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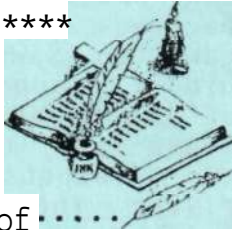
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Greetings from Rev. Hicks

I've been busy since Christmas working on the notes for the March Convention that begins on the 22nd of March. I trust that you will be able to be here with us. Come expecting your life to be changed and I promise you that if you do, you will walk away a new person!



From the desk of
REV. B. R. HICKS

Dearly Beloved Young People:

I want to share a lesson with you called, "The Lord Speaks to Young People." Let us study about Samuel in the third chapter of First Samuel.

The name Samuel means, heard of God. Samuel was a celebrated Hebrew Prophet and Judge in Israel.

He is one of the purest and noblest characters in the Old Testament history. Samuel's experience with the LORD began while he was a mere child of, more or less, twelve years of age, while he was serving in the temple, when the LORD began His miraculous speaking and appearing to Samuel.

Let us examine Samuel's ten-fold experience in this third chapter.

1. Samuel Ministers to the LORD:

And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

I Samuel 3:1

Although Samuel was just a youth, he was industrious in serving the LORD, according to God's purposive will and according to his capacity and calling. Samuel ministered before the LORD and Eli. The High Priest, Eli, had sons who were wicked before the LORD and

rebellious against their father, Eli. But Samuel not only ministered before the LORD, but he also was willingly submissive to Eli's admonition.

Samuel	Eli's Sons
1. Ministered Before the LORD	1. Wicked Before the LORD
2. Willingly Submissive to Eli - God's High Priest	Rebellious Before Their Father, Eli, God's High Priest

Eli's sons were great offenders before God and they were bad examples before God's people. But Samuel was a good minister before the LORD and he was a wonderful testimony and example before the LORD's people. Samuel not only refused to be influenced by Eli's wicked sons, but he also willingly chose to minister to the LORD and to prepare himself for the great work that God had called him to do.

2. Samuel Unknowledgeable of LORD's Voice:

The LORD called Samuel; and he answered, Here am I. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

I Samuel 3:4-8

After Eli had retired to his bed and after all who had served in God's sanctuary were gone, Samuel laid down to sleep. Then the LORD called to Samuel out of the holy of holiest. But Samuel did not recognize the LORD's voice, nor did Eli perceive that it was the LORD's voice to Samuel, when Samuel ran to inquire of Eli, if he had called him.



God, in His great mercy, repeated His call to Samuel three times before Eli perceived that it was the LORD calling Samuel. Samuel was inexperienced with the voice of the LORD, therefore completely unknowledgeable.

3. Samuel Instructed By His Leader, Eli:

Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

I Samuel 3:9

It was very humbling to Eli for him to realize that God had to call a young child in order to give His Word, instead of being able to speak to him, the High Priest. However, Eli instructed Samuel how to put himself into proper posture to receive God's Message and what to say to the LORD. It is a wonderful thing for young people to be able to go to their leaders and find the right kind of instruction that will help them advance toward the LORD.

4. Samuel Listens to the LORD's Word:

And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth. And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

I Samuel 3:10-14

Samuel's youth did not prevent him from listening and receiving God's Word. When the LORD called again to Samuel, he responded as he had been taught, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." The LORD did not call Samuel to tell him his future fortune, and how great he would become. But the LORD came to Samuel to give him a prophetic message of the downfall of Eli's house and to give him the responsibility of giving the message to Eli.



It was a sad message and a message of God's wrath. Eli was knowledgeable of the iniquity of his sons, yet he restrained them not from their wicked ways. Eli's sons had made themselves vile, doing shame to the LORD and to all of His sanctuary or house, therefore Eli and his sons reaped God's shameful wrath in all their house.

5. Samuel Waits and Works:

And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

I Samuel 3:15

Samuel lay awake and pondered the grave message that the LORD had given him for Eli and his house. God had highly honoured the young man, Samuel, above all the young men in Israel by placing him in His sanctuary to work and to serve the LORD. But Samuel humbly and meekly waited on the LORD after he received the LORD's prophetic message for Eli and his house. He did not rush to Eli immediately with the LORD's Word but waited the whole night, first meditating upon it himself.

In the morning, Samuel humbly opens the doors of God's house. He did not become proud and puffed up with his new gift of prophesy, therefore, he did not think that being a doorkeeper in the

LORD's house was too small and too low a service for him to perform. He was not so filled with his new prophetic ecstasy that he forgot to perform his regular duty of opening the doors to God's house.

6. Eli's Respectful Surrender:

Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

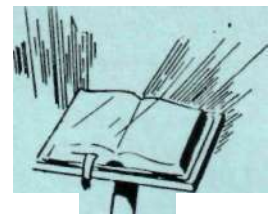
I Samuel 3:16

Samuel did not esteem himself above his leader, the High Priest, Eli, although the LORD had given him such a devastating prophesy against Eli and his house. Samuel meekly treated Eli with much courtesy and consideration in the way that he responded to Eli's call to him.

7. Samuel's Faithfulness to Declare the LORD's Message:

And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

I Samuel 3:17-18



Eli demanded Samuel to declare every bit of the LORD's message to him. Hence, Samuel faithfully declared the whole message to Eli. Samuel did not try to sugar coat the bitter, prophetic pill. He did not try to blunt God's sharp sword of truth. But he delivered the message in all of its bitterness and sharpness. He did not shun to declare unto Eli the whole counsel of God.

8. Samuel's Growth:

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

I Samuel 3:19

Samuel became famous in Israel because of his faithful service to the LORD in Shiloh. All the people who came up to worship in Shiloh, took notice of Samuel and they admired him.



They respected him and talked about him when they returned home. Young people who serve the LORD and respect their leader, like Samuel, become well known in their generation, both among the old and the young.

10. Samuel's Revelation of the LORD:

And **the LORD** appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the **word of the LORD.**

I Samuel 3:21

God will graciously repeat His visits to those who have graciously received His Word and who have not allowed His Word to fall to the ground and be trampled on. God gives us His Word for the purpose of it falling into our hearts, and taking root in the soil of our hearts, not for the purpose of falling into the ground and being trampled upon.

Young people, you too, like Samuel, have a wonderful opportunity to receive God's Word in a special way through this Message and this Messenger. Let us allow the Word to come to our hearts and not to fall to the ground.

Remember, little Samuel stood all alone with just **the LORD.** Eli, the High Priest, and his sons were all backslidden on God. Yet little Samuel chose to be a solitary one in God's sanctuary. He chose to be a minority

with people and a majority with God. You too can make the same choice! Yet, you have it easier than Samuel. Your leader is not backslidden and is still giving you the Word of God.

Remember, I love all of you and I am praying for you!

In His precious love,

Rev. B. R. Hicks
Founder & Director

YOUTH CONVENTION

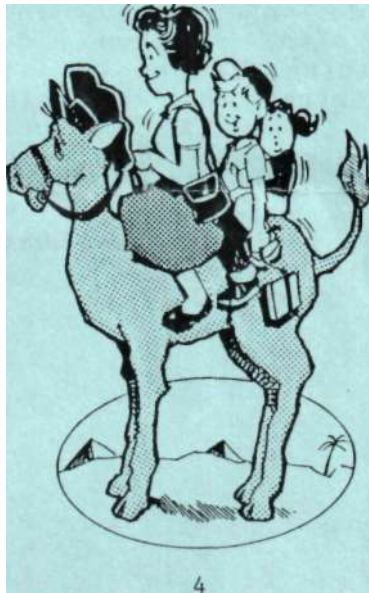
PLAN NOW TO COME TO THE

YOUTH CONVENTION!!

HELP RAISE THE FUNDS

SO YOUR ENTIRE YOUTH

GROUP CAN COME!!!



CHRISTIAN TEENAGE
PARTY SUGGESTIONS
by Monica Lindgren

As separated Christian young people, we sometimes feel it is hard to plan a fun party. Most of the time we usually feel we have to settle for just getting together and eating then playing a few games. Sounds pretty familiar, doesn't it? After a while that becomes very boring.

Let me begin by saying that as Christians we must keep our motives straight and not look to parties and socializing to make us happy. As Christians we also are still suppose to be happy and have fun so what can we do at parties???

Theme parties will give a party some kind of direction, an instant ice-breaker and conversation piece. Theme parties are really great if the theme involves everyone coming in some sort of costume. This automatically gets everyone involved.

For games and activities at your party, find games that have to do with your theme. Find games that get everyone involved.



ATTENTION PLEASE!



Are you memorizing the scriptures in each Christ For Youth Newsletter? Remember that when you memorize you can read the Word in your mind wherever you are. The Word brings peace. How comforting when you are in school and you are upset because of something someone has said to you, a test you are facing, etc., to quote a scripture that will bring peace.

DEAR AUNT BEA _____

Dear Aunt Bea:

I am very picky about picking a boyfriend and there are not any guys in my church that I find interesting and I am very tired of waiting. (I've already tried praying for a long time!)

Signed: Discouraged

Telephone and Calendar Mix-up are good games for this reason. Think of games you used to play at birthday parties when you were younger. Who know, "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" might be a real hit.' "Charades" and "The UnGame" (we use only the cards when we play the Ungame), are games that get people thinking and speaking out. Play "Name that Tune" or have some kind of relay game

Use your imagination and be very creative. You will be surprised at the possibilities. We can have more fun at parties as Christians than non-Christians do!!!

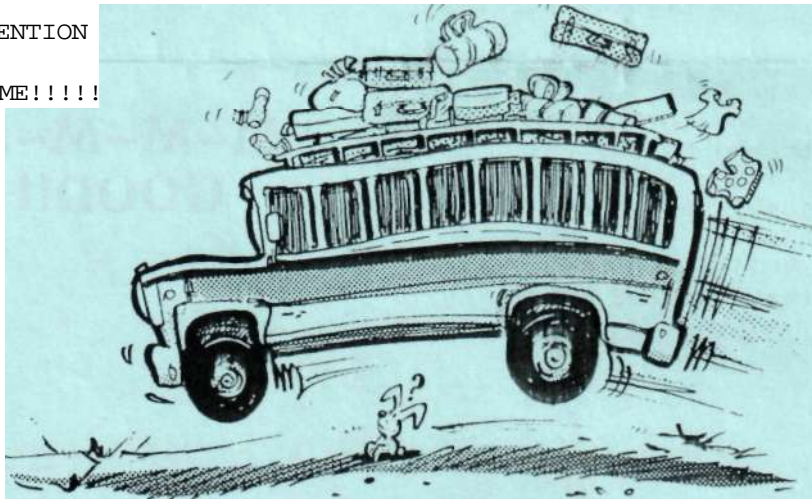
MEMORY VERSE

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Matthew 6:33-34

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HERE WE COME!!!!!!



Dear Discouraged:

You will continue to be discouraged until you realize that God is our source! God gives His children the best when they leave the choice to Him. Make your desires a matter of prayer. He tells us in His Word that He will give us the desires of our heart. Read Psalm 37:4-5. Verse five tells us that if we will commit our way unto Him, it will come to pass. There is a vast difference in courtships to those that take their own way and those that seek the will of God in prayer.

Signed: Aunt Bea

WE CAN HARDLY WAIT!

Dear Aunt Bea:

I know we should read our Bibles but I don't seem interested. I am hoping for a desire.
Signed: Hoping

Dear Hoping:

The scriptures are powerful and full of life. John 6:63 says, "My words are spirit and they are life." Proverbs 1:5 tells us, "a wise man will increase his learning." Mark 12:24 says, "We err because we know not the scriptures."

Meditate on these three verses. Pray over them and tell God that you need the life that can only be received from the Word. Ask God to increase your desire for learning. As you take one step at a time and open your Bible with this prayer in Psalm 119:18, "Open mine eyes that I may behold wonderous things out of thy law." Read even though you don't understand. God is faithful and will open up your understanding. Give thanks to God for every seed of truth that is made real to you. Your gratitude will cause more Word to be opened to you.
Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:

What do you do when you find out that your best friends are spreading false rumors about you?
Signed: Hurt

Dear Hurt:

Jesus came to His own and His own received Him not

What, pain this must have been! He was falsely accused, called a devil, etc.

God proves those that are true to Him. Don't take on your friend's had attitude. Keep a right spirit. Truth always wins. When people see your sincerity in serving God, He will prove the false rumors. Don't accuse falsely in return. Take the hurt to your God in prayer. Humble yourself. Cry out your feelings at His feet. He will not only heal the hurt but He will deal through His spirit with your friends.

God bless you. He came to heal the broken hearted. Isaiah 61:1. You are loved.'
Signed: Aunt Bea

**JESUS
FIRST
IN
'88!**

**THE DAY THE LORD
SAVED ME**
by Krystal Battles

One day when my skies were gray,
the Lord sent a new friend my way.
She said, "Do you sometimes feel down and blue?
Well I want you to know that someone loves you."

I replied, "Who is this person you speak of?"

She said, "It's the heavenly Father that lives up above."
So I got down and prayed and said,

"Forgive me for all my sins and all the times that I lied."
And I suddenly got a new feeling inside.
Since that moment I've never felt the same way.
And I thank the LORD for sending that friend my way.

Special Recipe!
**WHAT'S
COOKIN'!**

A recipe especially for teenagers.....

NO BAKE COOKIES

by Pernilla Lindgren

Makes 3 dozen:

Ingredients

- 2 cps. sugar
- 1/2 cp. margarine
- 1/2 cp. milk
- 1/4 cp. cocoa
- 1 teas. vanilla
- 3 cps oatmeal
(not instant)

**M-M-M-M
GOOD!!**

Boil sugar, margarine, milk and cocoa together for five minutes. Remove from heat and add other ingredients. Drop by teaspoonfuls on waxed paper. Put in refrigerator for faster results.

I have tried these and they are very good!!!

ANNOUNCING!

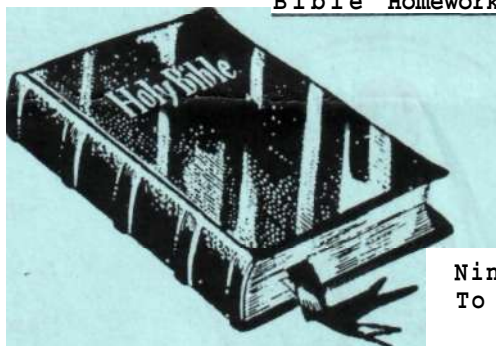
MARCH CONVENTION IS COMING!!!

This year March Convention will begin on Tuesday, March the 22nd and will continue through Friday, March the 25th. Convention will begin with the Tuesday evening service. For the evening service, prayer starts at

7:00 p.m. and service starts at 7:30. Day services will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. Prayer will begin at 11:00 a.m. and service will begin at 12:00 noon.

Sis. Hicks has been working since Christmas preparing the notes for convention and she tells us that this will be the greatest convention we have ever had. You won't want to miss it. See you there.

Bible Homework



Nine Things Willed To Us in the Blood

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| 1. Justification | Romans 5:9 |
| 2. Redemption | Colossians 1:14 |
| 3. Nearness | Ephesians 2:13 |
| 4. Peace | Colossians 1:20 |
| 5. Purging | Hebrew 9:14 |
| 6. Remission | Hebrews 9:22 |
| 7. Entrance | Hebrews 10:19-20 |
| 8. Sanctification | Hebrews 13:12 |
| 9. Overcoming Power | Revelation 12:11 |



1988 YOUTH CONVENTION DATES

The 1988 Youth Convention will be held in Jeffersonville August the 11th, 12th and 13th. Make plans now to attend. The pastors will be sent more information on this later.



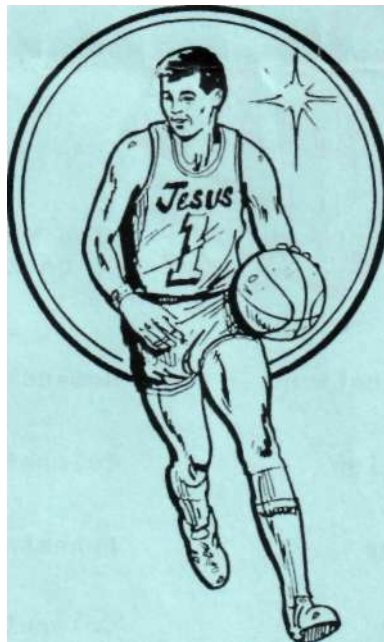
PRAYER REQUESTS
by Pernilla Lindgren

REMINDER!!!

It is very important that we remember Rev. Hicks in our prayers. She is working very hard for March Convention and she is constantly giving us the Word.

Also remember to pray for Rev. and Mrs. Delbert Brooks, Rev. and Mrs. Don McKay, and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Hill. Rev. Brooks is in Nigeria and he will be there until the 12th of March. Sis. Hill had major surgery about six weeks ago and she is gradually getting better but she is still extremely weak. Our leaders go through so much and they really need our prayers.

If you have any prayer requests you wish to have published and shared with all of our pastors and youth prayer groups, please send them to the Christ For Youth Newsletter staff. The Jeffersonville, Indiana, Jacob's Warrior Prayer Group, meets every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., under the direction of Sis. Shirley Woods, and we will pray for your needs each week.



GO! TEAM GO!

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P.S. Be sure to let us know when you change your address.

WORDS & LETTERS
by Monica Lindgren

:Letters make up words,
Words make up sentences.
Sentences add up
to enable the world
to communicate.

Letters, put together
properly,
can change the world.

Each letter or syllable,
written or spoken,
has the power
of death or life,
happiness or sorrow.

Words can make
someone's day
or depress them.

Words are more powerful
than any
nuclear missile

Words can kill slowly
and painfully.
Many die each year
from words.

Think about it.

This isn't a poem, but
just an idea to think
about.



**A GOOD-GROOMING
THOUGHT**

by Greta Lindgren

Many times we've heard the statement, "You are what you eat." As teenagers we tend to let that slip over our heads thinking it applies only to adults. But no matter how we dress or fix our hair, if our bodies are not healthy, we will not look good.

Poor diet and lack of exercise shows up in our skin, our hair, our nails, the way we carry ourselves, etc. If we are not in good physical shape we do not have the strength to worship the LORD as He commands us to.

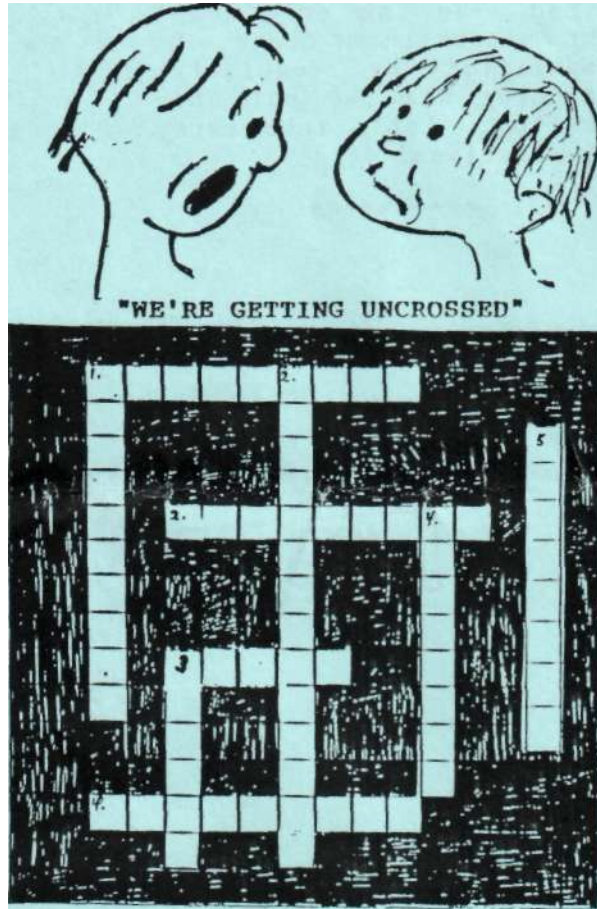
Take stock of what you eat. Food that is good for you does not have to taste bad. Somehow most of us have the idea that only junk food tastes good and health food tastes, "YUK!!!" There are many good-for-you foods that taste good. We just have to change our habits.

Our bodies are the temples of the LORD. Let's take care of our temples by eating right and exercising.

Every hour that you spend exercising adds two hours to your life.' We know that life is in the Blood. We can only keep our bloodstream clear of impurities by regularly watching what we eat and fasting. Let's take care of ourselves!



LET'S TALK IT OVER



Across

Down

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| 1. Pardon; remit | forgive; | 1. Rescued; redeemed |
| 2. Just as if you never did it. | | 2. To make holy; purify |
| 3. Freedom from anxiety and fear. | | 3. Free from impurities. |
| 4. A conqueror | | 4. Walk on in. |
| | | 5. Close to Him. |



Clues are on page 7!