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Greetings **from**
Reverend Hicks,

The secular world has stripped much of the sacredness from the celebration of Christmas. Yet, in spite of all that has been done and is being done to devalue the holiness of this holiday, we Christians still can be grateful for the privilege we have to direct our attention in a special way to our LORD's Birth.

Young people, do not let the world's strong emphasis on superficial, material things detract your attention from the Person of the LORD Jesus Christ. He is the One Who is worthy of all our worship at all seasons of the year, but especially at Christmas.

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

In this issue of Christ for Youth, we want to consider the Saviour's Humility Name and His Exalted Name.

The time, the place, the tidings, and the listeners were all in unison when the announcement of the Manger Name was given.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to

all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this

child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them (Luke 2:8-20).

The Saviour's Humility Name was revealed to the shepherds.

A. The Humility Name

On these same slopes and hillsides, David, a shepherd boy, had fed his father's flocks. And it was from these same hills of humility that David went forth at God's Command, leaving his shepherd's crook and his lowly dress, to partake of the exalted,

royal sceptre of the King and the royal, purple dress of the King.

Likewise, the lowly shepherds left their humble place to proceed to view the Crowned Prince in the Manger of Bethlehem.

It was night, and the sky was clear and cloudless. The sheep slept on the hillside, within the shelter of the fold, under the beauty of the clear, crystal moon.

To this quiet, peaceful scene came the first tidings and Name of the Prince of Peace and His Humility Name. These glorious tidings were not delivered to the busy haunts of men whose nights were filled with the cries of sorrow and whose hearts were filled with agitation and trouble. The tidings came to those peaceful flocks and the souls who were sleeping in the bosom of the voiceless hills.

To this home of peace, with its shaggy woods, grassy vales, and solemn hills, came the Angels with their message of the Prince of Peace and His Humility Name. They did not choose to go to the Temple in Jerusalem (which was so filled with hypocrisy and spiritual pride), and from its lofty pinnacle flash forth their Jasper Humility Glory to a slumbering city. This would not have been in keeping with the Character and Spirit of the Humility King and His Humble Name.

Instead, the first proclamation of the Saviour's Humble Name was made to lowly, obscure men, men without worldly place or power.

This simple proclamation of the Humility King and His Humble Name was a "stone" of Truth cast into the great ocean of time, whose rippling waves have unceasingly widened through the eons of time, to encircle

and include the lowly and humble, giving them an invitation, through the Spirit of God, to also have a look at the Humble Christ in the manger of Bethlehem and to feel and know the Power of His Humility Name.

The pride of man would have judged it an utter waste to brighten the sky with Divine Glory and, from the Mountains of Glory, to pour down Streams of joyous, tumultuous songs just for a few, lowly shepherds.

But God's eyes are ever upon the lowly and humble because He knows they will love and honour and adore His Humility King with His Humble Name.

The lowly shepherds arose to go to the manger in Bethlehem, not because they doubted, but because they believed.

After feasting their eyes and hearts upon the Christ Child, the shepherds made known their experience, first, to Mary, who kept the story and pondered it in her heart, and then to other people who crossed their pathways.

As soon as they found the Humility King and His Humble Name for themselves, they made it known abroad that they had found Him. Then they returned to the place of their work, the place of their first visitation of the Glory and the Word of God. The Humility Power, Glory, and Name of the King had anointed them to return to their flocks and folds, to those vales and hills from which they had come, to tell the glad tidings in the sheepfolds, the market places, and in the shops.

All must know that Christ the Lord, the great High Priest, the Messiah, has come to save all from their sins.

The Humility King always is looking for those who are faithful in their earthly duties. For example:

1. **Moses** found his call as the Lawgiver while watching his father-in-law's flocks.
2. **Gideon** found his call and power to be the captain of the armies of Israel while threshing wheat by the winepress.
3. **Saul** found a kingdom for himself while seeking his father's asses.
4. **David** was chosen to be King by Samuel while he watched his father's flock.
5. **Elisha** was covered with Elijah's mantle while ploughing with his oxen.
6. **Amos** received the gift of prophecy while he was among the herdsmen of Tekoa.
7. **Zacharias** was executing the Priest's office before God when the Angel Gabriel brought him the joyous message of John's birth.
8. **The shepherds** were watching their flocks when they heard the angels shouting for joy over the birth of the Son of God. Yes, the shepherds bowed to worship the Humility Name in the manger.

After that *Manger Name* lived in lowliness, humiliation and obscurity in this world, God exalted the Name.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth; and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11).

The Saviour has an Exalted Name now. In the beginning, His Humility Name was just *Jesus*. Now He has been exalted and has been made *Lord and Christ*. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both *Lord and Christ*" (Acts 2:36). His Exalted Name is the *Lord Jesus Christ*.

B. The Exalted Name

The Name of Jesus was chosen by God and glorified by His Exaltation. No other Name is so Great. No other Name is so Glorious, so Mighty, so Dear, so Precious, so Enduring as the Name of Jesus.

A name is a "call-word" by which we separate objects and give to each its identity. The name of a thing is a symbol of its quality.

There are names to describe lovers, fathers, mothers, children, and friends, but the Name of Jesus is above every other name. The Name of Jesus is above all historical person ages. The sum of their lives is infinitesimally small in comparison to the magnitude of the Life and Name of Jesus.

All the great and mighty and noble saints, of whom the world was not worthy, are dwarfed by the side of the

Name of Jesus. The greatest of philosophers, poets, and scholars are unworthy to be mentioned by the side of the Name of Jesus. There are Judges of justice and Kings and Princes of authority, but none of these names compare to the Splendour, Sweetness, and Power of the Name of Jesus.

All the love and authority of an earthly father is small in comparison to the Name of Jesus. All the indescribable and tender graces which make the name "mother" an earthly, queenly name are dark and obscure in contrast to the Light and Love of the Name of Jesus, which shines brighter than the noonday sun.

The Name of Jesus is more tender in love than any lover ever knew how to be. No love letter was ever written to compare to the Divine Love manifested through the Name of Jesus. The enduring intimacy of exalted love in true wedlock, with the Shekinah Glory resting upon it, lifts the soul up on clouds of glory to the very portals of Heaven. But beyond that bursts forth the spiritual Love of Jesus for His Spiritual Bride which soars higher than the poets can follow or human experience can know apart from the Name of Jesus.

The Name of Jesus is above all of these. He towers above all! His Name JESUS is the Chief among ten thousands; His Name is altogether lovely.

Jesus, the Precious Name, tells us of the greatness of His Nature and Character. Every blessing and influence must come through the Name JESUS. The Exalted Name fills all time and space and eternity. Jesus, the Exalted Name, endures for eternity. Jesus, the Name of musical simplicity, so easy to pronounce, so easy

to remember, so easy to recognize. Jesus, the Exalted Name, is Beautiful! Jesus, the Exalted Name is Mighty! Jesus, the Exalted Name, is Majestic! Jesus, the Exalted Name, is Precious! Whisper His Name and remember Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Calvary, Resurrection Morning.

At the Name of Jesus every knee must bow. His willing and devoted servants do, and will, willingly bow. All others will bow unwillingly.

The Name of Jesus will reign with undisputed sway. Sin will be banished from His dominions. There will be no more contention and strife. There will be no more weakness, sorrow, fear, and death. The Supremacy of the Name of Jesus will be universal. All knees must bow in Heaven, in Earth, and under the Earth and all tongues must universally acknowledge the Precious Name of Jesus.

Yes, Jesus has been exalted as Lord of all to the Glory of God the Father. What a blessed privilege is ours to know the Humility Name and the Exalted Name of God's Only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

1991 Convention Dates

March Convention -
March 19-22, 1991

July Convention -
July 2-7, 1991

Youth Convention -
August 8-10, 1991

Training Convention -
October 15-18, 1991

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!!!

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING IDEAS

Are you living on a tight budget and having trouble coming up with ideas for gift giving? Here are a few ideas that might help you. If you can think of some more, send them to us so we can use them in a future issue of the **Christ For Youth Newsletter**.

1. **Bean Soup Mixture** -

Get different kinds of dried beans about 1/2 cup of each kind. Mix them up good and then put them together in a bag or jar. Tie with a bright colored ribbon and then write out a recipe for Bean Soup on a pretty recipe card. Attach the card to the ribbon and give as a nice gift. This sells for about \$5. in gourmet food stores.

2. **Fruitcake** - There are many good recipes for homemade fruitcake. Wrap it in cellophane and tie with a pretty ribbon. This makes a really nice gift.

Coupons - Give coupons for different jobs you can do for someone. Cleaning house, taking out for lunch or dinner, a backrub, etc., are just a few suggestions. The ideas are endless.

(Don't give a coupon on Christmas Day that expires at midnight that very day. We heard of a girl that gave her mother a coupon for "housecleaning". When her mother asked to redeem the coupon the next day the girl told her mother that it was too late - the coupon expired at midnight the day before!)

The list goes on and on. Be creative. A real gift is one that comes from the heart. It doesn't have to cost a lot of money. Give a gift of yourself.

JEFFERSONVILLE YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Jeffersonville youth group has been doing a lot of fun things the past few months. On September 29 we went to Squire Boone Caverns where we got to go on some exciting hay rides and then on a cave tour. Afterwards we built a campfire and roasted hot dogs.

In October we went to the Museum of History and Science where we watched a film called, "The Great Coral Reef", and then we toured the entire museum. We also went ice skating one Saturday evening, which was a lot of fun.

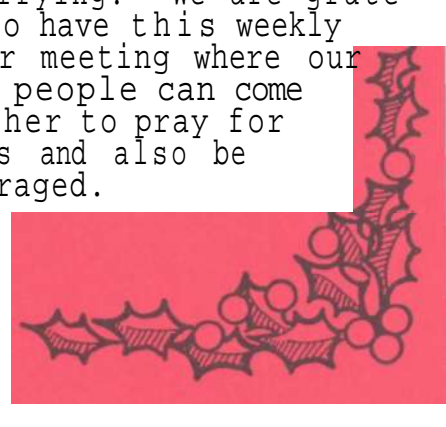
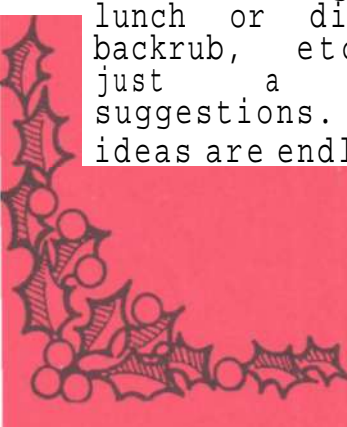
In November we had a fall party in the church

some of apples. got to caramel dessert. however, our last youth activity until January because of a lot of other holiday activities going on.

We want to give a BIG, BIG, BIG thanks to Brother and Sister Langley and all of their helpers for planning and putting together all of these fun outings. We're all having a great time and look forward to things starting up again next year!

Every Sunday night, the Jacob Warrior prayer group in Jeffersonville, Indiana, meet together in the church fellowship hall for their weekly prayer meeting.

This prayer meeting is led by Sister Shirley Woods who is assisted by Brother Stan Harper and many other assistants. They have a powerful time as they pray and war for the many burdens that our leader, Rev. Hicks is carrying. We are grateful to have this weekly prayer meeting where our young people can come together to pray for others and also be encouraged.



It would be so nice if more of the newsletter subscribers would write to us. On the average we only receive about two letters every month. Please let us hear from you. Send us news, testimonies, recipes, etc.

Here is a letter we were so glad to receive recently. We hope you enjoy it too.

"Dear Christ For Youth Newsletter Staff,

I figured that since it's time for me to mail in my renewal, I might as well get my money's worth out of the stamp and write you a note too. I've thought about writing before now, but just never made the time.

I enjoy the newsletter and appreciate the time that is put into it. Who puts it together every two months? The set-up is great. I only wish there was more input from the readers. Reading the letters and the "Dear Aunt Bea" column is something I look forward to with each issue.

Thanks for putting out a great newsletter!

Sincerely,
J.B. "

(Reverend Hicks is the "Editor in Chief". Then there are five "Contributing Editors. Two people then do the typing and layout of the newsletter and then our Press Department does the printing. Someone else runs off the mailing labels for each issue and another person folds the newsletters and puts them in the envelopes, ready for mailing. Our Tape Department puts on the postage and carries them to the Post Office!)

IMPORTANT!!!

Please spread the word. The dates for the March 1991 Ministerial Convention have been changed. The new dates are:

March 19, 20, 21 & 22

We are praying that by putting the convention off until later in the month, our new church sanctuary will be completed so we can have convention there.

Many of our young people, both men and women, are in the service. Please send us their names and addresses so we can put them on our prayer lists and also, so we can write to them.

Happy
Holidays

from the
Newsletter
Staff!



Don't forget
the reason
for the
season

