

# Issue I *Youth Newsletter*

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### 'PREMIER ISSUE'

by Rev. B. R. Hicks

We are so excited about the first issue of our Christ Gospel Churches Int'l., Inc. Youth Newsletter. This has been a desire of my heart for many years and finally I am seeing it come to fruition. This will be a bi-monthly newsletter for the youth of our organization that will contain lessons pertaining especially to youth, memory work, announcements, quizzes, grooming tips, puzzles, questions, etc.

We will also have a section called, "Aunt Bea." You can send any questions that you have relating to problems in your personal life, dating, etc., to "Aunt Bea" and your questions

will be answered. You need not give your name. You can either give yourself an alias name or we will assign you one.

I realize that many times young people have problems but they don't feel comfortable discussing them with their parents or their pastor. You will now be able to write your problems to "Aunt Bea" without giving your name and can receive help.

If you want to write a question but you do not want your question to appear in the newsletter then say so in your letter. Be sure to give your address and I promise you that your letter will be answered.

If you have Bible questions, questions for "Aunt Bea", a testimony

you wish to share, an announcement to youth you wish to make, or perhaps you do a job that you wish to advertise, send them to:

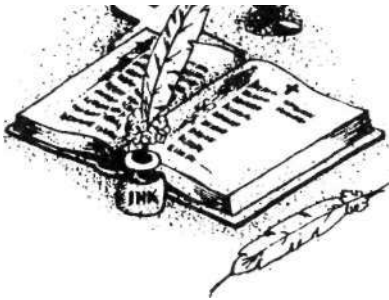
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Our news reporters are: Monica Lindgren, Greta Lindgren and Pernilla Lindgren. These are some of my finest young people on the "home front" who have received a burden from the LORD to assume responsibility to help me create a special newsletter for our youth around the world.

I appreciate the burden and the time that these young people have given to help accomplish this.

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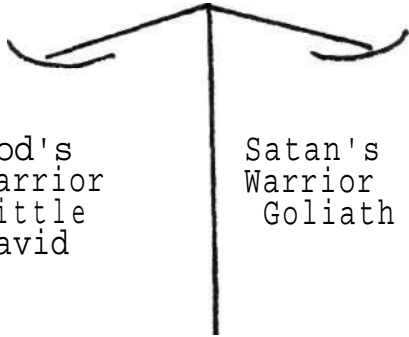




From the desk of ..,  
REV. B. R. HICKS

**"WHOSE WARRIOR  
WILL YOU BE?"**

Let us look at the difference between David, God's warrior, and Satan's warrior, Goliath.



Although David was but a youth, he was a great warrior for God. He had established a great testimony as God's warrior at an early age.

1. **Mighty man of valor** - a man of courage and good conduct.
2. **A man of war** killed a lion and a bear to protect the flock.

3. **Prudent in affairs** - skillful in speech - wrote verses to accompany his music.
4. **Comely person** God's anointing made him to shine with great beauty and comeliness.
5. **The Lord is with him** God's power made him an oracle and a champion in everything he did.

David further proved himself a mighty man of valor and a man of war by killing Goliath, Israel's enemy, and was ultimately exalted to the throne of Israel as her king.

Goliath was also a man of war from his youth up, but he was Satan's warrior.

**'And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he is a man of war from his youth.\***

**I Samuel 17:33**

1. **Champion** - defied armies of the living God.
2. **Uncircumcised Philistine** challenged armies of the living God.
3. **Idolator** - cursed David by his gods.

4. **Bragging false prophet** - prophesied that he would give David's flesh unto the fowls of the air.
5. **Dead champion** killed by David, God's warrior

God's warriors are stronger than Satan's warriors!!!

**WHOSE WARRIOR  
WILL YOU BE???**

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**DISTRICT THREE  
CAMP NEWS**

by Pernilla Lindgren

This year's youth camp was filled with misery, fun and the unexpected. But it will always be remembered by some things like . . . . taking ice cold showers in algae filled bathrooms, getting drenched in the water fights or suddenly turning yellow in the egg toss, or maybe the famous bugs that lived in the hay, or by hazardously entering the totally wrecked cabin number four!!!

Whatever your memories of camp are, hopefully you had a great time meeting new people and learning more about the Lord.

**P.S. From Rev. Hicks...**

We appreciate all of the hard work that the youth leaders did to make the youth camp possible. We extend a big thank-you and hand-clap to Reverends Don and Christine Townsend for all of their work in organizing the camp and making it possible.

Thank you also to Reverend Gerald Huntington who ministered in the services. I've had many letters from young people that attended the camp, telling me that their lives were changed as a result of it and they are looking forward to next year.

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**CONGRATULATIONS  
1987 GRADUATES!**

by Pernilla Lindgren

Congratulations to all of our 1987 graduates. Rev. Hicks hosted a banquet for all of the graduates from the Jeffersonville church in June.

Congratulations for a job well done!!!

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**Dear Aunt Bea:**

My parents have always seemed pretty fair but some of the rules I had when I was younger, my sister either doesn't have or they are not enforced. I resent this. I feel my parents were not fair to me in making the rules but why the sudden change for my sister?

Should I say something to my parents about this? My sister is not as out-going as I am so my parents seem to feel sorry for her more. Please help me.  
**Signed: Resentful**

**Dear Resentful:**

Resentment is another form of hatred. Repent of your hate. It is not your sister that is bothering you. You are resenting the discipline you were given. Personalities are different therefore a parent can still discipline according to God's Word but not in the exact way.

I am certain you are also grateful for your parent's love for you

to take the time to care what kind of person they desire you to be. Be an example to your sister. You will be a much happier person without resentment. God bless you... you are on your way!

**Dear Aunt Bea:**

**How can you get a guy or girl to like you?  
Signed: Needs a friend**

**Dear Needs a Friend:**

We normally attract those with the same attributes we have. For example, a good Christian boy or girl with high morals will also want a boy or girl with high morals. I'll give you eight good reasons why:

1. Don't let your desire for a boyfriend or girlfriend be first. If you do your life will be out of order from the very beginning.

Here is a never fail promise you can hang on to no matter what. Mark it in your Bible. It is found in Matthew 6:33. Many young people miss it by refusing to take God's way. They take their own way and suffer greatly out of the will of God.



**Don't** let down on your personal appearance. Stay neat, clean and attractive.

**Don't** date just anybody because you are wanting to impress your friends and prove you can date too. It is better to say **NO** and wait because **GOD'S BEST IS WORTH WAITING FOR.** Let your choices weigh up to God's Word.

**Don't** be over anxious just because you are a certain age. God is not a liar. If you are faithful to serve Him He will answer your prayers exactly on time. **Smart people make smart choices.**

**Don't** try to be like the crowd. You can't see what is going on in the inside of a person's heart. Only God can. Even though someone looks like they have everything you want, you don't see what is on down the road for them. Everyone reaps what they sow. If that romance appears great without God, it is deceit. Absolutely no human being is happy without God at the center. You be the good example and you

will stand tall above the crowd.

6. **Don't** worry about what everyone else is doing. Number doesn't mean right. Your Bible tells you the road to destruction and wrong is travelled by many. It takes a strong person to stand for something. Be one of those chosen few.

7. **Don't** settle for less than God's best. He died at Calvary to give it to you.

8. **Don't** give up depending on God. He has never let anyone down and you are number one on His list! He loves you.!

Happy Future  
In Him!!!

**Dear Aunt Bea:**

**If a friend asks for a ride and it is out of your way, is it proper to ask for gas money?  
Signed: Short of Cash**

Dear Short of Cash:

If this person is a good friend and the rides are often then you should consider mentioning your problem with money. I'm sure they will understand. It is your obligation to bring the problem

out in the open. Most people will appreciate your honesty. Should they be inconsiderate then you will have to ask them to find another ride. (Be kind...you will be blessed because of your good attitude.)



**CHRISTIAN GROOMING**  
by Monica Lindgren

School will be starting all over the nation in a few weeks. That is a difficult time, to say the least, for young people of all ages. Be strong enough to stand as an individual. Don't let your friends try to tempt you to do things that you know you shouldn't do. Be outstanding - you aren't when you join in with the crowd.

Most everyone likes to be noticed and stand out in the crowd. Being separated from the world makes you stand apart from everyone else. You don't have to make a spectacle of yourself but be neat and clean in your appearance at all times.

Don't just be neat when you go to church or someplace else special. Be a testimony with your appearance wherever you go.

Keep your hair neat and clean at all times. Wear perfume or cologne and bathe regularly. When you don't take care of your appearance your testimony does not sound as loudly to those around you. They will listen more to what you have to say if you are well groomed.

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### PEN PALS ANYONE?

by Monica Lindgren

Would you like to have a pen-pal that is close to your age? Or would you like to have a "Secret Pal?" If so, write to the Youth Newsletter and let us know. Let us know and we will send you a form to fill out and then assign you a pen-pal or secret-pal. Send your letter to the Youth Newsletter.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

by Greta Lindgren

If you have a prayer request that you would

like for the Jeffersonville youth prayer group, "Jacob's Warriors", to pray about, please send your request to the Youth Newsletter. Our prayer group meets every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. under the leadership of Sister Shirley Woods.

Sister Woods is a great prayer leader. Not only does she lead us in prayer but she is teaching us the power there is in prayer. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful youth prayer leader.

Don't forget to write and let us know when your prayers have been answered so we can share it in a "Praise Report" that will be featured in the newsletter also.

Please help us pray for the following needs:

Rev. B. R. Hicks  
Teresa Manecke  
Sister Shirley Woods  
Our church leaders  
All of the youth

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### THE EVOLUTION BOOK

by Monica Lindgren

Guess what!!!!....the Evolution Book is finally nearing completion! I can't wait to make a gift of

this book to my science and biology teachers. Every one of us should read it from cover to cover just as soon as it is available. I don't know about you but when we came to the study of the origin of species in my science class in the 8th grade, I went through quite a bit of confusion wondering what to believe. I knew the truth, having been born and raised in the Crucified Way, but my teacher presented the other side so strongly, and actually came out and made fun of anyone that would believe in creation, and I began to wonder what was really the truth.

After the teacher showed a film in class that started out with the narrator reading the first chapter of Genesis and then going on to criticize anyone that believed the theory of creation, my parents contacted the superintendent of schools and the principal and eventually the film had to be edited so that both sides were presented but no one side was criticized.

I'm grateful for a pastor that is taking the time to write what I know is a powerful book that will help us young people to have the knowledge to stand up for the truth.

Remember In Your Prayers:

As soon as the book is available we will let you know so we can deluge the press department with orders!

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**NATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTORS**

by Greta Lindgren

We are so excited to have Reverends Chris and Julia Harstrom as the National Youth Directors. They have some exciting things planned for our youth department. (Even a watermelon seed-spitting contest!)

There are now plenty of seats in the section in the Jeffersonville church designated for youth and there are youth leaders sitting throughout the section.

I'm so thankful that Sister Hicks cares enough to take time to do all that she has done for the youth department. She corrects us when we need it and gives us guidance so we do what is right. It is

obvious that she loves us very much for her to take so much time for us.

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**SCRIPTURE FOR MEMORIZATION**

by Pernilla Lindgren

Print this scripture on a 3 x 5 card and carry it with you. Like Reverend LeRoy Beatty says, if you memorize the Word, you can read your Bible no matter where you are even without a light!

'For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.  
Psalm 84:11

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**BIBLE QUESTION**

from Greta Lindgren

'How does nature teach us that it is a shame for a man to have long hair?' (I Cor. 2:14)

The answer to this question is on Tape #220 - question number seven.

When a man wore long hair that was because he was under a Nazarite vow and was willing to wear his hair long. The Bible said it is a shame for a man to have long hair. He wore shame on his head for a season.

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**HOW TO KEEP COOL IN AUGUST**

1. **Refresh** your mind by studying your Bible.
2. Let the **breeze** of the Holy Spirit sweep over you.
3. Take a **plunge** daily in the waters of His Name, Death and Life.
4. Get under the **shower** of blessings (be faithful in church).
5. Take a **drink** from the springs of living water that will quench your thirst forever.
6. **Don't sweat it**, keep calm.
7. If you get a lemon, **make lemonade**.
8. **Break the ice** with someone with whom you've been holding a grudge.
9. Let prayer **break up that frozen anger**.



10, **Splash** in His presence and become a sweet smelling fragrance.

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**GUESS WHAT . . . .**

We're going to have a contest to pick a name for our Youth Newsletter.

See what name you can come up with that would be suitable for a youth newsletter that will be circulated world-wide. The winner will receive a gift.

Put your suggestion, along with your name, address and telephone number, on the form below. The winner, and the new name, will be in the next issue of the Youth Newsletter!

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE...**  
by Monica, Greta & Pernilla



Rev. Hicks will celebrate her 69th birthday on the 28th of August. Let's all pick up our pen and paper (or cards) and let her know how much she means to us. Can you think of any other organization that has a leader who does as much for them as our leader does for us. We can't! She'll never know how much she means to us unless we tell her.

**NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Youth Newsletter will be printed bi-monthly. The cost per issue is twenty-five cents or \$1.00 for a years subscription (six issues).

To subscribe write to the address given on the front page and ask for a Youth Letter Subscription Form. We look forward to hearing from you.



**YOUTH NEWSLETTER 'NEW-NAME' CONTEST**

Suggested New Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

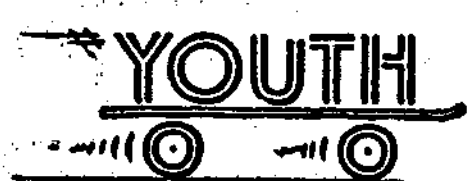
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Pastor's name: \_\_\_\_\_





### Children and Their Changing Attitude Toward Their Parents

Every parent realizes that children go through different stages in their attitude toward Mom and Dad, as represented by the statements below:

Age 4: "My parents can do anything."

Age 8: "There might be *one* or *two* things they don't know."

Age 12 "Naturally, my parents don't understand."

Age 14: "I never realized how hopelessly old fashioned they are!"

Age 21 "You would expect them to feel that way. They're out-of-date."

Age 25: "They come up with a good idea now and then."

Age 30: "I wonder what Mom and Dad think I should do."

Age 40 "Let's be patient until we discuss it with our parents."

Age 50: "What would Mom or Dad have thought about it?"

Age 60: "I wish I could talk it over with them one more time."



TALK ABOUT SMART—HE EVEN KNOWS WHERE TO FIND ZEPHANIAH IN THE BIBLE.