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Junior Bible Quiz Champions



The Sunday School Department honored the Junior Bible Quiz Champions on Saturday, June 12th. Receiving a trophy and individual medals of achievement were Angela and Holly Anderson, members of the Burkesville United Pentecos-

tal Church. Brother Dan Stratton, Sunday School Director, and Brother Raymond Clark, Sunday School Secretary, spoke to the quizzers about the rewards of Bible quizzing before presenting the awards.

Congratulations to these two girls who have studied Acts 15 through 28 during the year. Our prayers of support are with them as they go to the National Junior Bible Quiz Tournament in August.

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“I Am Christ”

Pastor G. L. Vittitow

District Superintendent Louisville, Kentucky

I am printing an article this month by Rev. R. D. Whalen, District Superintendent of Oklahoma. His practical warning and call for watchfulness is needed among our sign-seeker generation. This article first appeared in The Oklahoma District Beacon.

The blatant claims of Vernon Howell, who changed his name to David Koresh, that he was the “Son of God” deceived only a small group of people who, most of the world feels, were mentally and spiritually deranged. While nothing good came from the Waco, Texas, episode, the cost to American taxpayers and the senseless loss of lives have left a tremendous impact on our nation.

There will long be questions in our minds about the government agencies’ involvements and actions that surround this case. The President of the United States has promised the nation that a full-scale investigation into all that was done will be made in order to learn from our mistakes (if there were any) and to prepare ourselves to handle similar confrontations in the future with more professional diplomacy.

To my knowledge, no oneness Pentecostal believers were fooled or ensnared by Vernon Howell. However, there is the possibility we could be deceived by a more subtle spirit in our age that has great appeal to our religious nature. We are warned by Paul’s writings in 1 Corinthians 10:12, “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”

Deception is the number one en-

emy of the church in the last days. When the disciples asked Jesus about the signs of His coming and of the end of the world, His answer was, “Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matthew 24:4-5). First of all, notice the word MANY; not a few shall come or not a few shall be deceived, but MANY shall come, and MANY shall be deceived.

Two things we must be aware of: (1) The deceiver will come “in my name” — that means he is a Jesus’ name man. Not just a preacher, but a Jesus’ name preacher. (2) He will say, “I am Christ.” This statement has nothing to do with a claim such as Vernon Howell made, that he was the Son of God. Such a claim would turn off all of us, and no Jesus’ name people would ever fall for such nonsense. The word Christ comes from the Greek word *Christos* and its primeroot is *Chrio*, which means to consecrate to an office or religious service, to anoint. The word *Christos* means anointed. Jesus was warning His disciples that many Jesus’ name people will say I am anointed and will deceive many.

In all probability, your first response to the above statement is, “How could that ever happen?” When I was a teen-age boy preparing for the ministry, a group of Jesus’ name people proclaimed God had more for us than what we possessed. These were super-spiritual men who claimed power to give the nine spiritual gifts to those on whom they laid their hands. Some of

them were supposed to be “prophets,” just like Elijah and Elisha. They twisted the scriptures relating to the nine spiritual gifts and came up with a “gift of healing” instead of gifts of healing, claiming that individuals could receive a special gift so that everyone they prayed for would be healed. The gifts of healing in 1 Corinthians 12 refer to healings that the Holy Spirit gives to sick people in the church and has nothing to do with elevating someone to a position of Healer. This same group changed the discerning of spirits to the discerning of physical sicknesses and would call people out to come forward and receive deliverance for everything from a simple headache to malignancies. Instead of the gift of prophecy being the Holy Spirit-anointing on our testimonies to the church and to the world, or the anointing of God on our talents and ministries (see 1 Chronicles 25:1; Acts 2:17; Revelation 19:5), which everybody in the church is supposed to possess (according to Acts 2:17 and 1 Corinthians 14:5), they relegated this to a few super-spiritual individuals who were like the Old Testament prophets, which is a complete contradiction of the words of Jesus in Luke 16:16. If that type of ministry is for us today, then so is circumcision of the flesh, feast days, Sabbath days, clean and unclean meats, and everything else included under the Law.

Those involved in this so-called move of God called themselves the Latter Rain movement, and MANY were deceived by them. There were

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"I Am Christ"

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many people and quite a few churches, even a couple of our Bible schools, that left us over these issues. The majority of those who followed these teachings lost their holiness and doctrine standards which we still hold dear today.

It would be great to be able to tell you that such erroneous practices no longer exist among us at this time, but that is not the case. The simplicity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not enough for some people. They are running after the spectacular while ignoring the old paths where is the good way, forsaking the fountain of living water to hew out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water. Over the year some of these false doctrines have crept in

among us, and we have not opposed them for fear of being misunderstood. If we were resisting dead, dry, formal religion, based on the wisdom of men that appealed to the carnal nature of humanity, all the Jesus' name movement would back us up. But when you take an open stand against Jesus' name people that say, "I am anointed (Christ)," you immediately become branded as not believing in revival, not believing in "the move of God," and being full of doubt and unbelief.

Our only protection from spiritual deception is to stand on the Word. The Apostle Paul spoke of those "whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power of signs and lying won-

ders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (II Thessalonians 2:9-11). Peter warns of "unlearned and unstable" men who wrest the scriptures "unto their own destruction" (II Peter 3:16).

Dangers to the church will never come through some televangelist or cult leader whose twisted concept of prophecy will lead us to Guyana or Waco, Texas. No, the first warning of Jesus to the endtime generation is, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For MANY shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive MANY."



Junior Camp
July 5 - 9

Ages 8 - 13

Evangelist:
Rev. Russell Hamby
Rector, Arkansas

Senior Camp
July 19 - 23

Ages 13 - single

Evangelist:
Rev. Brian Kinsey
Tioga, Louisiana

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All campers required to leave following the Friday evening service.

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A Tribute to Rev. George Russell, Sr.

Rev. Terry Gillum - Wurtland, Kentucky

George Lemuel Russell, Sr. was a third generation one-God, apostolic, pentecostal preacher who lived to see his fourth, fifth and sixth generation serve God too.

John the Baptist was introduced as, "a man sent from God," (John 1:6). There are good men — then there are "men of God." Brother Russell was indeed a man of God. All who knew this man, knew he was made of steel, cast in bronze and with a heart of gold. When I was a small boy his black hair that turned gray and earned him the title among the church as the Elder.

Life is short at its longest. Each passing day draws us nearer to eternity. While time stops for no one, the seconds are rapidly ebbing away. Man must prepare for his eternal home - and prepare, the Elder did! He has crossed many bridges, weathered many storms, fought many battles, shed many tears and put his all — body, soul and spirit — into the work of God.

His perseverance started at age 21. Now, 45 years later, he died serving God. Only eternity will reveal the actual number of people his life has touched. But he's not dead, only asleep — a peaceful sleep, awaiting the soon coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I still remember how he would pack himself, his wife and his 12 children into his station wagon then pick up yet more people for church. Forging creeks whose waters were up because of heavy rains his headlights would burst as he slowly moved across.

He was a man of the Word. In almost every sermon he expound the truth concerning One God and the revelation of being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. He taught the Bible, the only book to live and die by. I had the privilege of sitting under his ministry

as he pastored. He was unselfish with the pulpit - allowing and encouraging young ministers, such as I, to receive their start in the ministry and to fulfill their calling. I gleaned through his ministry blessings, counsel, instruction, correction and a strong holiness teaching. I vowed I would never stop preaching this One God message, Jesus name baptism and holiness living as long as I live. It is a debt I owe to now another forefather and past generation - and this, my generation, to my children and their children.

It was sometime around 7:00 am, April 28th, when a request ushered from the throne room of God. An angel turns and heads earthward — toward a small town in Wurtland, Kentucky. Slowly walking down the winding road, up the gravel driveway, and through the door of the house on the hill, he proceeds cautiously down the hall, and comes to the doorway of the Elder on the left. Seeing the blood applied on an ancient gray haired warrior, the angel silently moves toward his bedside, gently places one arm under his neck, and the other under his thigh, while whispering in angelic tones, "Come Elder. It's time for you to come home. Your Father has given you this time on earth, and now He is calling for you. You have shed your last tear, endured your last ounce of pain, and struggled for your last breath. It is time for you to come home to the embrace of your Father."

They say there's going to be 30 minutes of silence in heaven, and I guess it will take it. A 30 minute tribute to every battle scarred soldier, and to every weary pilgrim who has fought the good fight of faith.

And now, a new hero has been inducted into Heaven's Hall of Fame. To describe with words this man's life,

my words are but a futile attempt. But heaven's epitaph must read something like this:

George Lemuel Russell (The Elder).

A mighty warrior; one who refused to ponder at the pool of popularity or meander the maze of mediocrity; refused to flinch in the face of adversity; a Veteran of many years, suffering affliction and enduring pain - yet without complaining or retreating.

God's trophy - an unblemished jewel polished by the trials of life, and now on display in heaven's showcase.

Death - it seems so final and cold, but in reality, he just started living! And on the morning of that great coronation day, as the masses from every nation will be standing in line to receive their reward, somewhere in that vast multitude, the Elder will be standing tall with a smile upon his face.

Among the ranks of the faithful, the Elder will not feel out of place. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Noah, Daniel, Job, Elijah, Peter, James, John, George Russell.

We will long remember this day. A day in which the Elder was taken from us in body, but not in spirit. Transported by a heavenly host into Abraham's bosom, awaiting the day in which he will look on the face of his Savior. While removing a crown that was placed upon his head, and casting it at the feet of Jesus, begins singing "I'm in love with Jesus and He's in love with me; I've a picture of King Jesus I'd like for you to see. He's the healer of all diseases, He's the master of the sea - I'm in love with Jesus and He's in love with me. I have cast my crown before, I am dancing on glassy seas - yes, I'm in love with Jesus and He's in love with me."

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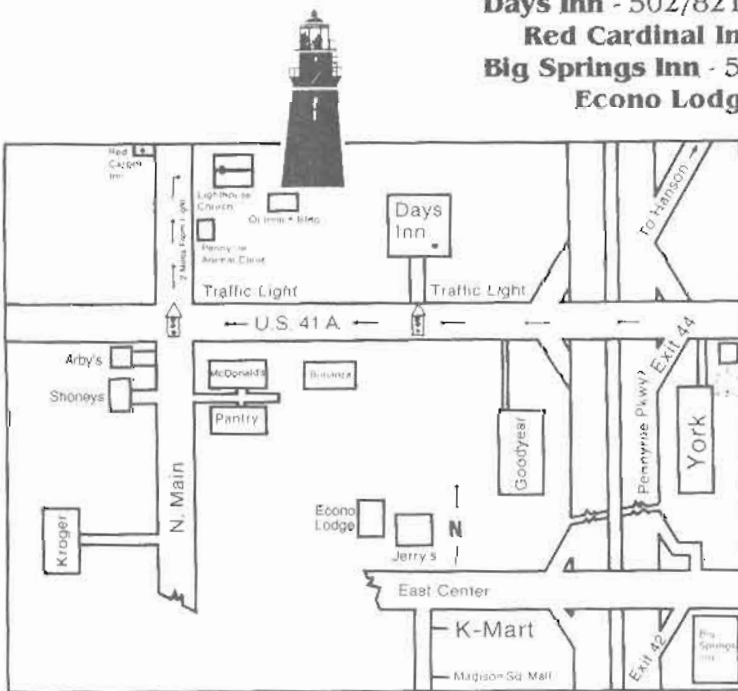
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Used Simply

Lynn Enmen

Lexington, Kentucky

When we ask the Lord to use us, our minds run through a gauntlet of great miracles and wonders. Signs and prophecies rank high on our agenda of useful acts. Misunderstanding convinces us that a mighty surge of power or a great unction is required to be used. This is not necessarily true.

The Lord also needs people willing to do the simple things. Being willing to be placed in the right place at the right time is important to Him. Not always does He speak His desire. Sometimes He uses the simple, daily, natural things of life as His tools to get us where He wants us and to do the simple jobs that can be so vital to His work.

I remember . . .

Before song service was halfway over my two toddlers were asleep on the carpet. The baby rested peacefully in his infant seat. I was all set to thoroughly enjoy the service.

As soon as the minister stood to read his text my baby began to fuss and cry. Quickly I checked out everything I thought might be wrong. Nothing was sticking him, no fever, the diaper was dry, nor did he want a bottle. I took him out to the nursery and checked everything again.

He seemed fine and quiet so I returned to my seat. No sooner did I sit down and he started crying. Again I checked everything and found nothing wrong. Because he continued I went to the nursery once more to see if I could locate the problem.

For a second time just outside the sanctuary doors he quieted down. Since he was only a couple of months old I could not consider his behavior as a ploy to get out of service, yet something seemed to be bothering him. He was a very good baby in church and had not previously caused problems.

Embarrassed at making two trips out of service I returned to my seat.

Hardly had I sat down when he started again. One more time I walked out of the sanctuary and one more time he quieted.

In no way was I going to disrupt those sitting around me again by walking out and in, so I decided to sit along the very back wall where the ushers sat. Throughout the remainder of the service, however, my baby never made a peep!

Sitting next to me was the usher's wife, Esther. In the back row I noticed a couple I had talked to about coming back to church. The girl, Kathy, was a backslider and her husband had never received the Holy Ghost. They held their new born baby.

As everyone stood for the altar call the Lord suddenly spoke to me and said, "Give your baby to Esther and take Kathy's baby."

"Lord," I argued, "Esther will think I'm crazy. Have Esther go get Kathy's baby."

"No! Give your baby to Esther and go get Kathy's baby," came His reply.

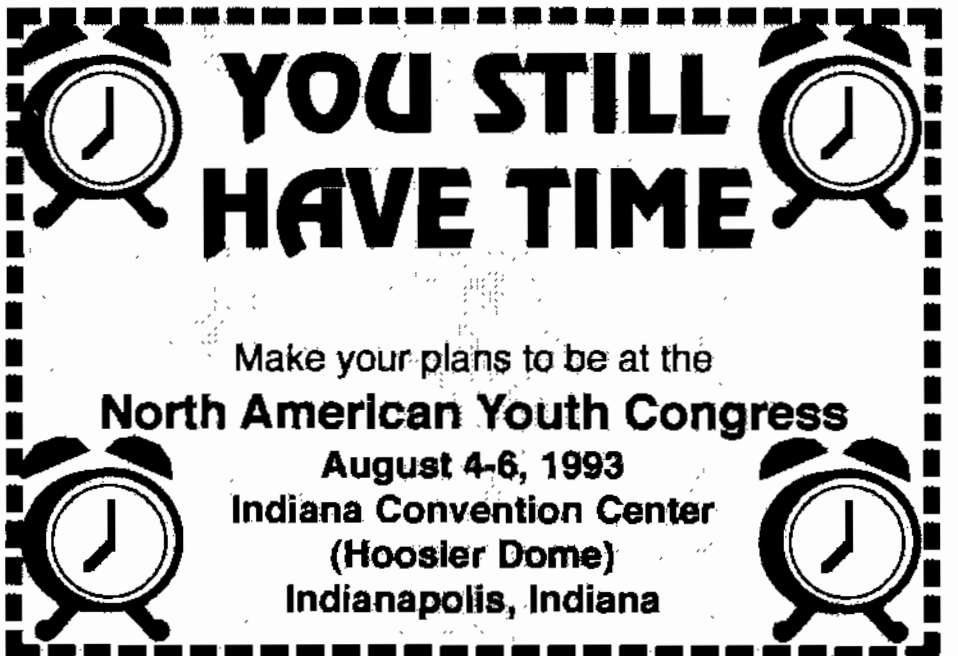
Handing my baby to Esther I walked behind Kathy. I noticed conviction was great and her face reflected the longing in her heart to pray. I asked Kathy to let me hold her baby so she could go and pray, for the Lord was calling to her.

Without a word Kathy handed her baby to me. Taking her husband's hand they walked to the altar and both received the baptism of the Holy Ghost that night!

Kathy's mother, who also attended that church, had been sitting in the front that night. She came later to me, "You know, it had to be the Lord you were sitting back there," she said.

Curiously I asked why. My actions were nothing great, in fact, anyone could have been there.

"No, because Kathy is so over protective of that baby, there are only two people in this church she would trust to leave that newborn with. One is me and the other is you."



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Leave the Light On!

Pastor David Fauss

Editor, *Texas Apostolic Sentinel*

Thomas Edison left his world a brighter place by inventing the carbon-filament light bulb. In 1879 no other inventor had devised a light that could be produced commercially with any success. What a difference his contribution has made. No other invention has effected our lives, no doubt, as much as this one. With half our 24-hour day blanketed with darkness, the light bulb has changed our world.

I have noted in the planning of construction, both commercial and residential, that provisions are always made for lights, both inside and out. Every home, I have noticed, somewhere very close to the front and rear entrances are lights. Certainly this is a necessity. However, my beef is that not enough thought has gone into this design flaw. My present home and all previous ones have the light so close to the door that on a summer night it is impossible to come and go without filling the house with bugs and mosquitoes of all sizes and descriptions. Some of my bedtime memories of childhood include my father going through the house killing the bugs with an old pump bug sprayer. That smell rekindles my memory even now.

What a boon the light bulb has been to bugs! Before Edison they must have had nothing to do all night but fly around hitting things in the dark. Now they have a place to go. It has perhaps broken the monotony of their otherwise dark and horrid nights.

John wrote of Jesus Christ and said, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (John 1:4-5). Paul said that we were "called out of darkness into his marvelous light." The message of Jesus is the light of the world.

Harry Ironside, while writing about the church, once said, "Where there's light, there's bugs." It is only logical that what is true in our front yard is also true in the church. Not everyone that gathers at church is there for the same reason.

I have been told before, "There are too many hypocrites at church." One man asked me, "Where are all the sheep? All I keep meeting are goats!" I have an answer to these and similar statements. I do not deny that there are bugs, hypocrites and goats. For every one that is a hypocrite, I believe there are fifty that have the genuine experi-

ence with God.

Where else could hypocrisy thrive but in the shadow of the genuine? Some would turn off the light because of a few bugs. Others might feel because of this there is no use to continue on. Not so.

My preaching has attracted a few bugs through the years. When bugs are around, it lets me know the light is on. I am neither surprised nor hindered by them. The light on my front porch is not there for bugs; it is there to show someone the way to my door. We should always realize a few bugs are inevitable.

John the Baptist had them. They came in the crowd with no intention of changing. He called them "vipers." Jesus had them. They asked Him questions to try Him. He called them hypocrites. Peter, Paul, John and James all had them. Did it stop their progress? Absolutely not.

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." We must not be bothered by a few bugs that are attracted. And to the sinner wandering in a world of darkness, our attitude should be the same as a famous motel slogan that says, "We'll leave the light on for you!"

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Dear Conquerors,

The Lord Jesus Christ is truly wonderful. I thank you for purchasing our vehicle. It will make our labor so much easier. Without it we would not be able to go to the border of Cambodia or into southern parts of Thailand. With the vehicle we can bring the Thai people to the House of God. I thank you also for sending me The Conqueror every month. I ask that you would keep praying for us over here in Southeast Asia.

From One Conqueror to a Whole Bunch of Conquerors. So Long!

Nicholas P. Frizzell

Nicholas Frizzell

(Nicholas is 12 years old and will be 13 in August.)

P.S. Dear Youth Department:

Thank you so much for allowing us to have sufficient funds to purchase this truck. We are called to Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Burma and it enables us to cover much territory; also we use the *Life and Times of Jesus Christ** youth Bible study. As a home missionary it was very effective and now on the foreign field. The color coordination on the chart is very effective along with the people accuracy of the message. Much thanks once again.

The youth of Thailand are joining with you on the day of prayer and fasting. Glory to God! The youth in Vietnam will be a part of this also though probably a little later since we have just returned to Bangkok and will go to Vietnam after your scheduled date.

Love Ya,
In His Name,
In His Power,
For His Glory

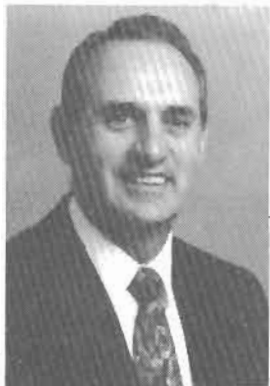
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Blessed Assurance

Pastor Louis Edday, Jr.

Section U Presbyter Eminence, Kentucky

While the whole world is being tossed and turned on a restless sea of trouble and despair, a blessed assurance remains in the heart of God's people. In the midst of a hopeless world, there is an abiding hope in Jesus. Where there is hope there is assurance. This assurance lightens our load and makes our pathway, though narrow and sometimes rough, easier.

Many are the times I sang this song and thought about the author. I understand that Fanny J. Crosby was blind. When I pause over the words, "I in my Savior am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love," I am truly amazed.

It would seem the key words here are, "perfect submission, perfect delight." It would appear the author found that sublime place we often lack in our walk with God. If we are to have "perfect delight" then I believe we must have "perfect submission."

How wonderful it is to have this "Blessed Assurance" in Jesus Christ. When we can be in "perfect submission" with God and walk hand in hand with Him, then "all is at rest." We can sing with a clear conscience, "I and my Savior, am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His Spirit, lost in His love." Unnecessary burdens keep us from bearing the ones we ought to bear, the prayer-burdens for which only the Spirit can give to the soul. So long as we are tugging at the Lord's side of the yoke, we are hindering the perfect teamwork to which He invites us.

What a "Blessed Assurance" it is to come to the realization that we have only our side of the yoke to bear. It is our side of the yoke that is easy to bear when we have perfectly submitted our will to His. It is then when "visions of rapture burst on our sight." We have only our half of the bargain to keep. We are the ones who may not be faithful, but He is always faithful.

"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalms 37:4). There is no use in sliding over the first part and setting our affections on the second part. "Perfect submission" must come first and then all else will be added. Why should we have to worry night and day over how God is going to keep His part of the bargain? Ours is to "submit." This done, we can go about our other business safely, assured that God can be relied on. It is then that we can hear the "whisperings and echoes of mercy" coming to our ears from the angels above. God promised He will take our burdens and further commands: "Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Oh! How blessed it is to set our eyes on the One who is altogether lovely, our heart aglow with the assurance of His mercy and love. We just come to Him in submission and He gives "rest."

God has promised, "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." We can only expect the "no good thing" if we walk upright and in submission. "Submit yourselves therefore to God" (James 4:7). We want the

Almighty God to keep His part of the bargain but we would like to forget our part.

We have only to love God and keep His commandments. Then we can have that, "Blessed Assurance that Jesus is mine." It is then that we witness that "foretaste of glory divine." Even when our lives are full of many uncomfortable things, when we have struggles and cares that at times seem to weigh us down, we can still be, "filled with His goodness, lost in His love."

I really think Fanny Crosby must have found the secret of "Blessed Assurance" in that perfect submission. For we note she said, "This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long." To live in physical darkness would indeed be gloomy but she had found visions of rapture bursting on her sight.

It would seem that we like Eve still want to be "as gods." The human spirit without the help of God is unconquerable. The prodigal son said, "Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." Korah said, "Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy."

I too want to feel, "I in my Savior am happy and blest." I believe it is going to take "Perfect Submission" before "all is at rest." I really want this to be my story too, "Praising my Savior all the day long."

I believe we can have that "Blessed Assurance."

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SEPTEMBER DECEMBER MARCH JUNE
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The Preacher's Kids

The thoughts written below are a message born out of one mamma's heart throb to a congregation whose husband and children's daddy is their preacher. You look to your preacher as an Encourager, Counselor, Guidance Director and Friend; but how do you view his children? Carefully and prayerfully consider the thoughts written herein:

1. Each preacher's child needs to feel loved and accepted by the members of the congregation.

2. Note their birthdays - remember their families, grandparents, aunts, etc. are generally too far away to help celebrate their special day.

3. Take them under your wing — encourage them. Let them feel you're glad they are part of the church. You see, they can feel; "I'm here because my daddy's the preacher — not because anyone cares if I'm here or not." The preacher is constantly saying to you and your family, "I'm so glad you're here." "Glad you're a part of our youth group," etc. Why not consider voicing those sentiments to his children?

4. Don't pick them apart seeing only their faults (Yes, they have faults, perhaps many of them. Remember they are human just like you). Try to praise their good qualities and encourage them to continue. Take their faults to God in prayer.

5. Make sure you pray with them. You see, Daddy, the preacher, prays for everyone. Oh! but if someone would pray with his child.

6. Show interest in their daily lives, school, hobbies, talents, etc. Let them know you genuinely care about them as an individual.

7. In your leisure time invite the children to something special with you. For example, Brother, if you're going fishing this day, why not call the preacher's boy to go along? Sister, you are just going shopping and get a soda, why not invite the young lady at the parsonage to accompany you? Your kindness will present an opportunity for you to talk and encourage them, reinforcing what their preacher daddy has already said.

You see, they are not a miniature preacher, they are a SOUL that must find God for themselves. Perhaps your concern and love could one day be accredited to the salvation of one more soul — Yes, even a preacher's kid's soul.

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