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# JESUS' TEACHING ON DIVORCE

BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

"What does the Bible really say about divorce?" is a question that is frequently asked. With all the books, conferences, and interest just now in the Christian family and singles in the church, it is strange that we seldom hear a sermon specifically addressing this subject. Upon reading what Jesus says about divorce, there is still room for a number of interpretations and applications from various points of view.

Not that Jesus was unclear in what He said, but His common practice was working primarily with individuals one by one, and adapting His comments to fit that particular person or situation. We need to discern which teachings are for *that* person or *those* people, and which of His words are changeless truths to be expressed again and again through every generation, permanent guidelines for all followers of Christ. What parts of what He said are intended for all of us?

For example, when he told the blind man in John nine to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam, it was obviously a bit of instruction given to that one individual, never repeated and not intended for all blind people or for anyone else. So certain instructions given were applicable to only one person. It is risky to lift any one verse and build a case on it as the official position of the church or of the Christian faith.

None of us, of course, doubts the validity of Scripture nor the words of Jesus, but the same rules of Bible exegesis apply in Jesus' teaching on divorce as on any other. In Matthew five He is stating principles upon which our whole Christian faith structure rests. Jesus saw, He understood, He loved, He reached out to people, especially to people in need. There was no one beyond His concern or interest and love.

The religious leaders were living by the rules, or they wanted to believe that they were. Jesus said we should live by the spirit of the law, not just the letter of the law. Because of His approach and kindness to certain individuals such as Zaccheus, for example, and the woman at the well from Samaria and others, He was criticized. But His explanation is an excellent aid to our understanding of what He did, said, and meant to all types of people. A truth is couched in this one foundational fact, "Those who are well do not need a physician, only those who are sick."

Therefore, the teachings of Christ are beamed toward those who are in trouble, who acknowledge problems, and who see themselves to be in need of God's forgiveness and care. So when we consider what Jesus has to say on divorce, this also is important.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

A fellow pastor was saying, "A few years ago when someone came to me to discuss divorce or remarriage following divorce, I would not even talk to them because to me it is very clear that it was not God's will and therefore it was not worth my time or interest. I didn't want to get involved." He went on, "I realize now how terribly wrong I was and have been." Why? Well, because some of his own family have divorced. He now has a whole new perspective on the hurts, the agony, sorrow, and frustration that goes with this. Now he sees the opportunity of the church and every Christian to reach out with understanding.

Divorce has come too close to all of us for it to be a subject we can brush off carelessly or thoughtlessly. It is too prevalent, too painful for any of us to "pass by on the other side" as though it doesn't touch our lives. If we care



for each other as Christians, we should certainly be carrying one another's burdens in this regard. We need to face this reality and what Jesus tells us.

We are led into this in the Gospel of Matthew with these simple statements, sensing as we do that it is a many-sided problem. Even the Pharisees couldn't find a more controversial subject. "It was also said [Jesus speaking], 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a written notice of divorce.' But now I tell you: if a man divorces his wife, even though she has not been unfaithful, then he is guilty of making her commit adultery if she marries again; and the man who marries her commits adultery also." (Matthew 5:31, 32 *Good News Bible*).

#### NO SHORTCUT THEOLOGY

The easy response to this reading is, well what could be clearer than this? Anyone who is divorced is lost and anyone who marries a divorced person is sinful and therefore lost! But such a superficial, distant, and even cold response to these words can be just as wrong as the Pharisees who were trying to trap Jesus by getting him to speak of it at all.

For one thing, Jesus in this instance was responding to a specific problem. He was quoting from the Old Testament, referring back to the teaching from Deuteronomy, "Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a written notice of divorce." Why did he say this right off? For one thing, the scribes and Pharisees along with other prominent religious leaders of the day were abusing this practice miserably. They viewed women as property and were thoughtlessly whipping out notices of divorce like grocery lists just to get rid of wives they did not want. These irresponsible, lustful, selfish, heartless actions were taken without any recognition of the value of women, including wives, as human beings.

So Jesus instantly raises the level of the whole discussion to a new plane. In fact, the Old Testament rule quoted was given, Jesus explained, to give protection to women because of the hardness of the hearts of those who were viewing women largely as property, or slaves at best. Marriages, from other teachings of Jesus, are to be lifelong, beautiful and tender, loving partnerships, not a master-slave relationship, nor for sexual exploitation.

Perhaps lifting the highest metaphor possible from the Scripture, Paul described marriage as like the relationship of Christ and the Church. So Jesus was zeroing in on a very badly abused, miserable practice when he spoke of this matter and the way in which the Pharisees and others were handling divorce. He said, in effect, "You are adulterers who do it"; passing wives around in remarriage is adultery too, is what he is saying to men.

To the men who brought the woman before Christ "caught in the very act" of committing adultery, with rocks already in their hands to stone her, he said, "If any one of you is without sin, let him begin stoning her." So His pur-

pose was always to raise the husband/wife relationship to a level of equality. It is consistent with the principle, "The sabbath is made for man, and not man for the sabbath."

He surely was not intending that one statement, however concise and brief it is, to be an inflexible definition of divorce for every circumstance, for every person. What he is getting at here is the gross error that had developed in their thinking. It applies head-on to those in our generation or any other who, like the Pharisees, used divorce as an "out" for responsibility, or as a scheme, however legal, for selfish purposes, for lustfulness, for economic gain, or any other unworthy reason, to rush through a divorce.

Furthermore, the whole burden of guilt in the Old Testament and Jewish teaching on divorce was placed on the woman. She was the one who was stoned to death with rocks, which is a pretty heartless and final way of releasing a husband for remarriage. But that is exactly what was happening.

#### THEN AND NOW

It is worth noting that this comment, "You have heard . . . but I say" is one of six such statements in this passage, which suggests there is a transition taking place, a then and now development. Jesus is not comparing His teaching with the law of Moses, but rather trying to show the false interpretation of the old law; not to correct the law but to correct the perversions that had developed about it.

The law of Moses, which touches this particular point in Deuteronomy 24, really seems to be tackling a problem that had become chaotic, largely because of the low view of women and of religious irresponsibility. Men were leaving their wives for no reason at all. The law taught they had at least to formalize it, so they were to make a written notice of divorce and that would give some measure of dignity and protection for the wife.

There were three basic principles governing this procedure in the Old Testament. Divorce was limited to certain causes even then. (1) They had to prove the reason with two witnesses to avoid frivolous reasons, and (2) had to write out a divorce, and (3) not remarry *her* again. They *both* would be considered participants in adultery, by either remarriage or by a sexual act. The Pharisees and others had become very clever at twisting this around and circumventing the intent of the law to their own advantage.

To build a case for Christ's attitude toward divorce based only on this passage or the two others that are found in Matthew and Mark as a legalistic or official position of our church or *the* Church may be just as distorted, even vicious and cruel, especially to women. Jesus was condemning an attitude and this legalistic approach to the divorce problem as much as he was the act of adultery.

Jesus knows each life, each person, each heart, accurately—without exception. He loves us all, which is not to say that He loves our sinning or disobedience, of course. But His plan is to redeem us all from sin and further He



teaches that the marriage of one man to one woman for life is God's plan and God's purpose. This is obvious. He created the human race, male and female, placing man and woman on an absolutely equal level.

#### JESUS' EXHIBIT A

One of the most helpful teachings found on this subject, a kind of Exhibit A of what Jesus is saying here, is found in the fourth chapter of John. Jesus is with the woman at the well, a woman of Samaria. Jesus' conversation with this much-married woman says more than the few words we have read. First of all, He approaches this woman with sympathy and with understanding of her unhappy life. Secondly, there is an acceptance of her life, messed up as it was, with the hope that it could be turned

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR FORMERLY MARRIEDS

1. Thou shalt not live in thy past.
2. Thou shalt be responsible for thy present and not blame thy past for it.
3. Thou shalt not feel sorry for thyself indefinitely.
4. Thou shalt assume thy end of the blame for thy marriage dissolution.
5. Thou shalt not try to reconcile thy past and reconstruct thy future by a quick, new marriage.
6. Thou shalt not make thy children the victim of thy past marriage.
7. Thou shalt not spend all thy time trying to convince thy children how terrible and evil their departed parent is.
8. Thou shalt learn all thou canst about a one-parent family, and get on with it.
9. Thou shalt ask others for help when thou needest it.
10. Thou shalt ask God for the wisdom to bear yesterday, create today, and plan for tomorrow.

—from *Growing Through Divorce*  
(Harvest House) 1976  
by Jim Smoke

around, have a new beginning by His grace and power. Above all, divorce does not keep her from receiving the gift of eternal life.

Jesus accepts her as she is and seeks to lead her on to a new beginning that His power and grace make possible. That is terribly important. Jesus always takes us where He finds us, and divorce is no exception. It is not the unpardonable sin, although it has been treated like that at times in the church. Jesus did nothing to weaken the sanctity of marriage in offering His forgiveness and grace to this woman, but merely accepted facts as they were and pointed her to the way of salvation and hope for her future.

Remember this, it was to a *divorcee*, a woman at that, mind you, to whom Jesus said the words we quote so often to everyone in witnessing, "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst." She accepted it and responded, "Give me this water, that I may not thirst."

There is a great truth here. Only Jesus can satisfy a parched life. This is particularly pertinent to her and maybe to some of us. Why is this so significant for this woman? Why did she go through one marriage after another, five times trying to—and now trying again to find happiness living with a man without even being married to him?

While she was to a large extent a victim of an unfair religious system of the day, she was seeking something to satisfy her that she had never found anywhere else. You don't find a story anywhere except Hollywood that matches this record, and for the same reason—frantically, feverishly seeking happiness again, again, and again. There is something in us that only God can satisfy, you see. Frankly, some people may expect too much of a marriage, trying to make their companion God, and when he or she turns out not to be God or like God, then they are disappointed and look somewhere else for a god they can marry.

Another thing revealed in this incident is that a divorcee sometimes tries to evade facing the truth. This often happens, as we know, in counseling situations, running away from reality, so one of the first things we have to do is to face head-on what the situation is. "Go call your husband" he said. She said, "I have no husband," which is only a half truth and maybe less than a half truth. Jesus began to press the subject. She changes the topic of conversation and tries to evade it. But there is simply no escape from our problems, even divorce. Jesus makes us face them squarely, honestly; whatever is keeping us from God's approval and blessing has to be faced.

God is a Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. This is where we find the answer—not through some legal loophole, not sidestepping it, not through some creedal statement, but showing that we are still human, even after divorce, still searching for the meaning of life and a future in God's will and God's blessing. Here is a divorcee meeting life and meeting God through the Spirit, for God speaks to us in that fashion.

#### THE DIVORCEE A "SENT" MESSENGER

There is another part to this encounter. This woman was used immediately to tell others about Jesus and what He was doing. Is it really possible that she is the first woman on record in the Gospels of one being sent as a missionary and a minister, a five-times divorcee! We don't forget or forgive them so easily or trust the work of the Gospel to these individuals. There is a message from this. You remember she went back to her own town and told them in effect, "Here is a man who knows everything about me and accepted me anyway," and they all came out to hear Him. Her ministry was singularly effective and God blessed it.

A message from this for all who are divorced is that we don't run from God, we have to face the realities of our situation, we don't lie about it, we don't make excuses, we

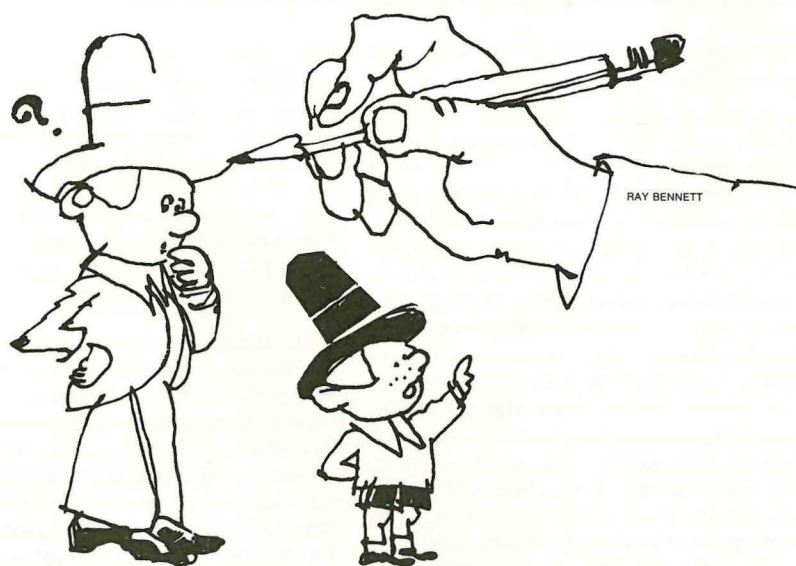
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"Why doesn't thee ever have a woman in our cartoon series?"

### COVER

Divorce. Promises and dreams so tenderly exchanged and shared on that wedding day some years ago lie broken and shattered. And Christians are not immune.

### ANTECEDENTS

Few of us "work our way" to the editorial page of the *Evangelical Friend*. Surveys and feedback from readers indicate that most turn to that page *first* to see what Editor Jack L. Willcuts has come up with. Whether to enlighten or entertain, to prod or praise, to share concerns or convictions, his gift of writing seldom disappoints. What he has to say is always enhanced by the way he says it.

Jack has been using this gift for many years. It was in September 1958 that his first editorial column, "Just Between Thee and Me," was published in *The Northwest Friend*. During all these intervening 20 years he has been editor of that publication or executive editor and/or editor of the *Evangelical Friend*.

Because he is such an able communicator, we often urge him to write more major articles, pointing out the unusual ministry of his editorials. His genuine modesty and humility stymies our drive to overrule. However, his deep concern for many human hurts, and for the problem of divorce in particular, prompted him to write on "Jesus' Teaching on Divorce" as a major subject—this month's main feature.

He wanted nothing biographical said about him—only his byline with the article. We agreed.  
—H.T.A.

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# 'EVANGELICAL FRIENDS—A NEW VISION FOR MISSION'

## THIRD EFA GENERAL CONFERENCE

BY RETA STUART



### "EVANGELICAL FRIENDS—A NEW VISION FOR MISSION"

Friends coming together from across America for the Third General Conference of the Evangelical Friends Alliance at Regis College in Denver, Colorado, July 12-16 (Wednesday evening through Sunday evening) will celebrate their new worldwide vision for the ministry of mission. Dr. Robert Hess, executive director of the Evangelical Friends Mission, will address the Sunday afternoon session about pro-

*Reta Stuart is administrative secretary of the new cooperative Evangelical Friends Mission. As publicity chairman of the Third General Conference of the Evangelical Friends Alliance, she outlines here details of the conference. Two conference participants are shown above: Ralph D. Winter (top), general director of U.S. Center for World Mission, will be the featured evening speaker; Cecil J. Riney, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Friends University, will direct music for the conference. More information about the conference will appear in future issues. A conference pre-registration form appears on page 27 of this issue.*

jected goals for this new cooperative venture of EFA.

### CONFERENCE MUSIC

Preceding the address by Dr. Hess there will be a special half hour musical presentation led by Dr. Cecil J. Riney, Conference music coordinator. Dr. Riney is chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and director of the Singing Quakers at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas. In addition to the Harvesters from Friends University and the Boyd Sisters from Malone College, Canton, Ohio, other outstanding musical combinations will be heard. Dr. Riney plans to form a Conference choir; those who appreciate his fine artistry and skill will look forward to the opportunity to sing under his direction and to praise God together with other Friends.

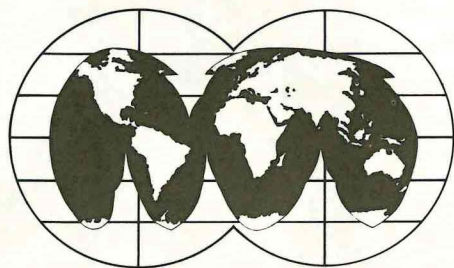
### EVENING SERVICES

After the opening banquet on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Jack L. Willcuts will deliver the keynote message of the Conference. A speaker gifted with an inimitable style of wit and wisdom, Willcuts is

well-qualified to challenge Friends about outreach both at home and abroad, having served two terms in Bolivia with the mission of Northwest Yearly Meeting and as its Mission Board president and also chairman of the EFA Commission on Missions, and then as general superintendent of NWYM, and presently as senior pastor of the Reedwood (Portland) Friends team, and editor of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND.

Dr. Ralph D. Winter, general director of the recently established U.S. Center for World Mission of Pasadena, California, will be featured as evening speaker Thursday through Sunday. Dr. Winter, who served in conventional mission roles 10 years as a missionary in Guatemala and 10 years as a professor of missions at Fuller Theological Seminary, is concerned about the pressing need for a major missions thrust in cross-cultural communication, and is now seeking to pioneer innovatively in this area, beyond the scope of existing mission agencies and national churches. His plenary address at the Lausanne International Congress on World Evangelization in 1974 highlighted the shocking fact that 2.4 billion people, over 84 percent of the remaining non-Christians in the world, are





1960-72, will express his concern on the matter of Evangelical Friends, Simplicity, and the Christian Life-style.

Another Sunday morning speaker, scheduled to issue a New Call to Christ, is Dwight L. Wilson, executive director, Friends General Conference, Philadelphia, who gave a stirring call for a "new place to stand" at the Conference of Friends in the Americas in Wichita, June 1977, as he urged Friends to "demand faithfulness to Christ." There will be occasion for interaction, with a moderator, between conference participants and morning speakers during the lunch hour.

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#### DAILY WORKSHOPS

Each day, Thursday through Saturday, a wide choice of practical workshops aimed to enable Friends to minister is planned with the following titles and leaders:

*Mission Outreach in the Local Community*—C. W. Perry, pastor of growing Rose Drive Friends Church, Yorba Linda, California.

*Financial Budgeting for a Christian Life-style*—George and Marjean Fooshee. George is an author and president of the Credit Adjustment Co., Wichita, Kansas. His wife Marjean leads money management seminars for women.

*Creative Family Relationships*—sponsored by Friends University Center on Family Living, director, Dr. Sheldon Louthan; David and Marcile Leach, Seattle, Washington, executive couple for Friends expression of Marriage Encounter.

*Caring Relationships in the Local Fellowship*—Don Crist, pastor, Topeka (Kansas) Friends Church; chairman, Pastoral Church Relations Division, KYM.

*Gift Discovery for Mission*—Norval Hadley, general superintendent, NWYM, EFA president.

*Unique Ministries for the Local Church*—Various leaders featuring ministry to the elderly, singles, single parents, and prisoners.

*Planning a Missionary Conference*—David Gould, pastor, Willoughby Hills (Ohio) Friends, church with a missionary vision.

*Creative Bible Teaching*—Dr. Leroy Brightup, chairman, Division of Religion and Philosophy, Friends University, Wichita, Kansas.

*Education for Christian Outreach*—Dorothy E. Barratt, Rockaway, Oregon, Christian education consultant to EFA.

*Understanding Your Missionary Family*—Jack L. Willcuts, senior pastor, Reedwood Friends team, veteran missionary.

*Disaster Relief*—Dean Johnson, Peninsula, Ohio, coordinator, Friends Disaster Service, Eastern Region.

*Mission Field Presentations*—Featuring EFA fields in Bolivia, Peru, Mexico, Navajoland, Burundi, Taiwan, and India by yearly meeting mission boards.

The field presentations of six major mission areas will be given daily, and conference participants will be able to choose which ones they attend. Other workshops are to be offered in a variety of ways—some materials being repeated twice daily with new subtopics and materials on succeeding days, some only once daily with new material daily, and some having the same material offered each succeeding day. Mr. and Mrs. Fooshee, who plan to be present only on Friday and Saturday, will be available for counseling on budgeting and money management.

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#### WMU ACTIVITIES

Every day at 7:00 a.m., the WMU of EFA plans a prayer time for women together, with afternoon meetings on Thursday and Friday from 1:00 to 2:00, and a luncheon from 12:00 to 2:00 on Saturday.

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#### DISPLAYS

In the field house, where meetings will be held, there is space for display booths. Each mission field of EFA yearly meetings is to have a display, and there will be booths from Friends bookstores featuring mission materials as well as other Christian literature and supplies.

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#### EXCITING PLANS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Those seeing the program planned for children are sighing, "Oh, to be young again!" as the schedule for primary and junior ages (years 4 through 12) includes historic tours, swimming, hiking on Lookout Mountain, visits to children's museums, films, children's speakers, and Bible learning activities. Denver Friends will have a nursery available at 50 cents per half day for those through year 3. For the junior and senior high schoolers there will be camping at Quaker Ridge, at a cost of \$7.50 per day. Campers should bring sleeping bags, and after spending the night

being essentially bypassed by present Christian outreach, with no active plans for reaching them. Dr. Winter's book, *The 25 Unbelievable Years 1945-1969*, is recognized as a valuable reference on missions.

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#### QUAKER UNDERSTANDING OF GOSPEL MESSAGE

Brief daily devotionals given by missionaries representing fields of EFA yearly meetings will afford opportunity for better acquaintance with them and their ministry. Major morning inspirational speakers are to articulate the Quaker understanding of the gospel message that EFM will present to the world, with Don Green, pastor, Westgate Friends Church, Columbus, Ohio, treating the topic of Evangelical Friends and the New Birth, and Stanley Perisho, pastor, First Denver Friends, bringing a presentation on Evangelical Friends and Holy Obedience. The one chosen to address the Conference on Evangelical Friends and Peacemaking is Norval Hadley, general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting and EFA president. On Sunday morning, Dr. Everett L. Cattell, missionary statesman and Malone College president



Wednesday at First Denver Friends, they will be transported Thursday morning to Quaker Ridge and returned Sunday afternoon.

It is imperative that all campers register by May 15 with Paul Moser, Peters Rt., Box 189, Hay Springs, Nebraska 69347, as each camper will be required to fill out a health form and have a physical examination.

#### RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

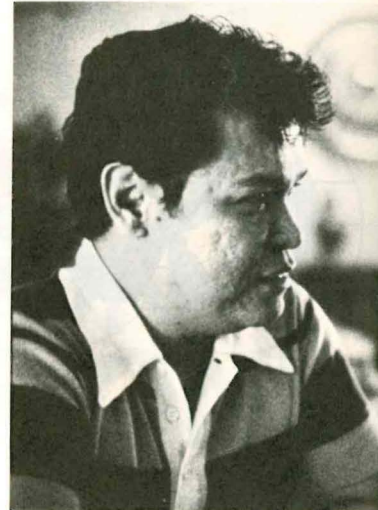
Regis College has facilities for swimming (public hours: 1-5 and 6-9, for 50¢), tennis and handball. For a fee, arrangements can be made at other times for use of the swimming pool when it is not scheduled. Those who enjoy hiking may do so in the Denver area with experienced individuals. A special scenic tour into the mountains is being planned for Saturday. No doubt many families will wish to combine conference attendance with some fun time in Colorado's vacationland.

#### CONVENIENT CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS

The Conference will be held on beautiful Regis College campus in northwest Denver, just a few blocks from First Denver Friends Church, at 3539 West 50th Avenue Parkway (3 minutes from the junction of I25 and I70). The campus can be reached by turning north off I70 at the Federal Exit (Hwy. 287).

The rate for a double air-conditioned room (linens included) is \$10, with floor space for children at \$2 per child and a maximum of \$14 per room, with no limit on number of children. Extra linen packets are \$1 each. There is also trailer/camper space on campus for \$2, and KOA has locations in the vicinity. Denver Friends will supply information on motels and/or tours upon request. Package prices for meals, for the entire Conference (Wednesday evening through Monday breakfast) are \$29 for adults (age 12 on up), \$23 (children 6-11), and \$19 (children under 6).

Conference registration is \$10 per individual, \$15 per family. To facilitate Conference planning, the Planning Committee does request *prompt* cooperation, especially for those who would like to stay on campus, with registration if possible by May 1, to First Denver Friends Church, 4595 Eliot St., Denver, CO 80211. (See pre-registration form on page 27 of this issue.)



# REFLECTIONS

BY RUSSELL MYERS

Monday, October 3, 1977, Friends landed in the Philippines. For Howard Moore and Russell Myers it was exciting to contemplate what may develop from this providential event in the mission history of our Eastern Region. There to greet us was Jim Prieto and his brother-in-law. During the next three days our heartbeat quickened rapidly as we traveled in and around metropolitan Manila. Truly we stand in a "roomful of wide open doors."

The population of the Philippines is about 45 million. It has an annual growth rate of about 3.3 percent. It has one of the highest birth rates in the world. By 1985 the population is projected to be 64 million.

Though this archipelago contains over 7,000 islands stretched over 1,100 miles, 11

of the islands account for about 95 percent of the total land area and most of the population. Luzon and Mindanao, the first and second largest islands, are about the size of Kentucky and Indiana, respectively. If you want breezy weather, you have it with about 15 typhoons each year.

The Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches represents a constituency of over 40,000 conservative evangelicals. Eighty percent of the evangelical Protestant church membership belongs to independent Protestant groups not associated with the ecumenical movement. The late church historian, K. S. Latourette, stated that the Protestant population grew more than twice as fast as the population as a whole from 1914 to 1957. The gains were chiefly conversions.

Ralph Toliver observed that *Church Growth Research in the Philippines* suggests something quite significant, "The growth and health of any non-Catholic church in the Philippines has several things in common.

1. A good name
2. A central organization
3. A nationwide outlook
4. A Bible school
5. A church in Manila."

*In this second article in a two-part series of reflections on his Far East tour, Russell Myers relates ministry possibilities in the Philippines. Russell is superintendent of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region. The picture above shows Taiwan missionary Howard Moore (right) and Jim Prieto discussing opportunities in the Philippines. Jim Prieto, a recorded minister in the Eastern Region, plans to return to the Philippines with his family this summer and further pursue the establishment of a Friends church there.*



thirds of the world's population with programs in 63 languages and dialects, broadcasting 1,890 hours a week.

Three major languages are prevalent in the Philippines. They are Cebriano, Tagalog, and Ilocano. English is widely spoken, and perhaps 40 percent of Filipinos understand it.

In our 1977 Yearly Meeting sessions, James Prieto was received into our Eastern Region as a recorded minister. He has membership in our Newport News, Virginia, church. The Prieto family is now traveling widely in the several eastern and southern states. They plan to return to the Philippines in the summer of 1978 with a goal of aiding us in establishing a self-propagating, self-governing Friends church. Several of their friends in the Philippines are urging them in this direction, too.

Our Missionary Board Executive Committee met November 15. The report from Howard Moore and Russell Myers was received. James Prieto was also present to join in the discussion of possible involvement in the Philippines. There was enthusiasm that this might become a possibility. The Executive Committee of the board appointed a committee to study our possibilities and options. Their report was presented to the February 1978 board meeting.

Today the Philippines presents a very challenging opportunity. It is open and, as never before, the people seem receptive to the Gospel. The millions of young people are looking for spiritual values. Explosive church growth is now a reality for the evangelical church. One missionary-oriented evangelical denomination has a goal of 400 new churches by 1979. The November 1977 Billy Graham Crusade in Manila came at a strategic moment.

The next few years may well be a time of great harvest for the Christian church in the Philippines. The Lord of the harvest is calling. How exciting that that call may see a strong, vibrant, growing Friends church in the Philippines in the last quarter of this century! The Philippines has potential to become one of the great missionary sending agencies in Asia. The Filipino church is now sending missionaries to Indonesia, Thailand, Korea, Iran, Sarawak, Malaysia, Okinawa, Ethiopia, and even the United States. Much statistical information in this report comes from a publication on the Philippines by MARC.

"Lord, let us hear afresh your call to the whitened harvest fields!"

## Uncle Charlie Never Wrote A Will . . .



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The Christian population by ethnic groups is interesting, too. According to studies the Christian community is composed chiefly of six ethnic groups.

Filipino—96%  
Chinese—1%  
Indian—1%  
Negritos—1%  
Europeans—1%

Over 80 percent of all the foreign missions in the Philippines are independent agencies of a generally conservative or fundamentalist orientation. Most of these missions have begun work in the Philippines since the end of World War II.

The Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches represents a constituency well in excess of 40,000 conservative evangelicals in 14 bodies. It cooperates in programs of evangelism, relief and social action, Christian education, and other ministries.

The Philippines is "operational home base" for the Far East Broadcasting Company, one of the world's largest Protestant missionary broadcasting systems. It now has 23 stations in the Philippines. FEBC has transmitter sites in other countries, making it possible to reach almost two





# A Transformed Life

BY PATRICIO MEDRANO

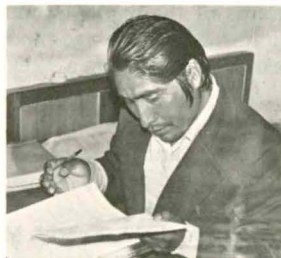
(Translated by Nancy Thomas)

First of all, let me introduce myself. My name is Patricio Medrano. I was born in 1940, part of a lower-class Aymara family living in the Bolivian altiplano village of Sulcataca Baja. My father made hats as a trade, but he didn't gain enough to support our family properly.

We lived like any other nominal Catholic family, receiving whatever spiritual teaching came from the local Catholic church. And, like all our neighbors, we combined this teaching with the folk religion of the area, offering sacrifices to the many spirits, consulting the witch doctor about problems or for knowledge of the future.

My father died of tuberculosis when I was 15. He left us with no place to live and nothing to eat. The few things we did have we had to sell to "buy" masses in the church and to put offerings on my father's grave during All Saints' Day. If we didn't do these things, my father's soul would come back to harm us. Or so we believed. The situation was very bad.

*This article is the personal testimony of Aymara believer Patricio Medrano (pictured above). The story was written by Patricio and translated by Northwest Yearly Meeting missionary Nancy Thomas in Bolivia.*



In 1956, shortly after my father's death, I decided to find work in the Milluni tin mine in order to support my mother and two younger brothers. It was difficult to talk the mine officials into hiring one so young, but I finally landed a place in the cafeteria. My bosses soon learned to trust me, and it wasn't long until I was involved in many of the activities in the mining camp.

But in spite of my good job, I was wasting my youth in drinking, dancing, and fighting. I made life miserable for my mother. There was no peace in our home—just quarrels and tension.

One evening I happened to wander into the Friends church in the village, and for the first time I heard the gospel message. It was Christmas Eve. But the church leaders were so involved in the Christmas play that I didn't get a chance to talk with them that night, although I very much wanted to. I returned home and told my uncles and my mother about the service. They obviously didn't believe in the Gospel and threatened to throw me out of the house if I even went back to the church. Out of fear of them I kept up my former life-style of drinking and fighting.

But early one Sunday morning I went back to the church. I was extremely ner-

vous. When I entered the building the believers welcomed me warmly. During the pastor's message I strongly felt my guilt before God and went to the altar to pray. The pastor prayed with me and then asked me to give my testimony. I still don't know how I managed to talk to the congregation. But that day I came to know the Savior.

After several months I myself began to proclaim the Good News in the market-places, testifying to nonbelievers of the crucified Christ. I never stopped witnessing to my family, my neighbors, and the men with whom I worked. In prayer I asked God, "Lord, teach me Your word so that I can witness and bear all these trials." He heard me. Many people I witnessed to in those days, including my own family, found the Lord. The Catholic church in the village became a real house of prayer because so many of the townspeople professed faith in Christ. Praise the Lord!

Seeing the necessity in my church, I wanted very much to go to Bible school, but I didn't have the money. One day my pastor told me, "Patricio, it's time that you went to Bible school to prepare for the ministry the Lord has for you."

I replied, "I don't think I can. I just don't have the money."

He responded, "God will take care of all the expenses."

And so it happened. I thank the Lord for the help of those faithful brothers who supported me during my years of study. I attended an Assemblies of God Bible school on the altiplano, and it was there that my life underwent a complete transformation, preparing me for the Lord's work. After graduation I became a teacher in one of the rural grade schools that the Bolivian Friends Church operates.

In 1965 I married Elena Catacora Mendoza. At the time neither she nor her family were Christians. But now they all know the Lord and faithfully attend church. Elena and I are very happy with our five children, serving the Lord together, pastoring, and teaching.

Currently I serve the church as director of both the Patmos Extension Bible School and of the Friends rural school system. It's a big responsibility.

Paul's words in James 1:5 have always helped me: "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given him." It's a joy to serve the Lord and to know that I'm in the center of His will.





BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

## What To Do with Christians Who Are Wrong

Is it possible to maintain a continuing warm spiritual relationship with one with whom you find yourself in disagreement? Not just a suitable, courtesy-type relationship but a genuine, loving, and enthusiastic one—and when the issues are not shallow but deep policy-type decisions? This is more than an academic question if one has been involved in church life very long. Whole denominations have been torn apart because of this problem, and minischisms in local churches happen all too often because differences of opinion or concerns or emphases descend into estranged relationships.

It is not a new problem. Timothy and John Mark must have watched very, very carefully how Paul and Peter handled their differences in judgment on various decisions. But what seems to come through clearly is that while they, on one occasion at least, “disputed face to face,” it apparently didn’t damage in any way the warmth of their continuing spiritual relationship. Some will even challenge my opinion on that probably, but I don’t believe it is idealistic.

A shortcut response to this is that if two people are truly filled with the Holy Spirit or sanctified, nothing breaks the warmth of spiritual relationship. But there are some examples of beautiful, Spirit-filled individuals who find their personal relationships less than spiritually warm and cordial when and after sharp differences of judgment occur.

Recently I came across something from the writings of Jacob Arminius titled “On Reconciling Religious Dissentions among Christians” that is practical and helpful. Not new, mind you, it was preached in a sermon in 1606! He suggests a lot of prayer for those with whom we differ, and patience, humility, and a willingness to admit error in our own thinking and discernment. Then he finishes his peroration with this pointed comment: “We should, if a consensus of views cannot finally be achieved, acknowledge differing persons as fellow Christian believers, and maintain warm fellowship in the faith, and mutually pledge to abstain from all ‘bitterness, evil speaking, and railing.’”

Maintain warm fellowship in the faith. Not too many Quakers I know go around “railing,” but some go out for coffee with each other less frequently than they used to, or have “less in common” because of a difference of opinion coming out of a committee meeting or a meeting for the conduct of business. Is there no better way?

In his book, *The Making of a Christian Leader* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1976), Ted Engstrom says, “The proper handling of

troublesome situations demands both tact and the ability to handle people. Problems with people will not become large if you keep them little ones. To do that you must act quickly and directly when the slightest tension begins to surface between individuals.”

He goes on, “Tact may be defined as intuitive perception . . . . For example, a tactful person is able to reconcile two opposing views without compromising his own principles. Tact means that a person has a sensitivity to other people; whereas others might wound or hurt, he is able to use the same words or approach with a slightly different emphasis or phrasing that does not offend.”

Well, whether or not the gift of tact is included in the New Testament is uncertain, but it is unfortunate when good, sanctified, Spirit-filled people who have to work elbow to elbow in the local or yearly meeting affairs lack tact. Every one of us experiences tension, frustration, and conflict with other people. If one doesn’t, he is either psychotic or withdrawing from the mainstream of church life. A mark of maturity is to be able to handle conflict in a loving, productive way. There are certain kinds of Christians who actively promote situations in which both parties win in loving each other and who are able to trust and work together while working through strong, deep, and even unresolvable differences. Differences can even strengthen the church rather than being destructive when warm, continuing, spiritual fellowship is maintained. ☐

## On Missing the Exit

The hard part about freeways is getting off correctly. Missing your exit may ruin your schedule and take you all the way to the county line. It is like the mobile home driver at the Mexican border saying, “We’re just looking for a place to turn around!”

Our fast living also presents many missed exits. “What you think is the right road may lead to death.” (Proverbs 14:12) Turning aside at the opportune place to write a note of gratitude, visit a lonely person, phone a discouraged friend, encourage a youth, spend an hour with the children, watch a school game when someone important (to you) is playing—these are missed exits for too many hurried Christians. Or the prayer exit—have you rushed by that on today’s trip?

If you missed the right turnoff, it does little good to drive faster. Growth in grace doesn’t come in a hurry, nor does Christian service. Spiritual freeways may lead to death. ☐





## BALM FOR SORE SPIRITS

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Hello! Guess what! I think I will go into the advertising business. I know of a product that is very effective but little used. It is good for so many ills, and there seems to be an epidemic of the very ills that require large amounts of this product. It is available and rare only in the sense that it is often neglected. It is especially helpful in soothing wounds of the spirit.

Just to enumerate a few of the conditions in which this Balm is effective, there is the wound of

- being overlooked;
- not being appreciated;
- being demoted;
- just the chronic pain of loneliness;
- misunderstanding;
- growing too old to be taken seriously;
- being too young to be taken seriously.

That is quite a list. You may add yours—like perhaps having to drop out of useful service.

It seems that whenever reorganizations take place in a church, or anywhere, there is an outbreak of this type of hurt. Faithfulness is lost in the scale of values. Efficiency and progress are new criteria, but they do not take the place of faithfulness. There has to be a welding of all the best of the past to the new to make a good future.

But for those wounds! The Balm is known by several trade names, but perhaps the most common is *Tenderness*. *Gentleness* has many of the same ingredients. I have seen earthshaking changes take place with great effectiveness and with very few casualties where the wounds were handled with generous amounts of this Balm.

Power is very abrasive and harsh on human spirits unless it is administered with Balm. Arrogance in the church is completely out of place.

Lately, I ran across this phrase in the Bible, "the tender mercies of our God." I

thought of God—King of kings, Lord of lords, Judge of all the earth with power and authority over the entire universe. How we would fear Him and cringe as do the heathen, were it not that He also is a tender and loving Father who "knoweth our frame and remembereth that we are dust." Authority without compassion is what produces a Hitler. Authority with tenderness makes for a father in Israel—mother too!

Anyhow, Paul said, "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Oh yes, the Balm is free, except for patience and love! One thing more: those who use it on others usually are greatly benefited themselves. Now that is really a special plus! Try it!



Francis A. Schaeffer, **How Shall We Then Live?** Fleming H. Revell Co., 1976, 288 pages, \$12.95.

Francis Schaeffer's most recent apologetic work in film and print should be received with both appreciation and caution. The appreciation must stem from the fact that Schaeffer has helped many people through his work at L'Abri and through his writing. The widespread distribution of the ten-part color film series and its companion book and study guides provides one of the finest opportunities ever for a Christian apologist to address a large audience. The effort has already been useful, although it is not an unqualified success.

The book and films intend to describe "the rise and decline of Western thought and culture," beginning with the Roman Empire and closing with an analysis of contemporary culture with a special focus on the United States. One of the values of the work is that it will remind many people that ideas do develop over time and do have consequences. Ideas do matter because they ultimately affect how people act,

though Schaeffer construes this point a bit mechanically.

Persistent themes include the tracing of the development of "humanism" (for Schaeffer almost anything that puts men "in the place of the Creator"), repeated attacks on "existential methodology," and setting up the conflict between "reason" and "nonreason." In one of the regular themes, Schaeffer correctly argues that to reject absolute truth in favor of realistic truth leaves no adequate base for morals and ultimately for society. Philosophy, theology, history, science, art, and other disciplines are woven into the discussion throughout.

After having used the films and book in teaching, I have several reservations about the work. The first is that the oversimplifications in the work are misleading. Some oversimplification is needed in this kind of a survey in order to give a sense of organization and of movement in ideas and history. However, far too many of Schaeffer's simplifications are misleading and obviously serve the cause of the apologist rather than the cause of truth—for example, the analysis of Thomas Aquinas's philosophical theology and of the frequently questionable arguments from the interpretation of art.

Related to oversimplification is Schaeffer's use of vocabulary, particularly the use of common technical terms in a peculiar Schaefferian manner. The most obvious example is his distorted use of the word *humanism*, a peculiar usage upon which a significant portion of his argument rests. This is more serious than the novel and sometimes confusing use of echo words like "modern modern science" or "nothing-nothing."

A third misgiving about this work is that it includes out-and-out misrepresentations of the facts. One of the most glaring instances is Schaeffer's assertion that countries affected by the Reformation did not have bloody revolutions in contrast to countries without a "Reformation base" (see, for example, chapter 6). This assertion pointedly ignores clear evidence to the contrary in both England and Germany in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. I prefer to consider such instances as shoddy workmanship rather than intentional misrepresentation.

In drawing a picture of twentieth century culture, at some points Schaeffer presents

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# First Day News

## QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

DR. RICHARD CHAMBERS, dean of faculty of Malone College (Ohio), and MRS. CHAMBERS were victims of criminals attempting to take control of their car after a robbery. Chambers was killed and his wife injured in the tragedy, which happened February 21 in Cleveland, Ohio. The college community and entire yearly meeting and Evangelical Friends Alliance are shocked by this news and join in prayer for the family in the aftermath of this tragedy.

Three general superintendents--SHERMAN BRANTINGHAM of Indiana Yearly Meeting, ROBERT GARRIS of Western Yearly Meeting, and ROBERT BECK of Wilmington Yearly Meeting--led a workshop for members of Ministry and Counsel at Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, Indiana, in February on the subject, "Working with the Pastor." The following questions were considered: For what do you look when searching for a new pastor? How do you maintain a good relationship with the pastor? How do you best support the pastor? How do you help in the pastoral work so that the universal ministry of Friends is affirmed?

JACK and GERALDINE WILLCUTS were guest speakers at fifteen Friends meetings of the Kokomo, Indiana, area, Western Yearly Meeting, joined for a week of special pre-Easter meetings, March 12-18. Geraldine was in charge of children's meetings. Services were held in the Courtland Avenue Meetinghouse.

General Superintendent NORVAL HADLEY of Northwest Yearly Meeting was the speaker for the Watertown Lecture Series in February on the Friends Bible College campus, Haviland, Kansas. Topics discussed were "Roots of Quakerism" and "What Quakers Are Doing Today."

RANDALL and SARA BROWN, former missionaries to the Friends field in Burundi, spent several months in the U.S. following a teaching assignment at Damavand College in Iran. Randall has returned to Iran again for a six-month assignment while his family remains in Alabama. His parents, CLAYTON and LOUELLA BROWN, also former missionaries in Burundi, now live in Friendsview Manor, Newberg, Oregon.

Retired Friends missionaries ALICE ADAMS, 90, and ELSIE MATTI, 87, were remembered on their birthdays recently by Friends of Ohio. Both served many years as missionaries in India and China before retirement.

## FRIENDS FOCUS

### 'GOD FIRST FOR A 30-DAY EXPERIMENT'

This is the slogan of a program launched recently by Clackamas Park Friends Church (Oregon) in a pamphlet that calls for the following disciplines: 1. Meet once each week to pray together; 2. Give two hours' time each week to God (in some assignment in church responsibilities); 3. Give God one tenth of your earnings; 4. Spend from 6:00 to 6:30 each morning in prayer and meditation; 5. Witness for God your experiences to others. The idea was adapted from the Ten Brave Christians program.

### 'THEOLOGICAL WARS' OVER IN WICHITA

Writing in their midweek paper, pastor David Kingrey of University Friends Church (Kansas) reports a committee called "Yearly Meeting Relations Committee" has been



discontinued as its function across the years had been to try to bridge differences between the meeting and the Yearly Meeting. "Thank God, the old battles are finished. Under the leadership of John Robinson and Gerald Teague, Kansas Yearly Meeting is clear about its center of commitment and its scope of ministry. KYM is unapologetically Christ-centered in faith. That is precisely the position of our church. Our church and our Yearly Meeting are intertwined together as parts of Christ's body here on earth." Gerald Teague, associate general superintendent, recently presented during a morning worship hour the ways in which the Yearly Meeting and the church may serve the Lord together.

#### CHAIN OF PRAYER AMONG FRIENDS ACROSS THE U.S.

A total of 144 Friends meetings in the U.S. along with prayer partner meetings of East Africa Yearly Meeting covenanted to pray together daily between New Year's and Easter, reported the Wider Ministries Board of the Friends United Meeting. This was the second year the plan has been used, with much wider participation in 1978.

#### DAVID LEACH LEADS INDIANA PASTORS' RETREAT

David Leach, executive director of Friends Marriage Encounter based in Seattle, was the leader for a conference for pastors and wives of Indiana Yearly Meeting February 20-22 in the International Friendship House at Winona Lake, Indiana. Three specific topics were considered: 1. Spiritual feeding of pastors; 2. Dealing with the pastor and his personal family life; 3. How the pastor can help the congregation with marriage and family problems.

#### NEWBERG FRIENDS BREAKS FAITH PROMISE RECORD

In a recent missionary convention and following four days of meetings with Verl Lindley, pastor of Granada Heights Friends Church in California, Newberg Friends Church (Oregon) received faith promise pledges totalling over \$40,000, their largest commitment to missions. Funds will be divided between the Friends missions in South America and the support of various members of their congregation on different fields.

#### HOW OLD WERE THE 'VALIANT SIXTY'?

"When in 1644, George Fox began what grew into the Religious Society of Friends, he was not only a poverty stricken shoemaker, but also only 20 years old. Within ten years he had already gathered in excess of 25,000 likeminded followers of the Light. From 1654 he was ably assisted in the endeavor by a group of women and men . . . known as 'The Valiant Sixty.' Of the 37 ages recorded in research, the median age [of the Valiant Sixty] was an incredible 23 . . . ."

This statement comes from Dwight Wilson, Friends General Conference secretary. He adds, "Today, a 23-year-old is rarely respected as being wise enough to sit on a Yearly Meeting committee let alone share in the meeting's leadership. I would like to suggest that by age 16 young Friends are generally ready to serve on all our committees. Never mind that they may not be fully mature. Who among us will admit that she or he has not grown in the past several years?"

#### 102 PAIRS OF MITTENS

East Richland Friends Church (Ohio) recently sent 102 pairs of mittens and gloves for distribution by the Canton Friends Inner City Ministry under the direction of George Primes. With all the snow this winter, that must have been a welcome gift.



5,000 FRIENDS GATHER FOR CENTRAL AMERICA 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Matilda Haworth, veteran Friends missionary to Guatemala, was one of the featured speakers for the 75th anniversary observances held in the sports arena of Chiquimula, Guatemala. California Yearly Meeting General Superintendent Keith Sarver was also present.

In July 1902 the first Friends missionaries rode into Chiquimula on muleback to begin the distribution of Spanish Bibles. It is estimated there are now 17,000 constituents of the Central America Yearly Meeting of Friends, which includes meetings in Honduras and El Salvador as well as Guatemala.

MALONE COLLEGE GROUP TO VISIT CENTRAL AMERICA

"The Chorale Study Tour of Central America" will visit three Central American countries June 8-29, led by Eugene Collins of Malone College and his wife Carolyn. Tour appearances will be given in Guatemala, Costa Rica, and El Salvador. Others are invited to join the tour. Those interested should contact Dr. Collins.

YAVATMAL SEMINARY RECEIVES ESTATE GRANT

Union Biblical Seminary in Yavatmal, India, in which Friends are involved, was the recipient recently of the receipts from the estate of Willar Pim, a longtime member of the Damascus Friends Church (Ohio). The amount is \$21,056.69.

OHIO FRIENDS YOUTH TOP MISSIONS GOAL

Eastern Region youth set a goal of \$10,000 for missions for 1977. The final tally of giving came to \$10,035. The FY group from Martinsville, Virginia, gave the most, \$1,500. Second place went to the Fulton Creek FY, which raised \$750.

MODULAR CLASSROOMS ADD QUICK SPACE

Friendswood, Texas, Friends Church recently installed two Morgan Modular 32'x32' classroom buildings, which added needed Sunday school space for their Christian education ministry. Their worship and Sunday school attendance is running more than a third above a year ago.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE IN MAY

Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region will hold their annual Pastors' Conference May 1-4 at Massanetta Springs, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Northwest Yearly Meeting pastors and wives meet at Twin Rocks Conference grounds, April 3-7.

CABCO DISCONTINUED

Radio CORDAC has discontinued broadcasting since last April due to strict government controls, according to the CABCO-CORDAC Board President Howard Ellis in a letter sent to those who have supported this ministry in Burundi, Africa.

'CARING COMMITTEE' NAMED

Talent Friends Church (Oregon) has formed a new committee not unlike the old Quaker Committee on Suffering. It is "to take care of the needs of our church's widows, shut-ins, divorcees, and anyone needing someone they can turn to when they have problems with maintenance of their houses, cars, and finances."



HISTORIC MEETING PLANNED AT MT. PLEASANT, OHIO

D. Elton Trueblood has been joined by at least 100 Friends in his concern for a "new kind of conference to be held at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, August 4-6, 1978."

Explaining the purposes of the gathering in the historic meetinghouse that has been restored by the Ohio State Historical Society, Trueblood says, "The worst example of our [Quaker] fragmentation occurred one hundred years ago, the most shameful episode taking place in the beautiful meetinghouse. Why not undertake a spiritual rebuilding at the very place where spiritual demolition once occurred?"

The magnificent structure of Mt. Pleasant, once the largest building west of the Allegheny Mountains, will be used again. Visitors to the conference, to which all Friends are invited, will include non-Friends as well. Housing will be arranged in the homes of those in the community, as in pioneer days. Accommodations will be available, too, in motels and rooms a few miles distant.

Milton Coleman and James Newby are in charge of arrangements. The sessions will include presentations on "The Quaker Concept of Basic Christianity," "Our Hope for the Future," "A Christ-Centered Faith." The first meeting is Friday evening, August 4, concluding with a 10:00 a.m. worship hour Sunday, August 6.

Those interested in attending (dates have been selected to avoid conflict with most yearly meetings) should write Milton Coleman, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

TRINITY CHURCH CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FRIENDS

Trinity Friends Church (Ohio) invited Sherman Brantingham, now general superintendent of Indiana Yearly Meeting, to be the speaker for a series of meetings April 9-12, when they observed their 25th year as a part of the Friends Yearly Meeting. Brantingham had been influential in encouraging the church to become Friends. Several former pastors were invited to the anniversary celebration.

A NEW WAY TO HELP

The First Friends Church in Vancouver, Washington, sent 36 people to Meier & Frank Département store in the shopping mall one day to help take inventory. They worked from 6:25 to 11:00 p.m. For their labor the store donated \$576 to the church.

STAMPS FOR FBC

Mr. H. O. Light, 83, of Haviland, Kansas, is involved in a stamp project with earnings designated for Friends Bible College. "Any cancelled stamps would be fine but it is especially the commemorative ones that I'd like. I don't need postmarks, just the stamps cut from the envelopes but they must not be damaged." The project was started in the 1950s by Marva Jackson Garrison and has continued since.

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WRC AIDS INDIA CYCLONE SURVIVORS

Recurring cyclones roaring into southeast India from the Bay of Bengal carrying 15-foot tidal waves 50 miles inland resulted in one of India's worst natural disasters in 100 years, report Friends missionaries. The World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals sent \$35,000 in emergency funds. The gift will help provide food, shelter, drinking water, clothing, cooking utensils, medical aid, and fuel.



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more of a caricature than a portrait, and his arguments are less compelling for it. These last chapters are often political in tone, particularly in Schaeffer's concern to oppose "authoritarian government."

Paradoxically, the urgency of the last chapters could reasonably be interpreted as an appeal to restore a biblical base for life and society in order to preserve the personal peace and affluence that Schaeffer disdains as the goal of modern man. In this section both the films and the book use cheap tricks and scare tactics to drive Schaeffer's point home.

In the Christian community it is important to be tender with people but tough with ideas. I am grateful for the depth of Schaeffer's concern, for his devotion, and for the fact that many have been helped through his writing. At the same time, it is extremely important that Schaeffer's apologetic and interpretation not be accepted uncritically. To do so would create significant potential for harm as well as for good.

Rather than accepting *How Should We Then Live?* as a prepackaged, semislick, conveniently marketable Christian apologetic, we should receive it as a springboard or stimulus to responsible thinking in the Christian community. By its very nature, the latter task is never finished.

The film series can be a useful tool, but I would recommend its use only where there are responses to the films by persons qualified to interact with Schaeffer's arguments and evidence and where there is adequate time for the viewers to discuss the films. Study guides are available separately for both the films and the book and can assist leaders and students alike.

—Howard R. Macy

John White, *Eros Defiled: The Christian and Sexual Sin*, Inter-Varsity Press, 1977, 169 pages.

John White begins the introduction to this book with an analysis of Christians and sin—"Christians do two things about the sexual failures of their fellow Christians. They denounce the sins and they condemn the sinners . . . [These] reactions too often stem from fears, unconscious fears of our own sexual weaknesses, or of our inadequacy to deal with the sexual sinner."

The call to holiness, purity, compassion, and yes, love, is echoed throughout this timely book. John White is a psychiatrist

—but one with a difference: the transforming power of Christ living in his life. He is, like the Bible, like Christ, and like Paul, uncompromising in his call to Christian purity. There is not even to be a hint of immorality in the Church of Christ.

White presents his case for Christian love and purity with bluntness and with a profound sense of mission. He deals with hard concepts, concepts that Christians tend to avoid in their genteel conversations. Especially important are his explanations of premarital sex and petting, this in regard to young Christian couples. He explains that all too often it is easy to fall into a pattern of sin in sexual misconduct. He calls petting a dead issue—sex without intercourse—all the while thinking that pattern is sanctified. In the chapter, "The Freedom That Enslaves," Dr. White gives one of the most convincing if not alarming cases against *all* kinds of premarital sex that I have read.

In another important chapter, "Two Halves Do Not Make a Whole," White speaks to the hot issue of homosexuality, and, as in the rest of his book, is frank and blunt. Once again he is uncompromising in

his condemnation of homosexuality as a sin, but he approaches homosexuals as individuals to be loved before God. White is consistent in his condemnation of all sexual sin, just as he is consistent in his love and understanding of all sinners.

Other chapters deal with the problems of situational ethics in relation to our outlook on sexual morality in our time, the Christian's sexuality and how we are to deal with that issue in each of our lives. In conclusion, White gives an outline for a pattern of healing for offending brothers and sisters.

Perhaps this book is not for everyone. While it is in no way pornographic, one should be warned that there may be potentially embarrassing passages in it. Dr. White finds it very hard to talk about sex and sexual misconduct in a vacuum. Indeed it would be nearly impossible to do so. Instead he draws from his experiences and cases he has known and relates them well to the biblical frame of moral reference. John White (like each of us) is called on a mission of purity. Anything less than this in a Christian context is missing the ultimate good that Christ intends for us as His children.

—Robin T. Ankeny



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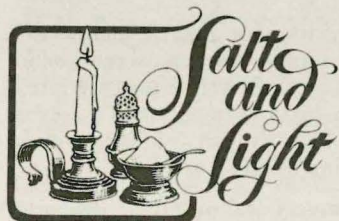
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The following story written by Jack L. Willcuts is part of a book soon to be published titled *Wholistic Quaker Faith*, by John Bond, New Castle Friends Meeting, Indiana.

## IOLA STEEN

Those in retirement often become "salt and light" in remarkable ways. This is especially true for Friends pastors and other ministers like Iola Steen, who was recorded originally in Kansas Yearly Meeting, began her "calling" in Colorado, but for many years has lived in Oregon.

Now in her eighties, widowed, living alone in a house that is barely warm enough in the winter and could use some repairs in almost every functional part of the building, this little Quaker lady is a pillar of strength to an astounding number of people. Students, the discouraged, ailing neighbors, those in distress, in nursing homes, in financial difficulty, weary Christian "leaders," Vietnamese refugees, former drug addicts, and prisoners.

She is the spiritual thermometer in every meeting for worship, bursting out in praise, prayer, exhortation, song, and obvious vigorous support for every other participant. She is a mini minister with a towering influence that touches others at their points of deepest need.

That she is a recorded Friends minister is incidental. Hers is a position not of status but of function, a little woman with an enormous heart. Her diminutive size and fragile health are all out of proportion to her heavy schedule and far-flung concerns. It is hard to imagine her as a young wife and mother more than 60 years ago homesteading, out-of-the-raw, a never-too-prosperous farm in eastern Colorado with a husband who must have loved her very much.

Her example is seen as one who has been tried in the fires of hardship and disappointments and has come forth as pure gold. Her tender spirit, instant prayers, and constant concern for not just the meeting, the pastors, the congregation, but for those on the outside edge who never seem quite capable of "getting it all together" has



made her phone and her home a center for Christian counseling, caring, and eldering.

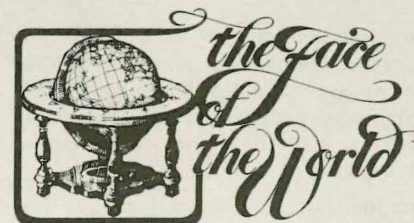
Her humble home has become a haven for several of her "boys" or "girls," some struggling in their new Christian faith to "come off drugs"; others may be college students. Against the advice of her friends and family, she shelters and nurtures troubled youth, most of whom seem to move on from "Mother Steen's" influence into stable, respectable Christian lives.

A Vietnamese refugee girl needs a place to stay while getting started in her graduate studies at Portland State University. Where could she go? To Iola's, of course. This becomes for her a complete course of Christian culturalization, a built-in language study, an acquaintance with Christian America at its best. She is saved from fear, from loneliness, from economic chaos, and finds this gentle woman a model for the meaning of Quakerism—a word and a concept totally new to her Buddhist background.

Iola, with a little help from the meeting or individual Friends, somehow makes ends meet to care for someone in need.

This is only one of many "case histories" of caring on the part of one tiny, 80-year-old Quaker whose vision, love, and concern furnish a living example of "wholistic" living. She leaves a trail of blessing and encouragement throughout the city, runs a Christian mini hotel and boarding house on a budget that most would find totally impossible. Her sensitivity to "sound doctrine" and concern for a strong, active, caring meeting in all respects are kept in discerning balance, and she shepherds her energies carefully in order to be ready for any "opening of the Lord" that may come.

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## Muggeridge Coauthor of Play on the Question of Euthanasia

LONDON—Malcolm Muggeridge, the noted social critic and Christian commentator, is coauthoring a play on euthanasia with Alan Thornhill, the author of the recent play on the life of John Wesley entitled *Ride, Ride*.

In announcing the new production, Mr. Muggeridge told an ecumenical gathering that "the question of euthanasia is going to be the next great moral controversy to be fought out in our times. What we think and do about birth and death determines what we think and do about life."

According to the social critic, the sickness of Western civilization is due to "the erosion or confusion of moral values, of good and evil, and the distinction between them."

He declared that until the state of California passed a "right to die" bill "no government in the history of the world ever put a euthanasia bill on the statute book except the Nazi government of the Third Reich."

—E.P.

## Evangelicals to Promote Social Justice

PHILADELPHIA—The Executive Committee of Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA) has projected a three-year budget of \$225,000 and an immediate search for two full-time staff. ESA is an interracial group of social justice advocates, drawn from evangelicals across the country. Unanimous approval was given by the Executive Committee to five top priorities to implement education and action programs for the evangelical segment of the church:

(1) Forming a nationwide network of local chapters of ESA. The local chapters will serve as a place for fellowship and sharing new ideas and also a base for concrete action on local and national issues of justice



and liberty. (2) Immediately initiating a membership drive, with members linked together by a regular monthly newsletter. (3) Hiring as executive director a person of strong evangelical faith and with a passionate commitment to social justice. (4) Initiating task forces on justice issues, with top priority going to a Task Force on Minority Economic Development, which will promote church-related cooperatives and medical services in black communities. (5) Publication of a series of tracts called "Tracts for Justice."

The newly-formed ESA Executive Committee met Monday, January 30, at the Philadelphia campus of Messiah College. EAS's newly-elected President, Dr. Ronald J. Sider, stated: "A dramatic change has occurred in evangelical circles in the last ten years. Evangelical Christians now agree that working for social justice is a biblical mandate. ESA's job is to make this concrete in actions which combat racism and sexism and promote just economic structures, both at home and abroad." —E.S.A.

### Graham Crusade in Las Vegas

MINNEAPOLIS—Amid the bright lights and gaming tables, Evangelist Billy Graham brought the hope of salvation to the "entertainment capital of the world" in the Greater Las Vegas Crusade, February 1-5.

From an average attendance of 12,600 persons, more than 3,100 came forward as "inquirers" in answer to Mr. Graham's nightly invitation to accept Jesus Christ.

Those were the ordinary, hard-working people of Las Vegas. To reach those who work in the showrooms and casinos along Las Vegas's glittering "Strip," Mr. Graham conducted a special meeting unique in his 30-year ministry.

Saturday at 3:00 a.m., he preached a special message for 1,000 of those who worked in entertainment and gambling and were unable to attend the regular Crusade meetings. When Mr. Graham gave his invitation to accept Jesus Christ, 43 responded, including a Moslem belly dancer, three showgirls, seven cocktail waitresses, four keno runners, a bartender, a crap dealer, and a homosexual.

"We've done special services," Mr. Graham said, "for special people, like entertainers in New York and London, but those were dinner services for 30 to 150 persons. This one was unusual in my ministry in being as large as it was, and we've never done one at 3:00 in the morning. But Las Vegas is just coming to life at this hour."

This Crusade was extremely demanding on the 59-year-old evangelist. In one day he appeared on the Mike Douglas show, taped a full hour of the Phil Donahue show, granted a lengthy interview to West German Television, and preached that night at the Crusade. "Through it all, however," Mr. Graham said, "I am feeling better physically than I've felt in my life."

—Crusade Information Service

### Adopt-a-Grandparent Program Brightens Life for the Aged

BETHESDA, MARYLAND—A group of elderly people at a nursing home here have been receiving children's hugs, homemade cookies, and Valentines as "adopted grand-parents" of a nearby elementary school class.

The "Adopt-a-Grandparent" program was started two years ago by a teacher at Grosvenor Elementary School to help bridge the gap that often exists in modern America between the young and old.

There's no excuse for the separation of young and old, according to the teacher, Laura Naimark, "not when you have a nursing home right next door, as we do."

Three or four times a month, Laura Naimark takes her second and third graders to visit residents of Wildwood Health Care Center. About 24 Wildwood residents are participating in the grandparent program.

—E.P.

### Nurse Thwarts Hospital's Abortion Program

MINNEAPOLIS—Because one Christian nurse demonstrated the courage of her convictions a large city hospital was forced to curtail its schedule of abortions on demand.

Julie Turnquist, RN, working in surgery at Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis, presented to her supervisor a statement in

which she respectfully refused to assist in or set up for the performance of abortions. A dozen other nurses joined her in signing the statement. As a result the hospital cannot schedule the large number of abortions that doctors request, due to the shortage of nurses to assist them. Only a few are scheduled for medically necessary reasons.

One doctor who regularly performs abortions on demand in her office angrily confronted Nurse Turnquist about her stand, hinting that she might be asked to resign. Turnquist assured the doctor she was not fearful of that. "I do not judge you but respect you and your position," she said. "But I have strong convictions about this based on Scripture. Scripture tells us God planned our lives before we were formed in our mother's womb, and that someday we will all bow and acknowledge Him as Lord. Quite frankly, I am concerned about you."

The doctor averted her eyes, murmured, "I know it," and walked away. She later responded to the nurse's invitation to discuss the matter further.

Turnquist is a women's representative for The Navigators.

—E.P.

### Community's Population: 467; Sunday Church Attendance: 850

PRINSBURG, MINNESOTA—This west central Minnesota community of 467 persons is an unusual place.

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and there is only one church, also Christian Reformed.

The church has 850 members—many live outside the community limits—and the pastor estimates that 95 percent of them attend Sunday morning services. About 80 percent are back for the Sunday evening services, he said.  
—E.P.

### General Meeting of Conservative Friends

COLUMBIANA, OHIO—A meeting of Friends of the three Conservative yearly meetings and those of like mind, who are seekers of the Truth, is being planned if it be consistent with God's will 6/30/1978 and 7/1 & 2/1978 at the Middleton Meeting House south of here.

Those who desire to attend will have hospitality provided in homes and meals at the meeting house. (We can accommodate campers in our yards.)

We plan to begin with a meeting for worship on 6th day evening 6/30/1978 at 7:00. Reservations may be sent by 5/1/1978 to: Wm. and Verna Cope, 44550 St. Rt. 517, Columbiana, Ohio 44408; Phone 216/457-2949.



### FUN WITH A SONG

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

(especially for young children)

It's fun to sing! Already you have discovered that. It's especially fun to sing a Bible verse. You can learn it very quickly when it has a tune as well as words.

John 1:3a tells us that God made all things. Look up this verse in your Bible, or ask someone to read it to you. Then, sing this song that has the words of John 1:3a in the chorus.

Can you play this song on the piano? Try it and see. Ask your parents if your family can sing it together for a family worship time. You could also suggest that someone read Genesis 1 from the Bible. The song goes along with it, too.

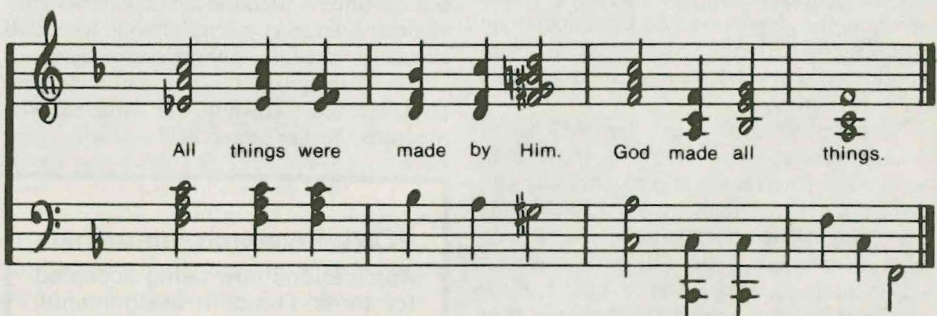
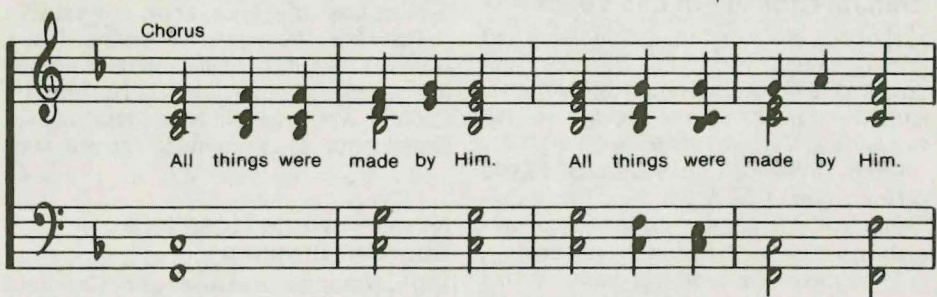
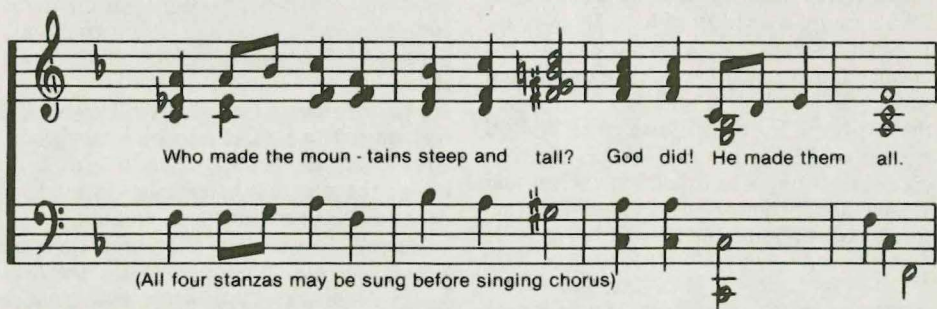
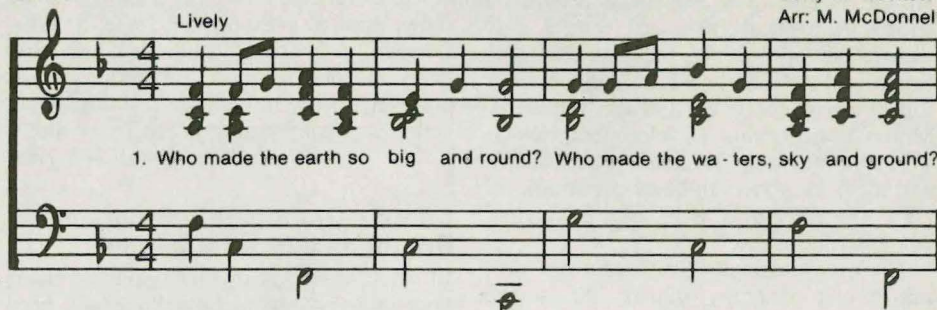
Have fun with the song! Maybe your friends also would like to learn it.

## GOD MADE ALL THINGS

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Betty M. Hockett  
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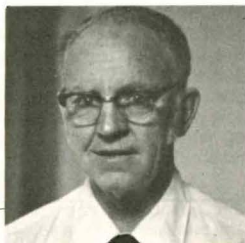


2. Who made the flow'rs with colors bright? Who made the wind that blows my kite?  
Who made the rain that comes in fall? God did! He made them all.
3. Who made the sun that gives us light? Who made the moon that shines at night?  
Who made the stars both large and small? God did! He made them all.
4. Who made the fish that swim all day? Who made the birds that fly away?  
Who made the people, short and tall? God did! He made them all.

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# PERSPECTIVE



## Involvement or Punt

OLEN R. ELLIS  
SUPERINTENDENT, ROCKY  
MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

A well-known American philosopher named Snoopy once said, "Deep within every human heart is a deep uncontrollable urge to punt." The nonfootball fan may understand that the punt is an act of turning the ball over to the other team by kicking it. How often have you succumbed to this urge recently?

You have an opportunity to share the message of Christ with an associate or fellow traveler. What happens? You drop back 10 yards and punt it out of sight. You meet someone in need; you kick that ball to social services. Volunteers are needed for a church workday; we scream for the punting unit.

Here is a situation that will bring the punt signal faster than the Dallas Cowboys' doomsday defense: "Will you teach a Sunday school class?"

Sometimes we punt on the first play of the game. We grind out of bed with "Oh, I feel lousy; it's going to be a rotten day." Many psychologists believe that the way we react in the first five minutes of the day tells what that day is going to be. Psalm 118:24 explains, "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." When you start a day

with that perspective, you do not punt away an entire day.

You know, I have been in committees where we actually punted while we were still in the huddle. We punted the ball away before we even knew the play. Now, that is a dangerous act! Punting out of the huddle is a quick way for one of your own teammates to receive serious injury. A committee member with excitement written all over his or her face comes up with a great new idea. Without thinking, every foot in that huddle begins swinging to punt that ball. The committee member who came up with the idea is lucky to come out with a head, let alone any self-esteem or spirit of brotherly love.

The eagerness to punt or avoid involvement disappears in a life that is built around Jesus Christ and His Church. If, throughout the day, your mind is on Christ and building and supporting others, it's hard to become discouraged. It's hard to find yourself in a punting situation. During a worship service, when I look around and see John, Susan, Jim, and Mary, and my thoughts focus on how to support and encourage these dear fellow believers in their faith and life, my own game plan won't include punting.

Too often Christians worry about scoring touchdowns. I guess our faith should be more what in football they call a "three-yards-and-pile-of-dust" working faith. If you can see a little growth, get a first and ten now and then, and not be all concerned about touchdowns, you are more likely to keep

going and less likely to have setbacks. A good question to ask is, "What small thing can I do this week to make me a better Christian?"

Hebrews 10:23-35 says, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to *stimulate one another to love and good deeds*, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some but *encouraging one another*; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near." (NASB)

—A. J. Ellis

RYM Presiding Clerk



## More than a Candle

BY RUSSELL MYERS  
SUPERINTENDENT  
EFC—EASTERN REGION

A candle is lighted in the midnight darkness. But alas, false hope is born. No mere candle can dispel the spiritual darkness that covers the earth. For 400 years there had been no prophetic word from the prophets. Many candles had been lighted but the darkness soon smothered the flickering hopes.

Loren Eisely in *The Invisible Pyramid* graphically exposes the tragedy of putting your hope in candlelights. The New York City electrical blackout of 1965 furnished a

symbol of the false hope for all who have only a candle.

A man was trapped on an upper floor of a skyscraper engulfed in midnight darkness. Quickly he fumbled to find a candle in his desk drawer. Lighting it, he made his way to the corridor. Elevators were motionless. Frantically he looked for a stairway. Sighting what looked like a small service doorway near the bank of elevators, he opened the door and stepped in. He was found the next day at the bottom of an elevator shaft, the extinguished candle still clutched in his hand.

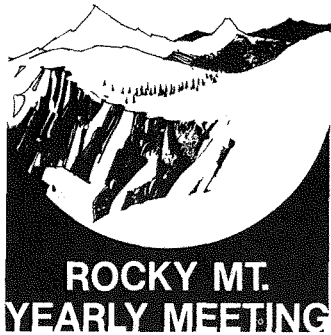
In St. John (NEB), chapter one, we are confronted with the Light of the World. "The light shines on in the dark, and the darkness has never mastered it." He is our Light. We must speed the Light to every "dark corner" of our world. We have no excuse for failure! Jesus Christ is more than a candle. He is the inextinguishable Light of the world. Easter, 1978, has been another confirmation of the validity of that Eternal Light that the shepherds saw two thousand years ago.

We are constantly bombarded by the energy crisis. How about the Light crisis? For, without His light, we all plunge into the dark shaft of hopeless despair, defeat, and death. By our side, clutched in our lifeless hand, is the feeble candle of self-righteousness and human rationalization.

Without that great Light there is no hope! ☐



# FRIENDS CONCERNS



## Christ the Center

*Below is a report from Bradley Fisher, head of the RMYM Spiritual Life Committee. The report is to inform about what the committee does, along with encouraging participation in Spiritual Life at the local church level. —regional editor*

The Spiritual Life Committee is the eyes and the ears of the church. This committee concerns itself with the spiritual welfare of the church and community, so members need to stop, look, and listen. They must be able to see and hear. They must know it when someone hurts.

1 Corinthians closes out in a militant manner. Like a sergeant barking last-minute instructions before battle, the Apostle Paul writes, "Keep your eyes open for spiritual danger: stand true to the Lord; act like men; be strong; and whatever you do, do it with kindness and love." (1 Corinthians 16:13-14 LB) This somewhat outlines the areas of work for the Spiritual Life Committee.

### Be Watchful

Watch your attitude. There is a close connection between your salvation and your attitude. There is plenty in the Bible to support this statement. One of the many examples is a statement given by John. He writes, "Anyone who says he is walking in the light of Christ but dislikes his fellow man, is still in darkness." (1 John 2:9 LB) A temptation for a Spiritual Life Committee member is to fight for right with the wrong spirit.

Again, watch your times. There are all kinds of ideas in your world. You will hear about the rights for the poor to have an abortion. You will learn about inhuman conditions in our prisons, but the prevailing ideas are not necessarily Christian.

**Start planning for summer now!  
Attend camp at Quaker Ridge.  
Watch for upcoming information.**

### Stand True to the Lord

You have a variety of places to serve in your church. You are given responsibilities as giving fellowship to the young Christian, Bible study, and church growth. You have responsibilities to the newcomer; you have responsibilities to the shut-in.

Just before returning to the Father, Jesus gave the Church its single task. He said, "Salvation is to be sent to all nations." He said, "Feed my little sheep."

James calls pure and unblemished religion as ones who visit, demonstrating genuine love (James 1:27).

Oswald Smith asks what a man would say who sent for a plumber to fix his water taps if he should come home and find him painting the side of the house. Sometimes we are more concerned about maintaining the church than in doing the task Christ gave the church.

Somehow we must face this as members of the Spiritual Life Committee. The devil loves to sidetrack us. He wants you to think you are too busy, retired, young, or mature to be involved. It still remains that the growing church is the one with some form of visitation.

### Be Strong

The Spiritual Life member should be one of conviction. He should be supportive of the church's total program. It is contradictory to attend Spiritual Life meeting and at the same time irregularly attend the services of the church.

A delicate task that faces the Spiritual Life Committee is handling moral problems within the membership. This is especially painful when the offender is a friend or loved one. To handle something like this requires heart searching and prayer. The offending one must see your love. This needs to be handled in such a way that the offending one can save face. Galatians 6 gives helpful directions.

### Show Kindness and Love

The motivating force behind Christianity is love. The Bible describes God as love. We are told to love one another. "We love him because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19) The three great graces are faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love.

Occasionally the notion is that the Spiritual Life Committee is the upper room of the church. Though seldom verbalized, sometimes the inference is that those who serve are more spiritual. Nothing is further from the truth. It takes the same dedication and spirituality to serve all the positions in a church. The Spiritual Life Committee differs only in job description.

Many years ago Daniel Poling was asked concerning the most important task within the church. He wisely responded, "your job." God has no favorites. He chooses to bless and use whosoever. And we grow better as we learn to serve.

We should each find that task we enjoy. When we do, we each can so serve with the assurance we are doing God's greatest work.

## Victorious Christianity

What is the secret to a victorious Christian life? Each of us is experiencing, or has experienced "roller-coaster" Christianity, which implies an up-and-down faith, having no consistency. The Bible does offer clues in the Old Testament through the lives of kings like Hezekiah and Josiah. The first clue is a wholly submitted life:

"And he did right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done. He removed the high places and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah. He also broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it, and it was called Nehushtan. He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him." (2 Kings 18:3-5 NASB)

The high places are where the Jews worshiped idols, so when Hezekiah destroyed them their focus could totally be on God. Our idols in modern life are different, yet we allow distractions that keep us from following the admonition in Matthew 6:33 of seeking God first.

So if we remove sins and activities that keep us from seeking God, then we can better focus on Him. The second clue is the Word of God. These men followed God's Word. Second Kings records about Hezekiah:

"For he clung to the Lord; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the Lord had commanded Moses." (2 Kings 18:6)

Second Kings further records a proper reaction to the Word. Josiah allowed it to change his life. Upon first hearing it he realized his own sin, and Judah's:

"And it came about when the king heard the words of the book of the law, that he tore his clothes."

"And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people entered into the covenant." (2 Kings 22:11; 23:3)

So two aspects of victorious Christianity are total submission to God, and God's Word. Of course more is involved, but these are ways to begin.

Joshua 1:8 offers this valuable thought:

"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then

*you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success."*

These next few months take time to read through First and Second Kings and Chronicles. Note the high and low points of the various kings, seeing what they teach you about successful living for God.

—Mike Henley



## Disaster Service Plans Auction

Though new to the life of our yearly meeting, the Friends Disaster Service has grown in projects accomplished and the number of volunteers involved. Likewise the number of testimonies from those helping relieve misery and those being helped are increasing. The FDS was inspired by a similar organization run by the Mennonites for many years. Now Dean Johnson, director of the Friends Disaster Service, and other leaders hope to follow the Mennonite example again and raise funds for disaster relief through the auction of handcrafted products.

The Northern and Northeastern Ohio Districts will jointly sponsor the auction to be held September 16, 1978, at the Talmadge fairgrounds in Summit County. For several weeks FDS representatives have been visiting churches in these districts explaining the project and challenging Friends to consider what they might donate to the auction.

Already many quilts are promised as well as afghans and other items of needlework. Other Friends plan to donate clocks, doll houses, art work, hooked rugs, candles, etc. Many Friends are already working on projects they plan to give. Two farmers are fattening a hog that will provide sausage to go along with pancakes that will be served.

An auctioneer from one of our Friends churches has volunteered his services for the day. Bob Wells ("Hoolihan" of Cleveland television fame) will be at the auction to generate interest and enthusiasm. The Singing Nicholsons, Quaker musicians of Indiana, will be present to minister in song.

Through it all the FDS hopes to minister to the crowd gathered for the auction, to raise awareness of the work of Christian disaster aid,



and to raise several thousand dollars. Half the money received will be used in the work of the FDS and the other half will be given to the World Relief Commission of the NAE for use in overseas relief.

### Richard Chambers

Dr. Richard V. Chambers, 57, of Canton, Ohio, and Malone College's vice-president for academic affairs, was shot and killed February 21 in Cleveland. He and his wife Eleanor were returning from the Cleveland Clinic when two men approached their car from a bus shelter.

Services for Dr. Chambers were held February 25 in the Christ United Presbyterian Church in Canton with burial in Damascus. Douglas Patton and John P. Smith of the church and Dr. Lon D. Randall presided.

Dr. Chambers is survived by his wife Eleanor, his mother, Margaret Chambers of Damascus, a brother Curt of Englewood, Ohio, and his sons, Stephen of Nashville, Tennessee, and Stanley of University City, Missouri.

A memorial scholarship fund has been established at the college.

### Focus on Malone

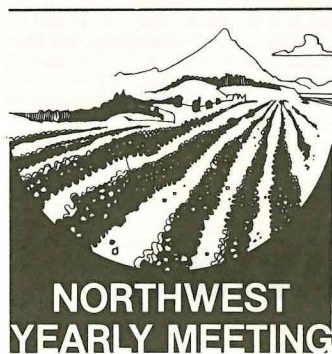
John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower, son of former president Dwight D. Eisenhower and his wife Mamie, spoke on campus February 13 and 14 as the 1978 McKinley Scholar. He lectured on various topics, including writing, the organization of the White House, the role of an ambassador, and aspects of World War II. The McKinley Visiting Scholar Program, now in its twelfth year, was made possible through an initial grant made jointly to Malone, Mount Union College, and Walsh College.

Dr. Dale Ritter has been awarded a \$1,500 grant from The Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The funds will be used to purchase much-needed equipment for Timken Science Hall and were given in response to Ritter's proposal, presenting some of the needs of the Division of Science and Mathematics.

M-1000 is a new program created by friends of Malone College who have voluntarily joined together to help secure the future of the college through the establishment of a million dollar endowment fund. Membership is open to individuals, business firms, or groups pledging a gift of \$1,000 or more to be given within a four-year period. Present membership totals 35 with a goal of 100 members by June 30, 1978.

At the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees, Richard D. Mountford was promoted to the rank of professor of music, Robert A. Nisbet to associate professor of biology, and Jeanette R. Smith to associate professor of elementary education. Dr.

Mountford is in his 15th year, Dr. Nisbet in his 7th, and Mrs. Smith her 13th year. A tuition, room and board increase was approved beginning in the fall of 1978. Malone still ranks as the third lowest in a student cost comparison with other colleges in the Christian College Consortium. A dormitory renovation was approved for the summer of 1978.



### Armin Gesswein to Speak at Men's Retreat in April

Armin Gesswein will speak at the Men's Retreat under the theme, "In Quest of Renewal" to be held at Twin Rocks Friends Conference Center April 14, 15, and 16, 1978. Gesswein is the founder and director of the Ministers Revival Prayer Fellowship and served on the Billy Graham team in New York.

Sharing the retreat program will be Gerald Dillon, professor of Christian ministries at Western Evangelical Seminary, and chairman of the Department of Missions of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

Roger Smith, former pastor, and Northwest Yearly Meeting leader in training for evangelistic outreach, will teach classes in the retreat program.

Music will be a special part of the retreat under the direction of Maury and Margaret Rose Macy. Maury is minister of music for the Tri City Community Church in Kennewick, Washington. The Macys have served in ministries with Youth for Christ, First Denver Friends Church, and as faculty members of Friends Bible College. Maury is an outstanding trombonist who has toured nationally and overseas.

Those interested in the Men's Retreat should contact Russell Baker, Friendsview Manor, Newberg, Oregon 97132. Cost for the weekend is \$13.75 and furnish your own bedding. A freewill offering will be taken also.

### Superintendent's Column

Last fall the Executive Council met for a planning retreat in answer to expressed concerns regarding the basic goals of Northwest Yearly Meeting and how these goals were to be financed. Some boards plan and dream, then discover there is no

budget to fulfill those dreams. Some people feel the distribution of funds follows a pattern based only on what we have always done. The Executive Council brainstormed, then appointed a smaller planning committee to summarize their thinking. This committee has prepared a paper to present to the Yearly Meeting that contains the following statement of basic purpose for Northwest Yearly Meeting.

"To be Quaker evangelicals and center our ministries around evangelism, Christian maturity, and social action. 'To turn people from darkness to light that they might receive Jesus Christ . . . to direct people to the Spirit that gave forth the Scriptures, by which they might be led into all Truth . . .' (George Fox Journal, p. 34)"

The planning committee lists the following general purposes:

"As part of the church which Christ is building on earth, we purpose:

"1. To love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

"2. To go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded.

"3. To be a fellowship (a) where worship is experienced, which glorifies God; (b) people-centered, not program-centered; (c) with a strong desire to know the Bible; (d) active in personal prayer and prayer together; and (e) bringing the message of God's grace and love—healing, feeding, comforting, and exercising compassion.

"4. To measure success by people touched and reached in the love of Christ.

"5. To develop and maintain a capable, dedicated, and Spirit-filled pastoral ministry.

"6. To recognize, develop, and use gifts given to every member by the Holy Spirit for ministry within the fellowship and in the world.

"7. To actively support biblically-based moral and ethical principles.

"8. To bring our youth to early spiritual maturity.

"9. To encourage and support a biblically-based peace witness.

"10. To encourage areas of service to meet human need.

"11. To recognize the equality of all persons.

"12. To promote stewardship of resources recognizing that everything of value is of divine origin and ownership.

"13. To strongly affirm our Quaker heritage."

The planning paper presented to the Council, in addition to the above statements of purpose, has pulled together (I think for the first time) all the major policies that affect us all in the Yearly Meeting. Then it has listed assumptions by which we operate and plan the Yearly Meeting

work and then, based on an analysis of the past five years, has made membership, attendance, and Great Commission Budget projections for the next three years. Next month I will discuss other features of the paper.

—Norval Hadley

### Coming Soon . . .

. . . Men's Retreat "In Quest of Renewal," Twin Rocks, April 14-16. Main speaker Armin Gesswein, also Gerald Dillon and Roger Smith. Music by Maury and Margaret Macy.

### Hayden Lake, Idaho—Church Growth in Action!

Hayden Lake Friends Church is located in northern Idaho 4 miles north of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, about 35 miles east of Spokane, Washington, and 100 miles south of the Canadian border.

The area abounds with beauty with lots of lakes, streams, and timbered mountains. In the past five years people have increasingly chosen this area for their homes and this trend is predicted to continue for a number of years.

The Friends began in this community in the 1940s and the growth has been steady since. The unique fact is that the church has grown more rapidly than the community. At present the church is ministering to 350-400 people.

Facilities have been utilized in every possible way to meet the expanding church. Seven years ago a new parsonage was built and the old one was remodeled into a preschool department for Sundays and kindergarten classes during the week. Four years ago Sunday school classes began meeting in nearby homes and as the church has grown, more homes have been used to accommodate classes; at present one home is a mile from the church. Recently the pastor purchased his own home and the parsonage is now used for six Sunday school classes, and during the week it is used for other church functions.

Two years ago a second Sunday morning worship service was added and at present both services are filled to capacity. Five acres of property have been purchased (and paid for), and blueprints are completed for a new church building. The estimate for the complete unit is about \$500,000 and the church is in the process of raising the funds to finance the construction of the needed building.

The church budget includes two full-time pastors and up to \$1,000 a month to help pay salaries and expenses for a new neighbor church getting started (Post Falls, Idaho). Present church offerings, per month, are running about \$2,500 to \$3,500 over and above the budgeted monthly expenses. Several banks have been contacted, but at the present time, none has agreed to make a



loan. Hayden Lake Friends is engaged in a bond sales program to get the financing needed to begin construction on the new church. A number of people give time weekly to review and coordinate the bond sales program.

It is obvious that the enthusiasm and joy of the church people are contagious to the growing community. The church has consistently put church growth principles to work—namely, finding needs and filling those needs through the risen Lord, loving, sharing, and giving of themselves. God is working at Hayden Lake Friends, and they request the prayer support of Northwest Yearly Meeting that they will be faithful in the ministry to which He has called them, that they will follow God's leading in every decision, and that their service ministry will continue to grow as people move into this beautiful area of the Northwest.

### Margaret Peterson Publishes Book of Prose Poetry

Margaret Peterson has written a book of prose poetry entitled *On the Wings of the Wind* taken from Samuel 22:11, "And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; and he was seen upon the wings of the wind."

Many of the poems are autobiographical, based on Margaret's experiences as a wife, mother, and grandmother. She is a member of the Boise Friends Church, having transferred from Star Friends Church in 1936.

The book is now in bookstores in Boise, Caldwell, and Nampa.

### George Fox College

The final \$100,000 for the completion of George Fox's new fine arts center has been given by the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan. The grant was earned through completion of a capital fund drive for \$1.3 million to construct the Milo C. Ross Fine Arts Center, currently under construction. The new 24,000-square-foot fine arts center was officially started with ground-breaking ceremonies December 3. Completion is scheduled for August 15. The new facility is a "recycling" of the college's former Hester Gymnasium, vacated last summer with the opening of the new \$2.4 million Coleman Wheeler Sports Center. The building will contain classrooms, music listening rooms, band and choral rooms, music studios, practice rooms, and faculty offices.

Pledges of more than \$3,000 have been made by George Fox students to support fellow students as missionaries in projects around the world this summer through Faith Promise commitments. Twenty-one students have applied for short-term summer missionary assignments, according to Chaplain Ronald Crecelius. The supportive pledges

came at the end of the annual "Missions Awareness" week on campus, which featured George Fox missionary alumni and other missions representatives. Theme for the week was "Scrumdendo," a combination of Japanese and British words meaning arm-in-arm evangelism.

George Fox College has become the first western college to be admitted to Sigma Zeta, a national science honorary society with membership primarily of small colleges. Sigma Zeta publishes research papers of undergraduate

members and holds a national convention each spring. There are 40 chapters now recognized and membership is by invitation.

The future of George Fox College through the 1980s and to the year 2000 was discussed and planned in a three-day retreat recently held on the Oregon coast involving more than 75 percent of the 52-member Board of Trustees. The board discussed purposes and mission of the 87-year-old college, considered educational policies, and studied physical and fiscal operations.

## FRIENDS GATHER

### ALLIANCE, Ohio

A recent "Pack the Church" Sunday boosted our attendance to 370 for the day. Special guests were Larry and Kathy Willett of North Carolina, who sing, play guitar and piano. They were very much appreciated as they ministered, and God blessed our meetings with victories around the altar.

For each month that has five Sundays, the fifth one is designated as "Youth Night" with the senior high group in charge of the evening service. In January Mike Jones presided. Several musical numbers by the youth were provided. Treva Jorney and Steve Szeiff played a violin duet, accompanied by Steve Adams. Neil Garra and Mike Jones played the mandolin and guitar. Linda Dragomir and Nancy Adams sang a duet. The youth choir also sang a number with a duet by David Moore and Bill Kilpatrick. Jerry Virden of the youth group brought the message. We are so thankful for a good group of dedicated young people. Recently they have raised money far above their pledge, so they have been giving it away. One hundred dollars went to Dave and Cindy Aufrance in Hong Kong, another hundred went to the Junior FY, and fifty dollars to the bus fund. What an example for us all!

### BOISE, Idaho

A 16-voice ensemble presented a special musical concert Christmas morning, prior to our pastor's Christmas message. The evening service was dismissed for home family times.

Eleven of our young people attended Midwinter convention at Twin Rocks, Oregon. The theme was, "The World Turned Upside Down." Some of the subjects discussed

were "Accepting Me as God Sees Me," "Sharing Me as God Knows Me," and "Facing Decisions." A report was given during the Sunday evening service January 15. Several of our youth related a rich experience and a renewed desire to mirror Christ.

Our church had a candlelight service New Year's night. It was a share-and-care time, which showed us that all about us lies the unredeemed wealth of another's need of us, and the privilege we have of being co-workers with God.

Our pastor led a class entitled "The Family of Friends" Sunday evenings, at five o'clock, during the month of January. The class was about the history and beliefs of our church.

Seventeen couples from our church attended a Friends Marriage Encounter held the weekend of January 28. They reported the meeting worthwhile and rewarding.

Our junior choir, Kids of the Kingdom, presented a musical, "I Can't Be Waiting," Sunday evening, February 5. It was superbly done, portraying a real message.

### CENTER, Colorado

In recent weeks our church has discovered more and more about what serious Christianity means. Our Lord felt people were of first importance and oriented His entire ministry on earth toward people. Center Friends is now orienting our priorities this same way. We are resuming home visitation within our community, and beginning a church newsletter to help inspire our members and turn their thoughts to God.

On Sunday evenings we are continuing joint vesper services with a local Baptist church. The meetings

are inspirational, and we enjoy the widened fellowship they encourage.

A nursing home ministry in Monte Vista, Colorado, continues, and we are thankful for the opportunity to tell about Jesus Christ.

We thank each of you for any prayers, and ask that you would pray 1 Timothy 1:5 for our church: "But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart, and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

### DENVER, Colorado

Training classes for a new evangelism visitation group have begun. This is a vital ministry of our church and we are glad to have another group being trained for the work.

There were approximately 50 men and boys in our church parlor on Saturday, January 14, for a father-son breakfast. The Friends Bible College basketball team presented the program for the morning, and the men enjoyed themselves.

Twenty senior high and college students from Denver spent four exciting days at Quaker Ridge for Midwinter camp in late December. This is always the highlight of the camping year for our young people, and a valuable source of fellowship.

Our preschool and day care center has added many new children since September. We are now at capacity and have a waiting list of children to be admitted as soon as our license can be increased.

God's grace be with you all, and God bless!

### EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Larry and Kathy Willett from North Carolina shared their faith in Christ with us by presenting a sacred musical concert during an evening service. They are affiliated with the Spring Garden Friends Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, and are ministering in many Eastern Region Friends churches. Following the concert the Progressive Class hosted a family night gathering.

### GLEN ELDER, Kansas

Missions interest has been expressed in different ways at Glen Elder. In October, our pastors, Robert and Mary Beth Winters, Harry and Pat Harrison, Viola Weeks, and 13 young people traveled to Kickapoo Friends Indian Center for a Missions Work Retreat. They expressed the desire to go again.

Our WMU met in the Midwest Nursing Home in December, honoring Lulu Casey, 91, one of our longtime faithful members.

A special "missions highlight" has been having Reta Stuart with us much of last summer and fall. She has spoken in our church, our WMU, and various meetings in the area. Our prayers go with her as she assumes her duties as administrative assistant to Dr. Robert Hess of the EFM. Our Christmas "White Gift" offering brought \$334, which



was shared with home and foreign missions.

Other highlights were our Sunday school day, with 23 guests present; our Thanksgiving supper, with a food shower for our pastors; and our Christmas cantata, involving adults and children.

A gift to our church was an outdoor public address system for playing religious music, as a memorial to the late Irvin Stuart (Reta's father).

Once a month after the evening service an announcement is made that the young people will go to a "destination unknown." They are then taken to the home of an elderly couple where a lunch is served and a time of fellowship enjoyed.

Three Bible study and prayer groups, consisting of ladies of different faiths, continue to meet each week. Interest is good and prayers are being answered.

#### **GREENLEAF, Idaho**

The Academy sale on February 11 grossed over \$12,000. Merlin Glanzman was chairman of activities. Carol Hibbs was vice-chairman, making him chairman for next year.

Robert Hess, veteran missionary from India and part-time professor at Malone College as well as the Evangelical Friends Missions administrator, and Duane Comfort, on furlough from Juli, Peru, were special speakers during the mission conference on March 12, 15, 17-19.

#### **GRINNELL, Iowa**

Guest speakers at our Missionary Conference were students from Africa, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Brazil. These students all attend Vennard College at University Park, Iowa.

Professor Herbert Anderson of Vennard College directed a cantata with the Christ Life Singers. It was enjoyed by all.

#### **HESPER, Eudora, Kansas**

We were challenged and inspired by the ministry in February of David and Barbara Schrag, of Rose Hill, who are missionaries to Papua New Guinea under the auspices of New Tribes Missions. Their work is among so-called "primitives" and there is no written language for their tribe. We had an excellent day of fellowship, with a noon meal. Pastors Alden and Rolena Pitts were honored in the evening with an anniversary cake marking their 45th year of married life. They began as student ministers in September 1933.

The pastor has met with the young people on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for over a year. They have studied How We Got Our Bible, Friends History and Teachings, the books of Genesis and Exodus, and have practiced singing for specials for our services.

#### **LAS ANIMAS, Colorado**

Christmas and the New Year brought open houses to Las Animas Friends. On December 19, 1977, our

pastors, the Hendershotts, held open house for church members. It was a time for our church family to draw together and worship our King Jesus Christ.

A Sunday school open house was held on January 29, 1978, to acquaint parents with our Christian education program and their children's teachers.

We trust 1978 will be a good year for our EFA friends, one totally centered around Jesus Christ. God bless!

#### **MERIDIAN, Idaho**

"This Is Your Life," Meridian Friends Church! That was the theme chosen as we celebrated our 15th anniversary on February 19. Activities for the day started with a fellowship hour of coffee and donuts before Sunday school. Dorwin Smith, the first pastor, presented the message at the morning service. "God wants us to have a spiritual mission to neighbors and friends," he said. "In order to be a minister to others we must be filled with the Spirit and power of Jesus Christ."

We had a fellowship dinner at noon with fried chicken and trimmings. Beula Marks made and decorated the anniversary cake. Out-of-town people who participated in the program during the afternoon service included Walter P. Lee and Dorwin Smith. Members of the congregation spoke on various topics including "Birth of a Dream," "A Place for the Church," "In Search of a Pastor," "Continuing to Dream and Build," "Youth Help Build the Dream." Our Vietnamese, Hoa Dong, spoke on "A Home in the New Land." Special musical presentations were from the Brass Ensemble, the Ladies Sextet, and Sounds of Friends.

Greenleaf Friends Academy Choir, directed by Gene Pumphrey, presented a concert during morning worship on February 26. We received such a spiritual blessing from these dedicated young people.

Walter Lang, executive director of Bible Science Association at Caldwell, spoke during Evening Family Hour on January 15.

January 29 an all-church potluck dinner was held with a business meeting following to discuss building plans for our church.

Friends Youth have been presiding over our evening worship hour one night a month. It is truly one of the many times we receive special blessing from our youth.

#### **NORTH VALLEY Newberg, Oregon**

The adult Christmas musicale, "I Believe He's the Son of God," and the children's musicale, "Kids of the Kingdom," were presented on December 18, 1977. Louise Sperling was the director of both choirs.

The Outreach Committee planned a New Year's Eve watchnight party in the church fellowship hall. After a time of games, food, and fellowship,

we gathered around the piano for a time of singing, sharing, and praising the Lord for 1977.

Five of our junior high youth plus the sponsor, Marilyn Thomas, attended the Junior High Jamboree, January 27-29, at Twin Rocks.

In January a men's prayer breakfast began at Pastor Knox's home. With the enthusiasm from the men of the breakfast, it has been moved to the church fellowship hall. The men have had a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing of God's love in their lives.

A series of special meetings was held at North Valley March 5-12 with singer-evangelist Wayne Piersall and his wife Willa, of Hayden Lake, Idaho. These were a real inspiration and blessing to our church.

#### **ORANGE ROAD Westerville, Ohio**

The Orange Friends Church hosted the Central Ohio District "Deeper Life" conference at the church. Services were held each evening at Orange and morning sessions were held at other churches in the District.

Theodore Williams, of India, was the missionary guest speaker. Those who attended received many blessings from his messages.

On December 18 the church choir presented their Christmas cantata, *King of Kings*, and on the following Tuesday, December 20, performed the same on Delaware Cable TV at 8:00 p.m. Pastor Rendel Cosand also spoke on TV during the choir's intermission and after the choir finished. The name of the program was "Sharing Time."

#### **RAMONA, Oklahoma**

Ramona Friends announces the dedication of their new church April 9, 1978. John Robinson will be the speaker, and all former pastors will be given an opportunity to share in the 2:30 service, following the noon meal. All are cordially invited to come worship and fellowship with us on this special day. Picture plates of the old church will be available.

Former pastor, Clare Willcuts, will begin revival services here the Monday following dedication.

#### **ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio**

During this month our church has had a physical fitness program on Friday evenings. We have time to spend together doing activities such as swimming, exercising, playing volleyball, basketball, and children's games.

Seven of our youth (all guys) have indicated their desire to participate in the Summer Ministry this year. They are Roger Clark, Mike Eaton, Todd Dallanegra, Bill Krebs, Kent Morgan, Doug Ickes, and Dave Schimmel.

Larry and Kathy Willett of North Carolina were with us last month for a potluck supper, children's, youth, and adult groups, and a musical concert.

All the churches in our district were extended an invitation to participate in this time of fellowship.

#### **SALEM, Ohio**

The first issue of our new church newsletter, appropriately entitled "The Visiting Friend," arrived for January. It will be published monthly and has a threefold purpose: to communicate information about opportunities for worship, study, service and fellowship through our church; to help members of our large church family get to know one another better; and to minister through the written Word.

On Sunday evening the annual Salem Christian Unity Service was held at our church. Churches of various denominations in the community were represented. The message "Christianity in Crisis" was delivered by Rev. Fr. Blaine Pierce of the St. Paul Church. We were challenged to involve ourselves more in the world around us to combat injustice and immorality.

#### **SMITHFIELD, Ohio**

January brought a bountiful supply of snow, low temperatures and blowing winds. Despite the harsh weather attendance was very good at the Smithfield Evangelical Friends Church for three Sundays, and many worthwhile projects and services were held without postponement.

A special candlelight worship and communion service was held at a midweek service and the local Friends Disaster Service made plans to sponsor a charity bazaar booth at a nearby mall to earn funds for the Disaster Service.

#### **SOUTHEAST, Salem, Ohio**

Ladies' Night was held recently with the men of the church doing the cooking and serving. A good time of fellowship was experienced by both groups.

The Friends Youth from Barberton held a weekend retreat at our church. Discussions were held by the young folks under the supervision of Pastor and Mrs. Lynn Shreve and Marilyn Slagle. Also participating in the discussions were Mike and Debbie Ward, sponsors from the Barberton church. Their theme was "Time Is Running Out." On Saturday evening a time of recreation was held at the Y.M.C.A. in Alliance, Ohio. On Sunday the youth shared in the Sunday morning worship service with singing, sharing, and testimonies. The weekend retreat ended with a covered dish dinner at the church following the morning worship service.

#### **SPRINGDALE, Adena, Ohio**

The beginning of the year also saw the beginning of a new youth program in our church in order to reach more young people in our area. Our youth have been divided into three groups ranging from age three through the teens.



"Up and Out" meetings have been started recently at the parsonage. These meetings include a Bible study, singing, and a time of sharing.

#### STANWOOD, McLouth, Kansas

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 136:1

As we review the past year we are thankful for six new babies who have come to bless the homes of members; the regained health of our pastor, Fred Leimkuhler, after two major surgeries last summer; the improving health of Martha Leimkuhler, who is still under the doctor's care; for our new addition to the sanctuary, which includes restrooms and a nursery; and a new roof on the meetinghouse.

A new piano was dedicated as a memorial to three members, Delbert Lobb, Olive Jones, and Leo Ryan. Other memorial funds have been used for two lecture series this year. Errol and Evelyn Elliott held three services about Quakers on the American Frontier in May. Everett and Catherine Cattell shared from their rich lives in three services in October. Much spiritual growth is evident as a result of these fine Quaker lectures.

A social concern has developed into a prison ministry by the men of the meeting. The American Indian Culture Group invited Fred and Martha Leimkuhler to the Indian Pow Wow at Kansas State Penitentiary in December. The families of two American Indian prisoners were adopted for Christmas. The meeting hopes to expand the ministry to the families of other cultures. Fred and Mame Mesinger took clothing and a contribution to Wyandotte Indian Center in Oklahoma, also in December.

Nancy and David Schultz committed their five-year-old daughter Shelly to the Lord as she faced 12 hours of open heart surgery, but she was returned to them, and they are praising the Lord. A food and craft sale was held to benefit the Schultz family.

#### WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio

January 22, 1978, was a day of rejoicing at Westgate! A debt retirement drive, begun last year as a result of our "year of jubilee," culminated in the burning of one of our two mortgages. We praise the Lord for this blessing and look forward to the retirement of our other mortgage as the Lord provides.

In March we began having silent meetings during the hour preceding Sunday school once a month. This has been a new experience for most of us, but seems to be working quite well.

#### WILLOWCREEK Kansas City, Missouri

Our pastor, Fred Jones, recently was honored by being selected for the Marquis Who's Who Publication Board. He is listed under *Who's Who in Religion*, Second Edition, for having demonstrated outstanding

achievements in his own field of endeavor and contributing to the betterment of contemporary society.

Sunday school has offered other activities for our children in addition to the Sunday Bible classes. At Halloween the children enjoyed a costume party, with prizes for the best costumes; and the department presented a Christmas program, with the nativity as its theme.

We were blest by a presentation by Fred and Anna Warnken and Fred and Martha Leimkuhler concerning their prison ministries. As a result of this sharing time several men in our church will be visiting inmates at the Lansing prison. Fellowship times with our congregation have included attending Northeast Area Rally at Emporia, Thanksgiving dinner together, caroling at Christmas time, and a New Year's Eve watch party.

We are grateful for assistance from the Yearly Meeting Pastoral Support program, but thankful that each year we are able to assume a greater portion of this responsibility.

#### WYANDOTTE, Oklahoma

Greetings from the Wyandotte Friends Center! We want to express our thanks and appreciation for the way you shared in making Christmas a time of blessing for the Indian children here. We feel the times with the children were constructive times, building Christian concepts and morals that make the person whole.

We are glad for the installation of a double sink brought as a gift from a meeting in Indianapolis. We have shared in chapel services at Seneca Indian School, with an Indian family at the loss of a loved one, and with members of our congregation who were facing surgery.

One lady, not a member, recently testified that she was a "Christian under construction."

February saw the election of SES Campus Ministry Board, and in March we hosted the Indian Committee and Workers' Field Council Meeting.

Please remember us in your prayers.

WINES—A daughter, Misty Dawn, to Bill and Lori Wines, January 20, 1978, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

#### MARRIAGES

DEGENKOLB-TUNING. Renee Degenkolb and Kermit Tuning of Greenleaf, Idaho, November 24, 1977, Norman, Oklahoma.

GILBEY-LANDIS. Sue Gilbey and Roger Landis, Canton First Friends, Ohio, December 1977.

HACKWORTH-SMITH. Jeanne Marie Hackworth and Brian Lee Smith, December 17, 1977, United Methodist Church, McMinnville, Oregon.

HATLEY-HINSHAW. Kelley Hatley and Gary Hinshaw, August 5, 1977, Emporia, Kansas.

NISSSEN-HACKWORTH. Christine Diane Nissen and Dan Hackworth, January 27, 1978, Free Methodist Church, Newberg, Oregon.

RAYMOND-MILLER. Betty Raymond and Greg Miller, First Denver Friends, January 6, 1978.

THOMAS-SCHPEPPAN. Debbie Thomas and Robert Schpeppan, January 21, 1978, Canton First Friends, Ohio.

WINSTON-STEWARDSON. Landy Winston and Hardy Stewardson, December 17, 1977, Friendswood, Texas.

#### DEATHS

CASADO—Miguel J. Casado, 75, December 8, 1977, Wichita, Kansas.

DENNIS—Elbert Dennis, 89, January 28, 1978, St. John, Kansas.

DRAGOMIR—Jean Dragomir, 55, January 5, 1978, Alliance, Ohio.

ELLIS—James Knowlton Ellis, 63, of Stanwood Friends, November 20, 1977, McLouth, Kansas.

HILL—Margaret (Mrs. Gurney) Hill, 92, of Hesper Friends, Eudora, Kansas, January 29, 1978, in El Monte, California.

KEY—Lois (Mrs. Roy) Key, January 21, 1978, Alba, Missouri.

KINSER—Blanche Kinser of Bethel Friends, Hugoton, Kansas, December 3, 1977.

LaVEZZI—Kenneth La Vezzi, 49, of Stanwood Friends, McLouth, Kansas, in a truck accident December 20, 1977.

LINK—Charles Henry Link, 87, November 26, 1977, Seiling, Oklahoma.

McNICHOLS—Mabel V. McNichols, 81, January 27, 1978, Pratt, Kansas.

MITCHELL—Nuel H. Mitchell, 75, December 4, 1977, Liberal, Kansas.

MORFORD—Cora Morford, December 3, 1977, Bethel Friends, Hugoton, Kansas.

NIELSEN—Martin Nielsen, October 14, 1977, Emporia, Kansas.

PRUITT—Elizabeth Pruitt, 86, January 20, 1978, Greenleaf, Idaho.

RANDALL—Carrie Randall, 82, January 6, 1978, Urbana, Ohio.

ROSS—John A. Ross, 88, January 19, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

THORNBURG—Leroy Thornburg, 95, February 8, 1978, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

TOWERY—Wilma Towery, January 23, 1978, Independence, Kansas.

TURMAN—Mildred Rose Turman, 53, May 27, 1977, Northshore, Houston, Texas.

## FRIENDS RECORD

#### BIRTHS

BERTSCH—To Andy and Cynthia Bertsch, a son, Cameron Andrew, November 11, 1977, Denver, Colorado.

BETHEL—A son, Brian Lynn, to Gary and Cathy Bethel, December 28, 1977, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

BROWN—To Terrell and Janeen Brown, a son, Jeffery Terrell, December 3, 1977, Friendswood, Texas.

DENTLER—To Richard and Beth Dentler, a daughter, Lindsay Ann, September 8, 1977, Canton, Ohio.

DILLON—A son, Justin LeRoy, to Mr. and Mrs. Rich Dillon, January 17, 1978, Grinnell, Iowa.

EDMONDS—To Jay Dee and Terri Edmonds of Stanwood Friends, McLouth, Kansas, a son, Jeremy Jacob, November 14, 1977.

ENDRIGUEZ—A daughter to Alicia and Alfonso Endriguez, December 9, 1977, Booker, Texas.

FARNSWORTH—To Michael and Elaine Farnsworth, a girl, Andrea Christine, January 16, 1978, Burlington, Colorado.

GEARRING—A son, Braden Joseph, to Dan and Vickie Gearing, January 14, 1978, Boise, Idaho.

GEHRIG—A daughter, Tiffany Rae, to Leon and Patti Gehrig, October 7, 1977, Canton, Ohio.

GREEN—A son, Jeremy Michael, to Don and Ellie Green, November 2, 1977, Columbus, Ohio.

GURLEY—A daughter, Yvonne Maria, to Thomas and Jayne Gurley, December 10, 1977, Canton, Ohio.

HARRIS—To David and Nancy Harris of Greenleaf Friends, Idaho, a daughter, Kami Renee, December 9, 1977, Neunkirchen, Germany.

JANTZ—To Jeanne and Jerry Jantz of Stanwood Friends, McLouth, Kansas, a girl, Melissa Kay, June 18, 1977.

KING—A son, Daniel Jacob, to Wally and Tami King, December 20, 1977, Columbus, Ohio.

LUTHY—A daughter, Julie Kay, to Jim and Carolyn (Mullen) Luthy, January 11, 1978, Newkirk, Oklahoma.

MARTIN—A son, Matthew Wayne, by adoption, to Dennis and Diane Martin of Tacoma, Washington, November 9, 1977.

MILLER—A son, Kyle, August 17, 1977, to Kenneth and Diane Miller, Canton, Ohio.

NINE—A daughter, Camelia Arlene, to Gordon and Sharon Nine, December 6, 1977, Boise, Idaho.

PAUL—A son, Luke Anthony, to Lynn and Jerome Paul of Stanwood Friends, Leavenworth, Kansas, September 18, 1977.

PENROSE—A son, Shawn Richard, to John and Betty Jean Penrose, Rose Hill, Kansas, December 18, 1977.

PURSLEY—To Gary and Ida Pursley, a daughter, Ericka Lee, November 22, 1977, Hillsboro, Oregon.

SEES—A daughter Amy to Robert and Bonnie Sees, June 25, 1977, Canton, Ohio.

SMITH—A son, Shawn Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith, October 9, 1977, Springdale, Kansas.

WEAVER—A son, Paul Ironcloud, by adoption, to Richard and Cheri Weaver, December 1977, Canton, Ohio.



# JESUS' TEACHING ON DIVORCE

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don't try to cover up the truth or the shame of it. And the rest of us—we can learn from the astonishment of the disciples perhaps. Jesus accepted this woman, this Samaritan woman, this divorced woman, this five-times divorced woman, and they couldn't believe it! Nor can many Christians today. Jesus became angry, remember, at those ready to throw stones, and exposed their own sin.

## EVERY DIVORCE IS DIFFERENT

Finally, Jesus' teaching about divorce in Matthew 19 has this concluding exchange between the disciples, which I think is significant. I am quoting again, "His disciples said to him, 'If this is how it is between a man and his wife, it is better not to marry.' And Jesus answered, 'This teaching does not apply to everyone, but only to those to whom God has given it. For there are different reasons why men cannot marry: some, because they were born that way; others, because men made them that way; and others do not marry for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven. Let him who can accept this teaching do so.'"

Doesn't this forthrightly, yet with understanding, include all the variables of human relationships of which marriage is one? A breakdown in our obedience, in our walk with God, is a root cause for all of our problems, including the genuine family disasters that we go through. Yet, divorce is probably one of the least understood and most ignored social problems of our time, and certainly of the church. Every divorce is different. Can we come to understand this? They are not all the same, not "a group" in society or the church; they are individuals. Every set of circumstances has its variables. So we must be compassionate at this point.

God's ideal is not to be lost, nor is it to be used as a club. The idealism of marriage is to be preserved, but with discernment we must deal with each other when problems arise as we can under God's guidance.

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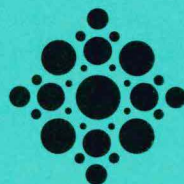
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