

NEWS & NOTES

MOVED: We are sorry to announce that the Conleys have moved to Kentucky. We wish them much happiness in their new home. They will be missed here.

LECTURESHIP: Keep in mind the Lectureship at Elkhart September 11 through 18. While Brother Gieseke is preaching in Elkhart on September 11, Richard Hoggatt will bring us our lesson here.

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GO TO HIM

I spoke an angry word one day,  
And sent my brother on his way;  
Now ever since my prayer has been:  
"Lord, send him back my way again."

I saw the daylights dawn and fade,  
And still the thing for which I prayed  
Came not to pass . . . my heart grew numb  
Because my brother did not come.

With breaking heart, I changed my prayer,  
And plead in spirit truly fair;  
"Lord, now before the light grows dim,  
Let my feet swiftly go to him."

-- Mrs. Gayle Oler

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Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Services	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship	7:30 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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You need the church.  
The church needs you.  
The world needs both.

THINGS YOU NEVER REGRET--

Showing kindness to an aged person.  
Destroying the letter written in anger.  
Offering the apology that saves a friendship.  
Stopping a scandal that was wrecking a reputation.  
Helping a child to find God.  
Taking time to honor your "Father and Mother."  
Accepting the judgment of God on all questions.

--Robert L. Stevenson



## THE JOY OF BEING SAVED

Our gospel meeting is now history. Brother Gene West did an excellent job in presenting God's word. I am sure that those of us who listened to these lessons each evening were made to think more critically of our own life in the mirror of truth. Perhaps each of us could point to one particular lesson as being the one that helped us the most. I can. It was on the text found in Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." From this lesson I received a greater appreciation than ever before of the relief a Christian has of being out from under the condemnation of God. We may safely say, that as surely as God planned the sacrificial offering of his son to redeem fallen man, so we can rest assured that the sting of guilt hangs no longer over the one who is in Christ Jesus. We are no longer under the curse of sin, but through Christ we have been made free from sin.

With assurance of this release from condemnation a Christian should radiate a joy that the world could not help but see. The more I think of this unspeakable gift, the more I am convinced that we do not appreciate it as we ought. The church grew at an astounding rate in the first century because the early Christians felt and exhibited the joy of being saved. Such a joy transcends all languages, race or color. It is an unmistakable witness that the possessor has been saved by his Maker. The saving grace of God is as sufficient and sure as it was in the first century. We would accomplish more for the Lord if we would but exhibit this joy unto others.

Sometimes we feel that we are inadequately prepared concerning the knowledge of God's word, when we try to teach others. Although we must continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of his word, we all can show forth a joy which is worth ten thousand words toward the reaching of the lost. Let us respect and appreciate more fully what the Lord has done for us.

--D. H.

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## EVERYONE, EXCEPT

We all know that the Lord expects us to be faithful. That includes everybody except:

1. The young. They are busy trying to get an education. Their studies take up a lot of time. And besides, when are they going to have an opportunity for social life? We are young only once, you know!
2. Young Married People. They are just getting their homes established and trying to get ahead in the world. And then there are the children. It is virtually impossible to get them ready for church services.
3. Middle Aged Married People. The tempo of life has set a blistering pace by this time. It is a terrific struggle to raise their children, send them to college and see them successfully married. Besides, a thousand other demands are made on them for their time.
4. Older People. Somehow they just never did get the necessary background and training to accomplish anything spiritually. In fact, for some odd reason, their interests all lie in other directions; and so, of course, nothing can be expected from them.

This whole idea of faithfulness is fine--for someone else! It seems the Lord made a mistake when he expected us to be faithful. Or could it be we are making the mistake and that the Lord will hold us accountable for our faithlessness?