage, budget, and the like. This type definitely brings strengths to a group. It also brings weaknesses.

The pray-ers, on the other hand, tend to disdain planning as unspiritual. Some seem to have an almost constitutional aversion to goal setting and strategizing. They stress the need to pray more (undoubtedly true) and then "just follow Jesus." They quote Proverbs 16:9 ("The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps" NASB) and James's exhortation against presumptuous planning (James 4:13-15). "Our chief value lies in the fact that we're God's children," they argue, "not in our accomplishments. Therefore, why plan what we're going to do? Let's pray and be better persons. If there's anything to be done, God will reveal it in His own time."

A friend of mine, definitely a pray-er, never prepares sermons. He waits until the Spirit "gives him a message" and then delivers it. Every once in a while this results in a good sermon.

What happens when pray-ers and planners rub points-of-view in a meeting? Sometimes sparks fly. Planners can see pray-ers as lacking in vision and drive, as lazy and irresponsible. Pray-ers can view planners as pushy and, above all, unspiritual. It can make for a frustrating (or humorous) situation.

I've described extreme examples of each type. Actually most of us fall somewhere between the two, leaning to one side but not being quite so fanatical about it. I'm a split personality myself. My planner side makes countless lists of goals, tasks, schedules, and so on. In a job, I need to know exactly what's expected of me. (Although I may not always conform, I do at least want to know.) But sometimes I want to tear up the lists, love God and my family, and just BE. When asked to speak publicly I combine lots of planning with lots of praying.


Who's right? Which team is God on?

A look at the apostle Paul clearly demonstrates that it's not an either/or question. Paul planned. He knew where he was going and what he'd do when he got there. We see his pattern of going into cities, preaching first in the synagogues and then going to the Gentiles, appointing

elders, revisiting the young congregations, and so on. Paul had a definite strategy.

But Paul also prayed. Lots. He wrote to the churches that he was "always praying" for them (Ephesians 1:16; Philippians 1:4; Colossians 1:3). He was open enough to let God's Spirit change his plans, as evidenced by the Macedonian vision (Acts 16). Paul combined in his ministry the strengths of both the planner and the pray-er.

But I'm not a Paul. I'm me. And you're you. We're different, and that's okay. God himself is the origin of this variety, and He desires that we work together in love, complementing and completing each other.

Pray-ers need planners. And planners need pray-ers. When we get together, let's pray that God direct our plans. Let's plan with an openness to God's Spirit and a mutual appreciation. A sense of humor definitely helps. Let's enjoy our differences, combine our strengths, and see what God will do. 



Eugene H. Peterson, **A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society**, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, Illinois, 1980, 197 pages, \$4.95.

The essential thing "in heaven and earth" is . . . that there should be long obedience in the same direction; there thereby results, and has always resulted in the long run, something which has made life worth living.

Using this quote by Friedrich Nietzsche, Eugene Peterson takes us on a journey of discipleship. He uses as vehicles Psalms 120 to 134, taking us through the towns of Repentance, Worship, Service, Community, and more. There are 16 stops along this road, each one challenging at the point of faith. As we travel, our car radios play for us the "Song of Ascents"—one sung by Hebrew pilgrims on their journey to Jerusalem.

In a time of fast cars, fast trains, and faster airplanes, Peterson teaches that the road to discipleship is not traveled by SST's or rocket ships. Living in the Lord is a leisurely journey up the back roads of life, far removed from the bustle of the interstate. There we are free to enjoy secur-

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Along with obedience, Peterson shows, comes blessing—a theme that runs throughout like white lines on a road, ever guiding, directing. This combination of obedience/blessing makes the journey a pilgrimage, a growing time.

The work of an obvious faith traveler, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* encourages and helps. In a day of increasing potholes and detours, it is encouragement much needed.

— Brent Bill

John H. Westerhoff, *Inner Growth, Outer Change: An Educational Guide to Church Renewal*, Seabury Press, New York, 1979, 164 pages, \$4.95.

Inner Growth, Outer Change is not a book to be read—rather it is to be experienced. Westerhoff, professor of religion and education at Duke University, is at it again. Long a proponent of new ideas in religious education, often challenging our tradition-bound methods, he is always thought provoking.

Woven into this book are numerous exercises for the reader. His writing demands participation on the part of the reader. Have you ever designed a magazine cover on the theme of prayer? That is just one of the things he'll have you doing.

Westerhoff has divided his work into three sections—"Foundations for Faithfulness," "Forms of Faithfulness," and "Pathways to Faithfulness." In the first he deals with making moral decisions, prayer, conversion, community, and more. Section two looks at understanding, living, and embodying the Word. The third presents practical experiences in spiritual life and commitment.

Easy to read yet deep, *Inner Growth, Outer Change* issues a challenge to all involved in Christian education—which Westerhoff says should be all of us. An excellent book for individuals, it is a superb working manual for Christian education committee retreats.

— Brent Bill

Charles E. DeVol, ed., *Focus on Friends*, Missionary Board of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, 1982, 247 pp., \$5.

In his introduction for the Chinese edition, Charles E. DeVol writes, "This book is being written for Chinese and may someday be printed in English." Since no other books in Chinese could be found giving a history and background of Friends, the

Friends mission council in Taiwan authorized the writing of this documented, well-illustrated book of 34 chapters by 25 different writers. In the Chinese Friends Church it is filling a real need that was first expressed by the librarian of one of the churches in Taiwan.

The chapters are arranged by topics beginning with the origin of Friends, biographies of outstanding individuals, then the tracing of movements both doctrinal and social. The book includes Chinese art cuttings by Ray Chang, a teacher in the Morrison Academy. Several pictures, charts, and some details and explanations are included in the Chinese edition that have been omitted in the English printing.

The last chapters give an interesting history and challenge of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region as well as of their mission work in Taiwan.

Written with the history-loving, devout Chinese Quakers in mind, this book is lucid and forthright, and will be good reading for all English-speaking Christians who have just lately been with Friends. Studying this, they can become well-informed and filled in on the history and much background that perhaps many "older" Quakers have absorbed through home background and years of attending meeting. Even for them, their patchy knowledge of the broad purposes of Friends can be made more accurate and whole.

DeVol writes, "We must remember that the purpose of this book is to help people in China to know and follow Jesus Christ better." He explains that there may be some

overlapping and details included that may be considered unnecessary for Christians in America, but I think the book will be just the thing to recommend to our neighbors who ask, "Who are Quakers?"

— Phyllis Cammack

Nancy S. Williamson, *Inside and Occupied*, Herald Press, Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, 1982, 176 pages, \$9.95, paperback.

This is a delightful book packed with ideas for parents and teachers of children who are searching for creative, practical, and inexpensive ways of occupying children. It was written especially for parents who struggle with the classic complaint of children, "There's nothing to do."

Over 500 ideas are shared, which will not only give children "something to do" but will encourage them to be imaginative and innovative.

The materials suggested for most of the activities are those found around the house—egg cartons, spools, old greeting cards, wire, fabric scraps, and many more. These simple, everyday materials are transformed into wonderful toys.

I particularly appreciated the brief explanations at the beginning of each chapter and the appropriate quotations in the margins.

Nancy Williamson speaks out of her experience as a mother of three and many years in Christian education with young children.

The suggestions in this book present us with great substitutes for too much television.

— Dorothy Barratt

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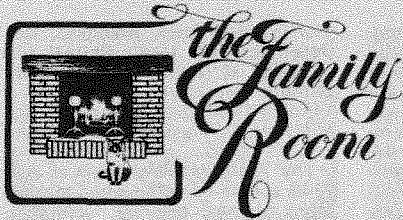
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PARENTAL SELF-ESTEEM

BY NANCY WOODWARD

Today I went to a friend's house to ask for parental asylum. Sometimes a person who lives in an oppressed society will escape and flee to another country and ask for political asylum. They are seeking refuge and freedom. By 4:30 p.m. today I needed both refuge and freedom from my children!

On fall Saturdays all three of our children play in soccer games. By 1:00 p.m. we'd finished the three games, but we still had to do our "Saturday jobs." (Saturday jobs are chores each child has to do on Saturday—such as cleaning their rooms, dusting, vacuuming, etc.) Since the last few weeks had been a battle with one child in particular I thought I would solve the problem this week. What I needed to do was to add positive reinforcement! I gave all three children an hour and a half to get their jobs done. Whoever finished their jobs and did them well would get a reward—a trip to the donut shop. If after two hours the jobs weren't done they still had to do them and would forfeit 50 percent of that week's allowance. I'd just read in Dobson's book *Hide and Seek*, "For irresponsible children a second system of negative reinforcement must accompany the first system of positive reinforcement: there must be a reason not to reject the offer." Dobson also says for a system like this to work don't nag and plead and push. The responsibility is the child's, not yours!

So I went into our den and spent the hour and a half sewing. At the designated time I appeared, confident my plan had worked. It had worked for one child—a 33 percent success rate! Two children had turned on the TV and then decided at the eleventh hour to quickly do their work. The work was "done" but certainly not done well.

The fireworks started when I gave the reasons why one child received the reward and the other two did not. The two nonrecipients suggested obvious reasons were because I play favorites and that I am half blind!

On the way home from the donut shop I stopped in at my friend's. She gave me

parental asylum. After sharing my story I learned she'd had similar problems with her children. After a 20-minute talk I even felt able to cope and return home to the two hostile children who didn't get a donut.

We all need a healthy self-esteem. Mine had been attacked by two of my children. My friend helped restore it. Dobson's entire book *Hide and Seek* deals with self-esteem and how important it is for a child to have a healthy self opinion. But in family life today sometimes we work so hard and concentrate so much on our children that we parents don't have a very healthy self-esteem.

There are days I literally want to quit being a parent. I believe I am a failure. My self-esteem sags to a 1 or 2 on a scale of 1 to 10. When this happens, there are several steps I can take to help remedy this.

1. Get outside of myself. Talk about my feelings of inadequacy with my husband or a friend. Admit my failures. Then do an act of kindness for someone else. This moves me away from self-pity.

2. Get away from my children for awhile. Go jogging, run an errand, or hire a baby-sitter for that evening. (This gets easier the older my children are.) We all need "space"—especially after a mini crisis.

3. Accept the fact that conflicts and power struggles are a part of life together as a family. This is a normal part of family life, not a sign of failure.

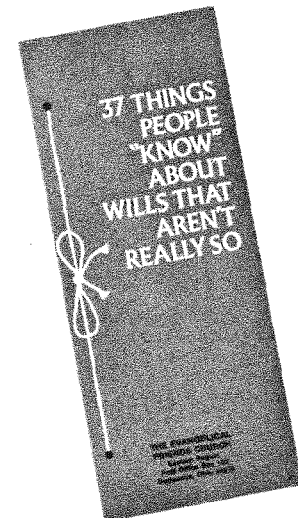
4. Affirm that God himself created me and my family. Consider the possibility that God is using the conflict times in my life and my children's lives for good. "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

5. Consider the grace of God. Sometimes I want to believe I'm such a good parent because I do all the "right" things. But any success I have is due to God's grace. Just as I'm saved by grace, I'm a parent by grace. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

My prayer is that as my children witness my weaknesses and my failures with them it will point them to Christ's power. Then my self-esteem and their self-esteem will be healthy and balanced because we are each looking to Christ and His grace and His power.

Resource reading: *Hide and Seek* by James Dobson, Revell, 1974, page 131ff, "A Message for Discouraged Adults."

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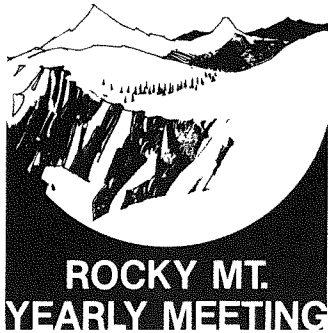
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ROCKY MT. YEARLY MEETING

RMYM Briefs . . .

WIGGINS, Colorado—Larry and Glenna Mardock are new pastors of the Wiggins Church. Repair work is now being done to the church facilities.

LAMAR, Colorado—Galan and Mary Burnett are new pastors here. A search for a building is now underway.

Tribute to Grand Junction Pastor

Kenneth Walter Kinser, 52, minister and resident of Grand Junction, died September 30, 1982, in Grand Junction after a short illness.

Kenneth was born August 22, 1930, at Hugoton, Kansas. His life was full of music, which led him to Friends Bible College to study music and later for the ministry. He continued to be involved in music throughout his life. On October 29, 1950, Nadyne Leach became his bride. For nearly 32 years they blended their voices and lives in song and ministry. His first pastorate was Paonia Friends Church, followed by several years as director of Quaker Ridge Camp.

Prior to moving to Grand Junction just one year ago as pastor of the Friends church, he served as pastor of First Friends Church in Colorado Springs. He served Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting in many capacities, including chairman of the Quaker Ridge Board, Missions and Outreach Board, as well as being a member of the Evangelical Friends Alliance Coordinating Council. He also spent much time in community service as a volunteer fireman, emergency medical technician, a member of the Paonia Rotary, and was one of the founders of the Colorado Springs Police Chaplaincy.

Funeral services were October 3 with Jack Rea, Eldon Cox, and Olen Ellis officiating.

Church news should be sent to: Mike Henley, 735 Panoramita Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80904 (303) 578-5496.

Post-election thought . . .

Does your church participation warrant your reelection?

Suppose membership in your church was good for one year only, and that reelection depended upon the good you had done in the church during that time. Would you be re-elected at a business conference?

Suppose church membership was limited to a certain number and there was a long waiting list of those who wanted to get in. Would your actions justify keeping your name on the church roll to the exclusion of someone else?

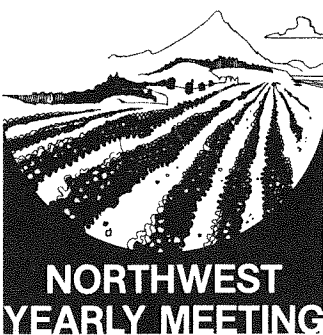
Suppose you were called upon to tell why the church should keep your name on its roll. Do you have a record of faithful service, financial support, daily witnessing and devotion to offer in self-defense?

Suppose every member of your church did just as much as you are doing—gave as much, worked as much, attended as much. Would more space be needed or would the doors be shut and nailed?

Suppose they were going to vote on you at the next business meeting to determine whether your support of the church justified keeping your name on the roll.

And just suppose that only the Lord Jesus Christ would cast the vote; that none of your friends would be allowed to vote. On the basis of your actions, conduct, attendance, and financial support—how would the Lord cast His vote? What would be the verdict?

—from a recent *New Hope Meeting* newsletter.



NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING

Around Northwest Yearly Meeting

MIDWINTER 1982 for high school students will be held December 28-January 1 at Twin Rocks Friends Camp. Stan Thornburg, pastor of Plains, Kansas, Friends Church, will be the speaker. Seminars will be led by Paul Bock, Frank Engle, Mark Kelley, and Kent Thornburg. Cost is \$61 if pre-registered by December 10; \$66 if not pre-registered. Further details are available from youth pastors and sponsors in each local church.

THE NEW FILM featuring biblical stewardship teaching by Malcolm

MacGregor has already been scheduled for use in 26 churches in Northwest Yearly Meeting. Two copies of the 30-minute, 16mm color film are being used primarily in Sunday morning worship services. First released in late October, the presentation has been well received everywhere it has been shown. The film was a project of the steering committee named by the Executive Council to assist in raising supplementary funds for the difference between church pledges and the Great Commission Ministries.

BOISE, IDAHO, FRIENDS CHURCH has approved the purchase of property for their East Boise extension church. The land being purchased is adjacent to the present East Boise property and meetinghouse. Immediate plans call for the expansion of the present building to meet the needs of this growing extension church.

Both Cascade Friends, Bend, Oregon, and Hilltop Friends, Oregon City, are looking for permanent facilities. Hilltop is temporarily meeting at Western Evangelical Seminary and Cascade meets in a funeral home chapel.

COMING EVENTS that should be noted include the following:

A special *missions rally* will be held Sunday, January 16, in the new chapel at George Fox College. Chaplain Ron Crecelius and Newberg Area Superintendent of Missions Ezra DeVoi are working together on this meeting that will feature OMS International missionary Mildred Rice, who has served in China, Taiwan, and Japan. The rally will involve Friends churches of the area and will begin a week of missions emphasis on campus.

The *Evangelical Friends Alliance Coordinating Council* will be meeting in Wichita, Kansas, January 11-14. With the new rotation of location of these meetings, NWYM is scheduled to host the EFA Coordinating Council in 1984.

Midyear Board Meetings will be held February 11, 12 in Newberg, and the Executive Council will be meeting February 25, 26.

George Fox College Sunday will be March 13. This will be the second year that the entire Yearly Meeting observes a special emphasis on George Fox College with faculty, administration, and staff representing the school in local churches.

Don Chittick will be the speaker for the annual *Friends Men Retreat* March 18-20. Don Chittick is a former professor of chemistry at George Fox College and is currently director of research and development for a company that converts biological waste materials into usable fuel. He is well-known for his teaching and knowledge on creationism and was one of the witnesses supporting the scientific basis for creationism at the evolution/creation

trial in Little Rock, Arkansas, last December. The Men's Retreat will be held at Twin Rocks Friends Camp.

April 11-15 are the dates for *Ministers' Conference* at Twin Rocks Friends Camp.

The *Yearly Meeting* dates of July 23-29 should be noted when making plans for next summer. John Williams, Jr., pastor of First Friends, Canton, Ohio, will be the speaker.

George Fox College News

Nearly 150 students from three states were on campus in November to attend a regional meeting of the Association of Christian Schools International. The leadership conference was hosted by the college's Admissions Department with GFC Chaplain Ron Crecelius as the featured speaker.

Workshops included long-range planning, meeting objectives, fund raising, working with administration, and small schools.

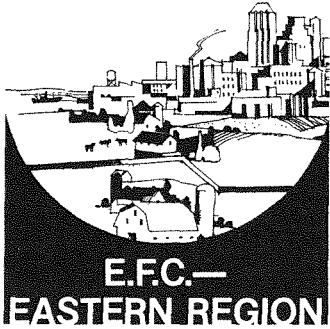
Clark Kerr, one of the most prominent names in United States higher education, spoke at George Fox College November 4. Kerr addressed a selected audience of college administrators and academic personnel and attended a luncheon.

Kerr is president emeritus of the University of California and former chairman of the Carnegie Commission and the Carnegie Council of Higher Education.

Newberg's elderly, handicapped, and those in emergency need are being offered short- and long-range assistance through a community involvement project being conducted this year. More than 80 students have volunteered to share their skills, which are matched with requests telephoned to a "hotline" number. Students are prepared to cook meals, do house cleaning and yard work, stack wood, transport persons to the store or medical service, or babysit. They also read, perform, sing or talk to those wanting companionship.

The project is sponsored by the GFC student body organizations' Christian Service Committee in coordination with the George Fox Social Service Department. Persons receiving assistance are not asked to pay for their help, but only to provide tools or food needed for the project.

Following the trend nationwide for lower college enrollments, George Fox registration fall term is 683, down from 743 a year ago. It's the first time in 10 years campus enrollment has not increased. From the fall of 1972 to a year ago enrollment had jumped 75 percent to a record last fall. College officials credit the decline to the smaller pool of college-age students during the next few years, the current economic condition in the state and nation, and the uncertainty about financial aid.



Friends Disaster Auction— A Ministry in Itself

As the day's proceeds were carefully counted at the end of the day, Saturday, September 18, it was realized that the day's sales amounted to \$21,759, with a net profit of \$19,800. In retrospect, one is compelled to sit back and question, "What are the ingredients of success that have made the FDS Auction consistently grow and thrive until we have seen a 46 percent increase over the last five years?" This subject cannot be completely exhausted, but here are a few suggestions.

GENEROSITY. A spirit of awe at the generosity of Friends overwhelms those involved with the auction. As the tangible items come pouring in, one is aware of the incalculable amount of time that has been expended as well as finances involved. Think, for example, of the time involved in only the 27 quilts, breathtakingly beautiful, donated by women's missionary societies. Besides this, there are the rich-hewed afghans, the multiplicity of crafts, paintings, handmade clocks, houseplants nurtured along by tender hands, as well as produce tended by a loving, God-fearing gardener. And oh, those lovely jams, jellies, candies, pies, fluffy white loaves of homemade bread, and other home-baked goodies.

Then there is the beef for the hamburgers, sausage for the pancake breakfast, a 1970 Buick Skylark, an old pump organ, plus other antiques, ponies, furniture, new blankets, trees, and items too numerous to mention.

Professional talent is donated by David Jones and his staff as they stand all day with that particular elocution characteristic of the professional auctioneer. Monies are collected and records kept in order by accountants Glenn Lipely and Ray and Betty Johnson. Jim Justice, with a particular expertise in barbecuing chicken, oversees the chicken dinner at noon, and Glenn Miller, with his organizational ability, engineers the pancake breakfast.

In the light of all of these contributions, never let it be said that Friends are not generous!

PERSEVERANCE. The FDS Auction does not just happen overnight, but really entails a year of steadfast

pursuit to accomplish the desired goal. Dean Johnson travels from church to church, motivating and pleading and praying that folks will catch a vision of the need.

As auction time grows near, publicity needs to be distributed and newspapers contacted—then finally the fairgrounds made ready. Display tables and chairs are hauled in from local churches. Volunteers come in to "set up." The flea market building starts bustling with excitement as van loads of items come pouring in. And the craft building suddenly becomes alive and colorful as the beautiful items are carefully removed from the boxes, priced, and cleverly exhibited. The FDS trailer arrives and is made ready to supply its customers with juicy hamburgers and plump hot dogs. The dining hall, that in another few hours will be permeated with the aroma of hot coffee, whole hog sausage, and pancakes, is being swarmed with men setting up tables and chairs.

Never let it be said that Friends do not know how to persevere!

LOVE FOR MANKIND is another ingredient that cannot be overlooked. Many of those involved in the auction have had firsthand glimpses of suffering human beings. It might have been in a little town leveled by a tornado where they have worked to help restore hope in spite of devastation and death. Or it could have been in a home after the flood waters receded. Or it could have been helping rebuild a home or barn that has been destroyed.

Another concern carried by the FDS Board is the distress of the starving millions in our world today, so in a recent meeting it was determined that a tithe of the auction proceeds go to World Relief.

Never let it be said that Friends do not have a love for mankind!

UTTER DEPENDENCE ON GOD is the last ingredient to be dealt with. All year long the wisdom of God is



sought as projects are decided upon and carried through.

Just the evening before the auction, the "battle worn" soldiers of the cross, who have for several days expended their energies on the many minute details, assemble together for prayer and praise. Earl and Catherine Smith graciously presided at this meeting with their unique God-given ministry. God refreshed soul and body, and once again the workers returned to their duties.

Immediately following breakfast on auction day, the "help" quieted themselves before God for a period

of devotions, again seeking His direction and blessing on the day. After all, did not our Lord Jesus say "Without me ye can do nothing"?

Never let it be said that Friends have no dependence on God!

The 1982 auction is history, but the 1983 auction is already in the making—perhaps not in concrete form, but God's people are again seeking His wisdom and are depending on Him who is the "same yesterday, today and forever" to inspire them, speak to them, and give them ideas. Then, if the past has taught us anything, they will persevere by praying for one another, nudging one another, and using that precious commodity called "time" to complete those divine plans. And why? Simply because mankind is hurting, has needs, and Friends love them.

—Lois Johnson

EFC—ER Happenings

SARASOTA Friends Church reports that a five-acre plot of land located on Bee Ridge Road was purchased at the end of September. The first service held at the DAV building next door to the site was on November 7. On November 21, General Superintendent Russell Myers preached at the dedicatory service, followed by a Thanksgiving meal. Pastor William Wagner reports an average attendance of around 25 during the month of September, with 11 at each of three Bible studies during the week.

DEAN JOHNSON reports that \$2,000 was sent to World Relief as the tithe for the FDS Auction proceeds. The gift will be applied to the fish farms project in Bangladesh, where needy people are being rehabilitated to earn their livelihood.

RUSSELL MYERS has had a busy month of travel. The end of October found him in Virginia District visiting the churches. Immediately the next week he went to Rhode Island, then the middle of November to Eden, North Carolina, for Piedmont District Meeting, followed by a trip to Sarasota and Ft. Myers, Florida.

TWO NEW YOUTH PASTORS have started—**RON ELLYSON** at Alliance and **KELLY HADLICH** at Battle Creek.

BOB WILSON of Canton, Ohio, has been named as the architect for the Camp Gideon development. Bob is an experienced professional who drew up the plans for the new sanctuary that Canton First Friends built recently. His first task is to make application for onsite inspection by an official of EPA and then to design sketches for committee review, followed by the final blueprints. Camp Gideon was approved as the site for a Retreat Memorial Building, enabling church-related groups to use it as a training center.

East Goshen Friends Celebrate Centennial

Sunday, October 10, was celebration day for East Goshen Friends. It was a special day to commemorate the meetinghouse centennial.

The present building, located three miles northeast of Beloit, Ohio, on Route 165, is the fourth meetinghouse that Friends erected on that site, the first log building constructed in 1812 having been destroyed by fire.

In observance of the centennial, Pastor Charles Bancroft presided at the morning worship service, attended by 249 persons. Many of the con-



gregation dressed in Quaker garb—complete with bonnets for the women and beards for the men.

Representing the Yearly Meeting Office, Don Worden presented an engraved plaque honoring the occasion. Edna Malmsberry was given special recognition as the oldest member and the one who has the longest membership record.

Former pastors in attendance included Clarence Sekerak (1959-63), Willis Miller (1963-65), and Richard Sartwell (1971-76). Chester Stanley, former superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus), also shared, expressing appreciation for his boyhood spent in the friendly East Goshen community.

Pastor Bancroft preached the centennial sermon on the theme "Our Quaker Heritage—A Godly Heritage." The choir, a mixed trio, and a male quartet presented special music.

At the noon hour, guests were served a special dinner, after which a musical concert began at 1:45, followed by the historical service at 2:00. The climax of the observance was the vivid slide presentation prepared by Virgil Malmsberry, which portrayed the history of the East Goshen Friends Church.

Special tribute was paid to Friends—either deceased, retired, or currently serving—from East Goshen. These include Charles and Elsie Matti, Homer Phillips, Chester Stanley, Wilda Santee Winn Nicholson, Galen Weingart, Charles and Ruth (Watson) Ludington, Lynn Baker, Frances Phillips Tatsch, Loretta Knisely Leonard, C. Lynn Shreve, Lowell Shreve, and David Myton.

In retrospect, it was an exciting day—with something for everyone. Together the young and the old were drawn together in remembering the past and paying tribute to godly pioneers who built strong foundations a hundred years ago.

Women's Retreat Draws Record 602

"Wholeness—The Price and the Promise" was the theme of the 7th annual EFC—ER Retreat for Friends Women, sponsored this year at Ripley, West Virginia, Cedar Lakes Camp. A record 602 women were in attendance, coming from as far away as Canada and Florida.

Marjorie Myers, chairman of the Planning Committee, presided. Due to the large crowd, the big group meetings were held in dual locations at the same time, with the speaker and the musicians alternating schedules.

Jan Ream, Christian psychologist and therapist with New Source Counseling Center in Shaker Heights, Ohio, was a great blessing as the Retreat speaker. "Christ calls us to give up those things that keep us from wholeness," she said. "Being truly Christian means you are willing to face who you are and do something about it!"

When speaking on the family, Mrs. Ream pointed out that "to really love someone, you must identify with that one." And, she was quick to add: "Sometimes it is harder to celebrate another's successes than their struggles."

On ministering to the needs of others, she emphasized that a Christian woman must be willing to take risks and to "be transparent." "You must identify your own woundedness in order to help heal others," she noted.

The ministry of Karen Jackson of Ravenna, Ohio, as guest soloist was greatly appreciated. Martha Medhurst of Poland-Bethel Friends Church led the singing, accompanied by her mother, Jane Phillips.

Geraldine Williams gave "Missionary Moments" at each service, focusing in on prayer needs and praise items from EFM fields. Iris Murphy explained the new "Two Praying Together" plan to encourage more intercessory prayer for very real needs. Joyce Thompson, president of EFA Women's Missionary Fellowship, reported from other retreats and brought greetings from the other three yearly meetings.

The "Silent Auction," which was held for the first time this year, was a huge success, with over \$1,016 raised for World Relief through the sale of craft items, baked goods, hand-sewn pillows, etc.

In the concluding service held Sunday morning many spoke of meeting God during the weekend and finding special help—either in the services, the small groups, or in praying personally with a friend.

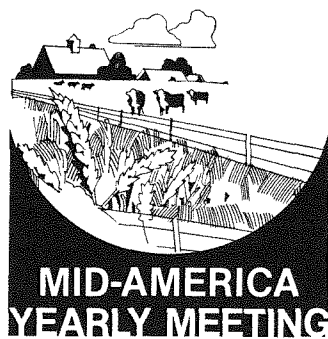
Focus on Malone

The Malone Chorale presented their first fall concert on October 23 in the Stewart Room of Randall Campus Center. Under the direction of Gregory Wilson, the 55-voice Chorale sang varied selections, in-

cluding Randall Thompson's "Frostiana."

Jim Tunney, perhaps the most "colorful" referee in the National Football League, was the second speaker in Malone's Forum Lecture Series for 1982-83. He spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience on October 25, sharing his firsthand experiences accumulated through 30 years as an educator and also his officiating at three Super Bowl games.

Harold L. Bussell, dean at Gordon College, was the featured speaker at Malone's Christian Life Week during fall term. As a Staley Foundation Scholar, he spoke at chapel services October 18-20.



Over 50 Attend New 'Nehemiah Men' Retreat

More than 50 men attended the first Annual Nehemiah Men Association Retreat at the Center for Christian Renewal, Oklahoma City, October 22-24.

A total of 53 registered for the weekend, which provided inspiration and challenge for the group in a relaxed and informal setting.

David Brantingham, pastor of First Denver Friends, keynoted the retreat and challenged Nehemiah Men, a newly formed organization in Mid-America Yearly Meeting, to grasp the vision and carry out the will of God and His work. Messages and testimonies from David Hickman, pastor of Friends Community Church of West Wichita, as well as representatives from missions, Mennonite Disaster Service, and prison ministries further challenged retreaters to a deeper commitment to the kingdom.

Excellent music was provided by Larry Kinser, Cripple Creek, Colorado, and Fred Littlefield and Randy Thornburg of Northridge Friends, Wichita.

Those attending Nehemiah Men's Retreat were saddened during the opening session to learn of the untimely death of Howard Ellis, Haviland, Kansas, businessman, who was killed in an auto accident on his way to the retreat, where he was to have provided the missions leadership. —Henry Harvey

Organizing for Action

The Friends Action Division is doing its best to help the people of MAYM put their faith into practice. Jesus cared about the needs He saw around Him, and those who claim Him as Lord will echo that caring. Since the world's needs are so great and our own energies are small, we need one another's support if the world is to know the love of Christ made practical.

Local churches need outreach committees, and yearly meetings need action committees so that we can support one another and be more effective in our efforts to minister to a fractured world. What are some of the things we are called to do together?

Working for world peace is one important task for Friends. We must begin at home with peace education for ourselves and our children. At the same time we can support the New Call to Peacemaking and the Friends Committee on National Legislation as these groups work to build a more harmonious world.

Children and adults the world over are malnourished. As individuals we can do little about it, but by supporting agencies like the World Relief Corporation our small gifts add up to food for a multitude. Prisoner visitation is a demanding ministry, and those who heed Christ's exhortation to visit the prisoner find that a caring network of encouragement is important.

An increasing number of Friends are organizing to respond to wind, flood, and other disasters. Victims need immediate attention, and by preparing for these tragedies, the Friends Disaster Service groups become Christ's hands of help and love. Friends have long been aware of the special needs of native Americans. The Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs is an organization that works for their spiritual and physical well-being. We need one another for effective action in our communities too, where gambling, drug, malnutrition, and racial problems are encountered.

The Friends Action group in your Yearly Meeting is part of the way we organize for effective action. Local and regional Friends committees help us resist the paralysis that comes when problems are bigger than we can address in our own strength. Support those groups with your prayers and energies! They rely on a two-way flow of information and interest.

What is your local outreach board doing to educate your church about

Friends Among Oklahoma Indians is the title of the new slide presentation available upon request to: Sterrett L. Nash, 612 Plum Street, Box 161, Frankton, IN 46044. A new brochure with the same title also is available.

the world's needs and the ways we can respond to them? It is tempting to be "at ease in Zion" instead of busy about our Master's business. Are we helping people find spiritual and physical wholeness? There is so much to be done that it is easier not to think about the world's needs. Ask God to give you one concern and the desire to do something about it through your church.

God blesses and multiplies our small efforts when they are done under the Holy Spirit's leadership. Look around you with the eyes of our Lord. See the needs of your community; see the fear of nuclear war; see the hungry, the prisoner, the disaster victim, the native American. Then minister to those people for Jesus' sake and in His name. Let your light shine! —Dorian Bales

Friends Bible College News

The annual FBC Women's Auxiliary Sale was a special day as 500-600 people from many states gathered together for the nine-hour sale. Proceeds were over \$39,000. This year's top quilt brought \$1,250 and was made by Mary Clark, Haviland. Twin youth quilts, made by sisters Sue Brawner, Arvada, Colorado, and Joyce Bryan, Haviland, Kansas, brought \$1,000 each.

Besides the many lovely handmade articles, the sale also had homemade soap, Indian fry bread mix, an antique pie cabinet, filet mignon, rainbow trout, Alaskan salmon, and several old issues of the *Saturday Evening Post*.

With Christmas just around the corner, FBC will again have its six-foot wreath in the Student Center. Greetings and love gifts from the U.S. and from foreign countries are received during the Christmas season, and the cards are used to decorate the wreath. Last year's Christmas Wreath gifts totaled \$38,000.

The annual Christmas Concert will be held Sunday evening, December 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Friends University News

During the colorful fall days, while the leaves drifted across Friends University's campus, students and staff gathered each morning to listen to William Vaswig, speaker for Christian Emphasis Week.

Professor and Mrs. Philip Nagley took students to the United Nations for firsthand experience in observing negotiations of world concerns.

The excitement is increasing on campus as the mass communications students prepare to go "on air" when KSOE, Sound of Friends radio station, becomes a reality on January 1, 1983.

FRIENDS GATHER

(Editor's note: With first mention of a church, the name of its pastor is noted in parentheses.)

Christian Education

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio, (Galen Weingart) reports youth, adult, and ladies' Bible studies have begun. The fall Rally Day and Sunday School Promotion Sunday were celebrated by guest musicians Wood Reed and Friends, a gospel folk group from the Canton church.

BETHEL, Hugoton, Kansas, (Steve Harmon and Larry Mendenhall) was host to the fall Western Area Rally. Special classes were held for children, activities and a film for the youth. Four different workshops were held for adults led by David and Marcile Leach and three others from Wichita.

At **CANTON**, Ohio, (John P. Williams, Jr.) "God's Better Way," a study of Hebrews, is being held on Sunday evening during Vespers.

The Christian Education Committee of **HAVILAND**, Kansas, (Gary Wright) has been planning activities for this year. The film series in the Family Life Seminar, "Spirit-Controlled Temperament" by Tim and Bev LaHaye, has been shown. The Sunday School Workers Appreciation Dinner was held in November. The Cradle Roll Committee hosted a Baby Day, and the Nursery Committee purchased new toys for the nursery. Teacher Training sessions were held in October.

A Sunday school class on marriage, taught by Pastor Orchard, has begun. An exciting film about the family, *Sand Castles*, was shown at **NORTH OLMSTED**, Ohio, (Neil Orchard).

RAISIN VALLEY, Adrian, Michigan, (Dale Chryst) grades 3-6 had "Fun with Friends" over a period of three weeks. Activities were planned learning about Friends, with a sack lunch together, after which they participated in the midweek service. Following a Sunday school picnic, seven junior-age children enjoyed a camp-out. The film *Super Christian* was shown recently. The youth sponsored a hayride for children K-6.

At **MIAMI**, Oklahoma, (Jerry Mercer) October was a special month for our Sunday school. *Kids Day* with the young folk leading the singing and even preaching; *Family Day* ended with a picnic; *Visitors Day*; *Senior Citizens Day*; and *Boy Scout Sunday*.

McKEES CREEK, West Liberty, Ohio, (Richard Johnson) Junior Church, under the direction of Joanna Watt, were responsible for an evening service recently.

At **WHITNEY**, Boise, Idaho, (Ron Rittenhouse) Rally Day, a back-to-Sunday School celebration, was held October 10 with gifts for all in attendance. A four-week attendance contest was concluded with prizes awarded. Identity of the "Mystery Bible Guest" was revealed on Sunday evening for which clues had

been given on each of the prior four Sundays. The grand "Finale" was an all-church talent program followed by homemade ice cream and cake for everyone.

MEDFORD, Oregon, (Stanley Perisho). Associate pastor Jim Teeters conducted an exciting day camp for 22 juniors with a theme relating to Garfield's view of life. DVBS featured puppeteers Dan and Shirley Kluver from South Salem Friends.

Community Outreach

SHERWOOD, Oregon, (Robert Sweat) held their annual Thanksgiving dinner November 21, inviting friends in the community. They also sponsor a "Thursday Night Live" junior high youth outreach weekly in the home of Kenneth Williams. Marq Box leads the group with the help of five volunteer staff.

GILEAD, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, (Charles Robinson) Christian School began their third year. GCS has 65 children attending preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1 and 2.

MEDFORD made a special presentation on the Bible History program in the local schools.

Outreach activities for October at **WESTGATE** were a faithful layman Harold Fox giving his testimony in Christian giving; district Outreach Rally at Orange Road church; Stephen Tseng of Chicago Chinese Church; all-church outreach dinner with Dr. Gordon Werkema, president of Malone College; and the "Skip a Lunch—Feed a Bunch" program and Faith Promise commitments. The Frances DeVol Missionary Circle made a baby quilt for the Disaster Auction.

PLAINS, Kansas, (Stan Thornburg) has a staff of five women ministers to grade school children through the Wednesday afternoon God Squad Bible Club program.

After hours of hard work at **CANTON** and because of donations of supplies needed for the remodeling and furnishing of FISH Haven, a temporary home for needy families, an open house was held. The pastor gave a dedication message.

WHITNEY has a local Alcoholics Anonymous group meeting regularly in their church, with as many as 48 in attendance. In September Pastor Ron hosted a "Taco Feed" for this AA group. The Outreach Committee sponsored a warehouse (garage) sale November 4-6 to benefit the Emergency Relief Fund of the church. An annual "Arts and Crafts Festival" will be held December 3, 4. Proceeds from any items sold will help purchase new church hymnals.

Spiritual Growth

In July **WHITNEY** held two sessions for training of church leaders. The first session was for officer organization and orientation. The second was a planning day for all church leaders for inspiration, goal setting, scheduling, etc. "Mastering Spiritual Maturity" was the theme for the

Holy Life Conference October 31-November 3 with special guests, the Max Huffman family of Muncie, Indiana.

STAFFORD, Kansas, (Jack and Myrtle Roe) meeting is receiving good spiritual fellowship at each service under the ministry of the pastors.

Six **MEDFORD** women participated in the Women's Retreat at Twin Rocks and enthusiastically reported back on the inspiring talks and lessons learned.

At **NORTH OLMSTED**, Frank Haugh will be directing the Evangelism Explosion begun by former associate pastor Dave Smith. Super groups consisting of 12 people meet once a month in the members' homes on a rotating basis.

NORTHBRIDGE, Wichita, Kansas, (David and Marcile Leach) has just completed showing the "New Wine" film series on Sunday evenings. Northridge women have been blessed through the two new women's Bible studies studying Thomas Kelly's *Testament of Devotion* and *Say It with Love* by Howard Hendricks. Verna Riney, minister to women, organized a fall festival banquet for women and girls of all ages from the seven Wichita Area churches. She gave her personal testimony of how God had dealt with her as a wife, mother, and businesswoman.

Youth

Exciting things are happening in the Junior High Friends Youth group at **HAVILAND**, reports youth leader Paul Romoser. The year started with a family time of volleyball and homemade ice cream. The following Sunday a study on the theme, "Maturity or Immaturity," began. The next Sunday they were told to come with clean feet. One group was asked to paint a mature type painting and the other group an immature painting. What with? Their toes! Then the two paintings were compared and the differences between being immature and mature discussed.

SOUTHEAST, Salem, Ohio, (Kenneth Hinshaw) sponsored a youth retreat at Quaker Canyon with 10 other Friends churches invited. Sixty young people attended. Marilyn and Steve Chamberlin directed the activities.

NORTH OLMSTED Omega youth program is meeting every Wednesday evening, with enthusiastic teachers in charge. The older youth spent a weekend retreat in Greenville, Pennsylvania, with Patrick and Patti Kelley, their sponsors.

The Sonseekers, **NORTHBRIDGE** junior high youth, are an energetic group! Every week their leader, Rita Smith, reports a new happening—"Leaf"-ing Day, car wash, spaghetti feed, watermelon feed, plans for Christmas Banquet....

SHERWOOD'S new youth pastor, Marq Box, volunteers Wednesday mornings as a tutor in the high school. Thursdays he tutors in the

junior high school. He gets contact with students and teachers this way. He spoke in a home ec class this month on the topic of "Drugs." He shared his personal testimony and how to become a Christian.

The **GILEAD** church welcomed Lorenz Dietrich, exchange student from Detmold, Germany, who is staying with the Harvey Mosher family four months.

Royce Frazier, Yearly Meeting Youth Superintendent, presented a special commendation to **BETHEL** youth this fall. The award was in honor of their exceeding the payment of their Yearly Meeting budget last year. Ken Kohler of Hutchinson gave a recital of organ music recently for the dedication service of our new organ, installed in memory of Carl Ellis.

MIAMI church pays camp fees for all their young people and challenges other churches to do the same. Recently organized is the Singles Group with 20 present at the first meeting.

Missions

SHERWOOD held a missionary conference October 21-24 featuring the Ron Stansell family, Terry Baron family, and Steve Baron family. Carolyn Stansell spoke to the women during a "Ladies Night Out"; Ron spoke at a Saturday Men's Breakfast. Families were all together for a potluck dinner and short sessions on Saturday night. Twin Rocks slides were shown during the Sunday school hour, and Ron spoke in the Sunday worship service. Cecil Binford showed slides taken in Bolivia and Peru.

NORTH OLMSTED had speakers leading to Faith Promise Sunday: Ron Stansell, missionary in Bolivia; Paul Snyder, assistant director of development at Malone College; Dr. Alvin and Lucy Anderson of Canton, who are preparing for service in Bolivia; and Bill Casto of Gilead.

A relatively new Women's Missionary Society has been organized at **HAVILAND** called Doris Friends Women.

The film sponsored by World Relief, *Empty Bellies Have No Ears*, was shown in an evening service at **McKEES CREEK**.

November 12-14 was **MEDFORD** fall missions emphasis, featuring Ron and Carolyn Stansell. A special offering was taken on November 21 for World Relief Commission.

Patti Hamsher of **GILEAD** has begun teaching at the Appalachian Mission, Riverside Christian School, Lost Creek, Kentucky. Special speakers recently included guests from Taiwan Yearly Meeting and missionaries Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore; Dwight Ferguson, founder of Men for Missions, OMS International; John Brantingham, affiliate missionary in Taiwan; and Betty Robinson of Leadership Ministries International.

PLAINS Friends Women treasury received a substantial boost through

their crafts and foods booth at Kismet Little World's Fair. Meeting their goals includes considerable funding for mailings to Burundi and Indian missions. Glowing reports were brought home from Women's Retreat; 13 Plains women attended.

Building Improvements

The **STAFFORD** church sanctuary ceiling was lowered and insulation added. A new coat of paint was added to the outside of the church. A small storage shed was built behind the parsonage garage, and reinforcement added to the basement walls of the parsonage.

The old parsonage at **DEERFIELD**, Ohio, (Christopher Jackson) has been painted as plans proceed for beginning construction of a new one in the spring. A campaign "Owe No Man" (based on Romans 13:8) was undertaken in an effort to bring the church into a position of "owing no man" as soon as possible. A home-made bread and soup sale and community flea market have kicked off the campaign with astounding results.

A "Celebration of Praise" service was held commemorating the beginning of **CANTON**'s building program one year ago. There was a special slide presentation with the sharing of special memories.

Playground equipment was installed this summer at **SHERWOOD**.

The **MIAMI** parsonage is receiving insulation, new siding, and a new front porch.

Several individuals have been working with the stewards to renovate some of the older classrooms at **MEDFORD**. A special workday October 16 was well attended.

Other Events

At **MORNINGSIDE**, Port St. Lucie, Florida, (Karl Wilson) a celebration service held recently featured 11 men from Miami Teen Challenge, who shared their new lives in Christ through music, drama, and testimony. Another service of special inspiration included the pastoral family, the Frosts, who provided a musical program. A testimonial dinner was held in honor of the Frost family, who are now doing church planting work in Kansas City, Kansas.

WHITNEY and **COLORADO SPRINGS**, Colorado, (Arden Kinser) have been viewing Dr. James Dobson's "Focus on the Family" films.

PLAINS—the Sunday evening tent meeting, which opens the annual Labor Day Homecoming event of Kismet's Little World's Fair, was accented by one thunderstorm after another. It failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the large crowd from every church in the Plains-Kismet community. Pastor Stan Thornburg was in charge of the program.

The **WESTGATE** Men's Fellowship meets one Sunday a month for breakfast. The film *The Last Epidemic* about medical consequences of nuclear war was shown on a Sunday evening.

SPRINGFIELD, Colorado, (Glenn Hawthorne) church welcomed their new pastors, Glenn and Ruth Hawthorne, with a picnic following the morning worship.

Burgis and Rosa May Taber held services at **MIAMI** while the pastors were on vacation. Over 400 attended the showing of the Dobson films on two different weekends. Miami was host to the Tri-State Area Rally in October. A MAYM Awareness Time gave opportunity to discuss actions at Yearly Meeting sessions and brainstorm how to implement these and other ideas in our local meetings. After a fellowship meal together the film *Music Box* was shown, and each church shared a special ministry with the group.

"Sound in Spirit," a five-man contemporary Christian music group

from **GILEAD** church, shared at the "Festival of Thanks Singspiration" in Cardington, which commemorated God's goodness during the devastating tornado that struck one year ago. Following a Sunday morning service, the entire congregation met at the Mt. Gilead State Park for a picnic lunch, games, and fellowship, then returned to the church for the Billy Graham film *The Living Word*.

Metro Denver Friends meetings (**FIRST DENVER, NORTHWEST, and PEACE**) are combining forces for a Christmas cantata under the direction of A. J. Ellis.

Harold and Dorothy Hinshaw from **MIAMI**, recently retired, spent three weeks at Camp Quaker Haven making repairs and painting. Their church sent \$200 to buy the paint and the Friends Women sent aprons,

tea towels, and potholders for the camp kitchen.

TECUMSEH, Michigan, (John Williams, Sr.) had famous all-pro football player Bill Glass as speaker recently in a midweek service, with special music provided by the Singing Fish Family. Owen and Mae Glassburn spent a week ministering at the church each evening besides speaking at special breakfasts and luncheons. Gerald and Marjorie Teague spoke recently on the world outreach of the church.

URBANA, Ohio, (David Byrne) held at Inreach-Outreach Conference, with several pastors of the district and District Superintendent Harold Wyandt participating. After a potluck dinner on Saturday, Pastor Byrne conducted an evangelism workshop.

—Compiled by Ruth Brown

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

BELL—To Ron and Amy Bell, a daughter, Sara Kathleen, June 14, 1982, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

CRISMAN—A son, Benjamin James, to Gordon and Clela Crisman, October 11, 1982, Medford, Oregon.

FRIZZELL—To Dennis and Colleen Frizzell, a son, Bret William, July 8, 1982, North Olmsted, Ohio.

GIBSON—A son, Ethan James, to Ian and Kay Gibson, October 4, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

HADLEY-VOTH—To Wes and Marilyn Hadley-Voth, a daughter, Beulah Marie, October 22, 1982, Newberg, Oregon.

HAM—To Robert and Marilyn Ham, a son, Norris Samuel, October 2, 1982, Haviland, Kansas.

HARDING—To Paul and Ruth Ann Harding, a son, Andrew John, October 10, 1982, Haviland, Kansas.

HARMON—A son, Delbert Steven, to David and Eliene Harmon, January 25, 1982, Springfield, Colorado.

HAZEL—To Ted and Jeanne Magee Hazel, a son, David Alan, May 15, 1982, Scotts Mills, Oregon.

JACKS—To Tony and Diana Jacks, a daughter, Britt Louise, September 16, 1982, Haviland, Kansas.

JACKSON—To Chris and Nancy Jackson, a son, Phillip, August 30, 1982, Deerfield, Ohio.

JONES—To Tilford and Christine Jones, a daughter, Diane Rae, October 2, 1982, Canton, Ohio.

KING—To Bill and Maciana King, a daughter, Maciana Kristen, July 1, 1982, Poulsbo, Washington.

LEWIS—To Larry and Sheryl Lewis, a son, Landon Joe, September 5, 1982, Haviland, Kansas.

MALIC—To Ed and Gail Malic, a daughter, Charity Ann, July 6, 1982, San Diego, California.

NIELSEN—To Martha and Byron Nielsen, a son, Jason Bradley, September 22, 1982, Fort Collins, Colorado.

NICHOLSON—A daughter, Shelly Colette, to Gary and Cheryl Nicholson, July 28, 1982, Medford, Oregon.

ROCHHOLZ—A daughter, Darcy Jayne, to David and Lora Rochholz, September 15, 1982, Harper, Kansas.

ROGERS—To Wes and Shelley Rogers, a son, Brett Austin, September 3, 1982, Newberg, Oregon.

ROSS—To David and Doreen Ross, a son, Bryan David, August 28, 1982, Hooker, Oklahoma.

RUTHERFORD—A daughter, Lee Ann, to Darrell and Cheryl Rutherford, June 28, 1982, Springfield, Colorado.

SELLER—A son, Aaron Daniel, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sellar, Tempe, Arizona.

SMITH—A son, Joel Michael, to Andy and Elaine Smith, August 17, 1982, Medford, Oregon.

SPARKS—A son, Herbert Austin III, to Bud and Marjean Sparks, October 10, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

STANAGE—To Ken and Jana Stanage, a son, Israel Jon, September 15, 1982, Haviland, Kansas.

STRIGLE—A son, Shayne Casey, to Bob and Debbie Strigle, September 2, 1982, Medford, Oregon.

SUTTLE—To Jeff and Keri Suttle, a daughter, Rockelle Marie, September 14, 1982, Newberg, Oregon.

TENNANT—To John and Suzy Tennant, a son, Drew Charles, June 17, 1982, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

VINCENT—To Keith and Debbie Vincent, a son, Micah Gayle, September 27, 1982, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

WATKINS—A daughter, Shannon Lynette, to Craig and Denise Watkins, September 11, 1982, Medford, Oregon.

WINAR—To Jim and Jan Winar, a daughter, Jill, July 6, 1982, North Olmsted, Ohio.

WINE—A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to John and Sue Wine, August 5, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

WOLK-LANIEWSKI—A daughter, Rachel Nicole, to David and Vickie Wolk-Laniewski, May 14, 1982, Medford, Oregon.

YOUNG—A daughter, Elizabeth Danielle, to J. C. and Aileen Young, September 10, 1982, Miami, Oklahoma.

ZELLNER—A son, Jerod Alan, to Kelley and Carolyn Zellner, August 28, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

MARRIAGES

BAKER-CARSON. Marlinda Ann Baker and Gregg Leonard Carson, September 11, 1982, Euless, Texas.

GRAFF-LAMM. Teresa A. Graff and Gregg T. Lamm, August 20, 1982, Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

NUNEZ-WAGNER. Yolanda Nunez and Jeffrey Wagner, June 11, 1982, El Paso, Texas.

PINA-MILLER. Connie Pina and Gordon Miller, September 5, 1982, Lakewood, Colorado.

DEATHS

BAILY—Elizabeth Baily, 85, September 23, 1982.

BEACHAM—Esther Beacham, 93, July 22, 1982, Medford, Oregon.

BULGIN—Bess Bulgin, 90, November 5, 1982, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

DAVIS—Agnes L. Davis, 85, July 30, 1982, Boise, Idaho.

DODGE—Myrtle Dodge, September 22, 1982, Scotts Mills, Oregon.

ELLIS—Howard Ellis, October 16, 1982, Haviland, Kansas.

GOSSARD—Tressie Mabel Gossard, 85, October 20, 1982, Newberg, Oregon.

KINSER—Ken Kinser, minister, 52, September 30, 1982, Grand Junction, Colorado.

LAYMAN—George H. Layman, July 29, 1982, Newberg, Oregon.

LEHTO—Myrtle Lehto, September 16, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

MICHENER—Ardis Roberts Michener, 81, June 9, 1982, Altadena, California.

MONTGOMERY—Joe E. Montgomery, Jr., August 17, 1982, Wichita, Kansas.

SALLEY—Leonard Salley, October 11, 1982, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

SHIPMAN—Donald Shipman, May 28, 1982, North Olmsted, Ohio.

TYLER—Roy Tyler, October 11, 1982, Scotts Mills, Oregon.

A BETTER WAY TOWARD PEACE



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used, "30 to 70 percent of the ozone in the northern hemisphere and 20 to 40 percent in the southern hemisphere would be depleted by the reaction to huge quantities of nitrous oxide. It could take 10 years for this ozone to replenish itself . . ."

The belief in the survivability—one might even call it the acceptability of nuclear holocaust—is nothing less than legitimized insanity. The Reagan Administration plans to spend \$222 billion in the next six years to achieve the capacity to fight and win a nuclear war. This will include the production of 17,000 new extremely accurate nuclear weapons over the next decade. Almost one third of the federal deficit this year can be traced to nuclear weapons programs.

I do not doubt for a moment President Reagan's sincere desire to control nuclear weapons and reduce the risk of nuclear war. He believes that in order to negotiate effectively reductions in nuclear weapons we must first achieve a "margin of safety." This is another way of saying nuclear superiority. No doubt, the Soviets also seek such a "margin." We have had substantial nuclear superiority since the day the atomic bomb was developed. Some historians believe that the principle objective behind the Hiroshima bombing was not to end the war but rather to send a signal of strength to the Soviet Union. All of the American presidents who presided over this superiority also expressed concern over the danger of nuclear war. But there have been no reductions, there has been no increase in our security; only a steadily rising accumulation of nuclear overkill. The nuclear freeze proposal offers the President a fresh opportunity to reject these false assumptions that have propelled us toward oblivion.

The primary rebuttal from this administration in rejecting the freeze is that the Soviet Union is displaying ominous trends in nuclear weapons development. I quite agree. But there is only one way to guarantee the death at infancy of a new Soviet bomber, a new Soviet submarine and a new generation of Soviet land-based missiles, and that is to halt the arms race now. Under

the Reagan-Jackson-Warner "buildup while negotiating reductions" proposal, these weapons will surely come to life, as will new U.S. systems. In other words, we will argue endlessly over who is ahead and who is behind under the guise of "negotiating reductions."

We have entered an era in which remarkable scientific advances in weaponry have heightened dramatically the risk of nuclear war caused by anger, accident, or panic. During the past 20 months U.S. computer malfunction has falsely signaled a Soviet strategic attack 147 times. Painstaking efforts at arms control are likely to be overpowered by the forces generated by mutual suspicion and technological weapons innovation. What, then, can we do?

You can't throw a freight train coming down the track into reverse until you first stop it. I am convinced that the same logic applies to the nuclear arms race. My proposal in Congress is similar to resolutions being debated in city councils and state legislatures across the country. It simply directs the President to approach the Soviet Union with a proposal for both nations to halt the testing, deployment, and production of nuclear weapons, and to endeavor to negotiate reductions from this point. It calls not for unilateral disarmament, it calls for unilateral initiative.

I HAVE felt, since I first introduced a similar freeze amendment to the SALT II treaty, that it is the only approach to arms control that makes sense. It is as practical as it is simple. It enables those of us who don't have a background in physics or nuclear engineering to say "no annihilation without representation. You can no longer hold our lives hostage to your exotic terminology and your secret reports, for we are not blind to the obvious." It is a time-sensitive proposal. It recognizes that we are poised on the edge of a cliff known as strategic nuclear parity. It is *future* Soviet capabilities that motivate many military leaders to join the chorus for a nuclear arms buildup. No responsible military official of which I am aware would trade the U.S. nu-

clear arsenal for the Soviet arsenal today. In fact, the Joint Chiefs of Staff were asked last year if they would make such a trade. All of them answered "No!"

To those who think such an idea unrealistic, I ask, "Where is the realism in the mentality that tells us that nuclear war is thinkable, manageable, and survivable?" How can it possibly be justifiable to create weapons so destructive that sanction for the innocent is impossible? That which masquerades as realism is proving itself increasingly removed from reality.

Today's nuclear gladiators speak of nuclear strikes and counterstrikes that the Soviet Union could survive better than we. The ominous, ugly truth is the planet, as we know it, will perish at the conclusion of round one. A cascade of radioactive fallout, fire storms, and severe destruction of the eco system and the ozone layer will render the planet uninhabitable. Round two, at best, will be an act of benevolence toward those unfortunate few who find themselves temporarily alive in hell on earth.

We stand by as children starve by the millions because we lack the capability and the will to eliminate hunger. Yet we have found the will to develop missiles capable of flying over the polar cap and landing within a few hundred feet of their target. This is not innovation; it is a profound distortion of man's purpose on earth. It is a sad commentary on the health of our nation, numbly investing billions, the best minds and God's precious resources to transform the greatest nightmare imaginable into reality. But we are recovering. We are becoming well again. We are saying with resolution, "It must stop—now—so that we can begin the task of reducing and, ultimately, eliminating the threat of nuclear war."

President Eisenhower said upon leaving office that one of these days the people would make the governments of the world stand aside and let them have peace. The movement to freeze the nuclear arsenals of both the United States and the Soviet Union is a bold step toward the realization of President Eisenhower's vision.

Anyone who has witnessed the testimony of the Hiroshima survivors felt the pain in their words, the sadness in their hearts, and seen the grotesque physical evidence of their experience, cannot help but want to take such a small risk for peace. For me, the words of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern in Stoppard's play echo this: "There must have been a time, somewhere near the beginning, when we could have said no." ☐

TUESDAY at 8:00 a.m. May 6, 1980, my four-year old Becky, my husband Gary, and I performed a family ritual. We embraced in a "family hug"—Becky standing on the kitchen counter, I on the kitchen stool, and Gary (6'5") just standing. Then we walked to the door, waved good-bye and God bless. Wednesday morning when Becky awakened I tearfully told her Papa had gone to be with Jesus. He had died unexpectedly at work the night before.

That quickly, without warning, we were a single-parent family. More than 80 percent of today's one-parent families were unplanned: that is, there was no anticipation of divorce or death.

Since nearly half of all children who are now toddlers, before they reach 18 years of age, will live for a period of time in a single-parent home,¹ chances are someone in your family—cousin, sister, nephew, daughter, son, or even you—will someday be part of a single-parent family. It is vital that we who have a living relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ, we who are the ones through whom Jesus lives and makes himself known in the world today, learn to relate to and include these families in our midst.

Our struggles are often different from the two-parent family, but our needs of competence, belongingness, and worthiness are the same. During the years of adjustment (usually one to two years) there is great trial in all three areas, which are defined by Maurice E. Wagner in his book, *The Sensation of Being Somebody*, as follows:

Competence is the feeling of adequacy, of courage or hopefulness, of strength to carry out the tasks of daily life-situations.

Belongingness is an awareness of being wanted and accepted, of being cared for and enjoyed.

Worthiness is a feeling of 'I am good' or 'I count.'

For the single parent tasks of daily living have doubled. She or he is now totally responsible for income production and management, home maintenance (from grocery shopping, to repairs, to laundry, cooking, and cleaning), and child raising (including nurturing, disciplining, listening, loving, physical care, day care, and so on). Feeling

incompetent is not unusual as the constant presence of new responsibilities and pressure of circumstances and emotions over which there seems no control close in.

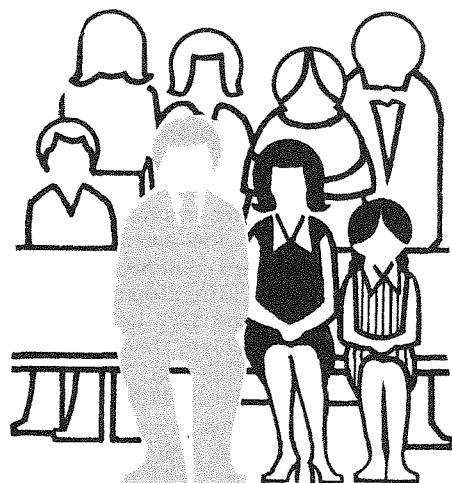
Loss of a mate through death or divorce can be compared to the rending of two pieces of tape. Neither piece is left intact. Each has been stripped of parts of itself. A *sense of belongingness*, therefore, is severely tested if not totally lacking. The mate who feels "left" whether by death or divorce, is now bereft of the most intimate relationship that provided the sense (or hope)

of being wanted, accepted, cared for, and enjoyed. It may take time to allow others to come close and begin meeting such needs.

I have hungered for an intimate caring and sharing relationship while at the same time been fearful of such: afraid of giving part of myself and then losing again, and afraid of not being understood or of being condemned as I share my failures, doubts, and fears. So to those who want to be friends of a single parent, I would encourage you to be patient and also to be willing to share some of your own struggles and fears. That opens the door to a reciprocal relationship, and there is growing freedom to reveal our humanity to one another rather than seek to maintain a mask of strength.

Of prime importance to those desiring to relate to single-parent families is our need of worthiness, to feel significant, worthwhile, as though "I count." For those who are in Christ Jesus this may be the most difficult part of relating, particularly in the case of divorce. We know God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16). We all hate divorce, particularly if we have ever been touched personally by its pain. However, can we not avoid the subtle tendency to determine "guilt" before deciding to befriend? Guilt and conviction are God's responsibility.² Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

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(NASB) that "all these things [concerning our new life in Christ] are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

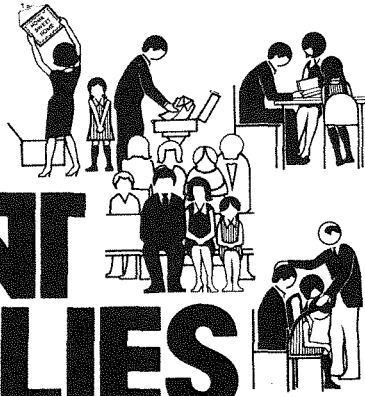
In divorce, no one is totally without blame. Part of divorce recovery calls for each party to determine how he/she contributed to the demise of the marriage. It is most difficult not to take sides, but I believe the way of love neither feeds a "poor me" attitude nor condones condemnation. Let me add that I am not speaking of temporary thoughts or feelings, for these are normal. I am referring to ongoing attitudes that are not brought into the control of Christ Jesus and thus prevent us from being used as reconcilers.

Having briefly touched on some general areas of need in the life of a single parent, let's look at some practical aspects. The question arises—what can we do then? I have some suggestions for the church at large and for the single parent that I pray will be useful.

For the Church Body

1. Please take care in teaching to give examples and include topics that are relevant and apply to singles as well as mar-

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PARENT FAMILIES

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rieds, to one-parent as well as two-parent families.

2. When several of you are going to a play or event that is not couple-oriented, invite a single-parent friend and, if needed, help arrange baby-sitting. Finances can be especially tight, for income has often been halved, so you may need to be sensitive to the bind and work around it.

3. I discovered that not only do I need social activity for myself but I also hunger for family involvement: to be included with others on family outings. In my church a small group of five couples who meet weekly for sharing have begun to include Becky and me in their family outings every couple of months and it is great! Our children know each other from Sunday school, and I am coming to know these families better. I would not be comfortable in the couples' sharing, but I do enjoy the fun and fellowship of family get-togethers.

4. Last Christmas a friend offered to take Becky shopping to buy me a gift. This is an excellent idea for birthdays, too. It helped my morale (someone cared enough to suggest it) and was an exciting opportunity for Becky to surprise me with something she picked out.

5. Consider inviting a child or the children of a one-parent household on family outings. It gives the parent some time

alone combined with the assurance that his/her child is enjoying friends and the dynamics of a two-parent family. You or your children will need to have established some kind of relationship with the child or children beforehand, however, if they are to positively anticipate such an outing.

God has blessed me with delightful Christian neighbors who have a daughter seven and a son two. Our girls are good friends, and Becky gave Jerry (the father) the Father's Day gift she made at school because "he is like a daddy to me." For the month of July the

mother and children are visiting relatives in Arkansas. Tonight Jerry invited Becky to attend his church's family roller skating event with him. She was delighted, and I thank God for their sensitivity and reaching out to her.

6. A great area of need for the single parent is time apart from one's child/children, time to relax and renew one's perspective. However, going somewhere alone for several days is often not appealing, and many single parents cannot afford sitters and vacation expenses. I would like to suggest that the next time your church sponsors a women's/men's retreat your group make an effort to include the single parent (in teaching topic as well). This may mean helping to arrange child care or providing a scholarship fund to help with fees. Also, if it is a first time away she/he may need special assurance that it will be beneficial for all parties involved.

THESE are just a few suggestions. If you are really interested in reaching one-parent families begin with prayer, alone or ideally with others who share your concern. Then begin to bounce around some ideas of what God would have you do and then move out.

To the Single Parent


Try to remember that strength, peace, comfort, wisdom, forgiveness, and self-acceptance

come from God. Only He can meet your needs, so don't allow yourself to become resentful if it seems the church is not at present doing so. Maybe our Lord desires to reveal more of himself and His faithfulness to you. Ask yourself, "Am I listening to Him? Am I willing to let Him work His way (Isaiah 55:8) in my life?"

God seeks balance in our lives. He doesn't want us overly dependent on others, while on the other hand He exhorts us to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2), and He tells us we cannot go it alone (1 Corinthians 12:12, 18-21).

I have struggled for two years with the question of where I fit in as a single parent in my church (I am one of three). I float from class to class. However, God is meeting my needs in His way and His time. It is difficult and humbling, but I am growing and I think others are, too.

Another suggestion: try to accept first-time invitations whenever you can. Don't try to determine motives or if you and your children will fit in. Your prospective hostess/host thinks you will fit in or you wouldn't be invited. Give it a chance. Last year we were invited to Sunday dinner at the home of a couple with grown children. Also invited were two other fairly recent widows, one in her early 50's, the other in her 70's. I struggled a bit being identified as part of the "widow ministry" and because I did not know any of the people involved, but I accepted and had an enjoyable, relaxing afternoon. The older son, 21, took Becky to a park after dinner so I could relax, and I benefited from my time with the older women. We haven't socialized further but I think they are even now a part of our lives because I know they care for us.

I thank God often that I am a part of the Body of Christ. The past two years have been painful and extremely difficult at times, but they have also been exciting and worthwhile years because I am growing in the gentle but firm love of my Lord. My heart aches for those who do not know His love. It is my prayer that the Body of Christ will learn to reach out to those in their midst who have suffered the loss of a mate through divorce or death and then to their neighbors and then to their fellow workers. It is my prayer that our Lord would accomplish His healing and proclaim His victory where Satan would wreak havoc, destruction, and despair. 

1 Weiss, Robert S., *Going It Alone*. (New York: Basic Books, Inc., 1979) p. x

2 Matthew 18:15-17, which is the weighty responsibility of Ministry and Counsel, is the exception.

ON PREACHING

BY STANLEY PERISHO

THERE are those who say that today is the post-preaching age. There is emphasis, and rightly so, on the importance of "Body Life," the sharing and fellowship. But the current emphasis on the importance of every-member ministry often draws away from the vital role of preaching in the life of the Christian fellowship.

Perhaps much of today's lackluster preaching is helpful in that it graphically illustrates what a preacher must avoid at all cost. Could it be that the great lack in today's preaching is the loss of the prophetic, "Thus saith the Lord"? "I think," "I feel," "I may be wrong," "it seems to me," "in my opinion," surely has little power to persuade people to respond to the call of the Spirit of God on their lives. It may be that the preacher needs to be more sure of his statements before he makes them.

Preaching, if it is to effect change, must involve a dynamic proclamation of Truth as truth from God that possesses the preacher so completely that he is consumed with the truth and its application.

In order to accomplish this, preaching must relate to needs, real needs of people, but more than this, it must bring Truth to bear directly on those needs. The "Thus saith the Lord" of the Old Testament prophets and New Testament apostles takes the message beyond my ideas, my study, my philosophy, my opinions, to the authority of the God who created the universe.

I must remember as a preacher that what I think is not really important. What is really important is what God thinks, what God says about the human situation. The need of people today is not to hear a new idea, but to hear God's truth applied to life. The prophetic ministry of "Thus saith the Lord" with a sense of excitement with what God has done and the love that God has shown to us through Christ is that which will call out a response.

Preaching must not call us simply to strive to better our lives and our relationships; it must call us to apply the power of God to change our lives. In order to see God changing our lives, we must be presented with a God who *can* change lives. Could it be that we have emphasized man's


needs so exclusively that we have forgotten to show needy people a God who can meet their situations? Methods to change lives by positive attitude, will power, or therapy are certainly valid tools God has provided but will never replace the Holy Spirit conviction of the prophetic "Thus saith the Lord" by which one realizes his desperate situation, and also recognizes that the only answer is to rely on God.

A gospel must be preached that keeps people aware of the grace of God and the hopelessness of men without God. Prophetic announcement of the predicament of man without Jesus Christ and the nature of God's grace and forgiveness must not be abandoned for "group therapy."

Sin must be denounced as sin, for unless one sees himself and/or his world as sin-

ners, he sees no need of repentance. It is only as he sees himself as God sees him, as a sinner who may be saved by faith in Jesus Christ, that he can be brought to avail himself of God's forgiveness.

I recognize the need for "deep" teaching of the truth of God, but the need today is for a positive, prophetic message of God's plan, which through Jesus Christ provides forgiveness for and freedom from sin. Let us stand on the teachings of Jesus Christ who says, "Ye must be born again" and "I am the way . . . no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Preaching, from a human standpoint, is not just hard; it's impossible. The preacher is totally dependent upon God's message made alive as His Word is applied to hearts of men by the work of the Holy Spirit. 

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