

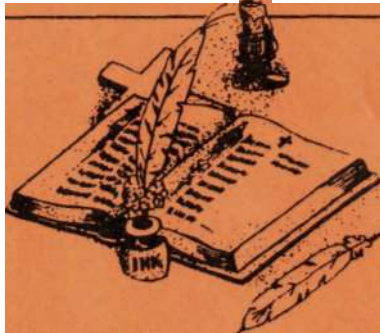
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From the desk of...
REV. B. R. HICKS

The response from the first issue of the Youth Newsletter has been tremendous! So many of our youth, youth leaders, pastors, etc., have expressed to me their gratitude for this newsletter that is printed bi-monthly especially for youth.

Continue to write me and share your testimonies, letting me know what this newsletter means to you. Gathering news, typing it, writing lessons, layout, etc., requires many hours of work for many people and it is a blessing to us here on the homefront when we see the fruits of these labors.



Obedience to the LORD brings pleasure and pain.

When one separates one's self unto the LORD, one can expect to find both pleasure and pain.

PAUL
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of God

PLEASURE

- 1-Spiritual Children
- 2-Blessed Churches

PAIN

- 6-Beaten for Christ's Power &

- 3-Controlled Gospel by Holy Ghost Sake
- 4-Led by Holy Ghost
- 5-Deliverance of Demon Possessed Girl Sake
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- 9-Great Earthquake
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- 12-Freedom

In the 16th chapter of Acts, we see twelve things that happened to Paul and Silas as they served the LORD. Ten of these experiences were pleasurable and two were painful. Therefore, this teaches us to honestly count our pleasures over against our pains as Christians, and we will always find the pain is not worthy to be compared to the pleasure.

The 16th chapter of Acts begins with Paul and Silas at Derbe and Lystra in Timotheus or Timothy's home. God gave Timothy to the Apostle Paul for his beloved son in the gospel and as his fellow-labourer in the gospel.

After Paul, Silas and Timothy visited the churches, establishing them in the faith and increasing their number of converts to the Gospel of Christ, Paul and his fellow companions were blessed by the governance of the Holy Ghost, who forbade them to preach in Asia and Bithynia. The LORD had a master plan and a purposive will for Paul, Silas and Timothy, therefore, He led them by His Spirit to Philippi, Macedonia to a certain river, where Paul preached the gospel to the women of the city. It was here that Lydia, a prominent lady, was saved along with her household, and became hostess to Paul's evangelistic party.

It was here that Paul cast the soothsaying demon out of a girl. This gives us the first five pleasurable blessings that Paul, Silas and Timothy experienced before they were

introduced to pain in Acts the 16th chapter.

When the masters of the girl, who had had the spirit of divination, saw that their hope for gains was gone, they saw to it that Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown in prison for the power of the gospel's sake and for the truth's sake.

But their bleeding wounds and their painful shackles could not hinder them from the pleasure of enjoying praying to God and singing praises to His Name. Their prayers and praises were so loud that God heard them and blessed them with a great earthquake.

Because of the earthquake, Paul and Silas had the pleasure of preaching the gospel to the jailer and to the whole prison. The jailer and all the prisoners were saved. Then Paul and Silas had the pleasure of rejoicing with the new converts.

Last, after Paul and Silas had fulfilled God's purposive will in the prison, God performed another miracle, causing Paul and Silas to be set free.

Now the moral of the whole 16th chapter teaches us that God has souls for us to reach both through pleasure and pain. Paul and Silas reached Timothy, Lydia and many others on the pleasure side of the scales, and they reached the Phillipian jailer and prisoners on the pain side of the scales.

If we are not willing to be separated to God and His will, and to suffer for His Name's sake, we will miss many golden opportunities to win souls for the LORD.

Young people, count your pleasurable experiences from Jesus and see if they do not out number your painful ones!!!



LIGHTS OUT!

Check to see if you are plugged in!

I've never seen a rainbow,
...til after the rain.
I'd never know His healing power,
...til after the pain.

I've never seen the sunrise,
...til after the night.

We will never know the victory,
...til after the fight!

DISTRICT SEVEN
YOUTH RETREAT

by Tammy Oglesby
Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

The 1987 Youth Retreat in Bradenton, Florida, was an exciting experience that the teens of district seven will never forget. It was a time of fun and fellowship. Many of the teens also got a chance to challenge each other in their favorite sport.

Before I begin telling about the building where we stayed, I'd like to give special thanks to God for allowing me to go because I wasn't sure I would make it. Then special thanks to Reverends Robert and Gloria Jones, Reverends James and Joyce Allen, and all of the chaperones for their help.

The youth lodged in the Christian Manor for the days they were there. It was a beautiful place. The landscaping and all of the decorations made it a pleasant place to stay. I think the animals especially make the outdoors a fun place to be. The squirrels scampered up the trees and darted bravely across the parking lot. Another animal I know most of all we'll never forget is the peacock. Its cry could be heard wherever you might be in the retreat. There also was a parrot in the lobby which squalled most of the time.

The managers and staff were pleasant people who had a lot of patience. They always had a smile and asked us how we were enjoying ourselves so far. Many of us remember the kind gentleman who went around taking pictures of our services in the Joy Room, our activities and even when we were just taking a short walk. I know that some of the workers thought we were crazy (our services being so lively) but many of them came up to join us and found themselves acting just as wild as we.

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For recreation many teens played UNO in the lobby while others played basketball. We also took part in games of tennis, volleyball, kickball, and most of the teens and a few of the chaperones raced.

Bro. and Sis. Jones, Bro. and Sis. Allen and the chaperones held classes for the teens in which many of us got a chance to open up the things that were bottled up inside of us. Sis. Jones, Sis. Allen and the female chaperones conducted a charm class everyday to help the female teens to do all things to the glory of God. Bro. Jones, Bro. Allen and the male chaperones conducted man-to-man discussions for the male teens which they enjoyed and I'm sure it helped them a lot.

Many of us enjoyed the three movies we viewed. The first, "Sudden Death", taught us that even though we may not understand what God has in mind when He brings tragic circumstances, He still has a reason and will still receive the glory to His Name.

The second film, "Highpoint", had basically the same moral as the first. For including Biblical concepts in his medical report on the brain, a man received an F and lost his medical scholarship, but he had a chance to read it to two of his fellow classmates and won two souls for the LORD.

The last movie, "Mud, Sweat and Cheers", taught us that when you want to do something for the LORD you will always have temptations and desires that will try to pull you back. You may have to leave loved ones behind but you must keep pressing on and you will find that the trials only make you stronger.

Now for the most important thing, the Word of God. We gleaned from the Word every night but the principle that stuck out the most is: **Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. God owns you in a two-fold way. Number one; He created us. Number two; He redeemed us by dying for us.** The trick of the devil is to make you think that your body is your own and that you can put in it whatever you want to.



SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Let's all memorize this scripture.

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

Matthew 25:13

1987 YOUTH CONVENTION

by Monica Lindgren

Youth Convention touched my life in a very special way and I'm sure others were changed through the lessons on the yoke too. As teenagers, learning to come under is sometimes very difficult. We often feel that gaining independence means rebelling or going "our way."

For those unable to attend the Youth Convention for one reason or another., convention began Thursday morning with the Acts Quiz finals in which Dallas, Texas and Lafayette, Louisiana became the two national finalists.

Thursday evening the Jeffersonville, Indiana youth band, led by Bro. Don McKay, Jr., played for the service with Rev. Burnie Sanders doing a few numbers and accompanying them.

Rev. Hicks preached on backsliding and pulling away from the yoke. (If you were not there get the notes. It is too powerful to miss!) The service was followed by an altar call.

In the Friday morning service, Rev. Burnie Sanders preached on demonstrating and keeping the excitement in your walk with Christ. Exciting!!!

Friday evening was open to adults from the home church too since it was a regular service night. The sermon was given by Rev. Delbert Brooks who continued Rev. Hicks' lesson on the yoke. He told some great stories too.



Saturday afternoon there was a picnic on the grounds with volleyball games and croquet. The picnic was followed by the film series, "Twice Pardoned", the testimony of ex-convict

Harold Morris. It was truly a tear jerker.

Saturday evening was the last service and it was powerful too. There was the Acts Quiz final in which Lafayette, Louisiana won. The awards were given out in the beginning of the service. Rev. Hicks then taught more on the yoke. **IT WAS FABULOUS!**

I appreciate the great sacrifice Rev. Hicks made to preach the Thursday and Saturday evening services. If you were touched, why not let Rev. Hicks know by writing her a note, expressing your gratitude for her.



**LETTERS, LETTERS,
LETTERS.....**

Following are a few excerpts from some of the letters that Rev. Hicks has already received from young people that attended the Youth Convention. If you weren't able to come this year, talk to your pastor now so you can make plans early to begin fund raising so the youth from your church can attend the 1988 Youth Convention.

"I was touched by the Youth Convention that was recently held. I learned some powerful truths and I hope to be able to apply these to my daily life. I realize that knowledge (theory) alone cannot accomplish much unless something is done with it."

T. B.
Eden, New York

"I want to say thanks for your message on lawlessness you shared with us youth at the Youth Convention. I was blessed. It showed me how much more I should humble myself and obey my elders even more."

P. B.
West Seneca, New York

"The convention touched me very much; the music, the Word, etc. I loved the demonstration and the lessons on lawlessness and about the yoke."

J. K.
Buffalo, New York

"I felt that this convention was for me and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart that you preached on lawlessness. It has taught me a lot and I don't want to pull the shoulder away anymore."

J. M.
Buffalo, New York

"Thank you very much for being with us to preach Youth Convention. I learned a lot about lawlessness and how I need to put my head under the yoke with Jesus."

T. T.
Jeffersonville, Ind.

"I just want to tell you how much I appreciate you for the Word you gave in this Youth Convention. I really enjoyed it and my life was really changed. Now I want to surrender and put my neck in the yoke and let the LORD lead me in His Master Plan for my life."

J. R.
Morgan City, LA

"Just wanted to drop a line your way to thank you for Youth Convention! You preached that message straight to me JUST in time. It really touched my life! I saw myself so clear, Talk about pulling our shoulder back and hardening our neck. I'm so excited about this and I hope that you will continue to teach on lawlessness at the next Youth Convention."

K. C.
Youngsville, LA



"One of the main things I learned at Youth Convention was that God does not force us into the yoke. It has to be our choice and we must be willing to come under the yoke. After we are in the yoke we must still choose to stay in the yoke and not stiffen our neck."

J. B.
Richmond, Texas

"I wanted to thank you for a very powerful convention. I am so grateful that I was able to make it. What meant the most to me was when you taught on Jesus the Judge and Jesus the Doctor, how we have to come before the Judge and let Him tell us all that is wrong then we go and repent and confess these things to the Doctor who can truly heal us."

L. B.
Oklahoma City, OK

"I thank the LORD that He provided a way for our youth group to go to the Youth Convention."

K. W.
Dayton, Virginia

"This Youth Convention on lawlessness really touched me. I learned that you always have to take the yoke and if

you do the LORD will abide with you."

T. B.
Dayton, Virginia

**SOMETHING
TO THINK ABOUT**
**GOD'S RECIPE FOR
PRAYER**

Take one heart
Fill with repentance
Mix with sincerity
Sift out unbelief
Add your faith
Stir in Word of God

Combine all of the above ingredients with the Blood of Jesus, Fire of the Holy Ghost and Water of His Name, Death and Life.

Boil with fervent desire.

Pour before the Throne of God at 100 degrees of love.

Turn often so all sides of the heart are touched.

If instructions are correctly followed, heart will soften.

Serve hot.

WARNING!!!

If other ingredients are used other than the Word of God, heart will not rise!



**ANNOUNCING..
THE YOUTH NEWSLETTER
NEW NAME CONTEST
WINNER**

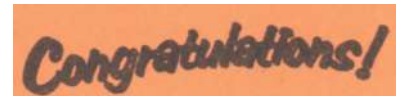
The winner of the Youth Newsletter "New Name" Contest is:

Charles V. Miller
Indianapolis, Indiana

The new name is :

**CHRIST FOR YOUTH
NEWSLETTER**

Charles has received a ten dollar gift certificate from Rev. Hicks, to be redeemed at the Christ Gospel Church press department in Jeffersonville.



DEAR AUNT BEA:

"I need to know how to get over the fear of shyness, and how to get friends.

I need also to know how to become friends with a boy I like.

I would greatly appreciate these three questions being answered."
Signed: Shy

Dear Shy:

1. Shyness is the effect of fear or a shrinking away from something. The Bible tells us that we can conquer every fear by pouring our hearts to our LORD in prayer. Let me give you two special scriptures to help you.

Psalm 34:4 - "I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."

Psalm 105:4 - "Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore."

Spend time in prayer and let the Spirit of God flow through you. This will bring healing to your inner man and you will find yourself having new boldness. He is faithful... and He does answer. You will never be disappointed when you come to Him.

2. Our God told us what we must do to make friends in Proverbs 18:24. "A man that hath friends MUST shew himself friendly..."

Start giving of yourself and be concerned for the needs of others. Don't be self-centered. Learn to talk about things of good report. All people like to be in the presence of those that are encouraging.

3. God has a Master Plan for your life and He always gives the best to those that leave the choice up to Him. When something is His will, He opens the doors and creates the right circumstance to bring it to pass. Don't try to redeem things yourself. Sometimes the answer is no because He wants only the best for us and sees what we don't see.

Above all, keep God number one in your life. Study often Matthew 7:7-11. You will find peace in knowing the nature of your LORD, that if you ask Him... He withholds no good thing from those that serve Him.

Take one day at a time, one step at a time and praise Him for the way things are today.

Dear Aunt Bea:

"I have a big problem. You see I have this guy and he lives in Jefferson-

ville and I live in Dallas. He likes me and I like him. How am I to deal with it? I need your help."
Signed: Needs Help!

Dear Needs Help:

Distance doesn't matter with God. In every battle there is a scripture that will be your sword to win the victory. Yours is Phil. 4:6-7. Say it often. Memorize it and hide it in your heart. Remember, God has a purpose in time. God never, never has broken one of His promises. At times the answer may be delayed for a special reason, or the answer may be no. Don't argue with God. After you have asked for His will...accept the circumstances as part of His plan. Keep your gratitude! He wants to give His children their desires if it is something that will be a blessing to them.

Dear Aunt Bea:

I am writing to say that I would like to be an evangelist for Jesus and I feel a calling in my life to share God's Word. I also am praying for open doors with some that I can share the Bride's Message with. I was looking and trying to

find out how to go about this situation. Then I looked in the Policy Manual and it said you have to be 20 years of age.

What do I do? Can you help me?
Signed: Wants to Share

Dear Wants to Share:

God sends who He calls. He is the only one that knows just how much preparation that we need. Take advantage of every day in seeking His face in prayer and studying His Word. The Bible says, "A wise man will increase his learning." (Proverbs 1:5)

Don't compare yourself with someone else. God prepared our pastor 20 years before she was sent forth, are a testimony Only eternity reveal those you already blessed by your life. He will open the doors and use you without fail. He wants to use you first in the secret place (prayer closet), praying for the lost. The Bible says in Matthew 6:6 that He will reward those that come alone with Him and will reward them OPENLY.



1. Can you name five disciples?
2. Name five of the tribes of Israel.
3. What are the last five books of the Old Testament?
4. Write five of the ten commandments.
5. What are five of the Beatitudes?

PRAYER REQUESTS

by Monica Lindgren

We all need to continue to pray for Teresa Manecke (Jeffersonville, Indiana) and also pray for our leaders. So often we get caught up in our own lives and problems that we forget to pray for others. Remember, it was through praying for others that Peter had his prayers answered.

Teresa is a beautiful person. She is always

finding the good in people and in situations. She would really appreciate your prayers. She has had a kidney transplant and she is doing better but is very weak.

Our leader, Rev. Hicks, goes through soooooo much suffering and so many battles constantly, bringing us the Word. Please pray for her and help her to bear the many burdens by going on for God and holding up the burdens through prayer.

Our other leaders and your pastors need your prayers as well.

As young people, we need to pray for each other too. It isn't easy being a teenager in the 80's and to try to go on for God like we should.

Pray for Matt Sullivan. It isn't easy at all to move away from a church, school and friends that you've grown to love. He could really use your prayers now.

Pray also for:

1. Kim & Krystal Battles
2. Chequita & Shan Battles
3. Lorie & Carla Gibson

Remember In Your Prayers

4. Donna, Junior & George Brown
5. Susan, James & Sharon McCarter
6. Revs. Billy & Linda Radford and the Ft. Myers, FL church
7. Shelly Ferguson

BIBLE QUESTION

by Pernilla Lindgren

Question:

"What scriptures prove that the rapture will take place before the year 2000?"

Answer:

God has set principles of truth in His Word that establish the millennium rest. God has clarified the truth concerning the number seven continually in His Word.

1. Seventh day is a weekly Sabbath. (Genesis 3:2-3; Exodus 16:23-29; Exodus 20:8-11)
2. Seventh month on the tenth day was a month of atonement and Sabbath rest for souls. (Lev. 16:29-31)
3. Seventh year was a year of rest and freedom from indebtedness, from slavery and for the land. (Exodus 21:2; Exodus 23:11)

4. Seventh thousand years is the millennium reign of Christ. (Rev. 20:2-7) When the seventh thousand period of the present world arrives, Christ will take up His millennium reign upon the earth.

From the beginning of this present world to the birth of Christ is 4000 years. From the birth of Christ to the millennium reign will be 2000 years, giving a total of six millennium. Then in the seventh millennium will be Christ's peaceful, sabbatical reign on earth.



A TESTIMONY.

by Kristi Bivens

"The youth have been having some exciting times during our

Jacob's Warrior prayer meetings on Sunday nights. This prayer meeting has done so much for me personally as well as every other young person who attends. It has given me such a boldness and confidence to step out for the LORD. There is now a self assurance that was not there before. It is making everyone so excited that we cannot wait until Sunday just to see what the LORD is going to do next.

It is exciting because it is touching lives. Young people who have never shouted, cried, or travailed before are now shouting, crying and travailing. It is great to see the guys shout so hard and then just fall on their faces crying and screaming to the LORD.

Sis. Shirley Woods has been teaching us on prayer and how to enter in. We as young people are entering into a new place. There is no time for things we used to do; the rock music, movies and different things are now being realized as just temporal things, therefore, we must have separation from them. It does not matter what anyone thinks. It is hard at times but we are pulling through.

We have been so blessed by Sister Hicks taking the time out of her busy schedule to teach us about being a Jacob's Warrior. She told us that Jacob's Warriors, by dancing unto the LORD and by lifting up His Holy Name in prayer, will help to keep her alive in these last days until the LORD is finished with her work here on earth. The youth have both the special spiritual and physical energy that can press on through to the victory. Every time we dance unto the LORD in the Spirit, it is either to impart God's blessing or His judgment.

Spiritual dancing unto the LORD helps to fight against the powers of darkness that are coming against the Message and the LORD's Messenger. So come, young people, let's get behind Sister Hicks and help her in the spiritual fight against the powers of darkness in these last evil days. She has fought for us more than we will ever know. Let Sister Hicks go to the side-line on this one and coach us on what to do. I am ready to sell out and do what I am told to from my coach in order to win the spiritual battle.

If you are going to join let's do it together and give it 110%. Remember, Jesus is coming soon!

I'd like to thank Sister Hicks for spending time with us in order to teach us and to answer our questions. What a privilege.

I'd also like to thank Sis. Woods for leading us to deeper realms of prayer each week. It is her tremendous knowledge of prayer and her powerful ability to lay hold of God that helps us to win in each prayer meeting.



PEN-PALS

We have heard from a few people that want to correspond with pen-pals or secret pals. If you too would like to have one, please write and let us know.



TEEN GROOMING TIP

Cold weather is coming and that means chapped hands. Use a hand lotion frequently throughout the day and always after you wash your hands.

A remedy that is especially effective is to cover your hands with a thin covering of Vaseline or Olive Oil before you go to bed at night. Wrap your hands in plastic (a sandwich bag is good), and then put a pair of socks on them. Your hands will be healed by morning!

Happy Birthday to everyone having a birthday in September and October!!!



**A RECIPE ESPECIALLY
FOR TEENS**

For a quick after school, after service, or anytime sandwich try this:

"Spam Sandwiches"

Ingredients:

- 1 can of Spam**
- 1 cup of grated Cheddar Cheese**
- Margarine**
- Hot Dog Buns**

Turn on your oven broiler.

With a fork, crumble the Spam.

Mix the grated cheddar cheese with the Spam.

Separate the buns.

Lay them open side up on a cookie sheet.

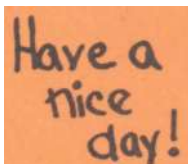
Spread each bun with margarine.

Spread the Spam/cheese mixture on each bun.

Place under the broiler until the cheese melts.

Remove from oven and enjoy with chips and drinks!

Do you have a recipe that other teens would enjoy? If so please share it with us.



**RECENT YOUTH EVENTS
IN JEFFERSONVILLE**

by Greta Lindgren

We've been enjoying many youth activities lately. It has been really fun and exciting being able to look forward all through the week to Christian fellowship every upcoming Saturday.

A few weeks ago the Evansville youth group came up. Rev. Larry Spicer preached and then we had a volleyball game and bonfire. We roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. We all had a great time!

The following Saturday we had another volleyball game and a watermelon seed-spitting contest. There was a winner on the girls side which was Tammy Pascoe, and the winner on the boys side was David Jones. The winning prize was \$10. each

The next Saturday after that we were privileged to have Rev. Ken Matthews from the Tyler, Texas church to come and preach for us. It was really encouraging!

Then a few Saturdays ago we went on a canoe trip all day on Blue River. We had lots of fun!

We owe a special thanks to Bro. Chris and Sis. Julia Harstrom and all of the other youth leaders working with our youth group. They have given us a new desire to live for what we believe and have kept us excited with all of the wonderful activities. Thanks again!

We are so blessed to be balanced in our youth activities. We have lots of prayer and Word and we have lots of fun and games in the natural.

**YOUTH REVIVAL IN
JEFFERSONVILLE**

by Pernilla Lindgren

This year our home church in Jeffersonville, Indiana hosted a youth revival for three nights after the Youth Convention, August the 17th through the 19th, which was a great privilege. Rev. Burnie Sanders was our guest speaker and he preached some great truths for us.

Bro. Sanders' sermons were very powerful and we got so excited over the truths he preached, he would have to stop preaching for a while in order to let us continue shouting.



The one sermon that really stuck with me was, "Standing for the Truth." It made me, and I'm sure everyone else, realize that standing for the truth and for what we believe in isn't just a part-time job. If we are to set a good example in school, at work, or anywhere else, we cannot only believe in the truth but we also have to live by it!

I think the youth revival gave all of us a new desire and determination to be able to stand for what we believe.

We are so thankful that there are pastors that are real with God and who practice what they preach and who take their time to travel around to our churches and help our young people keep going on for God.

From all of us in Jeffersonville - **THANK YOU REV. BURNIE SANDERS!**

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?

by Monica Lindgren

The Youth Newsletter has received a great response. The letters have been pouring in.

Some of the letters have been regarding the "Aunt Bea" column.

As young people we have so many questions and problems we are just learning how to deal with and face up to. In a way, finding the answers to our problems is made difficult because we are Christian teens growing up in an immoral world that is full of people ready to throw us their carnal advice (which can really make everything soooooo confusing!) On the other hand, we know that the answer to every problem lies in the Word and it is just a matter of finding it.

Aunt Bea gives the type of advice needed to walk in the will of the LORD even through your most difficult times. If you are going through something and do not know what to do, please write and ask because someone else may be going through something similar, therefore, you might end up helping them too when they read the answers that you have received.

Remember, your name will not be used and you can even keep your question totally confidential if you wish by not having it published.

Bible questions are welcome too. Often times the Bible can seem way over our heads but asking questions and finding answers can make everything so much clearer.

Even if you do not have a question, it would be very much appreciated if you would write and tell us what you think. Is there something we could do that may make this newsletter more interesting or do you already find it interesting? We would really like to know your opinion. You may even have a testimony that you would like to share.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

