



# Issue XX **Christ for Youth**

## **Newsletter**

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### **Greetings from Reverend Hicks,**

Autumn is an exciting time of the year. School has started, and for many of you this means meeting new friends, becoming acquainted with new teachers, and learning new subjects. This also means you are being introduced to new temptations and problems.

The desire to be accepted by one's peers and the desire to avoid persecution are some primary reasons many Christian young people adapt the "law of the pack." But those who forsake God's Holy Law of Truth inevitably bring great pain and suffering to their own souls.

In order to maintain your spiritual strength and fortitude, you need to know where God sets His spiritual Table for His children, and that is what we want to learn in this issue of *Christ for Youth*.

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

God's ways are completely different from our ways. Consider dinner parties, for example. Our dinner parties are very private affairs, with only the host and his invited guest or guests present. Carnal reasoning assumes that God follows a similar pattern. But God's Word shows us that God's Table is anything but private.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:... (Psalm 23:5).

The Hebrew word for *table* includes the meal set upon the table as well as the table itself. No man would dare to set a lovely meal on a

table in his enemy's territory. Yet, this is exactly what God does.

In the midst of our enemies, God sets Jesus Christ Who is both the Table and the Food upon the Table. Until we understand this Principle of God's Method of Operation and learn to look for the Table He sets in the midst of our enemies, we will continue to miss countless spiritual banquets.

We need not think we can go on for God with opposition. There always will be an enemy lined up against us.

Life is very much like playing football. In order for the game of football to be exciting, there has to be some opposition. The team that overcomes its opposition proves it has the

greater strength and the greater knowledge of football tactics.

Likewise, we must learn how to resist the enemy so we can grow spiritually. There must be resistance in order to manifest how much of the stature of Jesus Christ has been developed in our heart.

While we are in church, we learn many lovely theories about Jesus Christ and His Power to overcome the world, the flesh, and the Devil. However, in order for the theory to become living, experiential knowledge in our own heart, these Principles must be applied in some practical manner. Those who are willing to press on through the enemy's lines with the Truth find a whole new Table of Truth spread out for them.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica, saying, "In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

The Greek word for *thanks* means to be grateful, to express gratitude toward, specifically, to say grace at a meal, to give thanks.

In the natural realm, we cannot say grace over a meal if there is no table with something on it, and if we have not been invited to eat at that table. Since it is good manners to say "thank you" when we are invited to eat with someone, it certainly is right to exercise the same degree of good manners toward God.

We should say "Thank You, LORD" for the Table and for the spiritual Meal on the Table before we ever get there. While others are fretting about their enemies and saying, "O God, why did You let this happen to me?" we can be saying, "Thank You, Jesus, for the lovely, new Table I know is right here in the midst of my enemies. Although I have not yet reached the Table, I know You have something good set out for me. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Jesus."

The Principle of the Table being set in the midst of enemies was instituted in the Garden of Eden. God set the Tree of Life before Adam-male and female. However, before reaching the Tree, they had to go through the Serpent's "enemy lines."

Thus, before sin entered into the hearts of our first parents, God said, in so many many words, "No enemy, no Table."

God still says the same thing. Those who eat of the LORD's Table do so only by pressing past all kinds of devils, all levels of their own flesh,

and all manner of discouragement, hindrance, and suffering of body, soul, and spirit.

Regardless of how much pain we meet on our way to the Table, one meal at God's Table convinces us that the sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the Glory and Delight found in Jesus Christ.

Since it is not always possible to break through the enemy's line the first time we try, we should take a tip from the football team.

A good football team does not quit just because they have an enemy, or even because that enemy seems to be getting the best of them. On the contrary, they go out and fight all the harder.

If things get too bad, the captain calls the team together, scolds them a bit, encourages them a bit, stirs up their loyalty a bit, and sends them back out to fight some more. By the end of the game, everyone knows which team is stronger, which team knows more about football, which team has gained the greater "stature" of overcoming power.

The losing team does not say, "We are going to forget about football. We tried, but those old mean guys on the other team ran all over us. They pushed us around and got our new uniforms all muddy and dirty. We give up."

That would be ridiculous! The team that loses this time may be the winning team next time. All they have to do is get busy improving their skills and strengthening the weak points that were exposed by the opposing team.

Opposition makes us neither weak nor strong; it merely exposes our weaknesses or our strengths. If our first battle with the enemy reveals

that we are not as spiritually strong as we thought, we must not let our pride cause us to give up and backslide. We should continue to say grace for the Table that is waiting for us as soon as we break through the opposition.

Once we get to the Table, we should eat some more Humility Truth so the LORD can strengthen our weak points. One day, God will give us another opportunity to fight that same enemy. By that time, if we have stayed on the team, we will have the necessary power and fortitude to defeat the foe and get to the Table more quickly.

Beloved, we can give up our place at this Crucified Way Table, if we desire to do so. But remember this: God is going to have a people who truly love this Table. The Lamb is going to have a Bride who will have eaten of His Full Stature, from His Feet up to His Head. Christ's Bride will have pushed past every enemy in order to get to that Holy Table.

If we quit, God will raise up someone else who will love and appreciate the Table and the Food on the Table enough to battle through the enemy lines.

I, personally, intend to keep my place at this blessed Table. Every day, I dedicate myself, afresh and anew, to giving thanks for the Table and for the Meal in *everything*.

It is possible to practice saying grace by faith. When the Table is hidden completely by enemies, I say, "Thank You, Jesus, for the Table. Thank You for what You are about to serve me. Bless this Food You are about to give me to the nourishment of my spiritual body." Every day the Table grows bigger. Every day my portion on the Table increases.

Those who dare to start giving thanks in the same way will find their lives being filled, continually, with new excitement and thrill. Every day will present new enemies, but there also will be a new Table and new Food on the Table. Every day will present new challenge, new excitement, and new opportunities for growth.

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### ATTENTION

Most teenagers like to listen to tapes. Why don't you write to the Christ Gospel Tape Dept. and order not only some of Rev. Hicks' sermon tapes, but some of the music tapes and some of the tapes of the Jacob Warrior programs. Fill your mind with good things that will benefit you instead of hurt you.

Write to the Tape Dept. and they will be happy to tell you what is available.

**YOU WILL BE GLAD  
YOU DID!!!**

P.S. There are also videos of the Jacob Warrior church services. They are great!





It sure is encouraging when we receive letters from the Christ For Youth Newsletter readers. Here is one that came to the newsletter staffed recently:

"I really enjoy reading the newsletters and want to tell each one of you how much I appreciate the hard work ya'll put into it. You are all doing a great job. Thanks!"

J.R.

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**LOOK WHAT'S COOKING!**



from James Pym  
Pretoria, South Africa

Ingredients

Dough:

- 2 cps. self-rising flour
- salt
- 1/3 cp. oil - fill cup w/luke warm water

Topping:

- 2 lrg. tomatoes sliced thin
- 1 med. onion sliced thin
- 1/2 green pepper
- tomato sauce

mushrooms - sliced  
(canned can be used)

oregano

8 strips of bacon  
(chopped)

1 cp. grated cheese

Mix dough well and then roll out and lay on large, greased, pizza pan; spread tomato sauce over the dough then layer tomatoes, onions, green pepper, mushrooms and bacon. Sprinkle oregano over and then the grated cheese. Bake in over at 425 degrees for 20 minutes. Enjoy!

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**ETERNITY EVERMORE**

by Duffy Drake McGuire

Through this door lies eternity evermore. Through this door you will feel no pain anymore.

So many have passed through already. You will not make it if you aren't ready.

No amount of money or power, will bring you here. Do not fear. There is someone there.

Through every pain and hurt, so little we can do. But there is One that knew We would need help along the way.



Mark your calendars and make plans now to attend the 1991 Youth Convention that will be held in the new church sanctuary here in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Ask your pastor about having fund raisers so that your entire youth group can come next year. The dates are:

August 8-10, 1991

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**Jacob Warrior News  
From Pretoria,  
South Africa**

It was so nice to receive a letter from the Jacob Warriors of Pretoria, South Africa. All of the members signed it, making us feel so close to them. Rev. Hicks thought you would enjoy reading this letter too:

"Dear Newsletter Staff:

Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus from the Pretoria Jacob's Warriors. When we started our own Jacob's Warrior group about eighteen months ago consisted of only four members (three boys and a girl). We have grown by eleven members since then so at present there are fifteen on-fire soldiers for Christ, warring in prayer every Saturday



We thought that the young people in Jeffers-sonville would like to hear about our recent trip to a church near Durban on the coast, about 700 kilometers from Pretoria. It took nearly a month to prepare for this trip. We went there to introduce the message of growing up into the fullness of Christ.

We were very well received, and the message touched everyone. The equipment we used to demonstrate the message was all built by the Jacob's Warriors. To explain the concept of salvation and the role of the Blood, we built a wooden frame with a door - a picture of Jesus. With this we demonstrated how the Blood was applied to the doorposts in the Old Testament and what that means for us today. Geoffrey Francis, one of the Jacob Warriors, demonstrated the carrying of the burden of ones past sins on one's back before one enters into salvation by the Blood. This was followed by a demonstration of how we, who have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, are led of the Spirit, as the Israelites were led by the Cloud and Fire, baptized of the Holy Ghost, as Israel was

"baptized unto Moses in the Cloud and in the sea". Inside our handmade pillar of Cloud and Fire was Frikkie Jacobs, another Jacob Warrior, who operated the tiny outside lights, and the red light representing the fire, from within the pillar. Fitted about the cloud was a full-size car headlamp, which worked off of a car battery inside the cloud. This represented the eye of the Holy Ghost (Psalm 32:8).

A highlight was when our pastor, Rev. David Cotterill, showed the congregation the concept of the LORD's parting the Red Sea, being a picture of our leaving behind the things of Egypt forever. To demonstrate this we had a model with two doors that opened inwardly to the music of "The Exodus", as the rod was raised, revealing a glowing red Cross straight ahead. This illustrated how the Crucifixion truly began as:

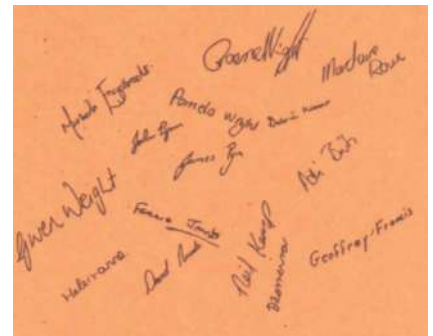
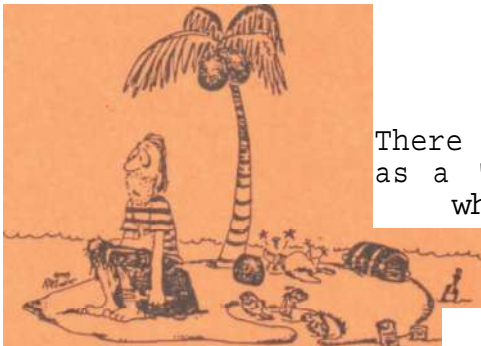
- 1) Israel received the Tabernacle in the wilderness and,
- 2) We find the true beginning of our trials and testings as we go through the Waters to take on His Name.

The journey was not without trial and tribulation and each of us gained a cubit of stature in our Moral Development!!! The bus broke down twice and we were stranded for a number of hours, so that it took us approximately twenty hours to reach our destination but, Praise the LORD, He gave us the victory and we reached Durban shouting and praising the LORD!

The **Christ for Youth Newsletter** has been a great inspiration to the Warriors here. We would like to express our appreciation to all those who compile it. We hope that it might serve as an inspiration to your readers to hear about how our group is doing here in South Africa. We are looking forward to the opportunity of joining you for a convention in the future.

May the LORD richly bless you as you serve Him and lift up His Name.

Yours sincerely,  
because of Jesus,  
The Jacob Warriors of Pretoria



**A CHILD BORN ADDICTED**

by Jessie Spangler  
Bucyrus, Ohio

I feel the blood run  
into my veins--  
with its flow life I  
gain.

Feeding me through my  
umbilical chord--

my mother is my lord.  
She's everything; she is  
life, my only way to  
live--

if gone, no life to  
me would she give.

I was a mistake, an  
accident--  
but for that I can't  
repent.

My mother is a stranger  
to me;

her drugs are killing  
me slowly.

It's cocaine that my  
mother sniffs--

the drug through our  
blood drifts.

It reaches the sack in  
which I'm contained--

and with every sniff  
my life is drained.

It destroys my mind and  
tortures my soul--

in body and spirit it  
leaves me unwhole.

For nine months I've  
lived this way--

fed more cocaine  
every day.

There I lay in my  
mother's womb--

an innocent child  
with an inescapable  
doom.

Finally a way out I  
found--

I looked forward to  
being earthbound.

Into the world I am  
shoved--

born addicted to a  
deadly drug.

With my first cry and my  
first breath--

I scream cocaine; I  
scream death.

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Dear Aunt Bea:

I am a girl of 15. I  
like this guy who is  
15. He moved to where I  
live for about two years  
and then left. While he  
and his family were here  
we grew close. We  
became good friends. I  
didn't like him at first  
but later on I started  
liking him. We laughed  
and talked a lot but  
never about liking each  
other.

I was afraid to say  
anything to him because  
we are not the same  
color. I am black and  
he is white, but we  
never let that get in  
our way of friendship.

When he was about to  
leave I told him I liked  
him but he just looked  
at me and smiled. I  
have never felt this way  
about a boy. He is  
everything I would like  
to have. I would like a  
guy who is in the  
Crucified Way and  
believes in it, who will  
probably grow up and be  
a preacher or pastor and

a guy who's just not in  
the Crucified Way  
because his parents are,  
but a person who really  
goes on for God. He  
seems like a real nice  
guy. I wasn't around  
him much to know a lot  
about him.

The problem is I truly  
not to think about him  
and I have prayed to the  
LORD about him. I had a  
dream about him and me  
one time. He and I were  
walking down this long  
path when I got off the  
path and went into this  
big field. He told me  
not to go but I did  
anyway. Well this big  
field had tall weeds and  
it was real grassy.  
Well, I was walking all  
alone when I heard  
something calling my  
name. It just kept  
saying it over and over  
again. I walked on and  
came to this opening and  
there on the ground was  
a big, big snake. It  
looked like a serpent.  
It called my name again  
and opened its mouth to  
eat me but out of  
nowhere the boy came  
and killed the serpent  
with a rake. We got  
back on the path and  
started walking straight  
again. I woke up after  
that.

I have never told anyone  
that dream but I have  
thought about it. I  
thought it meant he  
could help me stay on  
the right track so I can  
be with Jesus on that

sweet day. Do you know what I should do? Is he the guy for me? I know I'm too young to be asking but I always feel something attaching me to him everytime I see him. Is it alright for blacks and whites to have a relationship? what am I feeling? Could I be in love? Everytime I see him my heart jumps.  
Signed: Help Me.

Dear Help Me:

I read your nice letter with much prayer and concern. First of all I must remind you that your main question was that you were concerned about the will of God. If the first step is wrong and in the wrong direction, the rest will be wrong.

Morally speaking God does not look on the color outside, He looks at the heart and His Purposive Will for that heart.

God has a wonderful Master Plan for your life and desires that you be fulfilled in every way. He longs to meet the desires of your heart. Many young people pay a terrible price of heartache and unhappiness because they refuse to wait. They rebel and take their own way and suffer for it. You are wise in seeking God and wanting instruction.

You are too young to be thinking about falling in love. Even you mentioned you know you are too young.

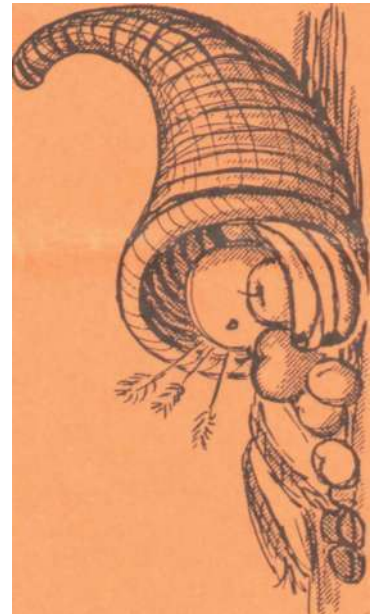
2. Seek first to be all you can spiritually.
3. Know the difference between love and lust, or just wanting a friend.
4. Keep high spiritual and moral standards for yourself. You are worth it!
5. Pray about God bringing someone into your life from your own race.
6. Keep an open heart to the Word of God. Don't let rebellion get a hold of you when God says no. Trust Him - He knows the future.
7. That special boy will respect your love for God and that you put Him first and his will. Watch out for those who don't.
8. Encourage yourself with John 14:1.
9. Be sincere and honest before God when you pray. God is and will be faithful to you. Read Matthew 7:7-11 over and over.
10. God always gives the best to those that leave the choice up to Him. Don't be afraid to be patient and wait upon God. Who you date can determine your walk with God. Sixteen is the dating age.

God bless you - you are a smart girl for wanting to know what pleases the LORD. You have great things in store if you continue to run on for Him.

Signed: Aunt Bea

**s.**  
Don't date someone that isn't a good Christian. It is best if you both are in the same faith!

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Ephesians 5:20  
Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ.  
Don't forget to daily give God thanks for the many blessings He has given you. As Sis. Hicks says, "Be grateful that things are as well with you as they are!"

The holidays are quickly approaching. Although this is a joyous time of year for some people, it is a time of sadness for those that are sick, old and in need. Don't think that just because you are a teenager, there is nothing you can do to help. No matter who you are, how old you are or what your financial status is, you can do something. Here are a few ideas to get you started - see if you can think of some others and then write and share them with us.

Ask your pastor for a list of the elderly in your church - make some cookies and go and visit them. Talk with them and read to them for a while. You will give them a gift that money cannot buy. Collect canned goods and take it to a local community agency that gives to the poor. Ask your pastor or youth group leader to set a time when your youth group can go caroling. Get together before and bake a batch of cookies (or ask the mothers to bake the cookies) and then go to a nursing home, jail, children's home, etc., to sing and give out the cookies.

There are a lot of homeless people, people without coats, shoes, etc. Ask those in your church that have nice clothes, shoes, gloves, hats, etc., that they can no longer use to donate them. Clean them up real good and then distribute them to those in need. See how many notes you can write different people, letting them know how much you appreciate them. Everyone has something good about them that deserves a compliment. Smile! Have you ever noticed how good you feel when someone smiles at you?

See how many things you can think of that you can do and then send us your list.

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### JEFFERSONVILLE CHURCH YOUTH NEWS

The Jeffersonville church has been richly blessed by some wonderful Youth Dept. leaders - **BRO. AND SIS. COLIN LANGLEY!!!** Every other weekend Bro. and Sis. Langley, along with all of their helpers, take the youth on some type of outing or they host a function in the church fellowship hall.

It is such fun to get together and go ice-skating, go to a museum, the Louisville Zoo, the list goes on and on. We all know that Bro. and Sis. Langley work hard through the week and they relish their weekends so we especially appreciate them giving up their time to help the young people. They are super!

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Be sure to watch the date below your name on the envelope your newsletter arrives in. That is the date that your subscription will expire. Don't miss an issue. Send your renewal in on time!

Also, be sure you give us your change of address. We had about six newsletters returned to us last month because subscribers moved and didn't tell us where they were going!

1990  
training Convention

Since many subscribers of this newsletter are teenagers, and we are still in school, we aren't able to go the Training Convention. This year, however, they had a handbook that contained the class outlines and even if you didn't get to go to the classes, it was very informative just to go over the handbook.

Sis. Kelli Rumfola from New York taught craft classes. In one of her classes she gave instructions for making a bird feeder. Now that winter is here we thought you might enjoy making one for your home. Here is what Sis. Rumfola said to do:

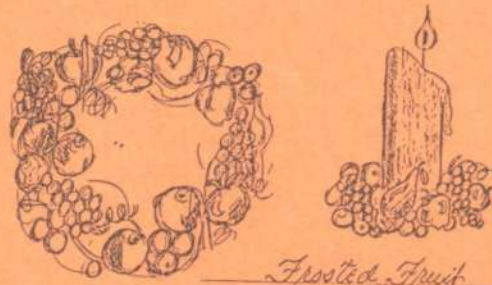
Bird Feeder

You can make a bird feeder from a variety of scrap items.

Cut the bottom of a coat hanger. Insert open ends onto a corn cob. Scoop out a grapefruit. Dry the shell.

Roll a pine cone in peanut butter/seeds. Cut a hole in the lower side of a bleach bottle then glue to an aluminum tin.

Holiday Craft Ideas



Frosted Fruit

FOR A DELIGHTFUL HOLIDAY CANDLE, BEGIN WITH A PURCHASED STYROFOAM WREATH FORM. ATTACH FRUIT OF YOUR CHOICE TO WREATH BASE USING FLORAL PICKS. CRUSH THE FRUIT WITH SLIGHTLY BEATEN EGG WHITE. SPRINKLE WITH GRANULATED SUGAR AND LET AIR DRY 24 HOURS.



Chunky Citrus Candle holder

CUT 1/2 INCH SLICE FROM TOP OF ORANGE. SCOOP OUT INSIDES (MAKE SURE ORANGE PULP IS SCRAPPED FROM ENTIRE INSIDE SURFACE). PLACE A CHUNKY VOTIVE STYLE CANDLE INSIDE ORANGE SHELL FOR A ALLASANT CITRUSY AROMA. MAY BE GROUPED WITH FIR DOUGS IN BASKET.

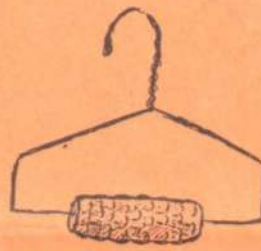
Dry Grass Arrangement

PICK DRY GRASS OR GRASS (WHEAT) STEM IS BRITTLE. CHOOSE A PUMP HANDFUL. SQUEEZE TWENTY AT CUTTER AND SECURE WITH WIRE. FAN GRASS INTO ORB SHAPED WITH BY GENTLY PULLING SIDES APART. DECORATE WITH A COLORFUL RIBBON AND ADD STRAW FLOWERS FOR COLOR.



Delicious Candle Holder

CHOOSE A PUMPkin OR APPLE. HOLLOW OUT A SMALL SECTION AT CORN (APPROX 1/3 OF APPLE). INSERT CANDLE AND FINISH WITH AUTUMN LEAVES FOR A HOLIDAY TOUCH. EYE GREEN OR SPRUCE FOR CHRISTMAS, OR YOUR CHOICE OF FRESH SILKS FOR THAT SPECIAL SPRING FESTIVITY. ADD A SMALL BOW TIE AS YOUR CHOICE.



Bird Feeders

YOU CAN MAKE A BIRD FEEDER FROM A VARIETY OF SCRAP ITEMS.  
1. CUT THE BOTTOM OF A COAT HANGER. INSERT OPEN ENDS ONTO A CORN COB.  
2. SCOOP OUT A GRAPEFRUIT DRY THE SHELL.  
3. ROLL A PINE CONE IN PEANUT BUTTER/SEEDS.  
4. CUT A HOLE IN THE LOWER SIDE OF A BLEACH BOTTLE, THEN GLUE TO AN ALUMINUM TIN.



MAKE NOTE NOW OF THE 1991 CONVENTION DATES

Ministerial Convention - March 5 through 8

July Convention - July 2 through 7

Youth Convention - August 8 through 10

Training Convention - October 15 through 18