



# Issue 3 **Christ For Youth** **Newsletter**

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ISSUE III

**Greetings from Rev. Hicks**

Happy New Year!!

It has been a great joy and a wonderful blessing to me to receive all of your inspiring letters through the year. Keep those beautiful letters coming. I love you and I love hearing from you!

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**A n o t h e r  
S e a s o n  
O f F u n !**



**From the Desk of:**

**REV. B. R. HICKS**

Since we are entering a new year, let us examine the new things that God desires to do for us in the coming year.

The word **new** signifies something that has been recently produced or brought into existence; something that has been renovated, repaired or reinvigorated, so as to return to its original state. **New** means also to be restored to its original freshness.

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God desires to give us a new heart and a new spirit and a new song for the new year.

**A. New Heart & Spirit;**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Psalm 51:10**

The Psalmist desires for us to repent fully so he can give us a clean heart and a renewed spirit which will reject every debased thought and desire and which will stand firm in the midst of every temptation.

The Hebrew root word for new is "Khaw-Dash", meaning to be new; to rebuild; to renew; repair; to be bright; fresh; to be polished; to restore; to be sharp.

The reward of total repentance is that God gives us a new heart and a new spirit. When God sees a heart and spirit struggling to repent and to attain to purification. He gives them His Divine assistance. God's new creation in one's heart and spirit fortifies them against future sins. If your heart and spirit is pure, your entire body will be pure and holy for the LORD.

Remember, true repentance brings a new creation in your heart and spirit which totally divorces you from the sins and errors of your past. A new spirit gives you understanding of God's ways and equips you to communicate His precious truth to others. A new heart is receptive to all that is good and true; a new spirit is unerringly capable of discerning what is good and true. A new heart and a new spirit gives the human will the moral fortitude to choose the good and to reject the evil. The wonderful power of God's mercy and grace creates a clean, new heart, and a pure, right spirit for one who repents of his past sins, errors, and wrongs, and returns to God. Therefore, let us repent of all our wrongs so we can begin 1988 with a new heart and a new spirit.

God not only deserves to be praised for His past Mercies and Grace to us, but He also deserves to be praised with a new song for His fresh, present manifestations of Mercy and Grace to us.

### **B. New Songs:**

**Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.  
Psalm 33:3**

The Psalmist commands us to compose new songs of praise to God for His new Mercies and new Grace unto us.

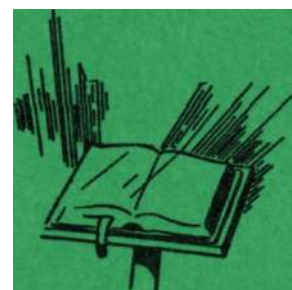
God desires that we sing new songs of praise to Him for His new Divine ruling hand in our daily affairs of life. Hence, let us sing new songs to His Divine Sovereignty and to His Gracious hand that is ever leading, guiding and redeeming us until we experience His ultimate redemption in the City. It is easy for one to sing a new song when one's heart and one's new spirit experiences deep, inner emotions of gratitude and a high awareness of the greatness of the LORD's Holy Name. Thus, our emotions can only find proper expressions in a new song of humble homage to the LORD's Holy Name and to His great power.



**And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.**

**Psalm 40:3**

When we consider our privation, perils and insecurities of life, and God's deliverances from them, we are filled with new songs of praise to God's saving power. God's Spirit put a new song in the penitent heart and spirit that has experienced the LORD's radiant greatness in deliverance and salvation from the pit and miry clay of sin.



This new song declares praise and gratitude to God for the very sufferings that His righteous hand has meted out to us in order to discipline us, restrain us and to train us in the way in which we should go. This new song declares that all of God's deeds of chastening to us are indeed acts of His loving kindness, for the purpose of helping us to attain a happier future in our lives.

**O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.**  
Psalm 96:1

Every fresh act of forgiveness and deliverance from God merits a new song of gratitude and thanksgiving to Him. When we return from our wanderings and exiles in the land of disobedience, we need a new fresh song to proclaim God's greatness for His new forgiveness and deliverance.

**O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.**  
Psalm 98:1

When we have won victories over the world, the flesh, and the Devil, by God's Right Hand and Holy Arm, we need a new song of praise and thanksgiving with which to honor and glorify the LORD's Holy Name. God employs His Mighty Hand and Holy Arm to crush all His enemies and to cast them down in order to advance His Kingdom in the world and His moral good in the hearts of mankind.

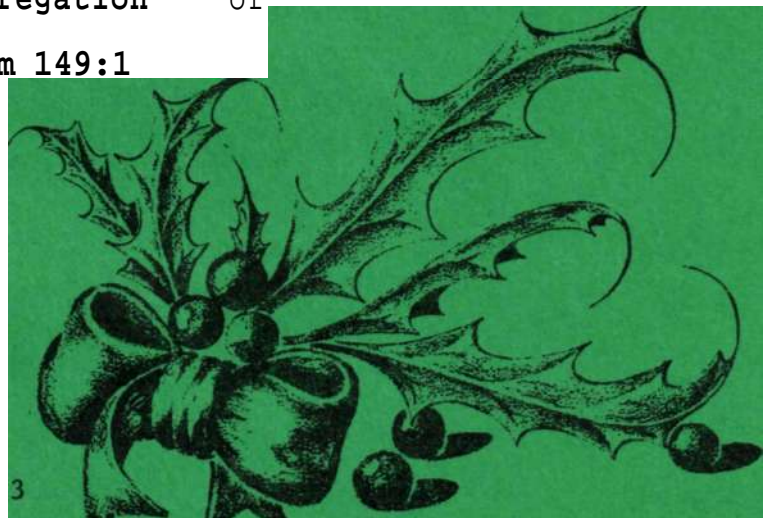
**I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.**  
Psalm 144:9

New triumphs by God in our lives necessitates fresh new songs of praise and thanksgiving to Him. When God triumphs over the perfidious foes in our flesh, it is time to sing fresh, new triumphant praises and thanksgiving to Him.

**Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.**  
Psalm 149:1

When God gives victory over opposing spirits in His house that have schemed to thwart God's Word going forth to the congregation of saints, it is time for God's people to sing new, triumphant songs to the LORD's Holy Name. As we stride forward in our spiritual education and more development in this world, we have constant changing experiences. Therefore, we need new songs in order to give new praise and thanksgiving to our LORD. Hence, it is our prized privilege, as genuine devotees to God, to gratefully declare His praises with new songs of gratitude in union with His congregation of saints.

Young people, you have special possessions that we older people do not have. You have a youthful vim, vigor and vitality that God uses in a special way in the congregation of the Saints. Therefore, let God give you a new heart and a new spirit, through total repentance so you will be able to join in new songs of triumph all through the new year.



I love you and I am praying for you because I want you to be in the New City with God and the Lamb and me.

Remember, we must learn to sing new songs here since we will be singing new songs in the New City throughout eternity.

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## CHRISTMAS

by Monica Lindgren

There are many ways we can make the Christmas Season what it should be but the number one way is to express the love of Jesus through our actions. Here are just a few ideas that you can use to make the holiday season special for someone else.

Buy a small plant that can be easily cared for for someone. Decorate it with a big plaid bow.

Send a card with a short message for someone who would least expect it. This is sure to bring a smile and maybe even tears of joy!

Check up on someone who is sick or lonely with a phone call or a short visit. If you decide to visit you must not go empty handed. Read on....

Bake something for someone. Be sure to find out if they are on a special diet first. If you can't find this out, baked goods are always appreciated because of the effort.

5. Visit a retirement home or convalescent center. You may make some very special friends from whom you can learn quite a bit. There are soooooo many lonely but wise people in these places just waiting for a friend!

6, Smile and say hello to someone who looks down or anyone for that matter. A smile can sure make someone's day.

7, Let someone you seem to take for granted know how much you appreciate them by writing them a thank-you note. (How long has it been since you told your parents how much they mean to you?)

8. Drop some money, such as a quarter or even a dollar, on the ground just for the joy of knowing it will really make someone's day when they find it.

9. Buy a gift for someone who is lonely and may seldom receive one.



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10. Pray for someone.  
We all need prayer  
more than anything I

Christmas should not  
only be celebrated on  
the 25th of December but  
it should go on in your  
heart all year long.  
Think of someone else  
and you will be  
blessed. What is  
Christmas about anyway?  
Isn't giving the theme  
of Christmas?

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**NEWS  
FROM THE FT. MYERS, FL  
CHURCH**

by Kim Battles

Lots of exciting things  
have been going on in  
Ft. Myers. Bro. and  
Sis. Radford have been  
preaching from the July  
Convention.

There have been three  
new additions to our  
church; Stephanie Anne  
Ghoal, born to Beth and  
Bernie Goal; Racheal  
Lynn LaCoste, born to  
Tom and Glinney LaCoste;  
and the newest member is  
Jessica Lynn Radford,  
born to Bro. and Sis.  
Radford.

Please pray for our  
Sunday School rooms. We  
can make it if we all  
jump in and pray!

Thank you.

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TEEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Don't let your  
parents down;  
they brought you up.
2. Choose your  
companions with  
care;  
you become what they  
are.
3. Be master of your  
habits  
or they will roaster  
you.
4. Treasure your time;  
don't spend it;  
invest it.
5. Stand for something  
or you'll fall for  
anything.
6. Select only a date  
who would make a  
good mate.
7. See what you can do  
for others;  
not what they can do  
for you.
8. Guard your thoughts;  
what you think, you  
are.
9. Don't fill up on  
this world's crumbs;  
feed your soul on  
the Living Bread.
10. Give your all to  
Christ;  
He gave His all for  
you.

(Taken from Faith Prayer  
& Tract League tract)

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DEAR AUNT BEA.....

A couple of years ago I  
dated a boy and stopped  
dating him after four.  
The reason was I was  
afraid if he found out  
certain things about my  
past he wouldn't like  
me. Now we are dating  
again and I have the  
same fear. Also, when I  
am with him mostly what  
he thinks about is  
kissing so I can't wait  
to get home, then when I  
am away from him I can't  
wait to see him again.  
Can you help me define  
this confusion?  
Signed: Confused

Dear Confused:

I am answering  
concerning your fear of  
someone finding out your  
past. This is the  
devil's delight to first  
draw us into sin and  
then torment us over the  
guilt. We DO NOT have  
to go around fearing our  
pasts. After we have  
repented and been washed  
in the Blood of Jesus  
our pasts are put into  
the . Sea of  
Forgetfulness.



I can see you have wisdom in right and wrong. If all this boy wants to do is kiss, he is thinking of his own desires and has no respect for your character. Take your stand for God's Word.

**DON'T GIVE IN** - you will be blessed and God will see to it you have His best. God is pleased that you want what is right.

Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:

I promised a guy I would go out with him after church one night, never thinking that someone who I really liked might ask too. He did ask and I forgot about my previous plans. I don't want to miss this chance but I don't want to hurt the other guy's feelings. What should I do?

Signed: In Trouble

Dear In Trouble:

Sincerity is a great attribute of a Christian. When we are sincere we have the opportunity to go before our LORD in prayer and ask for His wisdom in our circumstances.

Be true to your God and be true to your word. Explain to the second caller the situation you created for yourself. It doesn't mean your first date has to be

lengthy. Your date will appreciate your feelings and understand if you will be honest with him. He will still be there if he is in God's plan for you. God bless you.

Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:

I am very overweight. I have tried many diets and different exercises but nothings seems to help. Could you please give me a solution to my problem?

Signed: Age 16, Size 16

Dear Overweight:

Take an honest look at who you are. You are not a failure. You must see yourself as God sees you. He says you are an overcomer and you are precious in His sight. (Isaiah 43)

Ask God to forgive you of your hatred over being overweight. Search your motives before God. Take one day at a time...with Thanksgiving...no matter how slow the process. He is interested in our health for we are His temple. Start speaking the truth. For example, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," .... I not only can, I will! You will make it. God bless you.

Signed: Aunt Bea



**MOM'S CHOCOLATE SHEET CAKE**

by Donna Brown  
Ft. Myers, Florida

2 cps. sugar  
2 cps. flour  
1 stick margarine  
1/2 cp. shortening  
4 tblsp. cocoa  
1 cp. water  
1/2 cp. buttermilk  
2 eggs beaten  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. vanilla

Sift all dry ingredients except cocoa together in a bowl. In a saucepan combine margarine, shortening, cocoa and water. Heat, stirring until mixture reaches a boil. Add to dry ingredients and stir. Add buttermilk, eggs and vanilla. Bake 20 to 25 minutes at 350 degrees in a greased and floured cookie sheet pan.



Chocolate Icing For Sheet Cake

- 1 stick butter
- 4 tblsp. cocoa
- 6 tblsp. milk
- L box powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Melt butter with cocoa and milk; bring mixture to boil; add powdered sugar and vanilla. Put on cake while hot.

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**Grooming Tips**

**YOUR NAILS OR WHAT MIGHT BE LEFT OF THEM!**  
by Newsletter Staff



Have you ever wondered why suddenly someone will look at you and then turn away? You would probably check to see if your slip is showing or if your shirt is hanging out. But sometimes people get turned off by your nails. **YOUR NAILS???** Yes!



To look down and see a guy with long finger nails and with a collection of dirt underneath them would turn anyone off. On the other hand, if a guy looks down and sees ragged, chipped and terribly uneven nails on a girl's hand, he definitely would not be impressed. But sometimes even worse is to find no nails at all or just little stubs left of some.

One main guideline to use is - cleanliness. People always can tell if your nails are dirty or clean, even at a glance. But for girls that have long nails, try to keep them basically the same length and all filed in the same shape.

Guys should always remember to keep their nails short. And for you who have no nails at all; you can break your awful habit of biting them. Every time you start to chomp down on them, yank your hand away. Even if you have to cover your nails with mustard, band-aids, hot sauce or pepper, make sure your hand stays out of your mouth.

So next time someone turns away from you, check your nails. That might be the reason!

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... did you forget to send us your change of address? Some Christ For Youth Newsletters have been returned but we have no new addresses!



**A TESTIMONY**

A Sophmore

Dear Sis. Hicks:

I'm very grateful for the newsletter that you and everybody else has taken time out of their busy schedule to put together for us young people. I just have a short testimony I would like to share with everybody that gets the newsletter.

I am a sophmore (10th grade) and last year and every year before that I've been having trouble in school. Well last year it got so bad that towards the end I quit. I knew I could not stay out of school and I didn't want to. I wanted that diploma so I talked with my pastors and I also prayed about it. I got a job so the Lord, raised up a way for me to go to a Christian School this year. I am doing a whole lot better. I'm going to get that diploma!

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Never stop praying  
and you'll stand tall.  
You'll go from victory  
to victory,  
because on His Name  
you did call!

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### Time With Him

#### MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 119:133

"Order my steps in thy word:  
and let not any iniquity  
have dominion over me."

Memorize His Word. That way  
no matter where you are you  
can read it!

### WHEN TO PRAY

by Shirley Woods

Pray when you're cold,  
pray when you're hot.  
Pray when you're  
worried,  
pray when you're not.

Pray when you're up,  
pray when you're down.  
Pray for those close,  
and those all around.

Pray in the day,  
and pray in the night.  
Pray until things  
come out alright.

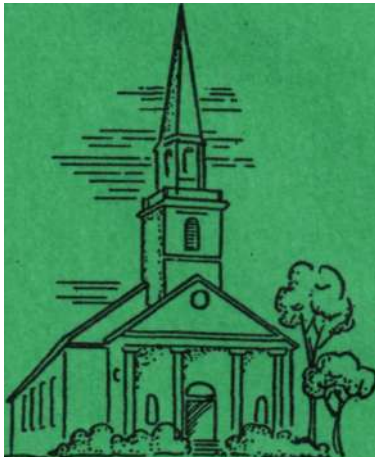
Pray when you feel it,  
pray when you don't.  
You can be faithful  
when others won't.

Pray when you're weak,  
pray when you're  
strong.

Pray when you're right,  
pray when you're wrong.

Pray when you're well,  
pray when you're ill.  
Pray with a motive,  
to do God's will.

And after you've prayed  
and given Him your  
best,  
Jesus will bless you,  
with His peace and  
rest.



We sure enjoy the  
letters we're receiving  
from some of you but I  
wish more would write.

Several of you have  
written requesting  
pen-pals or secret  
pals. Continue to write  
and let us hear from  
you. Let us know what  
your youth groups are  
doing so we can share  
news from you in the  
Christ For Youth  
Newsletter.

In the coming weeks we  
are going to be  
establishing our  
calendar for 1988 and we  
will be setting the date  
for the Youth  
Convention. Begin  
making plans now for  
your youth group to  
attend. The LORD has  
some special things in  
store for us and you  
will not want to miss  
it.

I love and appreciate  
you and I'm praying for  
you. You can make it!!!

