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How do you like the new look? We praise the Lord for the financial gifts that made this color cover possible. It is our desire at SAE to be a full color teen magazine all the way through, and this is the start. God deserves our very best and so do our young people. No, we are not trying to compete with the world, but if we can make the production better, and God has given us the ability and the funds to do so, why not?

When God laid the burden for a teen newsletter on us seven years ago, He gave us the verse in Psalm 45:1, *“My heart is inditing a good matter...my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.”* This verse confirmed our desire to help teens around the world through a newsletter/magazine.

Eccl. 9:10 says, *“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.”* Nearly 2,400 young people receive our current issues going

into 45 states, 12 foreign countries, and 8 Canadian provinces. With a great staff and their renewed commitment, as the Lord provides, we are pushing ahead for a new look, a fresh start, and a greater vision.

## Eagle Vision

It is reported that an eagle can see over a mile away and will hunt its prey until it can capture it. The Bible says, *“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”* We at **Soaring As**

**Eagles** have a renewed vision for young people all over the world. Currently we have the funds to produce this issue, but we need your help to continue with color issues.

We want to thank each contributor over the past seven years that has given to SAE. Support has been sporadic but always on

time. We praise the Lord for every gift.

As an eagle, my encouragement to you would be to “Catch the vision.” Get a burden for Christian teenagers and pray for SAE to continue to grow and be used by God to touch young people around the world. A small gift of only \$10 per year, not per month, but per year

from each individual subscriber would allow us to print a color issue on a bi-monthly basis. Maybe churches could put us in the missions budget. Would you pray and consider what you could do? We’ll do the work if you’ll carry the financial load. May God richly bless you for your effort and prayers to help SAE.

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# NEGATIVE. by terry anglea teenagewarningsigns



**Dr. Terry Anglea**  
*The Pastor of  
Faith Baptist Church  
Bourbonnais, Illinois*

There are 41,173 verses in the Bible. In the 48th verse of our Bible, we read where God told Adam, “Thou shalt not.” Immediately after creating man, God gave him a negative.

In the greatest moral code of behavior ever written, Exodus 20,

God said, “Thou shalt not,” nine times. In 2007, there is a disdain for the words, “Thou shalt not.” A preacher that preaches the “thou shalt not” is considered a negative preacher. Friend, there has to be a balance.

There has to be a positive and a negative in a battery terminal for it to work. In our lives, young people, there have to be negatives and positives for your life to work out the way it is suppose to.

When driving

down the road and intersecting with an interstate highway, sometimes there are places where the exit ramp from the interstate and the entrance ramp to the interstate are side-by-side. Do you know what is there to keep you from driving down the wrong road or from driving down the exit ramp when other cars are trying to get on?

There is a “Do not



**enter**” sign—a red sign with big bold white letters. Do not enter. Thou shalt not enter. Have you ever gotten angry at that sign? Have you ever thought to yourself, “Who put that sign there? Why in the world would someone put that sign there? Why are they so negative?” No, no one has a problem with warning signs. We know they are actually there for our safety. No one has a problem with a

**warning sign on a prescription drug** gotten from the doctor. It says, “Warning: do not take this if...” You don’t throw that prescription drug on the floor and say, “Who

do they think they are telling me I can’t take this? Why do they have to be so negative?” Negatives are a part of life.

May I remind you that even in the perfect environment of Genesis 2, there was a negative. Sin did not enter until chapter 3. From the very beginning of society, there was a negative.



“If the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous do?” What are the foundations? Two of them are authority and work. God said to dress the garden and

to keep it. In a perfect environment, there was still work. A hoe and a plow, not video games to play.

In Genesis chapter 2, there was marriage and family. There was a man and a woman. Eve was brought to Adam. Not man to man, nor woman to woman. Do you want to know what is wrong with our society? The foundations are being destroyed. Work is undermined. Marriage and family are being undermined. Can you imagine trying to redefine what marriage is? How stupid! There are no work ethics today. There are Christian laymen in our churches who beat their heads against a wall just trying to find



men that will show up to work! In a perfect environment, there was authority and work and marriage.

I want to go on record for saying three cheers for the “Thou shalt nots.” I don’t have a problem with a church or a preacher that preaches the “thou shalt nots.” I don’t have a problem with a school or a Bible college that has rules and says “thou shalt not.” Negatives are as much a part of life as positives.

I have three things to say about these negatives.

**1** First of all, the devil always draws attention to the negatives. In this chapter, God told them that they could eat freely of every tree but

*Dear Pastor and Mrs. Green,  
Hello! Thank you so much for continuing to publish SAE. I look forward to getting each new issue. They are such a blessing. My favorite articles are the messages followed by the Music Notes. May the Lord bless you as you continue to serve Him!*

*Astley Wasson  
South Dakota*

one. How many trees were in that garden? I don’t know, but they could eat freely of them all except one. When Satan showed up in Genesis 3, the first thing he did was to draw Eve’s attention to the one she could not have. She had pets galore—lions and tigers and bears, oh my! She had no curse of sin—no sweat, no weeds, no troubles. In her perfect environment

with permission from God to enjoy all of the garden, Satan drew Eve’s attention to that “thou shalt not.”

Out of the 41,173 verses in the Bible, 240 of them use the term “thou shalt not.” There is so much that is enjoyable, so much God has for us, why sweat over the few “thou shalt nots” which are only there for our protection and good anyway? It’s like standing at the exit

ramp and pitching a fit saying, “Why can’t I go down this road?”

You could drive that car from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast of America legally, but you gripe about the one road you can’t go down! I don’t understand the crowd

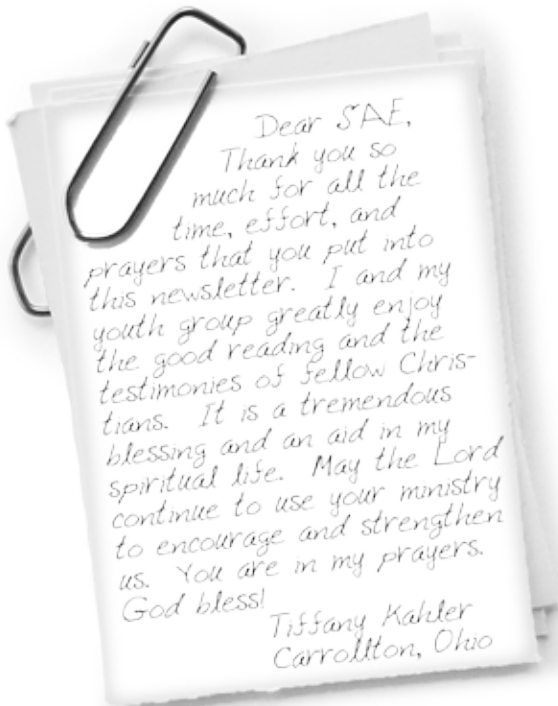
that gets all worked up about the one thing they cannot do when there is so much to enjoy in life!

I went to a Bible college. I now teach at a Bible college. Students say, “I don’t understand this rule in the handbook.” All

the wonderful things that go on in that school, and all you see is a “thou shalt not?” I guess my question is, “Whose influence are you under? Who’s got your attention? Who are you following? Who has you under their control?”

**2** Secondly, the negatives in the Bible are for protection. God was not attempting to keep Adam and Eve from something good, but He was trying to keep them from harm.

I have tried to study up on this tree. Why did God put that tree in the garden? Maybe it was because man has a free will, and God wanted man to choose to obey him. God the Creator wanted the



# CROSS+WORD HALL OF FAME



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creation to obey him.

Let's compare a few verses in the Bible. It says in I John 2:15-16, *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."*

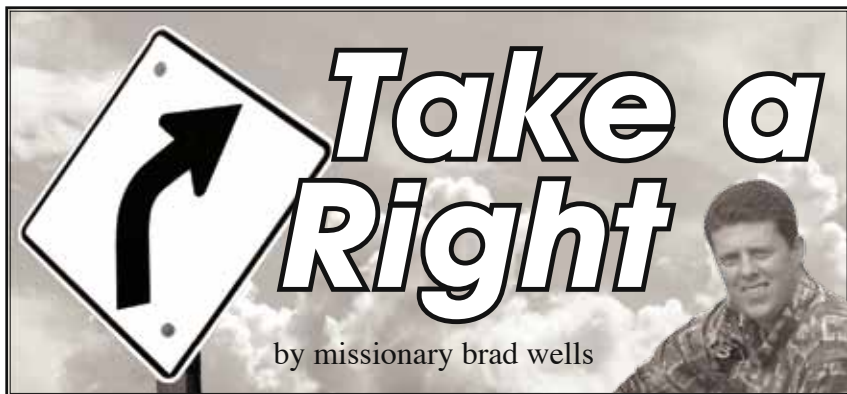
The first and great commandment is,

*"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God will all thy heart. (Mt. 22:37-38)*

If you love the world, if your affection is given to the world, you can't love God. Genesis 3:6—*"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,(that's the lust of the flesh) and that is was pleasant to the eyes,(that's the lust of the eyes) and a tree to be desired to make one*

*wise,(that's the pride of life) she took of the fruit thereof..."*

The tree represented the world and its values. God said to give your affection to Him not to the world. That's what these "thou shalt nots" are all about. It is to keep you from the knowledge of sin. The blessing of innocence is a wonderful blessing!  
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**Editor's Note:**

*Moving at the age of sixteen to the mission field with his parents, Brad Wells came to the intersection in life where he had to make the decision for himself as to which way he would go.*

**N**othing about the intersection has changed much in the last sixteen years. It's still the busiest one in town, made so by the main bus stop to the west and the main market to the east. In our little frontier

atmosphere of Mt. Hagen, Papua New Guinea, you never have to wait more than ten seconds to get across. The potholes on the road, like acne, are fixed up every few months, but keep coming back. We all proceed slowly, carefully, not often taking in anything but the smoothest point from A to B. Today I watched the vehicle crossing in front of me plunge into the holes, causing the passengers to comically sway from side to side, as if

listening to some out-of-sync rap song.

**A** memory flashed in my mind, as it often does, of the day sixteen years prior that I came for the first time to this very intersection with a missionary friend, Steve Brogden. It was something he said that day that changed me forever—something about answering God's call. My answer to Steve was vague, but as we approached the intersection, the Spirit

of God insisted on a commitment, “So, are you up for the job or not?” At that instant we maneuvered our way into a hard right turn, and I said, “Yes.”

**W**ith that answer, I gave up. I surrendered. I handed the steering wheel over, got in the back seat—actually, I climbed into the trunk, peeked out the keyhole and said, “Lord, wherever you lead, I’ll go.”

**E**very teen who finds themselves in involuntary full-time ministry comes to just such a crossroads. It’s a three-way fork in the road:

- 1)** You can stubbornly grip the steering wheel, demanding control of your destination;
- 2)** You can slump in

the passenger’s side, watching your parents drive, begrudging the rut of Christian service;

**3)** Or, you can willingly give the steering wheel to the rightful Driver and enjoy the ride.

**I**f you choose the 3rd option, God has a map for keeping you on the right track. These directions from Psalm 119:9-16 will get you to the right place at the right time.

**T**he million dollar question is this: “*Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?*” How are we to stay clean in this world? The answer is simply, “*By taking heed according to thy word.*” You’ve got to **LISTEN**, young man. Stop talking long enough to

hear which way to go.

**O**ften, even after you have heard the directions, you find yourself going in circles. That’s when we have to stop, ask again, and really start looking for the right road. “*With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.*” **SEEK.** You never look for something unless you realize you’re missing it. Seek after God.

**A**fter you have found the answer, **MEMORIZE** it. “*Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.*” Don’t keep making the same mistakes over and over.

**Y**ou’ve got the answer, you know the way, but that’s not enough. “*Blessed are*

*thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.*" This is something you discover after Bible School. You have to **LEARN** what you know. It's the difference between the flight simulator and the Boeing 747.

**N**ow, lest you become lazy and stagnant at this point, get a ministry of your own and use what you've learned. "*With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.*" **TELL** someone. By now, you are beginning to reap the benefits of choosing

the right path. Don't take it for granted: **TREASURE** it.

**Y**ou have fought, you've found the answer, and you've claimed the victory. You are in a perfect position to fall flat on your face. "*I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.*" The hardest thing to do in the middle of a wrestling match is to **REMEMBER**. During training, I had it down. But, when I faced my opponent in the ring, basic self-preservation

kicked in, and it was easy to forget the moves my coach told me would bring him down. It's called intimidation, and it's a favorite tactic of our enemy, the devil. Don't forget your training.

**A**t twenty years of age, I made a hard right. Now, sixteen years later, this somewhat older young man is still enjoying the ride. If you haven't already come to the intersection, it's just down the road a ways. When you get there, take a right. •end



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**ARE THERE**

**TO KEEP**

**YOU**

**INNOCENT**

**— TO KEEP**

**THE BLUSH**

**IN YOUR**

**CHEEK.**

## **Warning Signs**

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You are not stronger when you learn about sin. You are weaker when you know about sin. The strongest young person is the person that has never tasted sin not the one who has already tasted it! You are weaker because you have already crossed that barrier once which means it will be easier for you to cross it a second time. The rules are there to keep you innocent—to keep the blush in your cheek.

Three cheers for the ones who don't know! The negatives are there for your protection! The "thou shalt nots" are your best friends.

The positives are to point you in the direction of God's

blessings. The negatives are to keep you from behavior that will rob you of those blessings.

**3** Lastly, Satan wants me to think that the negatives are a positive that God doesn't want me to have. Isn't that what Satan did to Eve? He pointed out the one tree she couldn't have. He told her that God didn't want her to eat of that tree because it had a unique ability to give you something good that God doesn't want you to enjoy. Young people, do you really think that the God who gave His only begotten Son would keep something good from you? Romans 8:32 says, *"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for*

*us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"* He who gave His only Son, how shall He not give us freely all good things? That's what happens with alcohol. The devil shows in the billboards and advertisements the pretty girls and the good times. He doesn't show you the drunk driving down the road who crossed the yellow line and hits the other car head on and sends someone to an early grave or

disables someone for life. What about all these courtship rules in our Christian schools? "Thou shalt nots." Satan tells you they just want to keep something good from you. They really want to keep you young ladies from birthing children all by yourselves without a husband by your side when you are too young, and you should be enjoying life. I feel so sorry for the ladies in our church who walked down that awful path

and then got right with God but have to take care of children all by themselves. All God is trying to keep you from is heartache and sorrow. God has something wonderful for you at the right time, at the right place, in the right way. God has something marvelously wonderful for you. He's not trying to keep good from you. Without fail, the married adults who where promiscuous before marriage have trouble. The devil is slick. He will mess you up any way he can!

Are you tired of hearing your dad say, "That sweater's too tight. That skirt is too short." "Thou shalt not..." You'd better thank God for a daddy

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like that. You don't understand. You don't have the mind of a man. Your daddy does.

So when he says to you, "Honey, that sweater is too tight," just change it. Do not flair up. Walk back

up the stairs to your bedroom and before you change the sweater, get on your knees and thank God for a daddy who loves you enough to keep you straight!

Three cheers for the "Thou shalt not."

Three cheers for the dads and the pastors and the youth directors who say, "Thou shalt not." Yes, you have to balance the negatives with the positives, but you keep on with the negatives! •end

## Strive For Masteries

Jon Morgan, Age 15, Michigan



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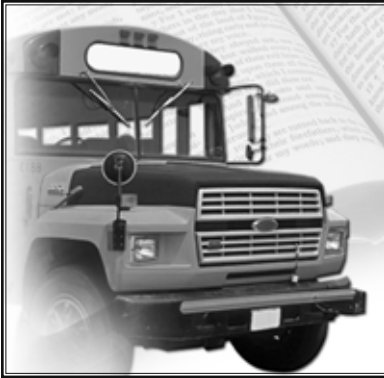
Jon Morgan was the first place winner in the Preacher Boy competition at the National Revival Fires

Conference in April at Clays Mill Road Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky.

*"And if a man also strive for masteries, is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."* II Timothy 2:5

**1** In order to strive, we must first of all be saved. John 3:36. We need to believe and accept the Lord Jesus Christ, or we will not escape the wrath of God.

**2** In order to strive for masteries, we must do it lawfully! Lawful means to live according to the law which would be God's Word. If we live according to Luke 12:21, we will be living unlawfully. In II Timothy 2:4 is says, *"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this world."* Strive for the best, stay untangled from the affairs of this world. **(continued on page 19)**



## ***Why I Choose the Bus Ministry***

***Mrs. George (Jan) Cripe***

***Pastor's wife***

***North Chester Baptist Church***

As a young pastor's wife, I overheard a lady in the church say, "We don't need all these snotty-nosed kids running around here." She added a few extra words, to which I replied, "Excuse me. I was one of those bus kids." That was 57 years ago.

I didn't actually ride a bus, but I rode in the cars of the kind people that would pick me up. It seemed that everywhere we moved there was a neighbor down the road who knocked on our doors.

At the age of 12, we moved from Ohio to Michigan. God saw fit to put us a mile from the Williamsons, a Baptist family who never missed

a church service. This move was to change my life. I was saved and baptized. My church saw that I was sent to camp every year and sometimes for two weeks at a time. It was while at camp that God spoke to my heart about serving Him full time. God led me to marry a preacher.

My pastor and his wife were my friends, and they had a godly influence on my life. My church was my family. They not only paid my way to camp, they saw that the bills for Bible college were paid when I couldn't pay. How thankful I am for those wonderful people. Mrs. Williamson was my spiritual mother. I spent a lot of time talking to her

even after I got married. I am 69 now; I still work in our bus ministry. God has allowed me to touch 18 kids' lives so far.

So, is a bus ministry worth it? Where would I be if my neighbors had not reached out to our family? How grateful I am for all God has done for me! I now have a wonderful husband and two great daugh-

ters. One of my daughters was a missionary to Mexico and led many bus kids and adults to the Lord. So the blessings of the bus ministry are being carried down generation to generation. God bless those people who take time to go out and reach people. God does amazing things when we follow Him. Thank God for those who try to reach the bus kids! • **end**

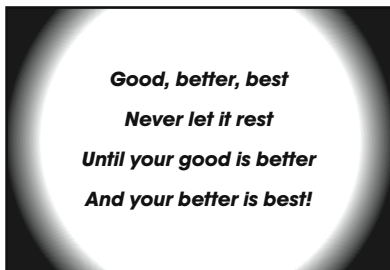
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### **Masteries • (Cont. from page 17)**

**3** We must strive in prayer. Luke 12:27 says, *“The things which are impossible with man are possible with God.”* In order to do the impossible, we must have God do it. We must seek Him early as in Psalms 63:1, *“O God, thou art my God. Early will I seek thee.”*

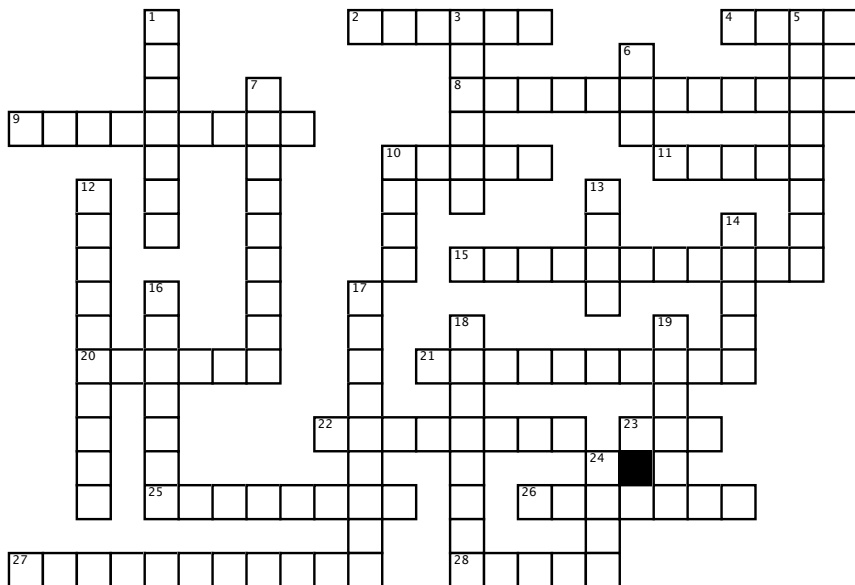
**4** We must strive to soul win. The Bible tells us in Matthew 28:19 to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations. We need to strive to tell them that the Son of Man is come to seek and to save them that are lost.

**5** We must strive to the end or for the reward. We must stay faithful so that we can have the final crown in II Timothy 2:5 and the reward in Matthew 5:12. So keep on keeping on. Strive for the masteries!



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## Across

2. "My \_\_\_\_\_ is the pen of a ready writer."
4. What a dear word—" \_\_\_\_\_ "
8. Concentrate of God's \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ point you in the direction of God's blessings.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ have different values.

## Down

1. Depending on mainly three variables, that \_\_\_\_\_ can be changed.
3. A home school mom feels \_\_\_\_\_ about not having taught her child everything.

## Across

11. Get well \_\_\_\_\_ are almost therapeutic.
15. A teen may find himself in \_\_\_\_\_ full-time ministry.
20. Three \_\_\_\_\_ for the "thou shalt nots!"
21. The blessings of the bus ministry are carried down from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
22. Ashley's favorite articles are the \_\_\_\_\_
23. You are not stronger when you learn about \_\_\_\_\_
25. Nothing is more \_\_\_\_\_ that two people serving the Lord together.
26. The million dollar question is: "Wherewithall shall a young man \_\_\_\_\_ his way?"
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ are being destroyed in our society.
28. At twenty years of age, Brad Wells made a hard \_\_\_\_\_

## Down

5. Lest you become lazy and stagnant, get a \_\_\_\_\_ of your own.
6. Pastor Cripe's wife was once a \_\_\_\_\_ kid.
7. The devil draws attention to the \_\_\_\_\_
10. Will you be used as a simple \_\_\_\_\_?
12. Negatives in the Bible are for \_\_\_\_\_
13. An eagle can see a \_\_\_\_\_ away.
14. Brad Wells lives in the frontier atmosphere of Mt. \_\_\_\_\_, PNG.
16. A new look, a \_\_\_\_\_ vision.
17. Strive for \_\_\_\_\_
18. Negatives keep you from \_\_\_\_\_ that robs us from blessings.
19. Catch the \_\_\_\_\_
24. Good is better and better is \_\_\_\_\_

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# What About Home?

By Angela Morrow  
Inspired by Ely Morrow

The dark continent of Africa, pagan filled India, the closed door of China, the once communistic Russia... "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) Is America not part of the world? There are cities all across our nation that do not have one single Independent, Fundamental, King James Bible believing church in the city or much less near the city. Are there not people in America that need the Lord? "How then shall

*they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"* (Romans 10:14)

Our young people are heading off to Bible college with an amazing zeal to serve the Lord, yet how many graduate with a burden for their home, a burden for America? There are men in our country who have had nothing but a burden to see churches started in America who but are

now of great age. Who will stand in the gap? What about the men who have pastored a church for years and years and can no longer continue on? Who will stand in the gap? The new church on the hill side is growing every day, but there is no man to come and help the pastor reach the youth or children of the area and a congregation too young to lend a hand. Who will stand in the gap? A Christian school is started to haven our children from the world's education but

there is no principal or teacher who will come on “that kind of salary”. Who will stand in the gap? America needs men, real men to start churches and preach the Word. America’s pastors need men to be their associate and help in the ministry. Churches need youth pastors, principals, and teachers sold out to the Lord and not sold out for money. America also needs pastors’ wives with enough stamina to let their husbands do what God has called them to do and be nothing but willing to follow. Who will stand in the gap?

Not only do we need Godly men and women to stand in the gaps of America’s cities, but there is a

bigger gap in America that is often overlooked, rarely talked about, and forgotten. Rural America, the little cities, towns, and villages all across our nation, the farming, logging and mining communities where groups of people live and die without ever being reached by a good Bible believing Baptist church preaching the Gospel.

Does God not care for these people? Or is it that some men

and women are not heeding His call? God does love these people. A few Godly men have gone and left what we consider the comforts of city living. Their wives have left their families and friends behind to endure isolation and loneliness at times. That pastor may preach to only his family for months, yet working under the power of God they begin to see a soul saved here, a life changed there.

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**Jon and Angela Morrow - Kennan, WI (pop. 180)**

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## **What About Home?**

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Gradually a church is built where there wasn't one before. Through trials and blessings, the laughter and the tears, a generation is raised. Some of the youth or men in the church will go to Bible college for further training to fulfill God's call. Do any of them look to the man of God that raised them and taught them in God's Word? Do they see his need for an associate pastor, youth pastor, principal, or teacher? Do any of them pray for a burden for home? Rural areas

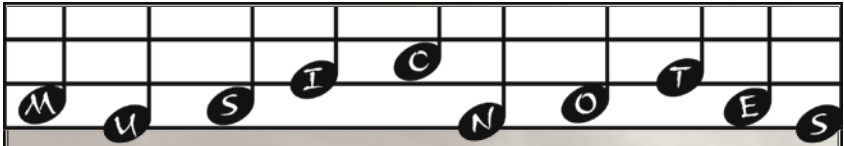
are hard places to build a church. It takes years to build a good reputation in the community, and years before the people see that you are going to stay put and love them through anything, but nothing is impossible with God. Economically rural areas are hard, but is God not faithful? Step out in faith trusting fully in Him. He will be faithful. You may not have a Ford Mustang or a house with more rooms than you know what to do with, but God will take care of you. I know. • **end**



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# Musical Notes

**Editor's note:** *I just got off the phone with my dear daughter, Bethany, who is having a little trouble in her music theory class in college. (One bad thing about being a home school mom is that you always feel at fault for not having taught your child everything! As impossible as that may be, one still feels guilty for not having done a better job.) Her problem today led me to write this article. A little music theory reminds us that notes have different values based on the time signature, and that the arrangement*

*of the notation depends on the accents of the rhythm in the measure. Now, let's elaborate...*

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Everyone loves to receive notes. Love notes are especially nice to get in the mail. Thank you notes are kind gestures of appreciation. Bank notes are wonderful! (Most of the time.) Sympathy notes are comforting, and get-well notes are almost therapeutic. But I love music notes!

I have a lovely set of stationery notes a lady made for me which say, "Notes

from Terri." I like to write and receive notes, but what I love to do, though, is write music using real music notes.

You know, half notes, quarter notes, whole notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes. It is amazing to me that five kinds of notes create all our songs!

## **Depending on mainly three variables:**

**1** Where the notes are located on the staff; and next...

**2** What other notes they are joined with; then finally...

**3** The arrangement of the time val-

ues and rhythms, millions of melodies and harmonies have been and can be produced! How can five simple kinds of notes do all that?

Another staggering thought is that with just two kinds of people, male and female, millions of people have been born into this world and that means millions of souls have eternal destinies in only two places—heaven or hell. Depending on mainly three variables,

that destiny can certainly be changed.

**Let's list our variables again:**

**1** Where the note is located—Are you already in Taiwan or Germany, Ohio or Georgia, etc?

**2** What other notes they are joined with—Are you in a good soul-winning church? Is your family already involved in the ministry? Do your friends witness for Christ?

**3** Arranging of the time value.

Are you concerned with the fact that “Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing?” Valuable time is slipping by while you are waiting to grow up or to get into the ministry. You can get in at any age and do what you can—now!

Will you be used as a simple note (take your pick—whole or half, quarter or eighth) among the variables to make a difference in the eternal destiny of souls?



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# Family Love Notes

by **Bethany Green**

The day I am beginning this new article is August 22, 2007. I left home this morning to fly back to college for my junior year. (*Oh, what a dear word—home.*) My parents asked me to begin this column because of a wonderful love story Evangelist Joe Boyd told me this summer. With their permission, I will write that story in the next issue. This issue I want to feature another love story. One that is very dear to me. Today is my

parents' 27th wedding anniversary, and I want to share with you their story...

The year was 1979. A twenty-two year old girl, Terri Koonts, graduated from college and left right away for six weeks to do missionary work in France. Having been proposed to amidst the emotional roller coaster of graduation exercises, she said she would pray about it and give him the answer when she got back.

She returned to her home on a Sunday morning around 2 AM after a long messed up flight schedule and an exhausting missionary trip in four European countries. Her mother told her that her uncle was leaving that night to go preach in Michigan for a revival meeting and was taking his choir with him on a Greyhound bus. Totally uninterested, her Sunday afternoon nap was interrupted by repeated thoughts of "Go to Michigan, go to

Michigan.” Sitting up in bed, she said, “Lord, are you trying to tell me something?” He said, “Yes.” So, she got up and went.

On Tuesday, my great, great uncle Carl Lackey of Mt. Airy, North Carolina, said to the pastor’s son, “Jim, I want you to meet my grand niece, Terri. Terri, I want you to meet Jim,” and left them alone at the lunch table to fumble through an awkward introductory conversation neither were really interested in at that moment.

However, before four days had passed, they discovered they both loved to sing and that together, they

sang alike and thought alike, and blended together quite well. They had the same goals in life and the same desire to serve the Lord “*whether by life or by death*” as my dad’s life’s verse says in Philippians 1:20.

It may not have been love at first sight, but by the time she left, she had serious doubts about saying yes to that marriage proposal. In fact, he never asked her again, and somehow, the letters and phone calls from Michigan to North Carolina were

quite frequent. By April of the next year, they were engaged and in August of 1980, they were married and serving the Lord together back in Michigan.

My Grandpa Don Green says nothing is more romantic than two people falling in love and serving the Lord. May God direct my path to cross with my Prince Charming as he did for my mother. I love you, mom & dad, and thanks for teaching me to love God!

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