

TRANSFORMER

"...be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Rom. 12:2)

April 2, 1989

The disciples had asked about greatness in Jesus' present kingdom. Jesus had answered them fully. Greatness involves humbling ourselves and taking our place as one of God's little ones. Greatness involves seeking to restore them when they go astray, having patience and always being willing to let forgiveness wash away the hurt that sin must bring. Greatness also involves rejecting the attractive but destructive ways in which religious people often seek greatness. Legalism, good deeds, hard work--none of these can produce greatness in God's kingdom.

Finally, Jesus has given us his own clear prescription for greatness. Learn how to lead others as a servant. Be one of those men or women who choose to drink Jesus' cup and give up their lives for the sake of others.

Then Matthew recorded a deeply moving incident that helps us see what Jesus' kind of greatness is. As they were going through Jericho a great crowd followed Jesus. Two blind men, sitting by the road, heard that Jesus was passing by. They cried out to Him. The crowd callously told them to shut up. But the two only called louder.

And Jesus stopped.

He was on His way to Jerusalem, toward His trial and crucifixion. He was burdened by great crowds who did not care and disciples who did not understand. But Jesus set aside His own burdens and needs at this call for help. The Bible says, "Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed Him" (Matt. 20:34)

Jesus stopped--for the individual in the crowd.

Jesus cared--for the outcasts whom the crowd considered to be worthless.

This is greatness. To touch in compassion, and to give ourselves to others as their servants for Jesus' sake, is the one way that we too, can lead

-Richard Rogers

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CONFIDENTIAL TO ALL PARENTS: Parents who want to "train a child in the way he should go" should go that way themselves.

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"Family of the Week"
will continue next week.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A BIG THANK YOU TO
- the Lomeli's for donating a VCR for use in classes at the building. Anyone wishing to use it for a class, contact Education Committee.
 - The Education Committee for making the workshop available last month.

WELCOME!

- To Kim Hoffman who was baptized Tuesday. Welcome to the Body!

BRIDAL SHOWER

- There will be a shower for Jim Braid and Katie Oakley on April 9 following evening service. The congregation is invited.

PRESCHOOL PARENTS

- Would all parents who have children in the Sunday morning Preschool Class, come to a short meeting in room 13 after this morning's service.

PRAYERS

- Elizabeth Swartzentruber, Mary Ann's mother, is still in the Sturgis Hospital with pneumonia.
- Gay Ray is still not feeling real well.
- Francis Springer still struggling with her health problems
- Remember these and those not mentioned who are having problems at this time. Thank God for all the prayers He's answered!

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Growing up in Flint gave Stan a natural love for Michigan. While attending Michigan Christian College he met Pam from Lincoln Park and soon after graduation they were married. Their dedication to Christ has been shown by their determination in working with congregations as a minister in northern Indiana and Michigan. Continuing their interests in the North, they have sent both of their daughters to MCC.

Thousands of Christians in the midwest enjoy the benefits of MCC. Help continue the activities of MCC by responding generously when Dean contacts you about the Partnership Dinner West scheduled for April 15, 1989.

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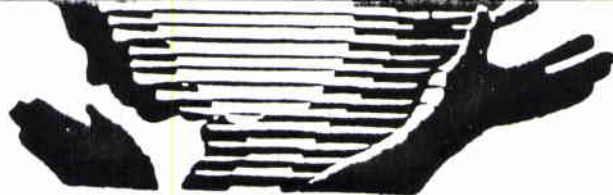
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There are numerous references in the Bible to sheep, lambs and shepherds. A good friend recently loaned me the book Lessons from a Sheep Dog, by Phillip Keller. I would like to briefly share it with you.

A man purchased a sheep ranch. He knew that a good border collie would be worth two hired hands so he looked for one. One day he drove to town to check out a border collie he had read about in an ad. Her master had neglected her and as a result she was undisciplined. She chased cars and boys on bicycles. Finally, the old master had her chained up and she had become a miserable animal.

The sheep rancher decided to take a chance on the dog, but now she distrusted everyone and growled at the man. She refused to enter her new kennel or even to eat. The rancher saw after a week that he must do something drastic, so he set the dog free. The dog ran away and was not seen for many days. Nonetheless, the rancher continued to put food out and it was always eaten. Then one day the rancher felt the nose of an animal on his arm. The dog had come to him. The two became inseparable. The rancher trained the dog and it trusted him totally. When its old habits were broken the dog became a wonderful guardian of the sheep.

If you can think of God as the rancher (shepherd) and Christians as the sheep dog you can possibly understand this modern day parable. As for me, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...he leadeth me" to the still waters of the Fountain.

-Mike Harris
Little Rock, AR

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GOD BLESS YOU

I thank you each and every one
For love that you have given,
I know that every loving act
Is now laid up in heaven.

I know that each act you have done
Has given me much pleasure.
And God put all to your account
To add to heavenly treasure.

They helped me through the torturous days.
The nights seemed shorter, too
Remembering the love you've shown
And then I prayed for you.

God bless you, each and every one
With stepping stones to heaven
That you've built with unselfish love
That you've so freely given.

-Gay

"FAMILY OF THE WEEK"

This week we would like to honor the Kevin May family as our family of the week.

Kevin is self-employed as president of the Service Printing Company, Inc., located in Vicksburg, Michigan. He is responsible for sales and marketing, buyouts, and accounts payable and receivable. His wife of 15 years, Sally, is a housewife, and states that her duties include general "house-mothering" duties and responsibilities, "accounts payable and receivable", and bringing up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In his spare time, Kevin enjoys TaeKwonDo, basketball, hunting, fishing and reading. For hobbies, Sally enjoys crocheting, cross-stitching, reading scriptural material, and working at The Pathfinder Center.

Kevin and Sally have 2 boys; David, 10, who enjoys anything with wheels on it(!), the A-Team, and the preaching stations found on T.V.; and Will, 9, who collects GI Joe figures, enjoys reading, and is actively involved in the Cub Scouts.

Kevin and Sally are both Christians and state that they enjoy going to visit relatives in Missouri, Maryland or Alabama whenever they get the chance. Thanks, Mays, for being our family of the week!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FOOD BANK

- LaGrange Church Food Bank needs for April - Cereal - Dry Milk - Canned Fruits. Thanks for feeling the need to help meet the needs of others!

MEN'S MEETING

- Next Sunday evening, 16th, instead of today.

BRIDAL SHOWER

- For Jim & Katie this evening after services. All welcome.

PRAYERS

- Francis Boyle is in LaGrange Hospital in ICU after heart attack.
- Hance, Johnny's son, needs heart surgery in near future.
- Johnny and family for strength at this time.
- Elizabeth Swartzentruber is doing better, may get to go home soon.
- Gay Ray not doing very good at this time.
- Remember all these as you go to God each day. Thank God for His answers!
- Jeff Daingler, Dave Kimpel's nephew, in Berrien County, MI jail. A brother in Christ. 17 years old. Could use an encouraging letter. Write to: Berrien County Jail, Hastings, MI, 49058.

HOME BIBLE STUDY

- Thursday night evangelistic study group: Brainstorming session at Joe Oakley's April 13 & 20. Beginning date moved to June 1.

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THE REAL PROBLEM

A well-dressed couple entered a toy shop with their two children. "We want some toys that will keep the children entertained," the mother said. "My husband and I both work and the children are alone a great deal."

The sales girl showed them a variety of toys, but to each there was some objection. "It seems to me," the mother finally critically said, "that if you know what we were really looking for you could find it among all of these toys." The sales girl sighed, "I'm sorry, Madam, but I believe what you are really looking for--what the children really want--is a mother and father, and we don't sell those here."

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THE MASK

I wear a thousand masks and none of them is me. Please don't be fooled by the mask I wear.

I feel like a professional IMPRESSIONIST. I leave the impression with everyone that I am secure, that confidence and coolness are my middle names. You might think that I could walk on the water - but please don't be fooled by me, please don't.

I hide inside... my confusion, fears, deep inferiorities: they are my closest companions. It's really lonely in here, but I panic at the thought that anyone may know me and find out.

I cannot bear the thought of being exposed.

Yet, exposure is my salvation. If only I could be sure that others would accept the real me, would turn to me and with kindness make allowances for my weaknesses and humanity.

The risk is too great to bear. I'm afraid your glance will not be followed by acceptance and love. I'm afraid you will laugh at me - I would not be able to bear it!

The game must go on and I play my part, all too well. It has robbed me of confidence and put a trembling child within me.

Just one mask after another. Surely this is not what is meant by loving all men everywhere. If the curtains should rise unexpectedly, the play would be over.

The chatter-box of my tongue says nothing. Yet on it goes, for it helps me to pass the time and sometimes even gives me the impression that I am really what I am play-acting to be.

I despise the game I play. It is called the "Phoney-baloney" game.

Oh to take up wings and fly away to the state of knowing myself - but YOU can help!

If only you knew how you could help!

Your smile begins it all, and when you extend that hand - it's like the strength of ten men. Each time you speak a kind word, it lifts me from this cage.

Yet above all these things is my need to know that you will understand.

I have built these walls that I stand inside of. In making them strong from within, I neglected to fashion a door, through which I could escape!

You are my door; my escape!

"Who am I?" you ask.

I'm just the average person you meet along the street, or that sits by you at school, or lives next to you, or sits on the pew next to you, or

"FAMILY OF THE WEEK"

We are delighted to honor the Joe Gensic family as our family of the week for this week.

Joe is employed by the Central Soya Company, Inc., where he is a lab manager, responsible for an analytical laboratory, providing research support analyses for food products, as well as a quality assurance program for Central Soya, feed plants in the U.S.A., Canada, and the Carribean. His wife of 16 years, Jane, is a housewife, providing the love and care that a family needs. In his spare time Joe enjoys reading computer magazines and working in the garden. Jane enjoys reading, singing, sewing, handcrafts and wallpapering.

Joe and Jane have 2 children: Benjamin Joseph (B.J.), 10, who spends his time with the scouts, art, track, soccer and animals; and Allison, 6, who enjoys coloring, tumbling, and playing with her dolls. The entire family enjoys going places together, swimming and playing games.

Joe has been a Christian for 27 years, and Jane for 13. We want to congratulate this family for being our family of the week!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- YOU'RE INVITED - Joe & Lois Oakley request your presence at the marriage of their daughter Katie to Jim Braid on April 29, 1989 at 1:00 P.M. Reception following in fellowship room.
- MEN'S MEETING - Tonight following evening assembly.
- AND THE LORD ADDED - Wayne Elliott was baptized Monday night (Johnny Christenson's friend)
P.O. Box 104
Angola, IN 46703
- CARE GROUPS - The Care Groups are being reorganized. If you are not in one and would like to be or if you would like to be left out this time be sure to get in touch with Chris Deisler.
- PRAYERS - The family of Maietha Beverly, Hazel's aunt, who passed away this past week.
- Hance, Johnny's son, with heart problems.
- Francis Boyle, Judy's mother, suffering with pneumonia.
- Gay Ray underwent some tests this past week.
- Elizabeth Swartzentruber, Mary Ann's mother, is home from the hospital and regaining her strength from her bout with pneumonia. Thanks for your prayers.
- Remember these and any others that weren't mentioned here who are in need at this time.

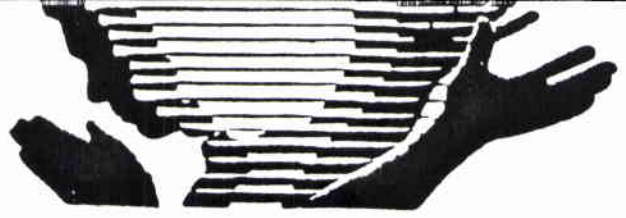
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TO ARMS!

Hugs are not only nice; they're needed. Hugs can relieve pain and depression, make the healthy healthier, the happy happier and the most secure among us even more so.

Hugging feels good, overcomes fear, eases tension, provides stretching exercise if you're short and stooping exercise if you're tall. Hugging does not upset the environment, saves heat and requires no special equipment. It makes happy days happier and impossible days possible.

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April 23, 1989

Tom Cox is a Psychological Examiner with Professional Counseling Associates of Little Rock, Arkansas. He holds a masters in Xounseling Psychology. He is a member of the Little Rock church. Below is his reply to a very relevant question.

Question: Is there a basic biblical principle that you stress in counseling that you feel is important for emotional well-being?

Answer: One of the problems that is most emotionally destructive and that is prevalent in clients who have strong religious backgrounds, is guilt. I am not saying that we should not all experience guilt, if it is deserved, but to use it as a motivating factor often times causes emotional problems. We as Christians often times do things because we feel we "should" or because we "have to". What this does is set up an external focus of control. We feel someone is making us do something. A basic human reaction to being forced is to rebel and this reaction is never stronger than when we are young, from ages 16 to 30. When you add the contingency of "if you don't do it you can't get into heaven". you create internal conflict. What we do in therapy is to try and turn the focus of control internal. If you begin with the basic premise that we all want to go to heaven, not "have to", go to heaven, then you don't sin because you don't want to do anything that will prohibit you from getting what you want. Terms like "have to", "gotta", "should", and "must", denote that we are doing something that we don't necessarily want to do. I look at the approach that the Lord took in spreading His word. He did not force anyone to listen or obey His words, rather, people freely came to Him. So we don't obey the Lord's word because we "have to", because in the long run, no one ever said we "have to" go to heaven. In using this approach, you run the risk of people justifying clearly sinful actions, so I preface this approach with Galatians 4:13 and Romans 14:13-23. Ultimately, we as individuals, will be answerable to the Lord for our own actions. If what you are doing causes guilt then it is your responsibility to stop. In applying this to young people it is important to create an internal focus of control, because there is going to come a time when they will need to make decisions and they are not going to have an external force such as parents, teachers, or preachers to tell them what to do.

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A PUZZLE

Fifteen of the 66 books of the Bible are tucked away in the following paragraph. I will help you start off by emphasizing one - Luke. See if you can find all 15 of them.

"I once made some remarks about hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept some people actually looking so hard for facts and studying for the revelation, they were in a jam. Especially, since the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few minutes for you. Yes, there will be some that are easy to spot. Others may require judges to determine. We must also admit it usually takes a minute to find one, and there will be loud lamentations when you see how simple it is. One little lady says she brews coffee while she puzzles her brain.

"FAMILY OF THE WEEK"

This week we wish to honor the Austin Copeland family as being our family of the week.

Austin and Patti have been married for 14½ years, and have two children; Opal, 11, who enjoys very much visiting her grandparent's farm in Shipshewana and working with the animals, riding her bike, playing games, and 4-H; and Sheila, 10, who likes riding her bike also, as well as shopping, reading, playing games and being a part of 4-H. Austin states that he enjoys basketball, fishing, and working in the yard and garden. Patti spends her spare time with crafts, yard sales, shopping and caring for the family. The family as a whole likes activities associated with the Church, playing with their dog Niki, going to the zoo or out for a picnic.

Austin is employed by Cadillac Frames of Topeka, where he is responsible for dying plastic parts and driving their Amish workers to and from work. Patti is a housewife, and she also regularly babysits a little boy (also named Austin!) who is 20 months old. She is also responsible for teaching Opal at home.

Both Austin and Patti are Christians. Austin has been so for 13 years, and Patti for 7 months. They also add that they find it very exciting being Christians and being a part of the Body here in LaGrange, and that the entire Church is very special to them. I believe that every member of the Body here could say the same about the Copelands!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CANS FOR CAMP INDOGAN - Please return your cans for Camp Indogan by next Sunday.

PRAYERS FOR

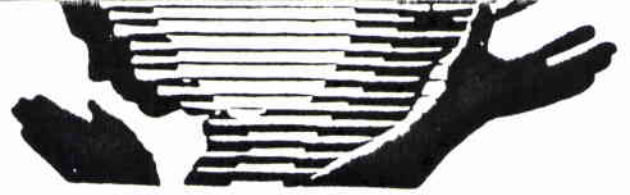
- Eddie McGuiggan who had a heart attack Wednesday night.
- Gay Ray that her treatments for pain are successful.
- Margaret Tucker who is at home suffering with pneumonia.
- Johnny Christensen who is in Cameron Hospital Room 278 for observation and tests.
- The family of Fred Hart who died last week.

Classroom Capers



**"Our Father, Who art in
heaven, Howard be
Thy name."**

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April 30, 1989

DEAR MOM AND DAD

Dear Mom and Dad,

I love you so much! If it was not for you I know that I would not be a part of this great church. I thought it was exciting when you became Christians and began to make changes in every area. The most exciting thing has been watching my own life change. God has really been moving! I am writing you this letter because I do not think you understand a few things. I was in bed last night when tears began to come to my eyes. Amidst all the good, there has been some bad, but I have not felt like I could tell anyone. It seems like teenagers are always afraid to tell someone.

The thing that is beginning to discourage me most of all is my friends at school. In the beginning the jokes and ridicule were non-existent, but now they come everyday. They call me "Bible Banger", "Jesus Freak", or tell me I am a "fanatic". Many of my best friends at school do not want to talk to me any more because they are tired of my asking them to church and Bible Talk. The majority of my time has been spent alone in a classroom of forty. I am always last to be picked for sports and games, if I am picked at all. The kids say I am a homosexual because I do not go out with non-Christian girls at school and never tell stories about my sexual relations with girls. It is so hard to take. I am getting tired of standing up for Jesus. The hardest part of all is that I cannot understand why you never ask me about these things!

Yesterday, one of the kids asked me if I wanted to go to a party. He told me it was my chance to prove I was a man. This girl named Suzy likes me and she told me I should go and that she would give me a ride. I want to go so badly! All the other boys have girlfriends - why can't I? If I just go once and have a few drinks people will lay off me. I won't get drunk. All I want to do is prove I am a man. I have not had a cigarette in a long time either. I never told you that I smoked, but I did because it helped me to handle the pressure. Sometimes I feel like I need a cigarette again. You do not have to know. You would not understand anyway. The world isn't a temptation for you like it is for me. I know it isn't because you would have told me if it was. You always talk about honesty and openness! You really believe it should be done constantly. I heard you teaching your discipleship partner that lesson once. That is why I know you would have told me if you struggled. It would really be great if you could relate!

I am glad you are leaders in the church. Although it is a lot of new responsibility, I can tell you love it. I cannot say that I love leadership as much as you do. When the family first became members of the church, we had dinner together prayed together and the family devotionals were fantastic. Now we rarely have dinner together and if we do, it is rushed and not very meaningful. Sometimes I want to suggest to you that we set times for the family and hold to them. I want to let you know that if we were all more disciplined, we could get it all done. I remember the preacher's saying that on Sunday and it made a lot of sense to me. I am afraid to tell you though. Since you have been a leader, you do not seem like you want people bothering you with their suggestions, especially me.

Mom and Dad, these are some of the things I feel. I hope you will not be upset

that I am saying negative things. They are not really negative, because my heart wants us to be the best family we can be. I am afraid that if we do not take things higher, we will become a mediocre family. Thanks for listening. I hope you read this. Sometimes in the back of my mind I wonder if you read my letters - and I wonder if you read the bulletin. That family section might really help us. It might really help everyone.

-Anonymous

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"FAMILY OF THE WEEK"

This week we are going to honor one of our senior citizens, who we all love so much, that is Zella Bellaire.

Zella is a true servant, and always has a smile to greet you with. She has three children; Richard Bellaire, Dennis Bellaire, and Janice Hayward. Zella resides in the Country Place apartments, where she is employed by the Nutrition Site Dining Room as Food Manager. There she is responsible for packing and sending out home bound meals (with volunteer help), and also helping to serve and clean up after daily dinners in the dining room.

Among her hobbies and leisure time activities are working crossword puzzles and making tray favors for the hospital. She also enjoys getting with her family and shopping, walking, and going to McDonalds to eat.

Zella states that all of her children were baptized when young and grew up in Christian homes, and that her husband (Elmore) and herself were baptized in 1975. She also states that the Church has been so good to her and that she appreciates it very much.

Congratulations, Zella, for letting us honor you this week!

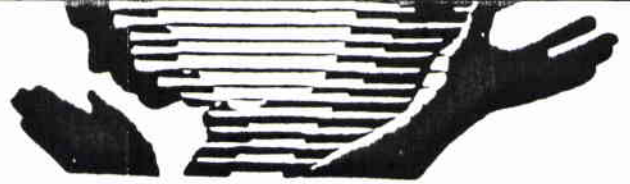
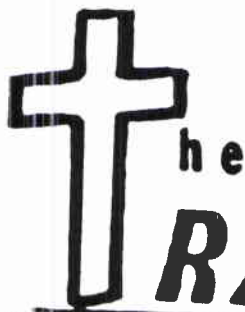
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.M. SERVICE - This morning our speaker will be Gerald Frump from Shults-Lewis.
- P.M. SERVICE - Since this is the 5th Sunday of April we will be praising God in song tonight.
- LADIES - Those of you who signed up for different activity projects, please get together with your group and set your specific date by Sunday, May 7 and give the dates to Jil or Barbara. Thanks.
- NOTE OF THANKS - We wish to thank the congregation for the prayers, love and support you have given to Katie and Jim. May God bless each of you.
Jim & Pam Braid
- PRAYERS - Jim & Katie Braid as they start their life together.
- Margaret Tucker that she continues to recover from her cough and as she goes back to work.
- Gay Ray that she regains her health.
- Any who are not feeling well at this time.

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May 6, 1989

THE LAST DAY

by Robert Oglesby, Jr.

She bowed her head as if to pray,
She knew in her heart this would be the last day.
The last day for anger,
Suffering or Pain.
The last day to cry
Or to see a strong rain.
The last day to know what this worlds all about.

She lifted the gun to her bowed head
And these were the words that she softly said:
"Oh dear Lord who art above,
I guess I'll never get wings like a dove's.
I've thought a lot and I've got the nerve.
Suicidal death is all I deserve.
My spirit won't rest I fully discern
For in hell my soul will eternally burn."

Good-bye everyone! Good-bye to my past.
And she was gone in one short blast.

THE END

This note was written by a sixteen year old girl after an argument with her parents.

Suicide has recently become the lead story in the news. There has been a recurring series of cluster suicides in our public high schools. They could be defined as multiple suicides occurring within a two or three month period. The news media highlights these events which seems to trigger more suicides in the same high school.

Everyone asks the same question why?

I have worked with many teens and parents who attempted or seriously thought about taking their own life. There were a variety of problems you could say caused their depression such as: divorce, sexual promiscuity, pressure to succeed, dating problems, and drugs. There seems to be a variety of problems that most people somehow cope with, yet some people can't seem to handle the stress.

If I could use but one word to describe what they need, it would be hope. They seem to feel their situation is hopeless. It won't get better, and it probably is going to get worse. They don't believe that life ends happily ever after. They don't see their lives ever becoming significant in this world. Parents too many times give their kids plenty to live with materially, but they don't give them anything to live for. It's sad to see kids give up on themselves.

I think of David who had his sins exposed to the public. He had good reason to think life was ruined yet he penned these words in Psalm 119:74-76. "May they

who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word. I know O Lord, that your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness you have afflicted me. May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant."

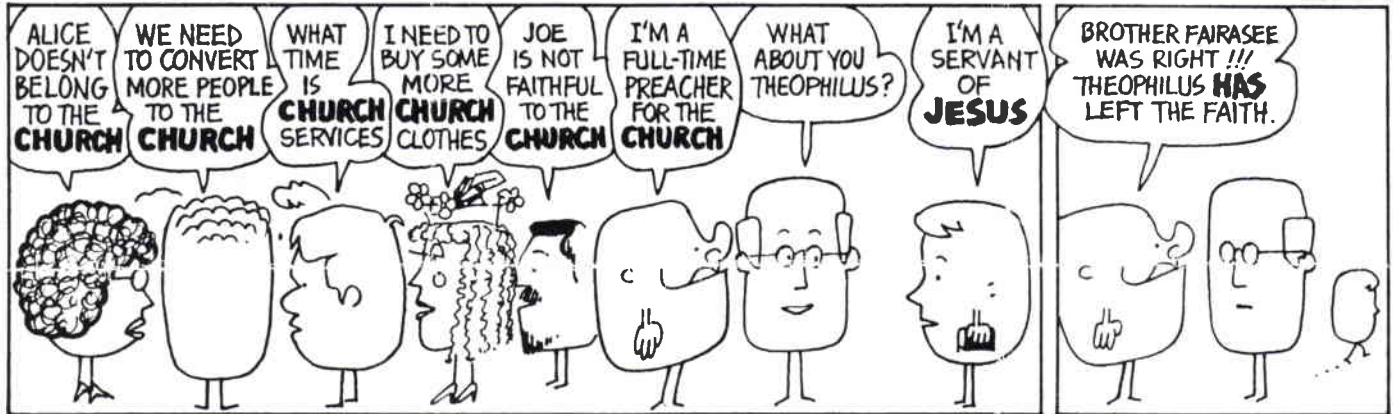
I pray you will take the message of hope in Christ to a world that looks for hope.

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FAMILY OF THE WEEK

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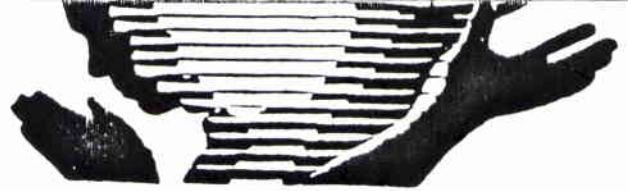
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MAY BIRTHDAYS	-	3	Bob Sowles	21	Jordon Noble
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MAY ANNIVERSARIES		6	Mike & Pat Hall	27	Terry & Cinda Simpson
		14	Brian & Patricia Leslie	28	Phil & Dianne Hostetler

- PRAYERS FOR
- Bill & Sharon Pepito & family in the passing of his mother.
 - Gay Ray as she is still not doing too good at this time.
 - Judy Boyle as she has been under alot of stress at this time.
 - The family of Woodrow Dent, Jr. who died this past week.
 - Remember these and any others you know as you go to God this week. Let's also remember to thank God for the prayers already answered.

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May 14, 1989

HOW HUSBANDS REACT TO THEIR WIVES

One of the advantages that a Christian has is the ability to maintain control of his or her circumstances.

Wives in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the Word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

(I Peter 3:1-2)

Christian wives have a power from God that can affect their environment. Jesus said that they are the "light" of the world; they are the "salt" of the earth. Salt purifies that which it touches and light dispels darkness. Darkness cannot exist where light enters.

How then can a wife change her unbelieving husband or her Christian husband whose life is not in step with his profession of godliness? Simply this: submit to him.

One wife who came to me with her husband for counseling said, "Here he is. Do something with him!" Admittedly Joe had a lot of things in his life to change, but it became clear in the course of discussion that Sally's constant nagging, prodding and threatening weren't helping matters any. She made Christianity as inviting as a desert. When I confronted her on her unchristlike behavior, she argued, "I'm married to a worm; he's a drunk, he's irresponsible, he's selfish." Sally was prideful and the head of her home as her mother had been before her.

Sisters, if you are married to a worm, you need to be even lower than he is in order to be in submission to him. The only exception, of course, is if he commands you to do something that opposes God's word.

We are not talking about equality; we are talking about position. Jesus is equal to the Father, but voluntarily submitted (positionally) to every command of His heavenly Father. "Have this same mind in yourselves that was in Christ Jesus" (Phillippians 2:5).

God doesn't make mistakes and the husband you have is the only one God can use to humble you, to recreate the life of Jesus Christ in you.

Let's not be guilty of soft-peddling God's word. Paul commanded:

Wives be submissive to your husbands in everything (Ephesians 5:34).

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord (Colossians 3:18).

Peter commanded,

Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without talk by the behavior of their wives (I Peter 3:1).

Don't not tiptoe through the scriptures cafeteria-style, picking and choosing what we will obey. Don't apologize for God's word or try to help God out of a jam by twisting the scriptures to have them come out where we want them to. Only by submitting to the hard teaching do we experience the greatest growth.

How do husbands react to their wives? By becoming either Christians or hardened sinners. It's all up to you, sisters!

-Jim Condon

"This will be a three-part article. Part one is today."

"FAMILY OF THE WEEK"

This week we want to highlight perhaps the youngest family in this congregation, and certainly one that has been a family for the shortest period of time, and that is the Jim Braid family.

It was a joy to be able to unite Jim and his wife Katie in marriage just two weeks ago, and to see their desire to have a family that will bring glory to God. Jim is currently employed at the Nisco Company, located in Topeka, where he is a molder, and Katie is employed with Lutheran Social Services, where she helps elderly people clean apartments and run errands.

In his spare time Jim enjoys reading, playing Nintendo, and playing basketball, and Katie enjoys shopping, reading, and having people over. As a family they enjoy eating out and camping at Jellystone.

Jim and Katie are both Christians, Jim having been so for one year, and Katie for six years. They both add that they are glad they are members of such a loving and caring body. Congratulations to the Braids!

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"O, What A Savior, O Hallelujah!" wrote Marvin Dalton over 40 years ago. Those lyrics will have special meaning to thousands of Christians this summer, July 12-15, 1989, at the 11th Annual MID-AMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP held in the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis.

The workshop begins Wednesday July 12 at 7:00 p.m. with Ray Walker leading a song service prior to the keynote speaker Ronnie White's message, "Our Savior Calls Us." Thursday through Saturday are filled with 69 sessions involving 32 different speakers with special programs for women, youth, singles, and senior saints. Several sessions also focus on teaching pre-schoolers through adults God's Word.

This year's theme, "O, What A Savior" celebrates Christ's sacrifice and our salvation. Plan now to schedule part of your vacation to worship the Savior who calls us.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THURSDAY NIGHT MEETING - We will be meeting at Joe & Lois Oakley's next Thursday, May 18 at 7:00.

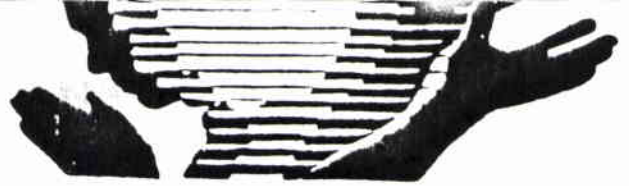
OPEN HOUSES
- Chris Hughes's will be from 1 - 5 p.m. on Saturday the 27th.
- Freddie Oakley's on Saturday from 2 - 6 p.m.
- Tammi Johnston's will be Sunday the 28th from 1 - 4 p.m.

REMINDER
- Please remember to check your files in the lobby.

NEW ADDRESS
- Jim & Katie's address and phone number are:
R. 1 Box 508 (Lewis Trailer Ct.)
LaGrange, IN 46761 463-4831

PRAYERS
- Gay Ray still having pain
- Wayne Lewis, Joe O's uncle, very ill following surgery.

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TRANSFORMER

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May 21, 1989

HOW WIVES REACT

Whether by plan or design, wives do react to their husbands' leadership. When problems surface in a marriage, their cause can always be traced to the one whom God has commissioned as head in the relationship (I Corinthians 11:3-9).

Man was created by God first and given tasks to perform; then God created the woman..."I will make a helper suitable for him." The word for helper in Hebrew means "to aid" or "to assist."

Eve was created "to aid" Adam. It is logical to assume that Adam was responsible to lead in that relationship. Adam had to provide direction, or Eve wouldn't have known how to aid or provide assistance to him.

Before Eve sinned, it appears from the text that Adam failed as a husband by simply not giving direction and protecting her from Satan's craftiness. Genesis 3:6 says, "She also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it." He stood by in silence while Eve was seduced by the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life.

In what ways do we as husbands fail our wives today? Consider the following problems and their causes.

Reaction	Action
When the wife feels insecure.	The husband is not being a spiritual leader.
When the wife takes matters into her own hands and assumes the leadership role.	The husband has allowed problems to continue and even get worse.
When the children rebel, the wife blames her husband.	The husband has not supported his wife in disciplining the children.
When the wife becomes resentful of financial pressures.	The husband has been spending extra money on things <u>he</u> enjoys.
When the wife feels inferior and jealous.	The husband praises or admires other women.
When the wife feels unable to totally give herself (body, soul and spirit) to her husband.	The husband only verbalizes his love when he wants a physical relationship.
When the wife feels frustration from not knowing how to please her husband.	The husband doesn't praise her for specific things.
When the wife turns to others who will listen to her true feelings.	The husband doesn't make the time to listen to his wife.
When the wife feels unprotected.	The husband has not been alert to the dangers which his wife faces.
When the wife feels inadequate in trying to meet her husbands' physical needs.	The husband has been lusting after other women.

When a wife mentally gives up and loses all hope.

The husband is prideful, never in the wrong, loses his temper to stay in control and never asks for forgiveness.

I am always encouraged by the knowledge that when my wife is not being radiant, it is within my power to change her countenance simply by repenting. Husbands, we must change the areas of our lives which will help our wives be what God wants them to be.

Next week, "How Our Children React."

-Jim Condon

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"FAMILY OF THE WEEK"

For this week we want to acknowledge the Millard Hughes family as our family of the week.

Millard is retired, and his wife of 42 years, Mildred (Midge) works at the LaGrange Hospital as an Assistant Housekeeper. Millard states that he loves yard work and shopping for bargains! Midge says that her hobbies include "cleaning", eating out, and walking.

Millard and Midge have four children: Joe Hughes, Lois Oakley, Penny Oakley, and Diane Kimpel, all of whom are Christians. Midge has been a Christian for 17 years. Midge states that one of her main goals is to lead her husband to Christ and ask for your prayers to help in this.

Congratulations to this family for being our family of the week!

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Plan on attending the 11th Annual MID-AMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP (MAEW) in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 12-15 this summer. Each evening at 7:30 p.m. keynote speakers will focus on the workshop's theme "O, What A Savior".

Ronnie White will begin on Wednesday evening with a message entitled "Our Savior Calls Us". Thursday evening Tex Williams celebrates "The Savior of the World" while Jeff Walling speaks Friday night on "A Savior Centered Salvation". Jerry Jones closes MAEW Saturday evening with a message concerning "Saved by Grace."

For housing information contact Ben Kemp, PO Box 19269, Indianapolis, IN 46219 (317)356-0958 or 888-5431. Also the Ramada Inn near the convention Center (317-635-44443 or 1-800-228-3344) is offering special discounts for MAEW participants.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MEMORIAL DAY - There will be a pot luck at Camp Indogan on Memorial Day, May 29th to get the camp ready for summer sessions. All are invited to come join in the FELLOWSHIP- WORK - POTLUCK - FUN!!
- OPEN HOUSE - Mike Pepito's open house will be Sunday June 4 from 3:30 - 7:00 IN time.
- MEN'S MEETING - Sunday evening following services.
- GRADUATES - Next Sunday eve. 28, the evening assembly is devoted to you, with a pot luck following for you and your parents.

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May 28, 1989

CHILDREN IN REBELLION

"...He punishes the children for the sins of the father to the third and fourth generation..." (Numbers 14:18b)

A father's sins tend to recur in the lives of his sons and daughters. The manifestations may differ, but the basic failure will be there.

When children react to their father, they become just like him either in actions, attitudes or disposition. What fathers allow in moderation, their sons and daughters run to excess in excess.

CAUSE	EFFECT
If the father breaks promises.	The child tends to become ungrateful.
If the father never admits being wrong.	The child loses confidence in his leadership.
If the father refuses to ask forgiveness.	The child reacts to his pride.
If the father is too strict in discipline.	The child's spirit is broken.
If the father gives too much freedom.	The child feels unloved and rejected.
If the father does not love his wife.	The child takes defense for his mother.
If the father neglects God's word.	The child rejects the Bible and God's authority.
If the father is a work-a-holic.	The child develops a temporal value system.
If the father disciplines in anger.	The child becomes bitter.
If the father focuses on the outward beauty of others.	The child feels inferior and rejects himself.
If the father has inconsistent standards.	The child despises him.
If the father allows his wife to lead.	The child rejects all authority.

As fathers we must always be on the alert to spiritual dangers facing our children. They must believe that our standards are clearly based on the principles of the Bible. Our expectations of them must be consistent with what we do. Rise up O man of God and rebuild the walls that have fallen.

-Jim Condon

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Several sessions in the 11th Annual MID-AMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP (MAEW) in Indianapolis July 12-15, 1989, focus on youth and their needs. Each evening at 7:30 a special session directed toward the youth will feature speakers, such as Mike Cope on Wednesday, Charlie Hester on Thursday, and Ross Cochran on Saturday, all planning to incorporate the workshop's theme "O, What A Savior" into their messages.

Other speakers for the youth include Michael Blakley, Jeff Walling, Rex Eaton, Andy Baker and Tim Tripp.

Throughout the workshop the music groups "Time of Day" & "Someday" from Harding University will perform. Also special classes for pre-schoolers and primary age children will be offered. So plan on bringing the children to MAEW this summer.

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"FAMILY OF THE WEEK"

This week we are pleased to announce that our family to be honored is the Chris Deisler family.

Chris is self employed as a doctor of Chiropractic, and owner of the Deisler Chiropractic Center located in Topeka, Indiana, and his wife of 8 years, Jil, is a housewife. Chris enjoys using his spare time with horses, attending horse sales, keeping abreast of health issues, being involved with civic activities in Topeka, such as the Chamber of Commerce, and doing things that the children enjoy. Jil states that she enjoys redecorating rooms in their home, stenciling, woodcrafts, shopping and aerobics.

Chris and Jil have 4 children: Ross, 7, who likes baseball, riding his bike, building things out of wood scraps, and mostly riding his pony Casey; Chase, 5, who enjoys riding his bike, drawing and visiting friends; Hailey, 3, who likes to help her mommy cook, clean, set the table, and ride Casey the pony; and Drew, 1, who likes Steve Miller and riding his 3-wheeler!

The entire family spends time in their swimming pool and hot tub when the weather permits, and riding in the pony cart (does this family like horses, or what?). They say that they especially enjoy being with and working with the youth of the Church.

Chris and Jil are both Christians, having been so for 9 years and 8 years, respectively, and also add that they enjoy attending Bible workshops when possible, and feel blessed in getting to know the Body here in LaGrange since they moved from Colorado 3 years ago. They state that they are looking forward to developing even deeper relationships here.

May God bless our family of this week in that goal!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FELLOWSHIP

- Remember this evenings assembly is devoted to the graduates with a pot luck following for them and their parents.
- Zone 1 is responsible for clean-up following the pot luck this evening.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- Dan & Connie Davison
 R 1 Box 294
 Pleasant Lake, IN 46779
 Phone 475-5947

Gay Ray
 Miller's Merry Manor
 Room 18 Southwest Wing
 Visitors very welcome!!

MEMORIAL DAY FUN

- All are invited to come join in the FUN - FELLOWSHIP - WORK - POTLUCK!
 At Camp Indogan on Monday, May 29th to get the camp ready for summer sessions.

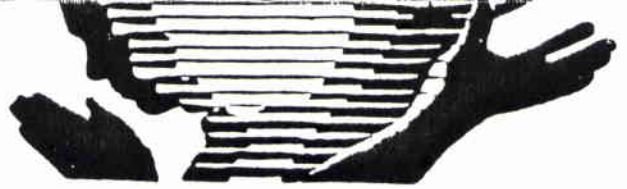
PRAYERS

- Gay Ray still having problems and pain.
- Wayne Lewis, Fred & Joe Oakley's uncle.
- Francis Springer's brother who isn't doing very well at this time.
- Remember these and any others who need our prayers this week.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1	Amber Turpin	11	Freddie Oakley	ANNIVERSARIES
1	Jason Turpin	12	Ruth Engle	
2	Chris Hughes	17	Mary Anne Wade	8 Austin & Patti
3	Enos Miller	18	Lisa Shears	Copeland
4	Joey Oakley	26	Kathy Sowles	11 Joe & Lois O.
5	Ann Leslie			

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June 4, 1989

DESIGNED FOR FLIGHT

A sparrow isn't worth much by man's standards, but the engineering of a sparrow involves an incredible number of things that allows the sparrow to be able to fly. Just think of all the things that have to be arranged specifically for flight! Here are some of them.

MUSCLES. A man cannot hook wings onto his arms, beat his arms up and down and fly! The breast muscles that would do that in a man make up less than 1% of his total weight. In birds, those same muscles make up as much as 30% of the total body weight. Only with properly arranged and distributed muscles is flight possible.

BONES. The bones of birds are hollow to make them very light in weight. In spite of that, they are unusually strong and have considerable flexibility. Unlike our bones which are rigid and dense, the bones of a bird have open-spaced braces in them so that the bird can cope with the stresses and strains of flight.

ENERGY. When a jet airplane takes off, there is a deafening roar as huge amounts of energy are consumed to allow the takeoff. Birds also need huge amounts of energy available. They have the highest body temperatures of all animals and an extremely efficient digestive system so that they can utilize a high percentage of what they eat. It has been calculated that the Golden Plover gets about 160 miles per gallon in the way it uses its food.

EYESIGHT. Birds of prey have vision that is up to 10 times better than humans. A hawk's eye contains up to 1.5 million visual cells while a man's eye has only 200,000. It is obvious that when one is hunting from the air great resolving power is essential.

FEATHERS. The feathers of a bird can insulate against hot or cold. They can fan the air or streamline the body. By weight, feathers are stronger than any man-made material. A pigeon's primary wing feather has more than a million parts - vanes, barbs, hooks, flanges, barbules and smoothed edges which work together in a way similar to a zipper. These feathers compensate for any change in air flow. The feathers compensate for any change in air flow. The feathers on the wing tip act like the propeller of an aircraft. They change their angle to cope with changes in stress. The secondary and tertiary wing feathers act like the flaps of an airplane. Embedded in the skin near the base of the feathers are nerve endings that allow the feathers to be sensory organs. There are some 12,000 tiny muscles that are attached to the base of the feather to control its pitch and position.

Like man's, the inner ear of the bird reports precise body positions to the cerebellum of the bird's brain. There are many specialized structures in various birds that allow hovering or swimming or other special activities. As we see the incredible complexity of birds, we have to ask the origin of this design for flight. To attribute all of these things to chance or to gradualism is a leap of faith as great or greater than to believe that God's wisdom and planning made such a thing as flight possible. No wonder God knows when a sparrow falls to the ground. He has a heavy investment in that sparrow's engineering. His design for our lives is even more fantastic. We too are creatures of design and not chance.

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(FAMILY OF THE WEEK WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK)

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HUSBANDS AND WIVES:

Married couples should always try to do things together, especially when they begin to drift apart. One couple took this advice to heart and when he asked her to go deer hunting she accepted, though she had never been before, and was in fact nothing more than a dainty city slicker. She had never even seen a deer. Nevertheless he took her to a tree stand and helped her up, telling her to watch the open field carefully. He went a good ways into the underbrush to sit by a firebreak and about midmorning he heard several shots coming from her direction. Running toward the clearing he saw a man jumping frantically up and down waving his hands while his wife was saying, "get away from that deer, that's my deer!" The man yelled back, "all right, lady, it's your deer, but let me get my saddle off of him!"

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This year's MID-AMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP (MAEW) in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 12-15, features a full day of programs related to the Bible school teacher.

Starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 15, sessions concerning teaching adults will be offered by Charles Wilson, education minister at Southeastern Church of Christ, MAEW's sponsoring congregation. Also Jackie Pyeatt and Jane Cramer will lead sessions about teaching pre-schoolers and elementary children. Les Gleaves offers advice for the "Bible School Supervisor" Saturday afternoon.

Throughout the workshop many Bible bookstores and education material suppliers will have booths set up for browsing. As in previous years MAEW participants will be able to discuss their Bible school needs with several leaders in the field of education.

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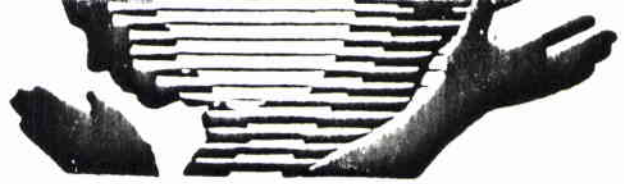
THURSDAY NIGHT CLASS - This past Thursday evening began the class at Joe & Lois Oakley's at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

- Connie Davison and family as they are having problems at this time.
- Mary Campbell, Thelma Hoggatt's mother, has very low blood sugar.
- Lisa Shears & Diana Ritchie are traveling through the south west this month.
- Keep these and any that you know who haven't been mentioned here in your thoughts this week as you go to the Lord in prayer.

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TRANSFORMER

"...be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Rom. 12:2)

June 18, 1989

Have you had a busy day? Rushing to and fro? Trying to meet deadlines? Cover all the bases? Do you ever get a tension headache? Knots in your stomach? Pain in your chest? Find yourself sighing and feeling drained?

We're all occupied with calendars and clocks. There's hardly any time for conversation. Taking a walk with someone. Driving below the speed limit. Enjoying a good book. Playing tennis with your wife. Going to the park with your little boy.

The epitome of our frantic pace may have been realized. A funeral home in Chicago has put in a drive-through service so people can pay their respects without having to get out of their cars. "The working person doesn't have time to come in," says the owner of the funeral home. "They want to see the body, but they don't want to have to wait."

A visitor drives to a speakerphone and pushes a button for service. An attendant asks whom they wish to view. Having given the name, the person signs a visitor's register beneath the speakersphone, drives forward a few feet, and views a closed-circuit TV shot of the deceased person in his or her coffin on a 25-inch screen.

When we are so busy that we have to pay our respects to the dead in the same way we buy fast-food hamburgers, we're just too busy. But where did it start?

-When we couldn't find time to be with our mates and children? To eat together? To talk?

-When we became too busy to cultivate friendships?

- When the length of a preacher's sermon became more important than its content?

I am not a naive romantic who thinks the world would be better if we scrapped jets and cars in favor of ox carts and horses. It isn't so much that we have vehicles which move fast that bothers me as that we move about so thoughtlessly.

Some of us need to slow down dramatically. Not stop. Not quit life. Not withdraw from responsibility. But slow down. Smell the roses. Nurture a relationship. Be alone with God in a secret place.

Our culture promotes bigness and noisiness, hustle and bustle. But the metaphors of discipleship used by Jesus were frequently pictures of small and quiet things, modest and steady things. Salt. Candles. Seed. Leaven.

If the pace has gotten too hectic, ask God to show you the secret of peace. Rest. An stillness.

-Rubel Shelly - Image

"FAMILY OF THE WEEK"

Congratulations to the Harold DePriest family as being chosen our family of the week.

Harold and his wife, Janet, have been married for 17 years, and have 2 children; Angie, 14, who enjoys swimming and gymnastics, and Ryan, 11, who likes to spend his time playing basketball, baseball, and Nintendo, as well as mowing lawns.

Harold works for Kraft, located in Kendallville, where he is the Quality Control Manager in charge of the quality of the candy. His hobbies include woodworking, exercising and traveling. Janet is employed by Houser's Accounting and Tax Service, where she is secretary and accounting clerk. She is responsible for preparing tax returns during tax service time. In her spare time she enjoys cross stitching, traveling and exercising.

Harold has been a Christian for 8 years and Janet for 15. The entire family states that they like to travel and go camping. They especially like to go to Missouri and go to the lakes there, where they fish and ski.

Thanks, DePriest's, for being our family of the week!

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"He left the Father, with all His riches,
With calmness sweet and serene,
Came down from heaven and gave His life-blood,
To make the vilest sinner clean."

When Marvin Dalton penned the second verse to his hymn, "O, What A Savior", this year's theme of the MID-AMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP in Indianapolis, he honored the divine concept of Fatherhood. When we honor our fathers this Sunday remember what a sacrifice God made when He sent his only begotten Son to die for our sins.

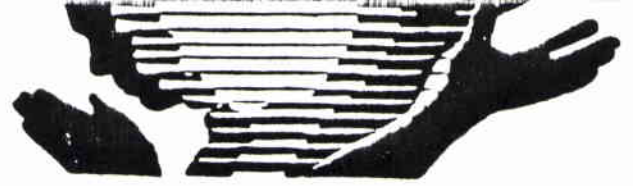
On July 12-15 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Christians from all over the country will convene to praise our Savior's sacrifice. Ray Walker will lead the song each evening and singing groups such as the Messengers, Someday, and Time of Day will offer praise throughout the workshop. Plan to be there and share in the worship and praise!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Men's Meeting - This evening following evening service.
- MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET - To be held here at the building on June 23, from 6:30 - 8:30.
Come and enjoy the evening of fellowship with your mother or daughter!
- PRAYERS
- Kathleen Price, Nannie Hall's neighbor, was in the hospital with a bloodclot in her leg this past week.
 - Remember Gay Ray, Mary Anne Wade and Mary Campbell in Miller's Merry Manor.
 - Lisa Shears & Diana Ritchie traveling in Arizona and will be heading back home the end of next week.
 - Remember these and any not mentioned in your prayers this week.

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June 25, 1989

WEAK OR UNCOMMITTED?

A very useful insight in evaluating our own lives and helping other Christians is learning to distinguish between a "weak" Christian and one who has simply become uncommitted to Jesus as Lord. The Scriptures provide clear answers concerning both how to identify and help Christians who are weak and those who are uncommitted.

Characteristics of being Weak:

1. Limited in natural abilities or resources. I Corinthians 2:1-5; Judges 6:11-16.
2. Easily overtaken by problems and attitudes from non-Christian background. I Corinthians 8:4-7; Galatians 4:8-9.
3. Immature in understanding and limited in knowledge. Romans 14:1-15:6.
4. Trying hard, but making mistakes and blunders. Matthew 14:25-31; 16:21-23.
5. Making every effort to please God, but not relying on His power. Romans 7:14-25; Colossians 2:20-23.
6. Growing weary, losing heart, feeling discouraged. 2 Corinthians 11:24-30; Hebrews 12:1-12.

Ways to help the Weak:

1. Accept and bear with them while they grow. Romans 14:1; 15:1.
2. Do not disdain or pass judgement on them. Romans 14:13; I Corinthians 3:1-2.
3. Do not cause to stumble by violating their conscience. Romans 14:13-21; I Corinthians 8:9-13.
4. Sympathize with them. I Corinthians 9:22.
5. Give them practical help. Acts 20:35; I Thessalonians 5:14.

Characteristics of the Uncommitted:

1. Lukewarm, half-hearted, giving partial effort. Revelation 2:4-5; 3:1-3; 3:15-16.
2. Not acknowledging one's own needs. Revelation 3:17-19.
3. Complacent, feeling a false sense of security. Isaiah 32:9-11; Amos 6:1.
4. Tuning out and ignoring God's message. Matthew 13:11-15; Hebrews 2:1-3.
5. Unteachable, close-minded. John 9:24-34; 2 Timothy 4:3-4.
6. Not using what one has been given. Matthew 25:24-27; Luke 12:47-48.
7. Self-centered, ignoring the spiritual and physical need of others. Proverbs 24:11-12; Matthew 25:41-46; James 2:4-17; I John 3:16-18.
8. Laziness, unwillingness to work. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13.
9. Going consistently unfruitful and unchanged. Proverbs 13:4; Matthew 21:43; Luke 13:6-9; John 15:5-6; 2 Peter 1:5-9.

10. Inconsistent participation in meetings of the body. Hebrews 10:24-25.
11. Making excuses when challenged. Luke 9:59-62; Luke 14:16-24.

Ways to Help the Uncommitted:

1. Call to repentance. Revelation 2:5; 3:3; 3:19.
2. Warn, then avoid. I Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15.

As we attempt to help brothers and sisters who are weak or have become uncommitted, our goal is to help them decide for themselves whether they are weak or uncommitted. This can be done by asking them specific questions which will cause them to recognize their spiritual condition. Examples of good questions are: Can you say you love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? Are you seeking the kingdom of God first in every decision? Are you open to challenge and advice? Are you growing closer to God and becoming more like Jesus in your character? Do you find yourself often making excuses for not doing what you know is right? Would you characterize yourself as being hot, lukewarm or cold as a Christian? These kinds of penetrating questions will expose the true spiritual condition of anyone if they are truthfully answered.

God does not expect all Christians to have the same amount of talent, knowledge or effectiveness but he does expect every Christian to be totally committed. Christians who are weak but committed will be making every effort to become strong.

Those who are committed to God, even if weak, have an urgent desire to know God and be right with Him. (Psalm 27:4; Matthew 5:6; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; Philippians 3:7-11) They make spiritual growth the TOP priority in their lives.

Characteristics of the Committed:

1. Teachable. Matthew 5:3; Acts 8:30-31.
2. Search God's word for themselves. Acts 17:11; Psalm 119:20-24.
3. Pray consistently to have a right heart before God. Psalm 51:10-17.
4. Open in relationships. I Thessalonians 2:5-12.
5. Eager and consistent participation in the meetings of the body. Acts 2:42,46.
6. Taking initiative to put into practice God's will in their lives. Psalm 101:2-4; I Timothy 4:7.
7. Always being eager to repent of sin. 2 Corinthians 7:10-11.
8. Making "kingdom-first" decisions. Matthew 6:19-24, 33; Acts 20:24; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15.
9. Obvious progress toward maturity. Hebrews 5:11-6:1.
10. Conscious effort to acquire new skills and be more productive. Matthew 25:16-23; Ephesians 4:11-16.
11. Evidence in speech and life of total commitment. Matthew 12:33-37.

We need to continually be examining ourselves and helping others examine themselves concerning where we are spiritually.

I urge you to study all the passages contained in this article and use them to evaluate your own spiritual condition and help others to do the same. -Joe Woods

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"FAMILY OF THE WEEK"

This week's individual of the week is Debra Duzan. Deb is employed at Miller's Merry Manor as a Qualified Medical Aid, passing treatments in nursing.

Deb currently lives in LaGrange with her mother, Juanita who is a press operator at Domestic Duo-Therm, and her sister, Connie, who is also a Qualified Medical Aid. She also has 3 brothers; Kenneth, who manages a store, Jeff, who is employed by Carney's Decorating, and Steven, who is a fork lift operator.

She states that she enjoys walking her dogs and gardening in her spare time. She also says that the entire family enjoys their cookouts, and likes to spend time with the grandchildren, neices and nephews of the family.

Deb has been a Christian for 4 months, and states that she enjoys being a part of the Body in LaGrange and would like to continue to grow in the Lord. May we all help her in reaching that goal!

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Each hot sweltering afternoon during the July 12-15 MID-AMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP (MAEW) in Indianapolis, Indiana, will quench spiritual thirst with special keynote messages focusing on the workshop's theme, "O, What A Savior".

On Thursday July 17 at 2:00 p.m. Wayne Kilpatrick will speak about "A Savior Full of Grace". Then on Friday at the same time Don McLaughlin will explain that "You Shall Call His Name Jesus" in his message. At 2:00 p.m. on Saturday Jack Evans' talk, "They Have Taken Away My Lord", concentrates on the betrayal and crucifixion.

During those keynote speeches special talks for youth will be provided in the Indiana Convention Center's auxilliary rooms. So avoid July's heat and attend a spiritual feast at the 11th Annual MID-AMERICA EVANGELISM WORKSHOP.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- COPIER TRAINING - There will be a training class on Wednesday the 28th of June for 10 min. prior to classes on the use of the copier. If you will be using the copier this is a mandotory class.
- CARE GROUP - Care Group 1 will meet at the Copeland's on July 4th.
- SKATING PARTY - There will be a skating party at the RollerDome on Monday the 26th from 7:00 - 9:30. The proceeds of this evening will go to Camp Indogan.
- CAMP SESSIONS
 - July 9-14 Junior Session (9 to 11 years of age)
 - 16-21 Intermediate Session (12 to 14 years of age)
 - 23-28 Senior Session (15-18 years of age)
 - July 30-Aug 4 Intermediate Session
 - Aug 6-11 Junior Session
- JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5	Nannie Hall	17	Brian Hoggatt
5	Adam Leslie	22	Charity Lomeli
7	Janet DePriest	25	Opal Copeland
8	Mitra Angus	26	Ruth Lomeli
8	Terry Simpson	26	Chris Deisler
8	Susan Pieratt	28	Luella Oakley
9	Lois Oakley	29	Jenell Miller
10	Katie Braid	29	Harold DePriest
- JULY ANNIVERSARIES-

1	Joe & Kathy Hughes	19	Dale & Laura Dorris
6	Jim & Sharon Pieratt	25	Chris & Jil Deisler
- PRAYERS
 - Bliss family, friends of Linda Sattison, were in a traffic accident, father & mother were both killed, rest of family in serious condition.
 - Dane Tate also in same accident, is in serious condition.
 - Linda Sattison got to Germany safely.
 - Dean & Thelma traveling to So. Carolina
 - Lisa & Diana heading back home from out west.
 - Bill & Nick Pepito traveling out west for 2 week of backpacking.

PRAYERS CONTINUED - Marion Benfield, Beverly Ray's aunt, has cancer.

UPCOMING EVENTS - July 22 - Father Son Banquet
Aug. 5 - Children's Day
Watch for more details in the future.

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"Sir, you have been recommended for our remedial singing class that meets in the basement of our annex."

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THE BIBLE AND TV GUIDE

On the table -- side by side --
The Holy Bible and the TV Guide
One is well worn but cherished with pride
(Not the Bible, but the TV Guide).
One is used daily to help folk decide.
No! It isn't the Bible; it's the TV Guide.
As the pages are turned what shall they see?
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV.
Then confusion reigns, they can't agree
On what they shall watch on the old TV.
So they open the book in which they confide
(No, not the Bible, it's the TV Guide).
The Word of God is seldom read;
Maybe a verse e'er they fall into bed,
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,
Not from reading the Bible; from watching TV.
So, back to the table, side by side.
Is the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
No time for prayer no time for the Word;
The plan of salvation is seldom heard.
Forgiveness of sin so full and free
Is found in the Bible, not on TV.

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