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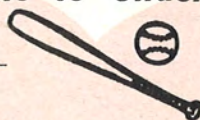


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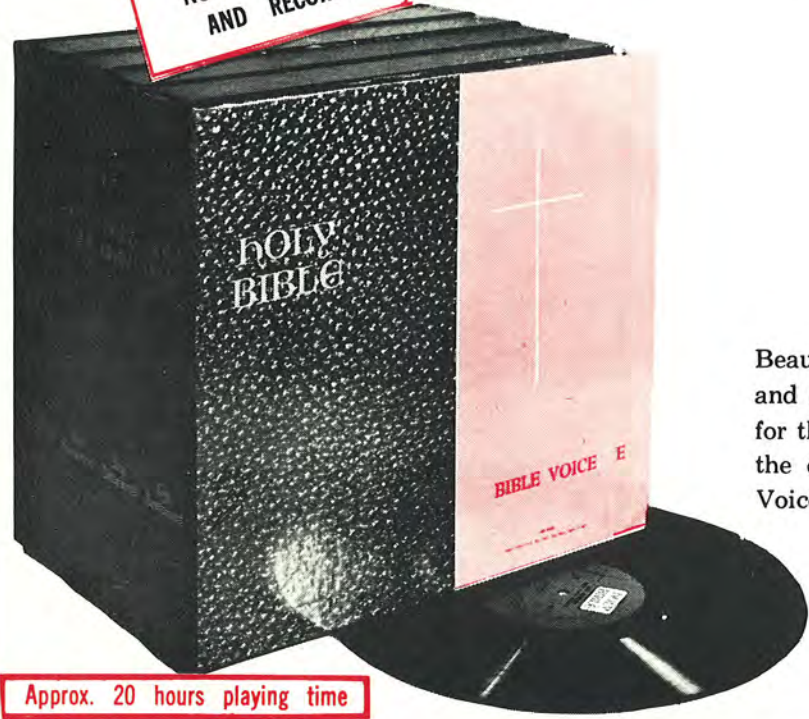
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# personally...

## THAT GENERATION GAP

How CAN we communicate with the modern "cool crowd" occupied with teen hops, rock and roll music and going steady? How can we tune into the teen channel?

In this supposedly "gap" age, we hear a lot about the credibility gap, racial gap, military gap, education gap and many others. One of the most frustrating gaps, however, is the ability to turn on the so called "in" generation.

Building a bridge of understanding with this lively "pepsi" generation is a perplexing problem. One mother expressed her despair: "I feel like a stranger to my children." How do we overcome this difficulty?

First, there must be a knowledge of young peoples' needs. Youth is a time of transition. They seek recognition, acceptance, identity and security.

Understanding these psychological factors in adolescent development is primary in helping youth discover self-dependence and self-confidence. Another valuable realization is that young people want advice. How to control natural impulses is more frustrating to them than parents. Confused and bewildered by their own behavior and non-conformist attitude, they really want direction and guidance. There is a willingness to submit to discipline if it is given in the proper way. Above all, young people yearn for love. This gives the greatest sense of belonging.

Secondly, parents should recognize their failures. They can be too demanding by expecting young people to reach adult maturity too soon. It is easy to be overly critical and even overbearing. Respect and consideration for their feelings, opinions and ideas is important. To storm out, "You'd better do what I say," or "I don't care what you think," instead of listening can cause irreparable damage and cut off communications.

It takes patience to understand the moods and interconflicts of the younger set. This is where we fail most often. In the midst of discussion, care must be exercised lest we resort to parental authority rather than loving, persuasive counsel. Above all, we must set a worthy example before young people. Respect and confidence can be earned best by practicing what we preach.

To prevent family estrangement and meet the needs of our young people by bridging the chasm between adult and youthful thinking is a tedious process. Yet, it can be done.

Personal prayer must have priority. Job prayed daily for his children. Family worship is another way to promote harmony in the home. Providing good literature is vital. Reading books that will help young people understand themselves is of great value.

Young people ought to be encouraged to invite their friends into their home. Christian fellowship is further cultivated through attending camp and our national youth conference.

A personal interest in the activities of the world in which young people live breaks down barriers. Teaching our youth to discern between wholesome music and cheap jazz is another step in the right direction.

Make it a rule not to argue or lose your temper. Determine to keep your "cool" under all circumstances. Patience is an absolute! Be sure to take your children to church and not send them. If your child is unsaved do not give up until you win him to Christ. The greatest solution to the generation gap is a Christ-centered home where he Holy Spirit is allowed to work freely in each heart and life.



*Executive Secretary Coffey looks ahead to next month's CONTACT that gives special emphasis to the Sunday School. Superintendents and pastors will want to order additional copies of our magazine to distribute among Sunday school personnel.*

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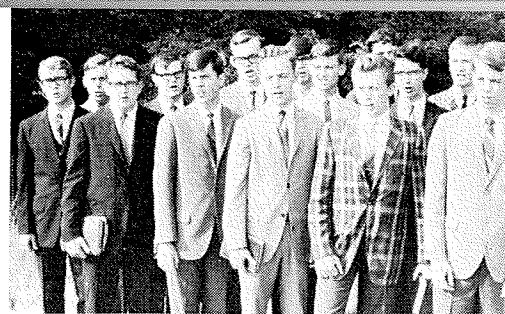
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# will the REAL teen please stand up?

IT WASN'T just another camping session. In fact, it was the first time in the history of Free Will Baptists that teenage fellows had been called upon to stand up under physical labor that called for a real demonstration of muscular power . . . called upon to stand up and take the initiative in roles of leadership . . . called upon to stand up and be recognized as charter members of the Hillmont Engineers. It was an exciting week—a week when the real teens stood up at Hillmont in Middle Tennessee.

Traveling via car, bus, and plane sixteen young men arrived in Nashville on June 23 for a very special purpose. These young men represented nine states and sixteen Free Will Baptist churches. A select group of young men, they had enrolled in a program of leadership training sponsored by the Board of Church Training Service.

The National CTS Department purchased from the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists a camp site known as Hillmont. The leadership training program for the sixteen young men was the initial program to be conducted at Hillmont by the National CTS Department.

Plans are to make the leadership program for boys an annual training effort. This special group of boys are known as the *Hillmont Engineers*. It is through this group that much of the physical development of the site will take place.

During the program for 1968 which began on June 23 and ended July 18, a balanced program of study, work, and play was provided. The schedule consisted of classes in the mornings, work details in the afternoon, and recreation in the late afternoon and early evening. Other blocks of time were given to outdoor recreation, and many hours were spent with indoor games at break times.

The total program of training was quite varied. Even though a basic daily schedule was followed, each day brought new experiences and special features. A number of guests shared in the class time bringing a variety of special emphases. Among these guests were representatives

from all of the National Departments.

One of the highlights of the entire program was the music. A choir was organized using all sixteen boys. A quartet was also organized from the group. The music groups rehearsed each day learning songs for use in programs presented to four churches in the Nashville area. The Hillmont Engineers also sang for the youth activities and the National Association in Oklahoma City.

The fourth week of the training program was held in conjunction with the National Association which met in Oklahoma City. After three weeks of intensive training at Hillmont the Engineers were ready to handle special assignments at the National.

Perhaps one of the most important aspects of the Leadership Training Program at Hillmont this year was the opportunity afforded each boy to study, work and play with sixteen other Christian boys. The encouragement and strength that were shared through close fellowship with other Christian boys will be a lasting remembrance.

The purpose of this training program for young men between the ages of sixteen and nineteen is to help develop leadership for Free Will Baptist churches. It is designed to emphasize personal discipline and responsibility. Work details and other responsibilities are given in order to help each boy learn how to cooperate with others in getting a job done as well as how to exercise initiative.

An important benefit of the program is the development of the physical site. As the Engineers work at various assignments, the buildings and grounds are made more attractive and usable. Thus as time moves along, there will be facilities that can be used to provide training for additional young people.

Plans are to develop Hillmont as a year round facility with a varied program. It will be made available for weekend retreats, training seminars, special leadership conference training sessions for CTS leaders, and practical training

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## gems

FROM THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

by ROBERT PICIRILLI

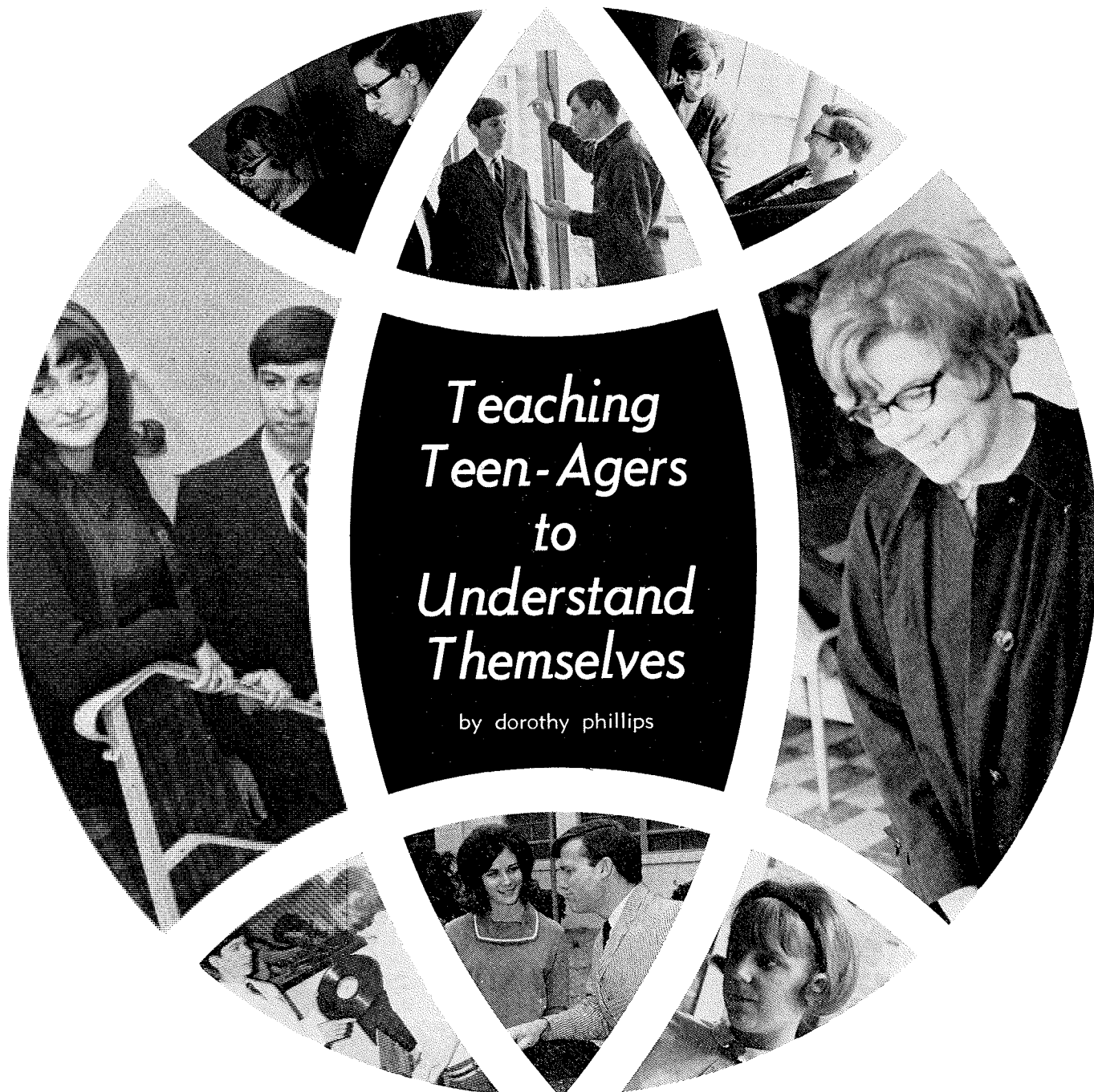
Quite often, some Biblical debater will try to argue that the early New Testament church did not use *immersion* as their mode of baptism. Of course we know that there are some modern denominations that prefer sprinkling (and baptize infants), but all of us who are of the "baptist" heritage are convinced that immersion of the person in water is the right mode.

And we have some good arguments on our side, some of which are quite familiar: (1) immersion is the only mode that fulfills the intended symbolism of being dead and buried with Christ and raised with Him to newness of life (see Romans 6); and (2) the original meaning of the Greek word *bapto*, from which came the Greek word *baptizo*, certainly meant to "dip" or "plunge".

However, there are additional arguments that are not quite so familiar, also based on the rather clear meaning of some Greek prepositions. The passage involved here is that which recounts the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch by Philip, Acts 8:36-39. The main point is in these phrases: "they went down both *into* the water . . . and he baptized him. And when they were come up *out of* the water . . ." Those who teach sprinkling have tried to say that the word "into" may simply mean "unto," and that the word "out of" may simply mean "away from."

But the truth is that the literal meaning of both these prepositions in Greek is quite clear. The word "into" is *eis*, which suggests—when a physical location is involved—entrance into something. Even more positive is the fact that the word translated "out of"—*ek*—means exactly what it says; there is an entirely different Greek word, *apo*, which means "away from."

If these verses are to be taken at face value as meaning exactly what they say, there could hardly be any doubt that Philip and the eunuch did not just go up to some water and use it for sprinkling; they went *in* it! We note also, as even more conclusive, the fact that the words say "they went *down* into . . . and came up out of."



# Teaching Teen-Agers to Understand Themselves

by dorothy phillips

*We must help teen-agers understand themselves before we can effectively communicate Christ to them.*

RECENTLY I discovered that teenagers have something to offer. During my college freshman English class, I wrote the title "Teaching Teenagers to Understand Themselves" on the board. For a while the class discussed the subject. Most of these young people were away from home for the first time. Memories of those "trying years" were still fresh in their minds.

Having worked with young people for many years, I felt that I knew and understood them. I was confident of this insight until I had a teenager of my own, and then suddenly I was baffled. I experienced all of the anxiety that other parents have experienced.

Youth seemingly rebel against well-intended advice. Perhaps their rebellion stems from the feeling that communication with adults is a one-way proposition. The older are always telling the younger what to do. This may be as it should be, but mothers and fathers might profit by listening to *thinking* young persons.

I discovered wisdom in the ideas of the students in my class: parents should not argue before their children, parents should not disagree on rules set up, families should spend more time together, and reasoning is more profitable than harshness.

As they talked I became aware that these eighteen- and nineteen-year-old students were giving good advice for parents. This was a paradox. These teens were giving advice that would actually help parents "Teach Teenagers to Understand Themselves."

From their written papers, I would like to share their thoughts.

*The adolescent has reached a point where he feels the desire to accept adult responsibilities and gain independence. He must be left to make many of his own decisions—with parental guidance. Moral, ethic, and religious codes must be decided by the individual. If there has been proper training by the parents, the influence will be seen as the adolescent makes wise decisions.*

(Girl from Winston-Salem, N. C.)

It is true that young people desire to make decisions; yet many of them tremble when the responsibility is thrust upon them *without* parental guidance. A Christian parent who has instilled Christian principles throughout the child's life is more fortunate than the non-Christian parent, for he can rely upon past training to assist the child in making proper decisions. He can claim the promise, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Pro. 22:6).

*Parents set standards which are too high for their offspring to attain. Thinking of their children as being the most intelligent in school, parents expect them to make "straight A's." Many teenagers who are just average students are forever being pushed to do superior class work which is an impossibility. As a result, they soon give up completely, knowing they cannot live up to parents' expectations.*

(Boy, Gaston, N. C.)

As a minister, my husband has visited in thousands of homes. He smiles and says that he has never yet met a parent whose children are not *above average*.

I smile, too, for I have always thought ours are above average. Perhaps this is an egotistical assumption that parents make; however children must be accepted for what they are. When their mental capacity is over-estimated, parents can push to the point of frustration.

*Parents should never force their ideas on their children. So many times a parent with a strong opinion concerning a political, moral, social, etc. issue will deprive his child of the opportunity to develop his own opinion. Many children tend to think their parents' ideas are right; this comes with an inherent respect for the parents. And unfortunately, many times the parents' ideas are not right.*

(Girl, Fort Monroe, Va.)

A father backs the Democratic party. A mother does not believe in wearing make-up. Another father advocates the Ku Klux Klan movement. Children in these families may not have similar convictions. Trying to force them into parental molds will not work. Wise parents will seek to show their children *why* they hold certain ideas. They will reason with them, but they will not demand conformity.

*Parents should let children know exactly what is expected of them and not impose ex post facto regulations. Parents who are lenient and tell the child to make his own decisions often decide afterward that the decisions were not what they should have been and punish the child.*

(Girl, Fort Monroe, Va.)

Today as never before youth secretly desire restraint. A pregnant eleventh grader once said to me, "I wish my mother had told me what time to come in. When I left at night, she said, 'Come in when you want to,' and I didn't even have to come in if I didn't want to." Parents whose requirements are reasonable but definite demand respect from children.

*Parents often make the mistake of comparing their children and of expecting them to do similar work. If one child makes excellent grades, parents have a tendency to expect excellent grades from their other children. Such comparisons place undue pressure on the children who want to please their parents but who are not mentally capable of living up to their parents' wishes.*

(Girl, Ahoskie, N. C.)

In this way, parents are sometimes cruel without meaning to be. They storm out, "If your brother can do this, well,



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you should be able to do so too" without any consideration of the individual's mental capacity. Often a talk with the guidance counselor at school will reveal a true picture of the child's potential. Unwise comparisons cause not only frustrations but also emotional disturbances. Children feel insecure when they are constantly compared with superior persons.

*Parents should place upon their children a certain amount of responsibility, especially with money. By allowing children to work around the home for their spending money, parents enable these young people to develop a sense of responsibility. While earning their own money, most children learn to be thrifty. Knowing how to spend money wisely is a valuable asset that should be learned early.*

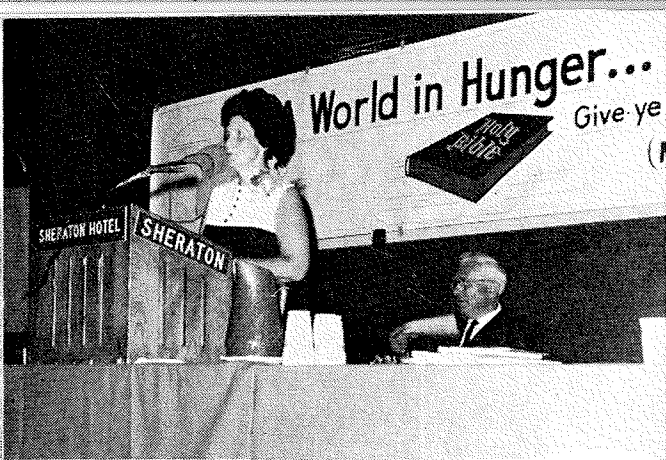
(Boy, Autryville, N. C.)

Money problems sometimes cause conflicts between parents and children, especially when strained financial conditions exist. Perhaps this young man has noted the solution. Young people who work can supply some of their own needs, can develop habits of thriftiness, and can, at the same time, cement good family relations.

*The parent should allow his child to make his own decisions concerning careers and choice of schools because it will be the child, not the parent, who will have to live with these decisions the rest of his life. Many times a parent will try to force his ambitions and dreams upon the child even when they conflict greatly with the child's talents and interests.*

(Girl, Richmond, Va.)

Butcher, baker, candlestick maker . . . the limited choice of careers is passé. Young people today can choose from  
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*WNAC President Mrs. Georgia Hill introduces Dr. Christian Weiss, of Back to the Bible Broadcast, to a hotel-packed auditorium at WNAC's annual convention last month in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.*



*Illinois minister Claude Hampleman pauses during the four-day convention in Oklahoma City to view the various exhibits in the Sheraton Hotel. Visitors, delegates and ministers took advantage of this time to become better informed on our denominational ministries.*



*Ministers attending the Northeastern Association in Maine are pictured, left to right: Rev. Angus MacDougal, Nova Scotia, Canada; Rev. Ronnie Dail, Twin Mountain, New Hampshire; Rev. Herbert Bryan, Linneus, Maine; Rev. Eddie Riddick, Littleton, New Hampshire; and Rev. Mack Owen, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada.*

# glancing around the states

## Pastors' Conference Nears

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Pastors from across the nation are making plans to attend the Bible College's first Pastors' Conference. The conference, convening on the college campus August 5-9, features several outstanding guest speakers, including:

- Dr. Alden Gannet—"How to Prepare and Deliver Expository Messages"
- Rev. Guy Owens—"Opportunities in the Radio Ministry"
- Rev. Don Pegram—"Building the Mid-Week Service"
- Rev. Joe Ange—"An Effective Visitation Ministry"
- Rev. Bill Hill—"Problems in Pastoral Counselling"

The \$20.00 fee includes room, meals, and conference expense. Those not wishing room and board on campus may attend for \$8.00, which include all noon meals and conference functions.

## Robbery at WNAC Office

NASHVILLE, TENN.—A robbery occurred in the WNAC office the night of June 28. If an auxiliary failed to receive supplies ordered near that date, please notify Executive Secretary Mrs. Cleo Pursell, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

## Northeastern Assn. Meets

LINNEUS, MAINE—The semi-annual meeting of the Northeastern Association of Free Will Baptists was recently held in the Linneus Free Will Baptist Church, Linneus, Maine. The Friday evening service was dedicated to the youth of the association. First place Sword Drill winner was Miss Gwen Nason of Linneus, Maine. First place Tic Tac Toe winner was the Littleton, New Hampshire team. The next meeting is slated for November 8-9, 1968, with the Free Will Baptist Church of Carroll, Twin Mountain, New Hampshire.

## God at Work

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—God was at work during our four-day convention here in July as His men delivered His message in His power. More than 200 commitments to Christ were made during the 32nd annual convention.

## Revival Report

GLASGOW, KY.—First Free Will Baptist Church of Glasgow, Kentucky reports a successful revival with Reverend Carson Whitaker as evangelist. Eleven conversions and rededications were recorded.

## Missions Board Faces Crisis

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The National Board of Home Missions is facing an urgent financial need. Director Willis reports that the department will have to curtail some missionary activity unless funds come in to the general fund. Missionary families in Trenton, Portland, and Seattle are supported from this fund. With the general fund exhausted and the depart-

ment's receipts \$13,000 short of the 1968 budget, churches are urged to extend their ministry by sending gifts to the Department of Home Missions during this time of need.

## OBC Commencement

MOORE, OKLAHOMA—Mr. Jim Craddock, Southcentral Regional Director of Campus Crusade for Christ, challenged the thirteen graduating sophomores of Oklahoma Bible College in his Commencement address to go forth into a hate-filled, violence-ridden wor'ld determined to practice Christian love as demonstrated and commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ. Graduates, who were presented their Associate of Arts degrees by OBC President Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, hold the distinction of being the first class to complete their junior college degrees on the present campus. They entered in the fall of 1966 while the existing buildings were in the final stages of construction.

Edwin Bowden, Booneville, Arkansas, was the recipient of the Outstanding Student award which is presented annually by the faculty to the individual who because of his "academic ability, leadership ability, attitude, and general achievement in the area of relationship in regard to the faculty and other students" merits such distinction. Miss Sylvia Fulce, Denison, Texas, and Jody Harr, Otway, Ohio, received the Best All-Around Student awards. They were selected by the students for their excellence in all phases of campus life. Gaylve Gardner, Purcell, Oklahoma, was presented the Key Award for maintaining the highest grade point average for the year.



by Alice B. Meekins  
Fairmount Park FWB Church  
Norfolk, Virginia

## HAVE YOU BECOME SO CONFORMED TO THE WORLD IN YOUR MANNER OF DRESS THAT YOU NEED TO WEAR A "LABEL" TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF?

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Dear Teen-Ager,

WHEN CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON, the great preacher, was a child he drew pictures of houses, horses, and trees. He labeled each picture: "House," "Horse," or "Tree," just in case those who looked at it failed to recognize what it was supposed to be. Spurgeon later suggested that there are people who need labeling as Christians, for no one could ever identify them from the way they live.

My teen-age friend, does the way you dress convince people that you belong to Jesus Christ? Does your spiritual appetite bring you into more perfect conformity to Christ's image? Or the world's image? How should the Christian teen-ager dress? As becomes a representative of Christ. Everything you do should reflect His beauty, His character, and His very nature.

The way you dress should not conform to the world's standard. This is not to say you should deliberately oppose modern fashions. Some modern fashions are acceptable. But I'm talking about the dresses that are so short the hemlines won't touch the knees when girls sit down

in church. Misery is mild to say the least—misery to the eyes, that is.

"Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love these things you show that you do not really love God; for all these worldly things, these evil desires—the craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you and the pride that comes from wealth and importance—these are not from God. They are from this evil world itself. And this world is fading away, and these evil, forbidden things will go with it, but whoever keeps doing the will of God will remain forever" (1 John 2:15-17—Living Letters).

And what is God's will for the teen-age girl? Let's turn to Peter's first epistle and see what God wants the teen's major concern to be: "Don't be concerned about the outward beauty that depends on jewelry, or beautiful clothes, or hair arrangement. Be beautiful inside, in your hearts, with the lasting charm of a gentle and quiet spirit which is so precious to God. That kind of deep beauty was seen in the saintly women of old, who trusted God . . ." (1 Peter 3:3-5).

God wills for teen-agers to be a peculiar people, a separated people. "Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:12-14).

Through the Apostle Paul our Lord tells us we are the temples of the Holy Spirit. He admonishes us to come out from the world and be separate.

You are God's temple. How are you adorning His temple? Have you become conformed to the world in your manner of dress?

Examine your life today. Better still, let the Holy Spirit examine you. Are you conformed to Christ's image, separated from the world? Or do you need to wear a "label" so people will know you belong to Christ?

Your Christian friend,  
ALICE B. MEEKINS

If your church program is geared to reach the adult, this article may be just the motivation you need to launch into a program that is also youth-oriented.

by June R. Critcher

IT'S ABSOLUTELY impossible for me to even imagine our Lord conducting a worship service with little or no regard for the children and youth in the service. What was His estimate of children? It is interesting to compare the three Bible accounts (Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, and Luke 18:15-17) of Jesus blessing little children. Matthew says little children were brought to Jesus so that "He should lay His hands on them to pray." Mark and Luke speak of children being brought to Him so "that He should touch them." Luke refers to the children as "babes" and tells us that Jesus called them to Him. Mark's account is the fullest: "And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them."

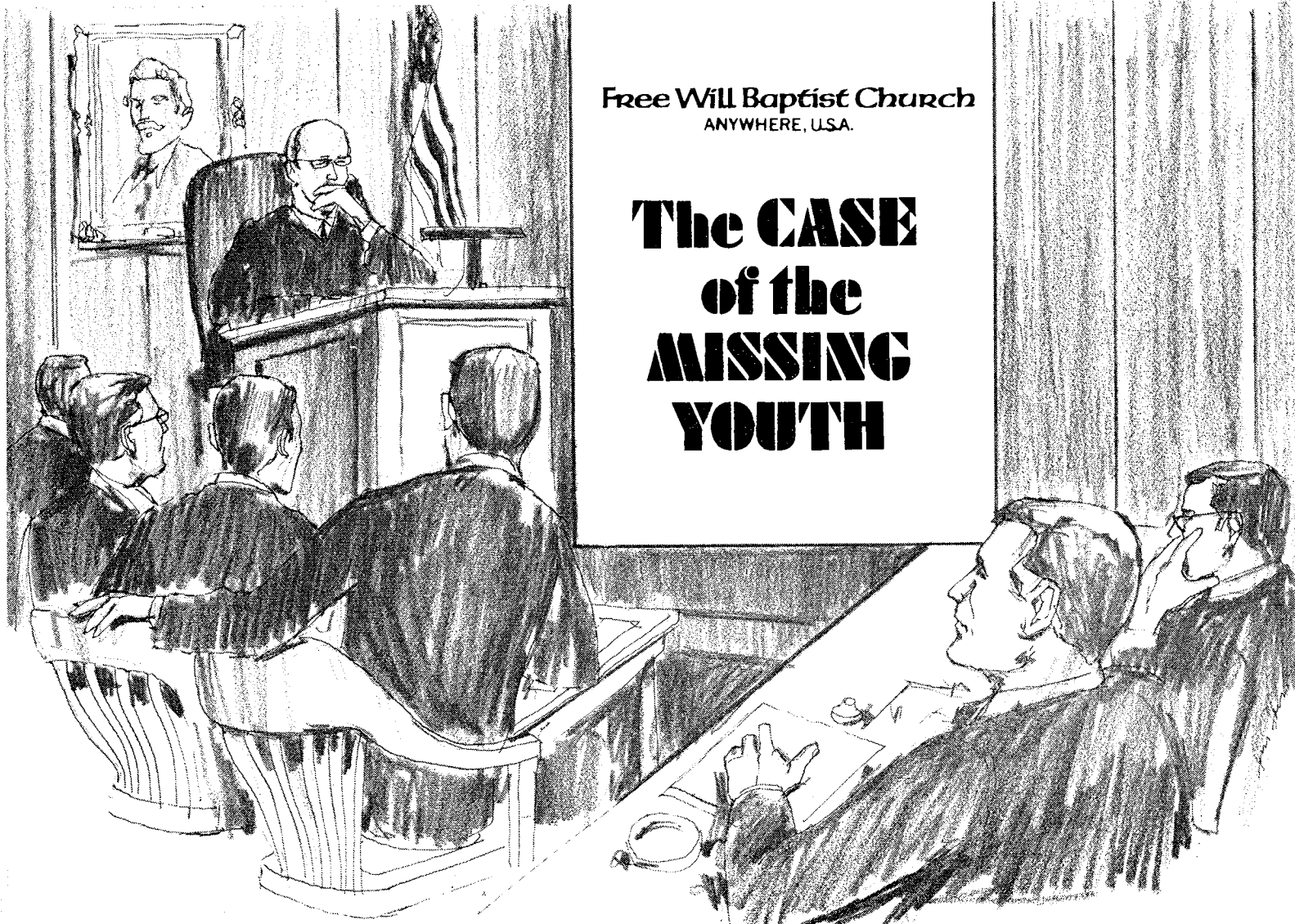
Once Jesus used a child as an object lesson to teach adults who is "greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:1-10). He soundly rebuked those adults who thought children were too insignificant for His attention. And He quickly assured them that only a childlike attitude of trust and dependence on Him qualifies anyone to enter His kingdom.

Remember, too, our Lord's praise of the children singing, "Hosanna" to Him in the temple (Matthew 21:15, 16). What

did He say to the adults who were "sore displeased"? Recalling Psalm 8:2, He said that perfect praise is expressed by children and even infants.

BUT MANY church services are geared to reach only the adult. Be candid about your own church for a moment. How many young people sing in the choir? Or, if your church has a youth choir, how often does it sing? Compare the number of times the adult choir sings against the youth choir, and what is the ratio? How often do the teen-age fellows usher? Once a month? Yet, they are expected to be present *every Sunday* in the month whether they have opportunity to participate or not.

How often does your pastor ask a young person to lead in prayer? What about the sermon content? How often does he zero in on the problems confronting young people today and give them life-related answers from God's Word? Oh, yes, chances are he keeps them informed on his convictions. But they aren't interested in the pastor's convictions. They couldn't



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care less. They are aware, though, that they have problems and many conscientious teens come to church to find answers to their perplexing problems. And listen to the invitations next Sunday. Will your pastor urge the young people to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and crown Him Lord of their lives?

How often do the little folks sing on Sunday evening? No, the four- and five-year-olds aren't likely to present a classic performance. But how often are they included in the Sunday evening programming?

If you are wondering how meaningful the service is to your child, ask him after you get home from church what he learned from the pastor's message. "In what way will the message help you as a follower of Christ this week? Did you feel a part of the service? Or did you regard it as an adult meeting?"

**W**HY is the church failing to keep young people interested and active? Why did a survey reveal that 81% of the pastors reported drop outs? My association with teens, observations of programming, and a questionnaire I conducted among teen-agers have led me to the following conclusions:

One of the teens I questioned said, "I wish our pastor . . . preached more like the first pastors did. If you'll think back to the New Testament, you remember how every time a pastor preached he had a *real message* for the people. I've often longed for this kind of preaching." Even young people can sense a lack of preparation. Adequate preparation—both heart and mind—results in a real message. Until the Holy Spirit grips the heart and mind of the minister there will likely be no response from the individual. But if the minister prays and studies until God gives him a message, the Holy Spirit will be sure to transmit that message to the listeners. Failure to prepare and preach a real message is a major cause of youth leaving the church.

Sermons often lack relevancy. A California youth said, "The people in fundamental churches do not deal with nor face the real problems of living." Another teen said, "The program of the church is not geared to our needs or interests." The living Word of God is often out of reach of needy teen-agers because the pastor is not able to tie the Word to the real need of the individual. Many sermons have no appeal to children and young people.

The pastor fails many times to preach on a level that children can understand. Terms go undefined. Often the sermon relates in no way to the needs of young people. Psychologists tell us that people unconsciously use "defense mechanisms" to cover up or try to get rid of problems that cause anxiety. But when young people are controlled by them or when a mechanism is overused, they no longer help solve a problem. Few sermons are aimed at helping our young people get relief from their anxieties.

One of the main reasons teens give for disliking church is that it is boring. A high school graduate who came from a Christian home said, "I got bored with the sermons and the Sunday school class. They did not speak to me or to my needs." Many Sunday school lessons, sermons, CTS programs, socials, and prayer meetings are boring to adults—and even more so to young people.

Lack of enthusiasm creates a boring situation. There's no Christian enthusiasm to make the Sunday school lessons live, no life in the sermons. Where there's no enthusiasm there is usually an emphasis on the rigid commands of "Don't!" The joy of adoption and the use of many new privileges in Christ are forgotten in the negative approach.

Since sermons and Sunday school lessons are not presented enthusiastically many young people find Bible reading drudgery. One Christian lamented, "My devotions are deader than the Dead Sea." Many teens' failure to enjoy the Bible is traced

directly to the drab, uninteresting way teachers and preachers teach it. Even though the Bible talks about its capacity to produce joy and delight (Ps. 119:111) there is a noticeable absence of joy in many young lives. Why? Many churches are to blame.

Traditional church programming has stifled the energies of the average Christian teen. Our entertainment-oriented society has bred a young person who tastes so many thrills in the secular world that he cries out for action in his local church: "Give me something to do!" Many teens lose interest in church simply because the church fails to provide something *significant* and *important* for them to do.

**H**OW CAN we keep our children and young people on the move for Christ, keeping in step with Him?

Since much of what the minister says is highly abstract and theoretical, and not understood by children, it is important for him to relate his message to concrete material. He (and the Sunday school teacher too) needs to make things real so the child can understand. To hear the minister preach about God's wonderful works is not nearly so effective as for the child to be able to relate himself and identify himself with his external environment. Jesus used object lessons in teaching His truths. Why can't our ministers and youth leaders do the same?

Do your children fidget through adult services? If so, you should give serious thought to beginning a children's church. Provide a purposeful, graded program of worship. The format should include all the elements of adult worship—songs, Scripture reading, prayer, offering, story-sermon—on the child's level. Since a children's worship service may last only 20 or 30 minutes the rest of the time can be spent in an activity period. (Most Christian book stores have helpful books on this subject.)

Look closely at the Master Teacher. Sunday school teachers and ministers all need to do this. Why do some ministers resent the word *teach*? They think it sounds more "profound" to say "I'm going to *preach* this morning . . ." And sure enough they do! Teaching from the pulpit seems to be a thing of the past. But the Scriptures have much to say about Christ's teaching ministry. He taught simply and His very simplicity made the most profound truths plain to all. He gestured to the birds wheeling in the air above (Matt. 6:26). He taught a lesson with a coin (Matt. 22:16-11). Christ's messages were not dry lectures. He illustrated His messages with simple, common objects that were close at hand—birds, children, flowers, and coins.

Christ related His tools and illustrations to the every day experiences of His listeners. He planned His messages with their needs in mind. Do you get to know your children and young people so you can effectively communicate God's message to them and make it relevant? Do your lessons and sermons fit their needs? To keep young people coming, the lessons and sermons *must have relevancy*. The pastor must know how to translate the eternal truths of the Word into every day lives.

If the sermon is to hold the interest of the youth it should be presented clearly, completely, concisely. Since the content of every sermon should be the Bible, it means that every good preacher should know it thoroughly. This means many hours must be spent in sermon preparation. Abraham Lincoln said, "A short speech requires great preparation; a long speech can be given any time on short notice." One of the teens I interviewed said, "Our pastor rambles too much." Adequate preparation eliminates rambling and repetition.

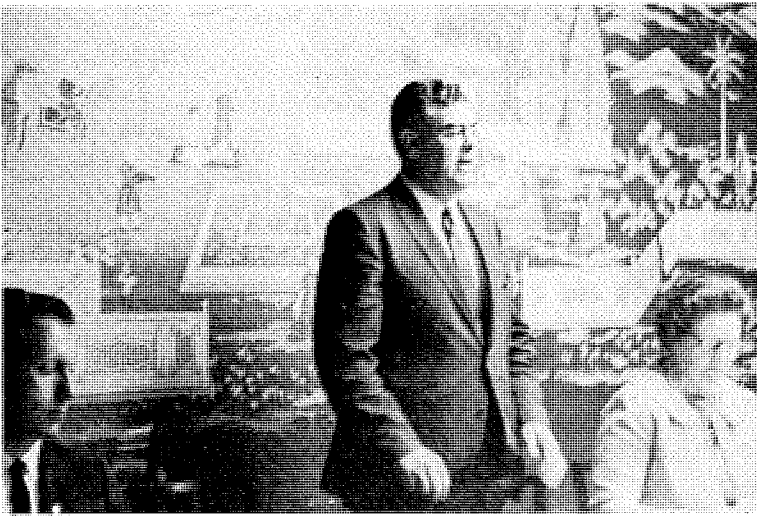
Get the youth involved in worthwhile projects. God's Word

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## 32nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

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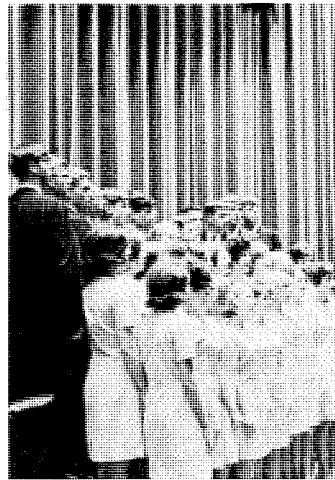
"WITH CROWDS like this, we certainly need to think in terms of larger accommodations," mused visitors, delegates and ministers to our denomination's 32nd annual convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma last month. One of the city's local reporters said, "This is the largest convention we've had in a long time. Even the attendance at the state democratic convention was nothing like this." A conservative estimate of the attendance pushed the figure beyond 4500.

More than 1,000 young people jammed their meeting areas as they sought to learn God's will for their lives and fellowship with other young people from across our nation.

Music by the Master's Messengers, teen choir from North Carolina, thrilled our hearts during this year's convention. Listeners were enchanted with the singing of the Hillmont Engineers, teen fellows under the direction of Blaine Hughes.

1. Executive Secretary Rufus Coffey is shown urging officers and speakers during a noon luncheon to pray for a moving of God's Spirit upon the convention. 2. Master's Messengers, musical group from North Carolina under the direction of Fred Hall, sang at the Tuesday evening service. 3. David Breese reminded teens at their annual banquet that they live in a world of danger because of Communism's threat. 4. Some 2,000 delegates registered at this year's convention. 5. Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, President of OBC, proudly displays the college's miniature campus in the exhibit area. 6. Moderator Robert Picirilli presided at the day sessions held in the hotel's auditorium. 7. Layman of the Year (left) is C. F. Goen from Texas. 8. Annual WNAC Banquet brings smiles of delight from officers Betty Hill and Cleo Pursell. 9. For his distinguished service as member of the League-CTS Board for 40 years, Henry Melvin is presented a plaque. 10. John Noble, Russian prisoner for 9½ years, spoke at this year's Laymen's Breakfast.

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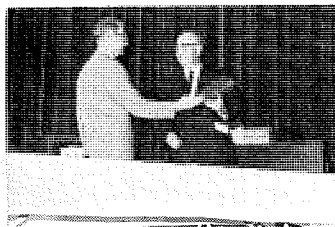
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# religious news

## Cardinal Scores Priest's "Damaging Act"

BALTIMORE (EP)—The Rev. Philip F. Berrigan, Roman Catholic priest sentenced here last week to a six-year term in Federal prison for throwing blood on draft records, was rebuked by his Cardinal who could not condone "the damaging of property or the intimidation of government employees."

## Doctrinal Inadequacy

ST. LOUIS (EP)—American Roman Catholic bishops are secular-minded, concentrating on race, peace and other social issues and not on the great religious and moral issues that should be their business.

This charge was leveled by the Roman Catholic lay-edited journal *Triumph*. Other neglected issues listed were "doctrinal inadequacy" of the new English canon, and "the new policy of the United States Government that institutionalizes birth control in the foreign aid and domestic welfare budgets. The bishops of the United States have lost their faith in Christianity," the journal said.

## Social Security Questions Unanswered

WASH., D. C. (MNS)—The Internal Revenue Service forms used by clergymen seeking exemption from Social Security leave many unanswered questions. The declaration to be signed says: "I certify that I am conscientiously opposed to, or because of religious principle opposed to, the acceptance (with respect to services performed by me as a minister, member or practitioner) of any public insurance which makes payments in the event of death, disability, old-age, or retirement or makes payments toward the cost of, or provides services for, medical care (including the benefits of any insurance system established by the Social Security Act.)"

It also states that "licensed ministers of a church or church denomination which provides for ordination of min-

isters may file an application (Form 4361) for exemption ONLY if they are invested with the authority to perform ALL of the ecclesiastical duties of their church or church denomination." This includes the authority to baptize, serve communion, etc.

"Public insurance" is nowhere defined as just government insurance. Can it be interpreted to mean that a person who has any life, health or retiral insurance offered by any public company may not sign the waiver?

There is no indication of the criteria to be used in determining whether IRS officials will approve the application. If they reject it, it appears the minister's liability for self-employed tax will be January 1, 1968, even though he may delay two years in filing the application for exemption.

The ease of filing the application may be deceptive. Ministers are urged to give the matter utmost care and consideration. If an application is filed and accepted by IRS, the person is irrevocably cut off from all Social Security benefits from ministerial service. The exemption once granted cannot be withdrawn or revoked.

Ministers who do not plan to apply for an exemption on Form 4361 are automatically liable for self-employed tax for 1968 and should have filed an estimated income Form 1040ES in April, 1968, and should have paid the first quarterly payment. If you failed to do this contact Internal Revenue immediately.

## Religious Influence Waning

PRINCETON, N. J. (EP)—Religion is losing its influence on American life, according to the Gallop Poll. It finds 67 per cent of Americans holding this opinion today in contrast to 14 per cent in 1957. One of four reasons is

(1) Young people are losing interest in formal religion—other influences becoming more meaningful . . .

(2) There is growing crime, immorality and violence . . .

(3) Too many materialistic distractions, and . . .

(4) The Church is not playing its proper role—too involved with political issues.

Younger adults, 21 to 29, are more inclined to be pessimistic than older persons.

## Membership Passes 3 Million

ST. LOUIS (EP)—Baptized membership of the Lutheran Church-Methodist Synod passed the 3-million mark in 1967, according to the denomination's Statistical Yearbook.

Total membership as of Jan. 1, 1968 was 3,009,189, an increase of 33,940 for the year. Communicant membership was reported at 1,999,291.

Majority of the membership of the denomination is in the U. S. and Canada—5,993 congregations and 2,847,425 baptized.

South America had 151,764 members in 1967.

## Bible Picture Books In Spanish

ELGIN, ILL. (EP)—Two four-color Bible picture story books have been printed in Spanish by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas with color illustrations and copy furnished by the David C. Cook Foundation here.

Ten thousand copies each of *Nonos del Antiguo Testamento* (Children of the Old Testament) and *Escenas de la Vida de Jesus* (Scenes from the Life of Jesus) have been readied for distribution throughout Latin America.

The David C. Cook Foundation is currently promoting high quality Christian publications in Spanish, a language spoken by 166 million people. This is topped only by the 530 million who speak Mandarin, the 301 million who speak English, the 176 million who speak Russian and the 171 million who speak Hindi.

# woman to woman



by CLEO PURSELL

## A World Inspiration

Helen Keller, a blind deaf-mute who rose from her silent world of darkness to become one of the greatest women of the 20th Century, died recently, less than a month short of her 88th birthday.

The death of this gentle woman who walked with kings and presidents in her lifelong crusade to help the world's handicapped, ended an incredible story of courage and determination that resulted in accomplishments unparalleled by any woman of her time.

Despite her handicaps which led to an almost animal-like existence for the first eight years of her life, Miss Keller graduated from college with honors, became a humanitarian, author, lecturer and world traveler, primarily in behalf of the blind. Her phenomenal achievements won world acclaim and a host of honors from U. S. presidents and foreign governments.

Mark Twain, shortly before his death, said, "The two most interesting characters of the 19th century are Napoleon and Helen Keller." Perhaps the greatest tribute came from Mrs. William G. Binkley, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee, who is Miss Keller's niece. "She was certainly touched by God . . . There are no words to really describe her. She was the most dynamic person I've ever known. She was so all inspiring you couldn't believe it was true . . . She was such a powerful, moving woman who found joy in loving the Lord."

Soon after entering college, Miss Keller wrote: "A potent force within me, stronger than the persuasion of my friends, had impelled me to try my strength by the standards of those who see and hear." Her success in that test is her epitaph.

## Hatless Worship

Hats—in church and elsewhere—will continue to be worn by women who like them but they are no longer a matter of social—or religious—requirement in many churches. Amy Vanderbilt says, "Modern churchmen perhaps feel that there are many distractions other than that of shining tresses when women worship today. The church, as always, has

had to adjust to gradual changes in fashion and manners. The important thing, most churchmen now seem to feel, is to get women to church and not worry about whether their heads are covered."

## Family Fun and Faith

Unfortunately, many homes today are like filling stations at rush hour—dash in, fill up, dash out again. The result is that in the limited time they are all together they don't have much to say to each other.

You who have known the joy of a family that did things together want that same happy experience for your children. Even the sultry days of August afford opportunity for outdoor activities such as volleyball, lawn bowling, croquet, tennis, badminton, horseshoes, camping, and picnics. Other family activities may include singing and playing musical instruments together, enjoying good music, table games, Bible quizzes, gardening together, rainy day ideas, reading good books, and indoor guessing games. Don't forget pets!

But learning to work and play together is only half the picture: The family should also pray together. Family fun is not complete without family faith. As family members we need to know and appreciate each other, but we also need to make faith as well as fun a family affair.

Family devotions, going *with* the children to church and Sunday school, even talking about God, are ways we can help each other to know and love God. If the clothes are ready the night before and a simple breakfast is planned for Sunday morning, half the battle is won. Read your children's take-home Sunday school and CTS papers to them or with them. Do the suggested projects and quizzes together. Help them learn their Bible verses and lessons. "The family that plays together and prays together stays together."

## Focus on Woman's Auxiliary

The month of August has been set aside for recognition of women's work in Free Will Baptist churches. Pastors are cooperating with Auxiliary groups in giv-

ing their entire congregation a review of the purposes, work, and value of the work of women in the church and to encourage unenlisted women to become involved.

If there are conflicting plans during this month, another time more convenient with your church's program may be observed. Attractive kits containing a suggested program, poster, and other helps are available without charge. Write WNAC, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202 and ask for the W. A. Emphasis Kit.

## Practical Tips

What woman has not had the exasperating experience of digging frantically in her purse for the door key while juggling packages and the phone ringing!

One woman in Arkansas takes the knob off the door and puts it in her purse rather than the key because it is more easily located, but Mrs. George Holmes of California has a better plan. She bought a bright plastic bangle bracelet at the variety store for a few cents. She attached her car and house keys to the bracelet with a small round key chain. "Any time I go to the store for a few things," she said, "I put the bracelet on my arm, and when I put it away in my purse, it is easy to spot when I want to use it because of its shape and color."

A new party menu guaranteed to satisfy all the different tastes of the young fry and provide entertainment as well is a modified shish kebab. Arrange in bowls chunks of foods children love, such as pineapples, bananas, tomatoes, ham, frankfurters or other meat, pickles, whole beets, carrots or other vegetables, sweet potatoes or white. Give each child his own skewer and let him arrange his own treat. Then baste with melted butter or salad oil and place under broiler for a few minutes, turning and basting. Wonderful eating—and good fun!

## Gem

Prayer of the modern American:  
Dear God, I pray for patience,  
And I want it right now."



# The CASE of the MISSING YOUTH

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has many directives demanding care and concern for the needy in our community (Matthew 5:16; Matthew 25:34-36 to name a few).

Community projects are a practical means of demonstrating the Christian concern of which these and other Scriptures speak. The teen receives personal satisfaction from having done something for others.

Teens can show their concern for people in the community by:

Conducting a drive to provide good books for the local children's hospital ward.

Providing baby-sitting service during an illness or death in a family.

Visiting homes for the blind and reading to them.

Volunteering to help in the Red Cross office or with the Cancer Society.

Collecting toys for underprivileged children.

Working as volunteer nursing aides or hospital helpers at a local hospital.

Baking homemade cookies for servicemen overseas or college students.

Make plenty of opportunities for the young person to bring his friends to extra activities—even if they are members of some other church. He will be much happier if he has a couple of them along, and it is the most practical form of witnessing open to them as Christian teens. Give the young person as much freedom as possible in the planning of youth activities. If he asks for suggestions from the youth leader, try these:

Schedule Youth Sunday (once a quarter) when youth fill some church offices for one day.

Youth-led week-end revival and witnessing clinic.

Plan an Easter Sunrise Service for youth, followed by breakfast in a home.

Graduation All-Night Party and dedication service for Juniors and Seniors.

Plan a formal or semi-formal banquet with a Valentine theme.

Parent-Youth fellowship after church, planned by youth.

Visitation nights when youth go in teams to witness to absentees and prospects.

Help in a mission Vacation Bible School.

Overnight retreat or one-day retreat

with sports, picnic, study groups, camp-fire inspiration.

Hamburger fry before revival when non-Christian friends are invited.

The purpose in performing these activities is to demonstrate the reality of the teen's love for Christ and others. So, give your teen something to do.

Build communication lines between church adults and youth. Plan parent-teen meetings in which teens are encouraged to make suggestions relative to the church's program. Make them feel an integral part of the church. In these planning sessions, consider every need of the teen. See him as a total personality with social, spiritual, mental, and emotional needs to be met. Consider all of his needs in your parent-teen meetings.

During the parent-teen meetings, ask teen-agers for suggestions. Let them share with you what friends in other churches are doing. You may even encourage them to "let off steam" during these meetings about things they dislike in the church.

Assign a teen to an adult who will pray for him daily. Keep the congregation informed as to what the young people are doing.

**H**OW CAN we reach and keep children and young people for Christ? The list is endless. We need to impress adults with the importance of consistent Christian living. Young people have become sickened on the hypocrisy that exists in the lives of inconsistent adults.

We need to offer our youth interesting, wholesome youth activities.

Youth leaders and pastors need to read, read, read! There's a gold mine just waiting to be explored in public libraries and Christian bookstores.

Youth leaders and pastors need to make themselves aware of problems that plague young people.

Youth retreats should be planned and

directed under capable leadership.

Care should be taken in the selection of youth leaders. They should be spiritual, have a sincere love for teens, think contemporary ideas, have a sense of humor and ability to plan well.

And so the list goes—on and on.

God is looking for dynamic young lives that He can use to influence their generation with Christian truth. And He is depending on pastors and youth leaders who will become saturated with heart-felt concern for the outcome of this generation of young people.

Secular educators are alert to their teaching task. How about Free Will Baptist educators? Our Lord's exhortations in Matthew 18:1-10 need to ring loudly and clearly throughout our denomination: His pronouncements of woe and warning on those who neglect the little ones and His promise to honor those who are concerned to bring them to Him.

Our churches need dedicated, spiritually strong leaders who know how to reach and hold young people with God's Word and use them to His glory (and their satisfaction). This is one of the greatest needs of our day.

A young life. An impressionable mind. A heart that is willing to respond to the wooings of the Holy Spirit. This life is placed into the hands of youth leaders and pastors. Will you, by God's strength, guide this life into a vital relationship with Christ and see him grow into the image of Christ? Or will you be content to endorse the stereotyped program in your church and lose this young life into the hands of Satan and ultimately lose him from your church?

The initiative must start with the churches, as they take definite steps to give young people what they want and need. If your church fails to take these steps, that teen whom you failed may one day point an accusing finger at you . . . and your only answer will be "Guilty!"

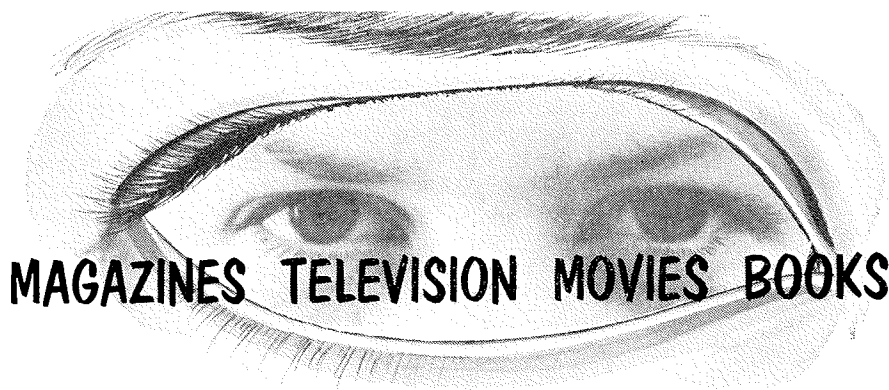


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Violence in our nation is increasing at an alarming rate. What our young people *see* is largely responsible for this increase. MARK VANDIVORT shares his concern as a father for the filth that passes

by Mark Vandivort

## Through The Eyes of Our Youth



MAGAZINES TELEVISION MOVIES BOOKS

**W**HY ARE book shelves loaded with filth? Because this is the kind of literature that most people want to read today. Such books make the best seller list! Thus, we have before our eyes a very obvious demonstration that a large segment of our society has become more dedicated to feeding the desires and passions of the human body than searching for reconciliation of their eternal souls with their creator.

Christian people need to exercise reading and viewing discipline according to Bible standards and principles. Certainly parents should set a good example.

Consider the average family magazine. Is not the average family magazine liberally sprinkled with suggestive pictures, jokes, and stories? Check the book and magazine rack at the local drug store. In most American communities you will find that a high percentage of these books and magazines are teaching or condoning adultery, homosexuality, Lesbianism, disobedience to parents and law officers, and encouraging experimentation with dope. Much literature that is designed to appeal to teenagers advocates that the young person do just what the lust of the flesh desires to do.

If the appetite for such literature was strictly confined to unsaved people, it would be a cause for alarm. But when one observes that some young people

from Christian homes are also reading some of the filth in books and magazines, I believe it gives rise to a very serious need for parental discipline in this area, and the exercise of even greater self-discipline on the part of the Christian teenager.

Many books and magazines on the average corner magazine stand have no place on the book shelf or magazine rack in the Christian home. You can not feed your mind a dose of filth without being contaminated. Immoral stories in books and magazines either stimulate the lust of your mind or they are repulsive. If you are truly guided by the mind of Christ, the foul literature is such a disagreeable diet that you choose not to partake. I don't know of anyone who enjoys eating rotten apples. If you find yourself enjoying rotten literature, it is a good sign that you need to let Jesus Christ overhaul your reading taste buds.

Although it is practically impossible to withdraw from all modern literature, we must learn to do a certain amount of sifting and self-disciplining in our readings.

Christian youth and adults should continuously practice reading and studying the Bible and committing scriptures to memory. There are several good family magazines available. In our country we are blessed with Christian book stores having a bountiful supply of good

reading.

Parents should take an active interest in what their children and teenagers are reading. Perhaps parents can help make selections at the local library.

Once I heard a man say that when he was saved he had in his possession several boxes of dirty, foul books which he quickly disposed of with a bonfire. Are there books and magazines in your possession which do not contain a healthy diet for a Christian's mind and should be disposed of in like manner? In the church at Ephesus the new believers made a great public bonfire with several thousand dollars worth of books from which they had been studying false teachings (Acts 19). As a result, a wonderful revival occurred!

**T**HE BIBLE is very clear concerning adultery, consumption of alcohol, murder, and dishonesty. The display of such things in most Hollywood movies is not healthy food for a Christian mind to consume and meditate upon. If one really loves and admires Jesus as he should, he will not want to view such a movie even if played by the local TV station. Hollywood is producing the kind of movie that is intended to bring a high box office receipt. Frequently, the rawer the sex exposure, the more exotic the



violence, the more tickets will be sold. In my opinion, the Christian is out of the will of God while practicing attendance at the movie theatre.

Certainly we realize that the right kind of motion picture can be a wonderful educational tool. Schools make frequent use of the motion picture as an educational teaching device. The church uses the motion picture as an excellent tool of evangelism and teaching.

By the same token, we must face the fact that a motion picture filled with adultery and violence can be a tremendous influence of evil. The viewer is being subtly taught to respond to sin in the same way that the characters on the screen are responding. In my opinion, the devil is using the motion picture and TV screen as a powerful tool to break down the moral fiber of this nation. I believe these instruments in the devil's hands have contributed greatly to the spiraling crime increase in our country.

It is high time that we as Christians exercise a little Christian pride and not be ashamed for neighbors, friends, and classmates to know that we are walking the narrow way with Jesus Christ. True, we are a peculiar people (I Peter 2:9). One way that we are peculiar is that we are on our way to heaven while the rest of the world is lost in sin and on the road to an eternal hell. May God help us not to spoil the inner peace and happiness of having a pure heart and a clean mind by participating in the viewing of Hollywood movies that violate the holy principles of the Bible.

There is an abundance of wholesome, educational and Christian films available.

**T**HE United Features Syndicate writer, Henry J. Taylor, recently described the TV as "the third parents in your home" (Nashville Banner—1/31/68). Parents, would you be willing to leave your children with a baby sitter or teacher who was a murderer or adulterer? In the case of the baby sitter, I feel certain you would not employ such a person, and in the case of the teacher, I am sure you would exercise your privilege of protest. It is high time we were protesting the corrupt TV format! Letters to sponsors are effective.

Medical authorities agree that daily viewing of the TV has resulted in the "tired child syndrome."

While I was in college, I heard professors' lectures and observed laboratory demonstrations by closed circuit television. In this case the TV was used as a desirable teaching tool. The TV is also very effective as an undesirable teaching tool. For example, on the TV your child can learn how to make a Molotov cock-

tail, stage a hold-up, or commit murder. While watching the "adult only" movies on TV, teenagers can learn the arts of immorality.

According to some writers, many of the highly advertised TV stage shows have out performed the old time back alley burlesque. Much of the time the children watch the TV screen their minds are being flooded with raw, wicked, exposure of sex, drinking, and violence of various sorts. Is not premarital and extramarital sex condoned and sometimes even glorified in the mid-afternoon soap opera that some ladies are so devoted to and some parents are so careless as to allow their children to view? I believe Christian young people and parents are committing very serious sin if they view without careful censorship the average daily TV format.

I believe that if you, as a follower of Jesus Christ and a Bible-believing Christian, will be honest, you will agree with me that there is very little clean entertainment on the TV screen these days. What are we going to do about it? We must discipline our own viewing and the viewing of our children. This is being done successfully in many Christian homes. Some families are being very selective in their TV viewing. If this can not be done, I believe it would be better to take the set to a second hand dealer and cash it in.

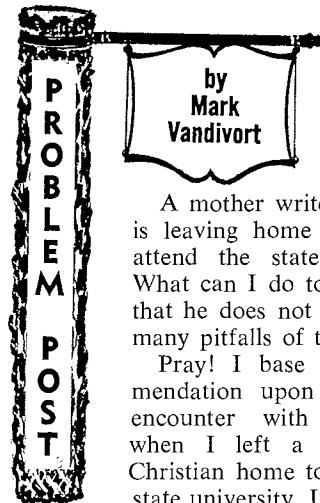
Recently I heard a Christian say that he was convicted by the Holy Spirit while watching a TV production in which a married man was courting another woman. My friend honestly testified that he was enjoying the plot until he became conscious that the Holy Spirit was reproving him for allowing himself to enjoy thoughts that were contrary to God's principles in the Bible. My friend resolved to be more faithful in censoring his own TV viewing. Please consider this testimony in light of Romans 1:32.

**A** DIET of filth will strip a Christian of the victory, peace, and joy that should be his through Jesus Christ.

God knows the true condition of your thought life. The brain receives and stores information and reacts according to the kind of stimuli transmitted to it from the senses. The things you see, read, and hear greatly influence your life.

If we love and reverence Jesus Christ, let us resolve to be more like Him. I believe our discipline will be more successful if we read and view such material that our Saviour Jesus Christ would be pleased with.

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A mother writes, "My son is leaving home this fall to attend the state university. What can I do to be assured that he does not yield to the many pitfalls of temptation?"

Pray! I base this recommendation upon a personal encounter with temptation when I left a consecrated Christian home to attend the state university. Let me share one of my experiences.

In a physical education class I was teamed with a class of co-eds and taught a few basic dance steps. This was a new experience. My Christian parents had disapproved of my attending social dances as a teenager. As a free and independent youth at the state university, I reasoned that there would be nothing wrong with taking advantage of the free dance lessons offered at the third floor of the Student Union Building. However, my innermost self honestly told me that the close body-to-body contact of the social dance resulted in a sexual stimulation of the human body that was displeasing to God (II Timothy 2:22).

As a young man away from home, I remembered that my parents were calling my name daily in prayer as I had heard them do for eighteen years. God gave me complete victory over the temptation.

Several years after my victory over the dance, my mother wrote to me telling how she would go to the dairy to set up the milking equipment and while my dad or younger brothers were driving the cows from the field, she would go to her secret place and pray for me. As I read Mother's letter, it immediately occurred to me that as I lifted heavy feet toward the dancing lesson, my mother was probably on her knees engaged in prayer!

I believe few Christians adequately practice conversing with God in intercessory prayer. There are many rich examples of answered prayer in the Bible and many modern day testimonies have been published.

Consider passages of prayer instruction such as II Thessalonians 2:1-4 and the words of Jesus Who said, "When Thou prayest, enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy father which is in secret; and thy father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly (Matthew 6:6)." Prayer is the best way to begin solving your problems!

# cooperative giving

GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES EFFECT A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

June 1968

	June 1968	Year to Date	Total June 1967	Designated
Alabama	\$ 75.47	\$ 2,845.50	\$ 1,380.62	\$
Arizona	923.05	923.05	450.07	923.05
Arkansas	703.00	2,691.53	2,093.28	
California		2,386.38	3,263.31	
Florida	710.77	3,625.87	3,905.60	
Georgia		1,037.52	1,228.32	
Idaho	16.48	160.50	173.66	
Illinois	947.43	4,265.39	3,721.70	
Indiana		291.05	187.29	
Kansas	256.00	652.21	621.10	
Kentucky		848.25	250.00	
Louisiana		99.39	192.13	
Michigan		951.62	1,527.97	
Missouri	23.75	11,558.51	10,015.71	
New Jersey	20.00	74.00	63.00	
New Mexico	41.44	363.94	204.91	
North Carolina	196.83	1,094.12	920.08	
Ohio	320.00	1,669.65	1,884.73	
Oklahoma	2,030.73	10,228.06	8,444.26	
Tennessee	144.90	1,978.44	3,037.10	106.82
Texas		676.41	1,157.02	
Virginia	225.20	3,575.14	3,379.68	
Washington & Oregon	138.90	475.37	267.07	
Wisconsin	10.00	70.00		
Executive Dept.	2,558.55	15,357.17	9,345.86	
Foreign Missions	1,357.70	12,513.35	13,676.06	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	1,110.75	10,763.11	9,942.67	
Home Missions	908.41	7,547.27	7,503.05	
CTS	536.80	3,850.68	4,693.20	
Superannuation Board	215.20	1,887.08	1,408.41	
Master's Men	96.54	1,069.24		

## Real Teen

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for camp workers. The Engineers program will be offered each summer. Other special training sessions such as music, Church drama, etc., will be added as facilities and personnel become available.

A special financial drive is being conducted by the National CTS Department in September on behalf of the National Leadership Training Program. Your CTS can share in the development of this endeavor.

### Hillmont Engineers

Richard Brown, Greenville, Tennessee; John N. Atchley, Tucson, Arizona; Stephen McCarty, Urbana, Ohio; Joe Postlewaite, Vancouver, Washington; Robert Colby, St. Louis, Missouri; Alvin H. Drake, Jr., Allen, Oklahoma; Charles L. Mattix, III, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Patrick Lee Raymer, Joelton, Tennessee; Bennie Craven, Jacksonville, Florida; Jonathan Thigpen, Nashville, Tennessee; Wayne Hartis, Albany, Georgia; Guy Hall, Detroit, Michigan; Ronnie Tabor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Allen Hoover, Nashville, Tennessee; Gregory DeCoursey, Springfield, Ohio; Barry Clower, Arlington, Georgia.

### Teaching Teen-Agers . . .

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over 40,000 job opportunities. They can consider numerous colleges, universities, or trade schools that specialize in their chosen field. Parents cannot hope to realize their unfulfilled dreams in the lives of their children. As one student wrote, parents should help their children pursue their own individual interests. Here again "guidance," not "dictatorship" is the key word.

*The best way parents can aid in their children's development is by setting a good example for them to follow. During childhood and adolescence, children are very impressionable. Parents should not ask or expect anything of their children that they would not be willing to do themselves. If shown proper behavior at home, children will not develop bad habits away from home.*

(Boy, New Hampshire)

Impressive TV advertisements are now being shown by the American Cancer Society. In each separate skit, a little boy or little girl is shown imitating his parents. Having established the "like father—like son" idea, the question is asked of the parent, "Do you smoke?" Immediately the American Cancer Society seal is shown. No words of moralizing are added; they are not needed. The message is clear: The youth follows the parents' examples.

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