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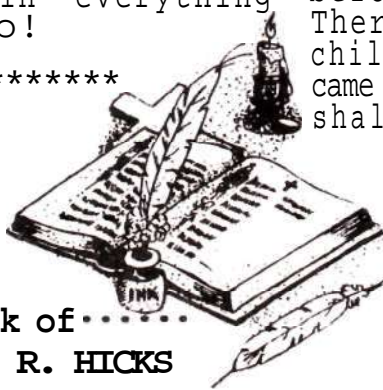
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**Greetings from Rev. Hicks.**

It is exciting to see the new life that spring brings. The trees are bursting with new buds, tulips and daffodils are flowering and spring is in the air! When spring comes we always feel a new burst of energy and feel a desire to begin new projects. Let us use our zeal and energies in always lifting up the Name of Jesus that is within us in everything we say and do!

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**From the desk of.....  
REV. B. R. HICKS  
TIME**

Time, in the natural, is a precise, instant, second, minute, hour, day, week, month, or year, determined by a clock or calendar.

But God is the Governor and Guide of events which have happened, are happening, or will happen. Time is a drop that has been brought to birth out of God's great infinite ocean of Eternity. There was a moment when time began and there shall be a moment when time shall cease.

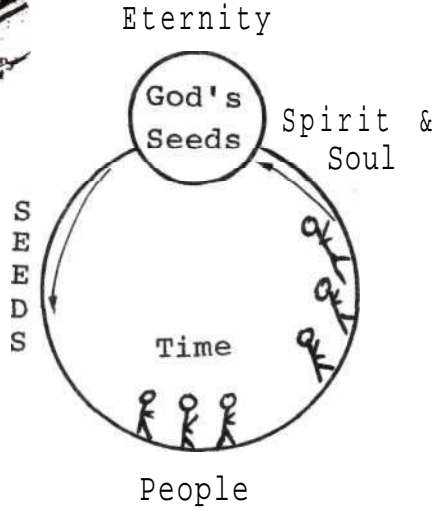
However, the seed of our spirits and souls were begotten in Eternity before time began. Therefore, we are children of Eternity. We came from Eternity and we shall return to Eternity.

We left the Loins of God as spirit and soul seeds in Eternity Past to come to earth to take on a body and to grow up and to return to Eternity. God has appointed a time for man to dwell on earth. Therefore, it is important for man to use his time wisely while he is on earth.

**Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?  
Job 7:1**

The wearisomeness and the brevity of life, as it passes through time, should encourage one to use these facts to press onward and upward in their spiritual race. The endless drudgery and the painful hardships of human existence in time is in vain if one does not redeem the time by studying and praying and going on for the LORD.

Time is only a flash! Our human breath - life, is speeding swiftly towards the grave.



People

Therefore we must study and pray quickly, we must hasten to crucify our flesh and we must run speedily in the way of light and truth, if we expect to be in Christ's Bride, therefore gaining the prize that is offered in time.

The Psalmist begged God to remember "what a fleeting thing he was."

**Remember how short my time is: wherefore has thou made all men in vain.**

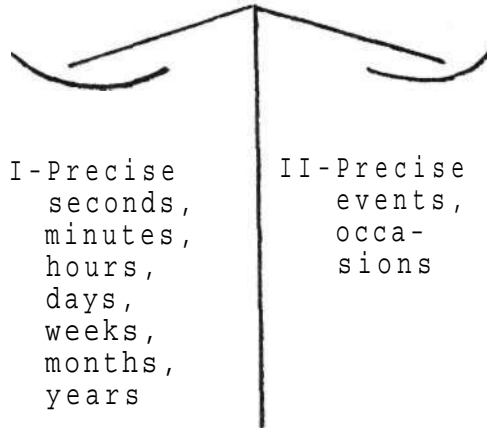
**Psalm 89:47**

Inasmuch the Psalmist's life is so brief in time on earth, he prays that God will bring redemption to him and Israel speedily, otherwise his brief human life will end in unsatisfied longing. If one does not use their appointed time on earth to find Christ's satisfying redemption from the world, the flesh and the devil, he will end his life in unsatisfied longing. Since we all are passing through time for a short season, it is of utmost importance that we properly utilize time in order to make a successful, abundant re-entrance back into Eternity.

Let us examine a few facts in the Word of God about time on both sides of the scales, both precise days and precise events.

The LORD God is the Owner and Master of precise days and precise events.

**LORD GOD OWNER & MASTER**



I-Precise seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years

II-Precise events, occasions

Since God is the Owner and Master, He has a right to govern and guide both our days and our events.

**I-Precise Year**

1. Abraham & Sarah

God has promised Abraham and Sarah a son, from their own loins, who would carry the seed of promise of Christ, the Messiah. But Abraham and Sarah had grown old and were stricken in age without having experienced the fulfillment of God's promise to them. Then the LORD appeared in angelic form to remind them that He had an appointed year for the fulfillment of this promise.

Is any thing too hard for **the LORD?** At the time appointed I will return unto thee according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.  
**Genesis 18:14**

God has purposely waited until Abraham and Sarah had grown old so that His miraculous power could be demonstrated in a greater way. He miraculously restored Abraham's body and Sarah's body to the fresh new vigor of their youth. Then he miraculously gave them the seed for Isaac's conception. Hence, there was no way Abraham and Sarah could make Isaac's conception and birth take place before the appointed year by the LORD, the Governor and Guide.

And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.  
**Genesis 21:1-3**

**GOD  
BLESSES  
EVERYDAY.**

Thus, at the precise appointed time, God fulfilled His promise and Isaac was conceived and brought to birth.

## 2. Pharaoh

After God had commanded Pharaoh to let His people go and after He had warned Pharaoh of the awesome consequences of disobedience, and after Pharaoh had blatantly disobeyed God's Word, God sent a plague of murrain upon the catties of the Egyptians.

And the Lord appointed a set time, saying. To morrow the Lord shall do this thing in the land. And the Lord did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

Exodus 9:5-6

God had an appointed day to punish the rebellious Egyptians by removing their cattle, their possessions which they worshipped. However, because Israel trusted in God, making Him their refuge, He protected their cattle against the great plague of murrain.

## II-Precise Events & Occasions

### 1. Troubles are Appointed Times to Seek God

The LORD sends times of trouble, sorrows, separations and pains as a special time for us to seek Him and pray to Him.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Psalm 32:6

There is a time of not finding the LORD, therefore this verse is heavy with warning against delay in seeking the LORD. The LORD is gracious to warn us about the special appointed times to seek Him.

If we seek Him, the great waters of His divine retribution upon the wicked shall not overflow us.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psalm 27:4-5

There is a time to go to the LORD's house, to the prayer closet in the time on or the occasion of danger and evil and the LORD will hide us under His powerful protection. The LORD's presence is the surest of all refuges in the time of danger.

But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

Psalm 37:39

God is an impregnable citadel for all who seek Him in the time of attack from the enemy. Those who take shelter in the Tower of the LORD's Name survive the attacks made upon them regardless however bitter and prolonged they may be.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

Psalm 41:1

If we take thought of the most effective way to help a poor person in need, the LORD will deliver us in the time of evil. The Hebrew word for "poor" here signifies and applies to one enfeebled in health. The LORD's protection in the time of trouble is the happy consequence that follows us for our considerate behaviour toward poor feeble ones.

**READ  
"THE  
WORD"  
DAILY**

2. Time of Fear Are Appointed Occasions to Seek God and Trust in Him.

**What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.**

**Psalm 56:3-4**

The Psalmist uses his time of fear to encourage himself through God's promises, power and providence. In the time that he was most terrified without and most dismayed within, he trusted in God to protect him. He resolved to make God his confidence when dangers were the most threatening and all the other confidence failed. The Psalmist made God's promises his promises in the time of fear. The Psalmist in time of his fear, praised God for the work that He had done and the Word that He had spoken; he gave thanks for God's promises that He had not yet performed.

3. Exaltation is an Appointed Time of the LORD.

Joseph experienced testing and trials until the appointed time of his exaltation in Egypt.

**Until the time that his word came; the word of the Lord tried him.**

**Psalm 105:19**

God had given Joseph dreams of his future exaltation and eminence.

However, in the meantime, Joseph's faith was severely tested. When, instead of occupying a prominent place either in his family, or in Egypt, he found himself despised, rejected, a slave and a prisoner. But Joseph passed his test, making himself ready for God's appointed time of exaltation.

It is important to recognize both God's times of precise days and years and His precise events and occasions that He has sent our way because there will be a time when God will say, "Time will be no longer", (Rev. 10:6) either for us personally or for the continuance of this present world.

Let us therefore take heed to our privilege of appointed times by God and redeem the times that He has given us.

**See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**

**Ephesians 5:15-16**

Let us walk in the right way of God's light and truth so that we clearly can see our duty and our privilege of buying our opportunity of redeeming the time that God has given us in this present world.

Christ's wisdom will help us buy up the time of our season of grace, using all days and all events and occasions to seek God and draw nigh to Him so that we may gain the prize of being in Christ's Bride.



**ATTENTION GRADUATES!**

Let us know who the 1988 graduates are so we can announce their names and where they are graduating from in the May/June issue of the **Christ for Youth Newsletter**.

Send the information to the attention of the **Christ for Youth Newsletter**.

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We've been delighted to receive a few letters from some of you expressing your delight at receiving the **Christ for Youth Newsletter**. Let us know if you are enjoying it. It encourages us to hear from you.

Following is an excerpt from a letter that we received that was a special blessing to everyone on the staff. I hope it blesses you too:

"First of all, I would like to express gratitude for the hard work that is put forth in the newsletter. I look forward to each issue. The time and effort really show in the quality of each page. I feel a new hope and desire to run on when other young people are setting a holy and righteous example in this evil day we live in."

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A TESTIMONY FROM TEENAGER . . . . .

Following is an excerpt from a letter sent to Rev. Fern Nelson from her granddaughter, Erika Nelson. It blessed me and I thought it would be a blessing to you too.

"Thanks for sending me the lesson on Gideon and his fleece.

It seemed that God was speaking through Sis. Hicks just to me.

This part really blessed me when she said, It was a miracle how Gideon remained moist and wet with the dew of God's Word.. Everything else was dry round about him. Don't tell me that you cannot serve God because nobody else is going on for God. That is all a bunch of it. I don't want to hear this. You go on for God in whatever situation you are in. I don't care if you are the only one! Your soul can remain wet with dew.

Erika is moving to Germany this summer after she visits with her grandparents for a few weeks first. In the meantime, if you would like to write to her, her present address is:

Miss Erika Nelson  
P. O. Box 868  
APO San Francisco,  
CA 96555-0008

(A letter just takes a 25 cent stamp.)

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Don't forget to write the newsletter staff and request a pen-pal or secret pal if you enjoy corresponding and meeting new people.

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Etiquette For a Date

Have you ever wondered why that girl turned you down the second time you asked her out, or why that guy didn't ask you out after your first date with him? Maybe it was your manners. Bad manners, or lack of manners, can be a real turn off.

Guys, did you remember to hold the door open for her? And girls, did you remember to step aside, allowing him room to do so? Guys, did you remember to open the car door for her and shut it behind her? Girls, did you remember to get in to the car like a lady, sitting down first, then putting your feet in?

You may not have known that you guys are suppose to either walk beside your date or slightly behind her. It is improper for you to take the lead.



Listen Up Guys!



**Super Special Event**

**YOUTH NEWS**  
**FROM THE DALLAS, TEXAS**  
**CHRIST GOSPEL CHURCH**  
by: Christy Rivera

Hi, my name is Christy Rivera and I am 14 years old. I am a member of the Dallas Christ Gospel Church.

On the 22nd of January we had a special youth night in Dallas and ten of the area churches attended. Bro. Gus O'Haran preached and we had a great time!

The thing I got most out of the message of David and Goliath was that Saul and all his army were afraid of the giant so God sent David, a young boy, to fight the battle for them. They were all scared but David was not afraid.

This shows me that when all others are scared of the devil that I have no reason to fear. God has control of the devil. He can only do what God allows him to do. I know God has done a lot for me and has helped me with my anger. It is going away more every day, little by little.

I love my church and the Message. I also love and appreciate Sister Hicks for all she has done for me. I want to run on for the LORD and make the rapture."

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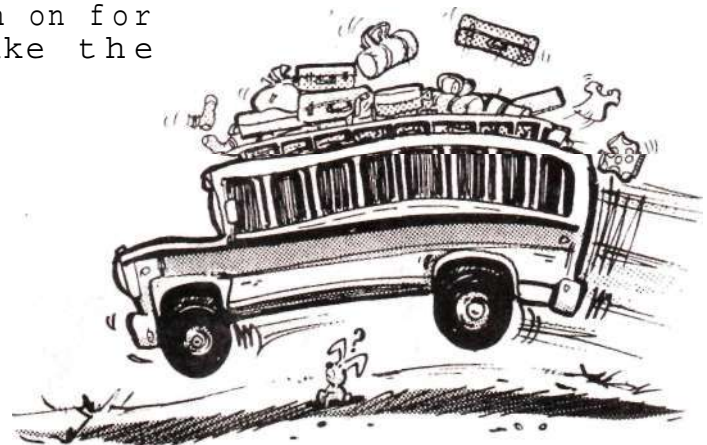
**YOUTH CONVENTION**

The dates for the 1988 Youth Convention are August 11, 12 and 13, 1988. The convention will be held here at the headquarters church in Jeffersonville, Indiana. **SISTER HICKS WILL BE PREACHING!!!** Don't miss this convention. Begin fund raising so you can bring all of the young people in your church. Don't let anyone be left out. **YOUR LIFE WILL BE CHANGED!!!**

**EVERYONE INVITED!**

Ages 13-26 & Single Only-

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You are also suppose to pull the chair out for your date and help her with her coat. Girls, when a guy pulls a chair out for you, you don't sit all the way down but you should leave a "sheet of air" between you and the chair, otherwise he cannot push the chair in for you.

Since the guy is the one who asks the girl out, it is up to him to decide on the plans for the date, like where they will go and what they will do. It is also up to the guy to keep up the conversation.

Girls, don't leave the conversation entirely up to him. You must keep up your end and help keep it flowing, just be sure you don't talk his ear off!

When ordering in a restaurant the guy should find out what his date wants and then do the ordering for both of them.

The main idea is to treat each other with respect and try to make your date comfortable.

**Keep in Mind...**





**A SPECIAL MESSAGE  
FROM AUNT BEA**

Dear Aunt Bea:

Can you help me get more interested in reading my Bible? I do not understand what I read.

Signed: Interested

Dear Interested:

I would love to! I would like for you to get some paper and a pen and open your Bible to Proverbs 2:1-6 and do the following:

1. Read Slowly.
2. Read it over and over.
3. Now write down as many things out of these verses that you do not understand.

You have now learned something about how to study. For example:

**Verse One:** tells you to hide the word or memorize it.

**Verse Two:** tells you to apply your heart.

**Verse Three:** tells you to cry in prayer or ask for understanding on your knees.

**Verse Four:** tells you to keep studying and reading as if you were searching for a hidden treasure. Those that seek will find. (Matthew 7:7)

**Verse Five:** says THEN, after you have done all of the above things memorized, prayed and searched - THEN you shall find the knowledge of God!

**Verse Six:** says that only God has the wisdom, knowledge and understanding that we need.

John 6:63 tells us, "...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are LIFE."

Studying God's Word is a delight when we apply our hearts!

P.S. After you have discovered some treasures in His Word, get on your knees and pour your heart out in prayer over what the LORD spoke to you through His Word.

Signed: Aunt Bea

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**SOMETHING'S  
COOKIN'!**



**A RECIPE ESPECIALLY  
FOR TEENAGERS. ....**

Lazy Man's Cookies

Makes 12 squares

Ingredients

- 1 stick margarine
- 1 cp. graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cp. chocolate chips
- 1 cp. butterscotch bits
- 1 cp. coconut
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cp. chopped nuts

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Melt margarine in a nine inch square baking pan.
3. Layer remaining ingredients in the order given.
4. Bake for 30 minutes and enjoy!

**GOOD EATS!**

SEND US SOME OF YOUR GOOD RECIPES SO WE CAN SHARE THEM IN A FUTURE ISSUE!



# IMPORTANT REMINDER

## MEMORY VERSE

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 25:13

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Thanks most of all to Sister Hicks who prays for us and takes time to arrange activities for us, teaches us, and writes the Christ For Youth Newsletter.

SISTER HICKS IS THE  
GRRRRRRREATEST!!!

## FIRST PLACE

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## JEFFERSONVILLE CHURCH YOUTH NEWS

We are very grateful for everything that is done for the young people here in Jeffersonville. There is a youth activity almost every Saturday night where all of the young people can get together in Christian fellowship.

On Sunday nights there is a Jacob's Warrior prayer meeting. This is something that everyone appreciates and needs.

Thanks to all of the youth leaders who organize and help on Saturday nights and to Sister Shirley Woods who leads the prayer meetings on Sunday nights.

Don't forget to send us your change of address when you move. Some newsletters are being returned and we have no new address listed,

Also, it costs only \$1.00 for a years subscription. That is six big issues! Buy one for yourself or a friend. They will keep you enlightened and encouraged!

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# Youth

GOING PLACE



SEEK & FIND BIBLE BOOK NAMES

by Anders Lindgren

Words can be up, down, backwards or diagonal,

G C K F N P L R J Y G B O J  
P E C C L E S I A S T E S T  
M L N H M S O Q Z I K F B Q  
A Q S E T R R S X U H P E O  
M S Q K S L H T L L K H L B  
O L X J K I D W Q N M I P A  
S R O G L M S V N O E L T D  
T M Z H T U R L B Q T E E I  
X P A A A N C O A T M M L A  
Y M R C O M A N S V A O Z H  
P Z C F J L G B F W R N R Z  
E L B L E I N A D V K J L A

Words to find:

Genesis

Ruth

Mark

Ecclesiastes

Ezra

Philemon

Luke

Job

Amos

Obadiah

Romans

Daniel



**SOMEONE  
NEEDS  
YOU**



FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

by Anders Lindgren

Word to find:

Judgements

Brazen Altar

Covenants

Laver

Statutes

Golden Altar

Precepts

Candlestick

Commandments

Table of Shewbread

Testimony

Mercy Seat

Law

Ark of the Covenant

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