

# Issue 22 **Christ For Youth** **Newsletter**

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Greetings from  
Reverend Hicks,

Although the beginning of this new year has been very stressful, there still has been much for which to thank the LORD. My daughter Beverly had to undergo surgery, but she is home now and doing well. I want to thank you "Jacob's Prayer Warriors" for praying for my family.

Soon after returning from my daughter's home, I contacted double pneumonia and had to be hospitalized for several days. What a great blessing it was to me to hear that our people in all our churches joined together to war in the Spirit to drive back the forces of sickness that had attached themselves to my physical body. Sister Shirley Woods and the Jacob's Prayer Warriors in the Jeffersonville Church had special prayer meetings for me, as did many of the other prayer groups. So, thanks to God for answering prayer, I am recovering and gaining new strength daily. May God bless every one of you for all you do to hold me up in prayer.

From the Desk of...  
Rev. B. R. Hicks

In this issue of "Christ for Youth" we shall talk about the importance of filling the place God has ordained for us to fill.

In the middle of their last night in Egypt, the Israelites went out to borrow from their Egyptian masters.

***And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required.***

***And they spoiled the Egyptians (Exodus 12:35,36).***

The word *lent* means gave, showing that this was not stolen wealth. On the contrary, it paid nothing more than wages for the 400 years of slave-service the Israelites had rendered to their Egyptian taskmasters.

The former slaves left Egypt as rich men. Yet, although they possessed great substance, they did not know what to do with it until God showed Moses the pattern for the Tabernacle. Only then did Israel understand the real reason God had for entrusting natural treasures to them.

They saw, by faith, the seven

pieces of furniture stretched out in the form of a Cross, and by faith they caught a vision of God's ultimate Master Plan for each piece of silver, each piece of gold, and each cubit of material. Each Israelite gave his silver willingly, knowing that another person's silver might be beaten into a visible crown for the brazen pillars of the Courtyard while his own silver might be melted down and used as a hidden socket to support the boards of the Tabernacle.

Every single Israelite had to make a personal decision and choice. Anyone who was selfish would have said, "I don't want my precious silver and gold beaten with a hammer. I don't want it melted in the excruciating

heat of a smelting furnace. I don't want my lovely linen stabbed and pricked countless times as the needles work the strands of blue and purple and scarlet and fine twined linen into the prescribed pattern. I would not mind giving my treasures if they were going to be used in the Temple, but it seems foolish to put everything I own into such a humble looking structure out here in the middle of the desert. I'll just wait until a better opportunity comes along before giving my ALL."

No one said that, of course. Every person gave freely of his silver, his gold, and his material — although he knew that some of each would be covered and hidden, for all practical purposes, from the eyes of all but the LORD. The people cheerfully offered all they had because they realized their own personal offering could serve no higher, holier calling than to fulfill God's Divine Purpose for its being.

Now, let us apply these Principles spiritually. Regardless of how many riches a person possesses in the way of talents and abilities, he never can, through his own wisdom and intellect, take those things and make them into something spiritual that can bear Christ's Image and the Likeness of His Cross. Nothing short of a revelation from God can accomplish this.

When the Truth of Christ and His Cross illuminates our heart and mind, we understand clearly that God has a particular place for each of us to fill in the Spiritual Body of Christ that is presently being built in the world. Certainly there is no greater privilege, no higher calling, no holier goal than to be conformed

into the Image and the Likeness of the LORD Jesus Christ. This is the apex or summit of human existence.

If we chose to do so, we may use our God-given talents and abilities to scale the heights of worldly fame. We may see our "silver" and "gold" shine in king's palaces, as it were. Yet these natural honours are nothing in comparison to what can be ours if we accept God's Purposive Will for us and let it be fulfilled in our life. In this way we shall attain a higher, more glorious, and Eternal position than anything we could every achieve by our own efforts.

In Eternity, it will matter little if people overlooked us in this life, if they thought our position small and insignificant in comparison to their own. We will be conscious only of the exquisite, delightful pleasure that comes in being what God has called us to be and in doing what God created us to do, and that is to bring Glory and Honour to the LORD by growing in Christ's Image and by doing works that also fit in His Image.

There is a special place in which each of us can best reflect the Beauty and Glory of Jesus Christ that has been placed inside of us. May God grant to each of us the Wisdom to see and understand in the spiritual realm what Israel knew in the natural realm. When spiritual understanding penetrates our soul, we will freely, unreservedly offer ourself and all we possess in exclusive surrender to the LORD!

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again (Proverbs 19:17).

ATTENTION

THE YOUTH NEWSLETTER IS NOW PRINTED QUARTERLY INSTEAD OF BI-MONTHLY. DUE TO INCREASES IN POSTAGE COSTS, RATHER THAN INCREASE THE COST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER, REV HICKS IS SENDING IT OUT QUARTERLY.

PLEASE SEND US ARTICLES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE PRINTED. THIS IS A NEWSLETTER FOR ALL OF THE YOUTH OF CHRIST GOSPEL CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL, INCORPORATED!!!

We are so grateful for the poems that we have received recently. Here are just a few. We hope they bless you as much as they blessed us!

A Poem  
by L. F.

Jeffersonville, IN

LORD, please don't let me live in this world, full of pain, heartache and sorrow,  
Not knowing You.

LORD, let me live knowing that through it all, I will make it to the prize,  
the New City.

Whatever You send, I'll know it's to help me make it.  
Just send the sorrow, the pain,  
for I know that through it all, it was to help me make it in the Bride.

The Dream

by Bruce Key, Jr.  
Jeffersonville, IN

I had a dream and I was there,  
when the cry went out that shattered the air.  
They yelled, "Crucify Him", and didn't think twice,  
and mocked Him for saying He was the Christ.

I saw as they beat Him with their mighty whips, and never out of His mouth did one angry word slip.

For He kept His mind on a far better place, though they tore skin off His precious face.

He turned his back toward me then my heart plunged,  
for from His bleeding back you could see His bleeding lungs.

As if that wasn't enough, for He seemed about dead,  
They placed a crown of thorns upon His weary head.

I heard the sound of a mighty whip crack, as they placed the Cross upon His bleeding back.

They pushed Him up the street till He finally fell,  
then they pointed at me to come out and help.  
I looked in His eyes still filled with love,  
as I bent over to pick up the Cross drenched with His Blood.

As we walked I noticed the peace in His eyes, I could tell He was prepared for He knew he must die.

We continued to walk up the steep hill,  
He did not worry for he knew it was His Father's will.

Many spit on Him and many more scorned,  
but very few knelt down to mourn.

They nailed Him to the Cross with three heavy spikes,  
I couldn't hold back the tears flowing from my eyes.

The darkness came in and swallowed the day,  
then the earth began its mighty shake.

He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."  
Then He looked at me and said, "Son, I am dying for you."

I looked around for I heard no more chatter,  
I saw no one. It was me He was after.

I then realized it was me who put Him on the Cross,  
with my sins, doubts, and spiritual loss.

I felt like a murderer who killed my best friend,  
I asked Him for forgiveness again and again.

He told me not to worry, for in just three days, He would have a Blood to cover my wicked ways.

I could not believe I helped carry the Cross that led to His death,  
for now I felt guiltier than all of the rest.

I told Him I loved Him  
as I proceeded to cry.  
Jesus said He loved all  
and then He died.

I woke up and my pillow  
was all wet,  
for I cried and let out  
all my regrets.

He kept His promise to  
you and me,  
to use His Blood as  
often as we please.

I cannot believe He  
still loves us in His  
special way,  
When we hang Him on the  
Cross everyday.



Enter thou into the joy  
of the LORD.  
Matthew 25:23

Be a "living testimony"  
by showing others with  
your actions and your  
countenance that you have  
joy in serving the LORD!

### THE TRUTH & DANGERS OF ROCK

by Larry Morrison, Jr.

"My people are destroyed  
for lack of knowledge."  
Hosea 4:6

"I look at rock like a  
religion." (Blackie  
Lawless (W.A.S.P.)

Rock and Roll has become  
a mean-spirited music  
filled with one central  
point as it's overriding  
theme: **HATRED**. Over 90%  
of the rock bands in  
today's world have  
subliminal messages on  
their records. When you  
listen to these bands,  
the spirits go into your  
subconscious mind.  
Therefore you tend to  
feel happy and excited  
while listening to the  
music. After a period  
of listening to the  
music, your mind seems  
to "block out" any  
awareness of the  
messages. You seem to  
accept the music as  
being okay to listen  
to.

Gradually the devil will  
convince you that the  
music is "cool" and okay  
to listen to. Your mind  
will become immune to  
the dangers of rock and  
roll. After Satan has  
tried to control your  
mind, the only way to  
make him leave you alone  
is through Jesus Christ.

There are many other  
dangers of rock and roll  
other than subliminal  
messages.

"For we wrestle not  
against flesh and blood,  
but against  
principalities, against  
powers, against the  
rulers of the darkness  
of this world, against  
spiritual wickedness in  
high places." Ephesians  
6:12

"You get into evil,  
you're a friend of  
mine..."

"These !\*?%&#!

God-botherers mention  
the devil more than we  
do. They're just trying  
to scare people." AC-DC

All heavy metals rockers  
aren't the only people  
with dangerous music.  
There are a few non-rock  
bands with  
Satanic-spirits. A band  
called "Stryper" has  
given a whole new  
definition to the term  
of "Christian Band."  
Stryper is practically a  
dry cleaned Motley  
Crue. Stryper's lead  
guitarist, Oz Foxx, has  
said that the band has a  
whole new way of looking  
at things.

"We have never really  
considered ourselves a  
"Christian Band." All  
we do is sing about what  
we believe in. We still  
believe in the same  
stuff, it's that we just  
changed what we sing  
about."

A local rock magazine has some pictures of album covers of some big name heavy metal groups. A group named, "Slayer" has the upside down pentagram on the front of all of their albums. The cover of an album by the rock band "Keel" is a blasphemy of the Ark of the Covenant described in detail in Exodus 25:18-22.

Rock music can also go so far to extremes that it will relate into suicide. In the mid-eighties rock star Ozzy Osbourne, was sued for a suicide. A young man committed suicide after listening to Osbourne's song, "Suicide Solution." Then again in 1990, the group "Judas Priest", was sued for the same reason. A teenager killed himself after listening to their music numerous times in a row.

Some rock groups also have "Satanic Blessings" on their albums. For example, classic group Led Zeppelin and Jimmy Page always had a saying "Sozo" on their albums and tee-shirts. This saying is just a fancier way of printing the number Six-Six-Six. "Christian" band, Stryper, has a black splotch with a half crescent moon beside it on all of their albums. This too is a "Satanic Blessing."

Rock and roll is very dangerous. There is so much stuff that you have to look out for. **The only true ROCK is JESUS.** If you want some good music that is "safe", just go to the local Christian book store and pick out a tape. Just don't be caught in the web of Satan's music. After all, who knows what you are listening to?

If you have questions on the dangers and truth of rock music, ask your pastor or write to:

Jeff Godwin  
The Rock Ministries  
P. O. Box 2181  
Bloomington, IN 47401

Or, check out Jeff Godwin's book on rock, "Devil's Disciples", at your local library.

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Dear Aunt Bea,

Is it alright for me to wear clear fingernail polish? My nails are soft and they break easy but I don't want them to break. So, is it okay to put the clear nail hardener on them to keep them from breaking?

Signed: Wants to Keep Nails

Dear Wants to Keep Nails,  
No, if you really want to please the LORD, you will not wear clear nail polish or hardener. There are, however, many products that you can buy, and things you can do, to help keep your nails from breaking. Number one, be sure you eat a good balanced diet. Make sure you are getting plenty of calcium.

Number two, go to a health food store and ask for an oil that you can massage into your nails to help make them stronger. Use this oil three times a day and you will have stronger nails.

Number three, be sure that you file your nails only in one direction. The back and forth motion of the file tears up your nails and will cause them to split and break.

Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea,

I will be getting my driver's license in the near future. Well, someone told me that it was wrong to write on the back of the license that you will donate body parts. Is this wrong? If so, why?

Signed: Needs to Know

Write to Aunt Bea. All questions are kept confidential. Send your letters to P. O. Box 786, Jeffersonville, IN 47131-0786. Aunt Bea is waiting to hear from you!

Dear Needs to Know:

Yes, it is wrong to put on the back of your license that you will donate body parts. God gave you a body in unity with your spirit and soul. However, that is your personal choice on whether or not you donate any part of your body. That is a choice that you personally must make.

Signed: Aunt Bea

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**LETTERS**

It is so nice when we receive letters, poems, news, etc., from you. Not too many people write us. Please let us hear from you.

Here are some letters we received recently.

"Hey guys, this past month was like a birth in our youth group. Oh, we have had a youth group but it was like it was just there. Life is now enticing us and springing up-just in time for the natural spring.

We started out with a recommitment service, it was a rededication, a renewal to our LORD and to our youth group. We then held a prayer meeting the following Sunday, which was really good.

We had a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday youth night at the church. Wednesday we went sledding in the snow. Thursday we held games at the church. Friday we had a sleep-over, or should we call it "a stay-over".

God has granted us wonderful pastors and these fabulous pastors held a church revival for all of us with Rev. Judy Lynn Kelly. The last service we held a youth prayer meeting. God is certainly alive and moving.

We are looking forward to a prayer meeting next Sunday. We want to thank the LORD for breathing life back into us and for our pastors who have prayed."

Christ Gospel Church  
Youth Group  
Presque Isle, Maine

"I want to tell you how our youth group is doing. We don't have that many teenagers but we do have a quiz team and in that we have fun because we don't get bored in quizzing all the time. So every now and then, we will go out to eat or go to a park and other fun things like that.

As teenagers we help the little kids in things they have like when they had a Christmas party. But most of all, I thank God for Bro. and Sis. Lundy, our youth and quiz leaders. We love them and pray for them."  
C. H. - Orlando, Florida

"Thank you for putting out the newsletter. I look forward to receiving it. I especially enjoy "Aunt Bea." Is "Aunt Bea" Sister Hicks? I feel kind of stupid asking that because everyone else probably knows who it is but I just started receiving the newsletter a couple of months ago."  
T. M. - Charlestown, IN

Dear TM,  
You have no need to feel stupid - no one knows who Aunt Bea is. That is a well kept secret!)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

Please start sending us birthdays so we can put birthday greetings in the newsletters. Here are some people who have had birthdays. We hope they were "extra" special:

**Birthdays to Remember:**

- Rev. B. R. Hicks - August 28
- Rev. Delbert Brooks - April 18
- Rev. Charles Hill - December 9

**SHOWER THEM WITH CARDS!!!**

**CRYSTAL HILL**

January 24

**GRETA LINDGREN**

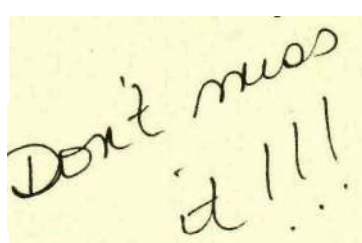
February 8

**MONICA BROWN**

February 8

**PERNILLA LINDGREN**

March 30



**GRADUATION**

**MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN US FOR THE 1991 YOUTH CONVENTION WHICH WILL BE HELD IN OUR THE NEW CHURCH IN JEFFERSONVILLE!**

Youth Convention Dates

August 8, 9 & 10

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Send us your prayer requests so we can share them with others who will help us pray. One young girl sent in the following prayer requests:

1. Rev. B. R. Hicks
2. The Jackson family
3. The Babin family
4. Orlando, Florida Christ Gospel Church
5. Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Dallas

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A recipe . . . . .  
from Barbara Devine  
Jeffersonville, IN

AMBROSIA

Ingredients

- 1 cup of mandarin oranges
- 1 cup of pineapple tidbits  
(sweetened pineapple)
- 1 cup of coconut
- 1 cup of miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup of sour cream

Directions:  
Mix all of these ingredients together and then chill well before serving. Delicious!

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Graduation time is just around the corner and some families will be having special get together for the graduates.

Each year, here in Jeffersonville, Rev. Hicks hosts a banquet for all graduates, whether they are High School, college, technical school or Bible Institute graduates. It is always a special time of fellowship with Sister Hicks and the other church leaders that all graduates look forward to.

Last year, parents of the graduates got together and held an "Open House" in the church fellowship hall for the graduates. Not all families have room to have their own open house and many don't have the finances either. This was so nice because everyone pitched in to share the expenses and a lot of people came so that no one person had a lot of special wishes while another had very few.

Be sure to send us the names of the graduates from your church so we can print them in the next issue of the newsletter.



Don't forget Mother's Day — May 12.