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JESUS

BIRTHDAY

OFFERING

love. This is one of those few times. By our giving of our monies to His work here on earth, we can show our thanks and our gratitude. Won't you put Jesus at the top of your gift list? Won't you decide that He and His work are more important than any of the material things of this earth? This year, our Executive Board has decided unanimously to use all the monies received through our BIRTHDAY OFFERING toward the Bond Retirement here at Christian Acres. Our goal is high--approximately \$40,000. But our eternal goal is even higher, isn't it? We feel that we can meet this goal if we all put our best into it and really put Christ first this Christmas. If each person who receives our newsletter could and would give just \$20.00 toward this cause, we would more than meet our goal. Can we do it? Of course we can! With God's help, we will!!

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Saviour! Yes, it is nearly that special time of year again when we have set aside a special day to worship and honor the birth of Jesus. As in the past, we'll be receiving a special "BIRTHDAY OFFERING" in His name and for His work here at Christian Acres. I am quite aware of all the extra expenses each of you have at this time of year with the family celebrations and the gift giving and all. I know that sometimes, especially in this day and age, we just do not know how we can stretch our dollars to go as far as we'd like.

But I ask you, do you believe God hesitated or stopped to decide if He could 'afford' to send His only Son to be the means of our salvation? You know He did not! He gave His Son freely and because He loves us so much. We have so little chance to prove to Him our

Carl

HI!

LOOK HERE-----I'M BACK UP HERE IN THE FRONT OF THE NEWSLETTER AGAIN -----WHO SAYS IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD TO COMPLAIN-----BOY, DID YOU SEE THE WRITE-UP ON THE FRONT OF THIS LETTER?-----WE'RE REALLY GOIN PLACES, AREN'T WE?-----I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD PAY OFF THE WHOLE DEBT, DON'T YOU?-----IF YOU AGREE, YOU'LL BE FLANNING NOW ON PUTTING ASIDE A LARGER THAN USUAL 'BIRTHDAY OFFERING' TO GIVE FOR JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS-----I KNOW I'M GOIN TO START SAVING MY MONEY RIGHT NOW IN A LITTLE JAR-----HOPE I CAN SAVE UP LOTS & LOTS-----SAY, WASN'T THAT YOUTH RETREAT GREAT, KIDS?-----DID YOU SEE ME?-----I REALLY ENJOYED IT AND HOPE THEY HAVE ANOTHER ONE REAL SOON!-----WOULDN'T IT BE FUN TO HAVE A GET-TOGETHER THIS WINTER WHEN WE HAVE A BIG SNOW ON?-----WE COULD HAVE A BALL SLIDING ON THESE HILLS OUT HERE!!-----HOW ABOUT IT, GUYS AND GALS, WHAT DO YOU THINK?-----IF YOU LIKE THE IDEA, GET IN TOUCH WITH CARL AND MAYBE HE CAN GET IT ALL TOGETHER! -----AREN'T THESE FALL DAYS JUST BEE-U-T-FUL?-----I REALLY LIKE THE CRISP WEATHER AND THE PRETTY COLORS OF THE TREES AND THINGS, SO LONG AS I HAVE THIS NICE, BIG, & WARM HOUSE TO LIVE IN-----I'VE HAD TO MOVE MY BEDROOM OUT BY THE FIREPLACE, THOUGH-----THESE SILLY PEOPLE ARE "SAVING ON ELECTRIC" & THEY TURN THE HEAT WAY DOWN AT NIGHT-----THEY EVEN KEEP IT DOWN IN THE DAYTIME-----BUT THIS FIRE IS SURE WARM AND COZY-----IF THIS BABY WOULD JUST SLEEP MORE, I'D GET MORE REST! LUV, CHARLIE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Mona celebrated her 15th. birthday the 13th. of October with cake and ice cream and friends. This is the first year she can remember having any kind of a celebration, cake, or gifts, and she really appreciated it. We'd like to thank Mrs. Mac Wright for the beautiful birthday cake she made and brought up for Mona. We also say a big thanks to all of you who remembered Mona with your cards and gifts. It means a lot to our children for you all to remember them at their special times.

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For those of you who have asked-- here is a list of the children's birthdays for your future use. We hope you will clip this and keep it.

Next in line for a birthday is:
Melissa-----January 26th.-----17
Ricky-----February 5th.-----10
Christina-----March 19th.-----16
Linda-----May 18th.-----14
Mona-----October 13th.-----16

Of course, Melody will in all probability not be with us, but her birthday will be next August 22.

We'll keep you all informed as to the birthdays of any new children here at the Home.

And many thanks to all those who share in making "our" children's birthdays a little happier!!

LET US INTRODUCE-----

Linda Taylor is our newest gal here at the Children's Home. She is 13 and in the 8th. grade at Central Jr. High school. Linda comes to us from the Beckley Home for children and is real happy to be with us. It has been awhile since she has been in a 'family-like' situation, and it will take some getting used to for her, but we expect her to fit in very well in just a short time. Linda is very fond of animals and enjoys all kinds of plants and growing things. We're looking forward to having Linda with us for a long, long time!

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OUR LOSS-----

is their parents' gain! We're sorry to report that Dallas and Michelle are no longer here at Christian Acres. They have been returned to their mother on a temporary basis. Surely hope all works out well for them.

And Kevin has also returned to his home in Indiana. His parents made a speedy trip down just two weeks ago to pick him up and take him home. We wish him the best of luck and pray that everything will work out well for him in his fresh start.

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NOW THAT IT IS BEHIND YOU, WHAT DID YOU DO YESTERDAY THAT YOU ARE PROUD OF TODAY?

ATTENTION MEN!

On November 18th. at 6:30 p.m. there will be a HAM & BEAN SUPPER here at CHRISTIAN ACRES. This is to be for all the men of the General Board and we're hoping that ALL board members will be present for this important meeting. We are planning a delicious meal with our business meeting and fellowship to follow. Plan now on being here.

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On October 31st., there was a meeting of all area preachers and the Executive Board from C.A. We enjoyed a fine meal and a truly inspiring message from Clarence Greenleaf. Thanks for your interest and presence, men.

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THE THREE Rs USED TO BE READING', RITIN'; AND 'RITHMETIC. TODAY, THEY ARE RIOTING, REBELLION, AND RESTLESSNESS. IF THIS CONTINUES, WE'LL HAVE REGRET, ROT, AND RUIN. WHAT WE NEED IS RESPECT, RELIGION AND RESPONSIBILITY!

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The 21st. & 22nd. of October was the weekend set aside for a very rousing Area Youth Retreat sponsored by BCF here at Christian Acres. Those who were here for it had a tremendous time of worship, fun, and fellowship with God and Christian friends.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CHRISTIAN AGRES OCTOBER 1977

Balance		382.63		
Incoming Receipts:				
Thousandair Club		30.00	M/M Clarence Bowman	10.00
M/M E. M. Belcher	20.00		M/M J. R. Elmore	5.00
M/M Rufus H. Hale	10.00		Oneta Elmore	10.00
Duhring Church of Christ		25.00	Williams Chapel Church of Christ	100.00
Oak Grove Christian Church		71.00	Midway Church of Christ	134.00
Petry Church of Christ		100.00	Springville Christian Church	25.00
Bozoo Christian Church		20.00	Midway Church of Christ	400.00
Consolidated Gas Supply		40.00	Maple View Christian Church	100.00
M/M Clarence Bowman		10.00	Maple View Christian Church	100.00
Roderfield Christian Church		20.00	First Christian Church, Hinton	20.00
Lindsay Christian Church		10.00	Thousandair Club	70.00
Falls Mills Christian Church		450.00	M/M R. G. Buckland	40.00
MudFork Church of Christ		60.00	M/M John McGlothlin	10.00
M/M Floyd Ferguson		10.00	Nursery Glass Falls Mills Church	20.00
Willowton Christian Church		10.00	Bozoo Christian Church	100.00
Central Church of Christ		50.00	Bluefield College of Evangelism	433.40
Cedar Grove Church of Christ		20.00	M/M Carl McIntosh	25.00
Pine Grove Church of Christ		100.00		
Community Christian Church, Hinton		20.00	Monthly Income	2,874.70
Laurel Fork Church of Christ		25.00	Net Income	3,257.33
Duhring Church of Christ		25.00		
Thousandair Club		10.00	Less Expenses:	
M/M Donald G. Whitt	10.00		2077 Farmbest Food	108.89
First Christian Church, Montcalm		60.82	2078 Thousandair Club	30.00
Thousandair Club		85.00	2079 Carl McIntosh, Salary	433.32
M/M Carl Brovatic	10.00		2080 Roy J. Hale, Salary	162.42
M/M John F. Webb	10.00		2081 Roy J. Hale, Salary	162.42
M/M Paris Shower	10.00		2082 Roy J. Hale, Salary	162.42
M/M J. G. Meadows	20.00		2083 Roy J. Hale, Salary	162.42
Mr. Span Gillespie	10.00		2084 Roy J. Hale, Truck Exp.	20.00
Mr. J. T. Vedder	15.00		2085 Roy J. Hale, Telephone	17.39
M/M Henry Sargent	10.00		2086 Roy J. Hale, Salary	162.42
Hollybrook Faith Promise		31.48	2087 Thousandair Club	95.00
First Church of Christ, Gaymansville		4.00	2088 Note Retirement	1,100.00
M/M Paris Shower		5.00	2089 Internal Revenue Dept.	292.96
M/M Rudolph Hearn		5.00	2090 State of W. Va., Taxes	47.84
M/M Rudolph Hearn		5.00	2091 Cancelled	
Lexona Church of Christ		30.00	2092 Thousandair Club	70.00
M/M Roy J. Hale		10.00	2093 Bluefield Supply Co., Tractor Exp.	9.45
M/M Jessie Backs		20.00	2094 Betty Ross Bakeries, Food	53.52
			2095 Citizens Insurance	53.00

2096 Bailey Lumber Co., Bldg. Exp.	<u>7.66</u>
Total Expenses#	3,151.13
Balance After Expenses:	106.20
Net Income	517,115.72
Net Expenses	517,009.52

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CHRISTIAN ACRES CHILDREN'S HOME

Balance	534.67
Incoming receipts:	
State of W. Va.	95.52
State of W. Va.	374.00
M/M Ray Shadowens	65.00
Central Church of Christ	25.00
Central Christian Church, Atlanta, Ga.	7.00
Anonymous	50.00
First Christian Church, Montcalm	60.82
Midway Church of Christ	15.00
Midway Church of Christ	44.39
Mrs. J. C. Miller	<u>8.00</u>
Monthly Income	744.73
Net Income	1,279.40
Less Expenses:	
391 Carl McIntosh, Petty Cash	189.33
392 Warden's Market, Freezer B. of	197.56
393 Marketing Frosty Foods	45.02
394 O. S. Postmaster	100.00
395 Carl McIntosh, Petty Cash	196.65
396 Christian Acres, Salary	200.00
397 Paper Supply Co., Paper	34.60
398 A. E. P. Co.	71.19
399 General Telephone	<u>45.02</u>
Total Expenses:	1,082.74
Balance After Expenses	196.66
Net Income	51,847.63
Net Expenses	51,650.97

PETTY CASH---WHAT IS IT?

Some of our readers have asked "Just what is this item we see in the financial report marked 'petty cash'?" Following is an explanation of what our Petty Cash is used for and why we have it.

Petty cash is the operation funds for the Children's Home. It is our 'household money' and is spent on odds & end groceries, school supplies, entertainment, necessary clothing (ie. new shoes nylons for all these girls), all personal items here at the home.

You may have noticed that some months, we use more than others. It seems like lately, we have really spent a lot of money on "nothing". But, really, you'd be amazed how fast the money goes when this one needs 'Home Ec. supplies', another needs new shoes, still another has to have a new pair of nylons for Sunday, and of course, they all have to go to football games. So really, I guess it hasn't all gone for "nothing" after all.

We also buy gas for the Van out of our 'Petty Cash', and with all the running involved with 6 children in the family (doctor, dentist, music lessons, school, and shopping), we use a lot of it.

I do hope that this answers a few of your questions concerning 'Petty Cash' and if you have any others, please feel free to ask. We want you all to be aware of just what your support is being used for at all times.

Don Helmondollar

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!!!

It may seem strange to you that I am mentioning camp when it isn't even Christmas yet, but we want to make sure you all mark your calendars ahead of time and be sure to keep these following dates open. We want to see a really BIG turnout attendance and spiritual-wise!

Sr. Week	July 9th.---15th.
Jr. Hi Week	July 16th.---22nd.
Jr. Week	July 23rd.---29th.
Spir. Emp. Wk.	July 30th-Aug. 5th.

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A BIG THANK YOU to M/M Mac Wright for their gift of a corn popper. We surely appreciate it and will think of you often---every time we have popped corn these cold winter evenings.

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MEN-----be sure to mark your calendars, too, for the Men's Clinic. The dates have been set for June 9th. and 10th. We're hoping to have at least three times as many men present next year as we did this past August. Be planning on being here!

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Someone once said to a man who had led in public prayer, "You should speak louder. I didn't hear a word you said." The man's reply was, "I wasn't talking to you!"

Here is this month's puzzle. It is a short one as we are almost out of room. Enjoy!

Proverbs 6:16-19

THERE are SIX THINGS WHICH the LORD HATES, YES, SEVEN WHICH are an ABOMINATION TO HIM: HAUGHTY EYES, a LYING TONGUE, and HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD, A HEART that DEVISES WICKED PLANS, FEET that RUN RAPIDLY to EVIL, a FALSE WITNESS WHO UTTERS LIES, AND ONE WHO SPREADS STRIFE AMONG BROTHERS.

Y E S T H E R E & X I S E V E N
L T H S E R I V E D I S W O U
D N H O S T S I N L E U I B R
I E E G S E I L O Y F T C E F
P C A N U T I N D E I A T K E A
A O R O M A O T A N T E R F L
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S N H A L I S M G W S S E R E
D I A B N L O R D O M I H T D
N O T G A B R O T H E R S S N
A L S D A E R P S N A L P S A
H C I H W H O F O H W K I C H

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

I sighed because the day was dark
Then I met a child who had no eyes.
I complained because the walk was long--until I met a man who had no legs.
I prayed for wealth beyond my need--and then I met a poor man with no bread at all.
Oh, God, forgive me--for the world is mine!

REPORT ON THE RETREAT

This past weekend Bluefield College of Evangelism had a Fall Youth Retreat here on the Christian Acres Campus. There were 44 young people present with the students from the college helping as counselors.

Friday night there was a puppet show explaining what the Retreat would be like. The Theme was 'Will The Real Christians Please Stand?' After this we all had a great time playing games and getting to know one another.

Saturday we had classes during the morning which the professors at the college taught. Mr. Bailey taught one on the Old Testament. Mr. Cooper taught one on the Lord's Supper and also one on Psychology. Then, Mr. Mathena showed slides which he had taken when he took the college students on tour. Just the 11th. and 12th. grade young people saw these while Leroy Overholser had another class for all the younger ones.

After lunch, we all played tag football and soccer. Then, after we had a chance to freshen up and eat, we all attended the Christian Acres Area Youth Rally. We had a good turn out for that. We closed the Retreat with a Camp Fire where we all received a blessing from the fellowship of one another and the closeness of God.

For all the other young people who missed this Retreat I want to say, "You really missed a great time. Hope you will be at our next one." And for all of us who were there I want to say, "Thanks, BGE!"

Melissa McIntosh

YOU CAN BE A SANTA.

As you may know, last year the children here at the Children's Home had a very nice Christmas as far as gifts were concerned and it was mostly due to the love and the kindness of you, our Christian friends in the various churches. This year, we again hope and pray that you will be concerned about 'our' children and see that they are remembered at this special time. If you'd like some gift ideas for any of the children, all you need do is call Carole or I at 589-6296 or write to us here. We will be glad to share with you the children's lists of desires and wants for Christmas. We invite any groups or individuals to take part in this way of sharing Christ this Christmas!

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DATES STILL OPEN

We are scheduled to speak and put on a musical program the 30th and again the 6th. of November. After that date, we have all dates open. We have slides of the camp and the Children's Home and also, the grounds here at Christian Acres which we would like very much to show to your congregation. Carole and the girls have a short musical program which they have ready. We'd like very much to come and fellowship with you some Sunday evening. Won't you get in touch with us soon and make arrangements for us to come?

MAMA NEEDS

for the shelves: tuna
 canned fruits jelly
 cake mixes pizza
 paper towels honey
 dish soap tea
 sugar (reg. and pow.)

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For the laundry: Tide (nearly out!)
 bleach fabric softener

for personal use: toothpaste (Colgate)
 deodorant (non-aerosol) shampoo

for the home: deep fryer saucepans
 round cake pans rag mop hot pads