

# Issue 10 Christ For Youth Newsletter

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Greetings from Reverend Hicks,

The holidays are over now, young people, and we are in the beginning weeks of a new year. I wonder how many of you dreaded going back to school in January. Do you realize how good God is to give us new opportunities all along the way to start over and to correct mistakes that we made in the past?

Think for a moment about how many new things God gives us that we take for granted, hardly recognizing them for what they are—opportunities to make new choices for Jesus. For example, we already have mentioned the new year, but it would be awful if we made a mistake or a poor choice on the first day

of the year and then had to wait a full year before we could rectify the mistake or change our wrong choice. That is why God, in His great mercy, gives us a new month, a new week, and a new day. Actually, a day represents a very large block of time since the day can be broken down into hours, minutes, seconds, and even breaths of time.

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



Since we started out talking about time, let us pursue the thought a bit further. The Apostle Paul spoke to the Corinthians about the importance of the time that God has given us today.

**(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation) (II Corinthians 6:2).**

Today, while it is day, let us accept God's grace and salvation for us. The only thing we really own is our soul and the time God has blessed us with today—just now. We cannot recall the hours of

yesterday, except in memory, and we cannot live in tomorrow. Today is short; it passes quickly. So whatever we want to do must be done NOW, this moment—not some future hour or day.

One of man's great sins is procrastination. We tend to shift today's needs and responsibilities into the future. As a pastor, I counsel people almost daily, and the words I hear most frequently from parents are these: "Tomorrow, I'll be a better parent. Tomorrow, I'll study and pray more.

Tomorrow, I'll be more regular in my church attendance. Tomorrow, I'll clean my house and cook for my family. Tomorrow, I'll spend time with my children." From young people, I hear very similar words: "Tomorrow, I'll bring my grades up. Tomorrow, I'll start studying and praying. Tomorrow, I'll start speaking more respectfully to my parents and teachers."

Unfortunately, "tomorrow" seldom comes for these people. When the new day dawns, they usually find excuses for putting off whatever they promised to do until another tomorrow.

Procrastination is a sin against the grace of God. We presume upon God's grace when we count on having a tomorrow. The future always appears to be a more fruitful time to do things than the present, but this is a very deceitful form of hopelessness. It is a "cop out" from the performance of present duty. It is easy to say, "Tomorrow, I'll feel better than I do today; tomorrow will be more convenient." This is passing off today's responsibilities, in both the natural and spiritual realms, to tomorrow. Our duty and responsibility before God is to take care of our needs today—now. If God's grace continues to be meted out to us, we will be alive tomorrow. But if His grace is not extended, we can leave this world in a moment of time.

The future, then, is very insecure. Today only do we have the security of being alive and able to make a choice for eternity. We cannot choose nor act from yesterday; it is gone. Neither can we choose nor act for tomorrow; it has not

yet arrived. Indeed, tomorrow may never come to us. Let us take advantage today of the life and blessings that God has given us right now. God has given us the privilege of exercising our free moral will. Therefore, if we are wise, we will cast our vote and make our choice to do that which we can do today.

In addition to being a sin against God's grace, procrastination is a sin against God's intelligence. When we say that tomorrow will be a more suitable time than today, we are exalting our finite, human intelligence above the infinite, divine intelligence of God. If tomorrow were going to be more suitable than today, then God would not have given us today. The very fact that God has given us today is proof that this is the most suitable time to make a choice to go on for Him and serve Him.

We cannot wait for any other person to go on for God. The person we are waiting for may never get around to making the right choice in this life. If you are without Christ in your heart, then TODAY is the time to accept Him as your personal Saviour. Now is the time of salvation.

So also is today the time for Christians to be saved from the unChrist-like attitudes and dispositions that we harbour in our heart. Today is the time to let Jesus Christ save us from the wrong thoughts and feelings we have concerning our family, friends, and brothers and sisters in the LORD. We should not wait until tomorrow to right a wrong we have done to someone. We should not wait until tomorrow to ask forgiveness.

By the same token, we should not put off speaking words of encouragement, appreciation, and gratitude. Young people, it is important for you to learn to do things TODAY! Now is the time to act.

Procrastination also is a sin against oneself. We injure our own spirit and soul when we resist God's spiritual influences and impressions for the present. If we harden ourself against God's influence today, God will be forced to create a more difficult situation for us tomorrow in order to break the hardness, and He will be obliged to pour on us a double portion of the influencing power of His Spirit and Word in order to soften our heart to the degree that it is today. If we want our heart to be tender toward the LORD, we must learn to accept His headship in our life and yield today to the influence of His blessed Word and Spirit.

There will never be a better time to go on for God than today. Remember, Paul said that today is the acceptable time. We must decide today and act today on the things that God is impressing us to do, both naturally and spiritually. While we have our eyes set on the prize of being in the New City that God is going to bring down out of heaven—some time in the future—let us not miss this golden opportunity that we so lightly call "today."

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The answer to the coded message on page six:

II Thess. 3:3



**ATTENTION!**

**LOVE ALL YEAR LONG**

by Pernilla Lindgren

This time of the year the whole world seems to be thinking of love. But as Christians, , shouldn't we love all year around? In Matthew 5:44 Jesus says:

**But I say unto you. Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

This Scripture shows us that not only are we suppose to love our friends, but our enemies too! But it does not say for us to love only one day of the year but means all year long we must learn to love.

Sure, it may seem impossible to us and it is, unless we ask God to help us because we know that with Him, all things are possible! And we also know this Scripture would not be in the Bible unless we were to learn to live by it. So, when the rest of the world seems to forget about true love after February, we can continue to learn to love all year long!

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GOOD!!**

**ATTENTION ALL  
1989 GRADUATES!!!**

Please send in your name if you are a graduate of the class of 1989. We hope to publish these names in a later issue in honor of all of our hardworking students!

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**SUGAR COOKIES**

by Anders Lindgren  
(Makes 40 large hearts)

Ingredients

- 3 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 2 eggs beaten lightly
- 3/4 tsp. \*lemon rind from one large lemon
- red sugar for decoration

Mix flour and baking powder; cream butter and sugar together; add eggs and lemon then the flour mixture; mix well; roll out thin; cut out hearts with heart cookie-cutters; bake at 400 degrees for eight minutes. Watch carefully so they don't burn.

\*Lemon extract can be substituted for the lemon rind.

**LEARNING TO BE  
A LADY**

by Monica Lindgren

Girls, have you been wondering how a lady in the Crucified Way is really suppose to act? Have you also wondered what our roles as wives and mothers are? In Rev. Hicks's book, "**And God Made Women**", she explains this and a whole lot more. Rev. Hicks really answers many questions on separation in this book. She also tells us more about the female role models that God has given us in the Bible so that we can better relate our lives to theirs.

This is a book that I feel every girl in the Crucified Way should read. I found it to be very enjoyable and easy to read also. It sells for \$8.95 and can be ordered from our Press Department.

Let's study and learn to be the best that we can be, for Jesus!

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**YOUTH  
CONVENTION  
TRIP**



**DON'T FORGET**

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND  
THE 1989 YOUTH  
CONVENTION  
AUGUST 10, 11 & 12!**

**AWAY  
WE  
GO!**



# ACTION NEWS!

## JACOB'S WARRIOR CHURCH SERVICE

by Greta Lindgren

On Sunday night, the 29th of January, the Jeffersonville church's Jacob Warriors, held their quarterly church service. There were special singing groups, solos and duets by the Jacob Warriors. Some of the young people quoted Scriptures or gave a testimony. Young people also served as the ushers and took up the offering. The service was led by the Jacob Warrior prayer leaders, Sister Shirley Woods and Brother Stan Harper.

We started out with prayer and a congregational song. Then Brother Harper led us in some songs and in between the songs, or during them, different ones would give a Scripture or a testimony.

After we finished the worship part of the service, we all went to sit together in a section that had been reserved for us. Ten of the Jacob Warriors then gave a sermonette. They each preached for five minutes and did a great job!

The service was POWERFUL, to say the least! It is exciting to be able to stand up on the platform with 200 other Christian young people, singing, dancing, shouting and praising the LORD. I wish that every Christ Gospel young person could have a chance to be in one of these services.

Audio and video tapes of these services are available. If you wish to order them, you can do so by contacting our Tape Department.

Our next Jacob Warrior's church service will be held Sunday evening, the 23rd of April. We have four services a year, one every quarter. If you can be here for one of these services, I'm sure you would be blessed by it.

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LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

Would you be interested in a column in the **Christ For Youth Newsletter** about finances, budgeting, etc., for young people? To be a good steward of your finances you should begin when you are young. Write and let us know if you would enjoy a column on this subject.



## A letter from a Christ For Youth Newsletter subscriber.....

"Dear Newsletter,

Just this month was the first time I picked up and really read our newsletter, which my sister gets all the time. I LOVE IT! Some things I read touched me. Some things got me to study my Bible more and made me feel like there is someone I can share my Jesus with and what he has done for me.

Enclosed is my money for the youth newsletter which I am interested in getting. God bless you all for the hard work you all do to get this out to all of us in this message. I love you all!!!!"

D.W.F.  
Parma, Ohio

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Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked fall from your own steadfastness.



I Peter 3:17



**A GROOMING TIP**

by Monica Lindgren

Do you want to lose weight and improve your complexion without dieting or exercising? One way to feel better overall is by drinking plenty of water. By drinking six to eight glasses (8 oz. each) of water a day, you will clean your system of many impurities. You will thus have a much more glowing complexion and will feel much less bloated.

You are probably thinking, "That sounds great, but how can I drink six to eight glasses of water a day?!" Well, actually, that is 48 to 64 ounces of water, or half a gallon of water a day. A hot tip someone gave me one time was to get half-gallon jug (like what milk or juice comes in), clean it out good and then every morning fill it with water. By the end of the day your jug should be empty. If eight glasses is too much right now, then gradually work your way up to drinking a full half-gallon a day.

Good luck and drink up!

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**DEAR AUNT BEA . . . .**

**Dear Aunt Bea:**

One day I want to serve the LORD, but the next day I sin. What can I do to change?  
Signed: Troubled

Dear Troubled:

All we have to do to give the devil the victory is nothing.

Get into the Word of God. The Word will make you strong. Memorize, memorize, memorize. David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalm 119:11

Count the cost of serving sin and the devil. You won't want its reapings. No man can serve two masters.  
Signed: Aunt Bea

**Dear Aunt Bea:**

Can you tell me what hinders prayer?  
Signed: Concerned

Dear Concerned:

1. Lack of sincerity and obedience in repentance.
2. Ignorance of the truth.
3. Unbelief
4. Your feelings. If you pray only when you feel like it you will seldom pray.

5. Sin

**Dear Aunt Bea:**

I guess I just don't know how to deal with my hatred. I even get mad because I don't deal right.  
Signed: Mad

Dear Mad:

Jesus doesn't just have the answer, He is the answer!

Dealing is not swallowing it or shoving it down. We deal with anger at the Cross. In prayer confess your hatred. Be honest with God about what you are hating. Even if it is over His headship, repent of feeling that way. Tell God that you don't want to be this way. Ask Him to take it out and replace it with His love. He will never, never fail you.

God bless you!  
Signed: Aunt Bea

**Dear Aunt Bea:**

I'm not very good looking. Will I ever have a companion?  
Signed: Worried

Dear Worried:

No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11





**WHAT SCRIPTURE IS THIS?**

by Anders Lindgren

Seek God in prayer over your companion. Ask Him to give you someone that will join with you spiritually.

God is faithful and He does answer prayer. Signed: Aunt Bea

**Romans 6:23**

For the wages of \_\_\_\_\_ is death; but the gift of God is \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**PEN PALS WANTED!**

If you would like to have a pen-pal, write and let us know. We will send you a questionnaire that you can fill out, telling us a little bit about yourself, and then we will match you with someone in your age bracket, with similar likes, etc. WE DO NOT GIVE A GIRL A BOY PEN-PAL AND VICE VERSA.

Let us hear from you!

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**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES**

**Ephesians 2:8**

For it is by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the



Take time for the Lord

**Romans 3:23**

For all have and come short of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God;

**Matthew 11:28**

Come unto me, all ye that \_\_\_\_\_ and are heavy and I will give you \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Matthew 11:29**

Take my \_\_\_\_\_ upon you, and learn of me; for I am \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in heart; and ye shall find unto your \_\_\_\_\_.

Can you figure this out?!!!

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