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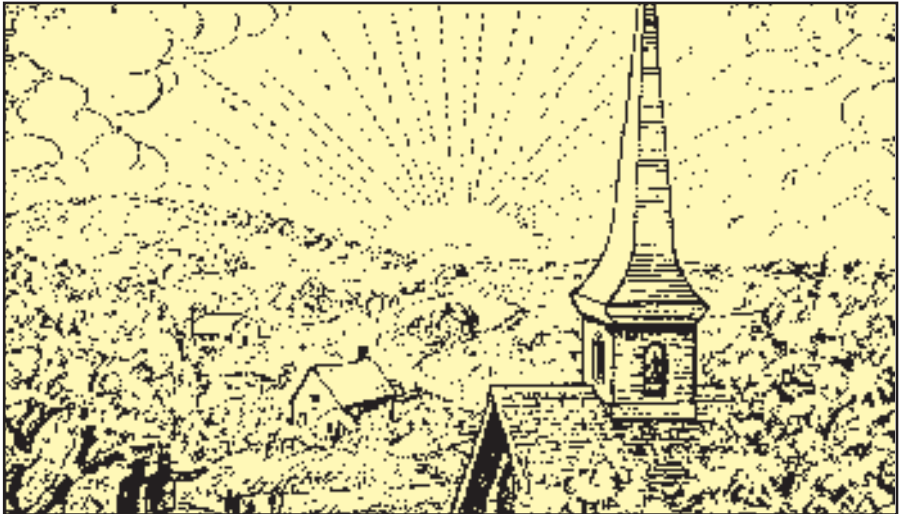
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You've Got A Friend ... To Hear And Answer Your Prayers!



Summer's heat weighs heavy on the land, but we just sent a refreshing change to your mailbox, Dear Member. Yes, the Summertime edition of Faith Magazine is here with its timely theme of "You've Got A Friend ... To Hear And Answer Your Prayers."

This issue of FAITH holds messages of hope, happiness and help . . . all sentiments that fit in

nicely with the happy atmosphere of summer vacations and reunions of family and friends. And, since the Lord is your ultimate Friend, we think prayer also fits into the summertime theme. That's because God is the one Friend who will never walk away from you. He's always near, listening for you to call upon Him for help with a problem, or to reveal an answer to a question

you've been asking or a decision you need to make. You will never stumble or fall while you walk along the Lord's path. It's only if you stray off in a different direction that the journey becomes more difficult.

On Page 6, Member Angela K. from Tennessee recalled how that journey became a challenge for her after she lost her job.

"Suddenly, I found myself unemployed in my early 50s, with a mortgage payment I could no longer afford," Angela wrote. *"I watched the savings I had worked so hard to accumulate dwindle until they were gone. I fell behind on my house payments and pleaded with my bank for help, but they offered none. They took my house back and gave me a month to find another place to live."*

Then, Angela walked by a church, went inside, and her life soon changed for the better. She was offered a job there and a new home. *"My life is much different now, yet I feel content,"* she told us. *"God's love frees me from worry!"*

Likewise, a bad family situation led A. F. from Canada to contact Fellowship's Special Help Department and become a Fellowship Friend. On Page 11, she told us that once she began using her new prayers, things began changing for the better right away!

"What a remarkable difference it made to discover I was not alone! I had God and I had my Fellowship Friends. My heart felt like singing!" she

recalled. *"No matter how many mistakes people make, no matter how lost and confused you may be . . . the Lord can help you do something about it! I know, for He has lifted me from the depths of despair to this new joy in living. Just turn to Him and He will turn to you!"*

Finally, on Page 14, Member Margaret H. of Washington reminds us that God waits patiently, until we are ready to hear His message. *"I've been a Member of Fellowship since the 1960s. I was so young then, facing many troubles,"* Margaret said. *"But your magazine kept God in my life until He knew I was ready for His message. It is wonderful to know He, and Fellowship, are always there for me."*

And with that inspiring note, Dear Friend, we hope you are refreshed and energized by this Summertime edition of FAITH!

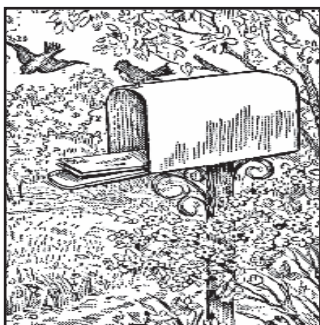
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So please, if you like what you see and want to start receiving FAITH regularly, we'd like to pass along this *Special Invitation* to you. Yes, we would be delighted to tell you more about Life-Study Fellowship and how you can start receiving Faith Magazine! All you need to do is use the handy little form below to send us your name and



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asked for arrives late or gets lost because of an old address. Help us make sure that doesn't happen to you!

If you are writing to Fellowship for the first time, please let us know if you are not already a Member. This will also help us give you a speedy response.

Following these few important tips will ensure that we stay in close contact!

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Trust In The Lord To Provide A “Vacation” From Worry!

The warmth of summertime brings to mind sunny days, gatherings with friends and family, and for those who have the time off . . . summer vacation!

Those are all wonderful summer activities, Dear Friend, and we hope you're able to enjoy them.

And now, we want to let you know about another kind of vacation, of the spiritual kind. Yes, we're talking about that special time in your life when you realized if you asked the Lord to guide your life's journey, He would always steer you in the right direction.

Remember how warm and safe you felt at that moment, when you suddenly knew He would keep you safe and secure? As the theme of this Faith Magazine says, you immediately knew you had a Friend who would hear and answer your prayers!

In fact, Jesus tells us about His friendship in the Bible passage of John 15:15, *“Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.”*

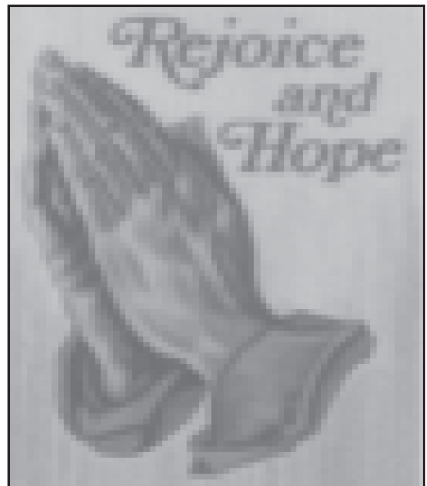
You might be saying to yourself, well sure, but how is this like a vacation? Allow us to explain.

Dear Member, when you began relying upon God's infi-

nite wisdom, didn't you feel as if a weight had lifted and you had packed up your troubles to send them away! Yes, just as you might feel joyful and light-hearted as you start a summer vacation, you may recall feeling of freedom when you decided to turn your problems over to God.

In other words, you took a vacation from worry by trusting in the Lord's guidance. That decision didn't cost you anything and you could always seek that special bond with Him anytime you wished!

So, whenever you need a vacation from nagging problems that keep you awake at night, remember the Lord is here to share your burden. He cares about you, Dear Friend. Just call upon Him as you would a good friend, and He will reach out to lift away your concerns!



“My Life Is Much Different, Yet I Feel Content!”

My Fellowship Friends,

I've always enjoyed reading those true stories in FAITH about my Fellow Members who have weathered bad times. But, I never thought I'd be writing to you about my own trials and tribulations! I guess there's a time for everything, so maybe others will want to hear what happened to me and how I got through it. So, here goes . . .

I used to work at a small hospital in my home town. It was a good job that paid well, and I was able to buy my own modest home that I fixed up over many years. I wasn't especially religious at that time. Things were going well for me and I hadn't encountered any real bad problems I couldn't solve. I had money in the bank and a decent savings account. In short, I was pretty happy and felt like I had "made it."

Then, life threw me a curve. My small, independent hospital was sold to a big corporation. They began cutting costs and outsourcing hospital services. It wasn't long before the layoffs began, and the first ones to go were longtime employees . . . folks like me who had worked there long enough to earn a good salary. Suddenly, I found myself unemployed in my early 50s, with a mortgage payment I could no longer afford. I watched the savings I had worked so hard

to accumulate dwindle until they were gone. I fell behind on my house payments and pleaded with my bank for help, but they offered none. They took my house back and gave me a month to find another place to live.

It was a dark time for me, Dear Fellowship. I didn't know where to turn.

Then, one day I went for a walk to clear my head. My path went by a local church I knew of, but had never entered. I saw people outside its doors . . . people who looked happy and content. So, I walked up to them and asked if I could come in. Well, you would have thought I was their good friend! They invited me to sit in their Bible study class. As I listened to the Lord's teachings I suddenly felt His love, and realized He had been waiting for me to seek Him out!

I was offered a job with this lovely church, and my new friends also found me a nice place to live. They introduced me to Fellowship, too, for which I am grateful.

My life is much different now, yet I feel content. God's love frees me from worry!

Member Angela K., Tennessee



Strength For The Day

Little Prayers For Life's Everyday Situations

Vacation Memories

Right this moment, children across the country are having great fun on summer vacations. Lord, please bless and keep them safe as they run and play and shout. Let their parents enjoy the time off from their busy lives as well. And may these sunny days create wonderful family memories that will last a lifetime.

— Amen

July 4 Prayer

Bless our wonderful country with security and good will all year; O Lord. Though we may not always agree on things, we all love the United States and want the best for our nation. Help us weather storms and other natural disasters. and please guide our leaders as they make important decisions that affect us all!

— Amen

Personal Blessing

Dear Father; You are my inspiration each day. So, it is fitting that I come before You today with a personal request for a blessing. I have been plagued with feelings of uncertainty about my life's decisions. I don't know if I am making the right choices, so I've turned to You for clarity. Banish this worry and indecision from my mind, Lord!

— Amen

An Increase In Rent

Dear Lord, I just found out my rent will be going up soon and I can't afford that! I have lived in my place a long time, but now I'm afraid I could be kicked out with nowhere else to go. I come to You in sincere prayer; asking Your help to find more work somewhere to bring in the extra money I need. Thank You, Father; for this blessing.

— Amen

Labor Day Blessing

This September 3 is Labor Day, Dear Lord, when we celebrate all those who work. It is their daily duty that keeps our nation going day after day, whether it is a farmer in the field or a clerk behind a counter. Please bless everyone who works for a living, Father; as well as those who are home caring for children, for they work as well.

— Amen

Ease Homesickness

I just moved to a new town, Father. I don't know anyone in this place, and I'm already homesick for the hometown I left. I pray You will help me adjust and meet new friends here, so I feel more comfortable. No matter where I am, I know I am never truly alone because You are with me! I have faith You will help me settle into this new home.

— Amen

JULY — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

Dear Member, you'll see our selection of 31 Bible Verses here. There is an uplifting message for each day of July, and we invite you to write them down and take them with you so you can study them each day. Think about how the Bible's words relate to your daily life!

1. *"The God of love and peace shall be with you"*
II Cor. 13:11
2. *"God shall supply all your need"*
Phil. 4:19
3. *"The upright shall have good things"*
Proverbs 28:10
4. *"I will praise the Lord"*
Psalm 7:17
5. *"Make thy prayer unto Him, and He shall hear thee"*
Job 22:27
6. *"He is my shield"*
II Samuel 22:3
7. *"God will provide"*
Genesis 22:8
8. *"The Lord shall give that which is good"*
Psalm 85:12
9. *"With the Lord there is mercy"*
Psalm 130:7
10. *"Learn to do well"*
Isaiah 1:17
11. *"I am the light of the world"*
John 8:12
12. *"My heart shall rejoice"*
Psalm 13:5
13. *"Walk worthy of God"*
I Thess. 2:12
14. *"My lips shall not speak wickedness"*
Job 27:4
15. *"He will be very gracious unto thee"*
Isaiah 30:19
16. *"The Lord God is my strength"*
Habakkuk 3:19
17. *"Lead us not into temptation"*
Luke 11:4
18. *"Give thanks unto the Lord"*
Psalm 107:1
19. *"I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart"*
I Kings 3:12
20. *"The Lord is my shepherd"*
Psalm 23:1
21. *"Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of"*
Matthew 6:8
22. *"A faithful person shall abound with Blessings"*
Proverbs 28:20
23. *"How much better it is to get wisdom than gold"*
Proverbs 16:16
24. *"Praise the Lord for His goodness"*
Psalm 107:8
25. *"Be of good courage"*
I Chron. 19:13
26. *"The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace"*
Romans 15:13
27. *"Love ye your enemies, and do good"*
Luke 6:35
28. *"Pray unto Me, and I will harken unto you"*
Jer. 29:12
29. *"Lord, I will follow Thee"*
Luke 9:57
30. *"God giveth . . . knowledge, and joy"*
Eccl. 2:26
31. *"Be careful to maintain good works"*
Titus 3:8

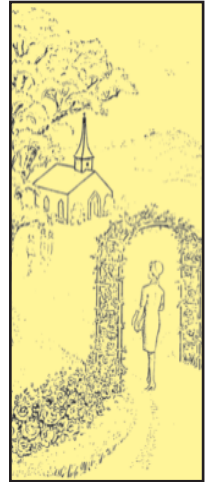
JULY — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

Fellowship's Three Daily Prayers are so powerful because they unite all of our Members in prayer at the same time. Just imagine all of your voices reaching the Lord at once! It just shows how people who join together for a good cause can accomplish great things!

“For love is of God!”
I John 4:7

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

Dear Loving Lord, I welcome the sunrise of a new day and await Your Guidance. Lead me and my Fellow Members to make good decisions and treat others fairly. Bless us with Your Wisdom, Father, so we avoid mistakes in work or play. My friends and I honor and worship You with this prayer. — Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

Holy Father, my Fellow Members and I pray together at noon-time, asking You to shower us with the blessing of Prosperity in all our endeavors. We are committed to working hard for ourselves and those who depend upon us. You know our hopes and dreams, Lord. Please take us under Your Wing and steer our steps toward a successful finish as we undertake our daily duties. — Amen

9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

As I lay down to sleep, I think back over the day's events and thank You for the blessings I received, O Lord. I am Your servant in all things. Now, I join my Fellowship Friends in praying for You to bless us with Good Health and the Healing power of Your love. We close our eyes knowing You will watch over us tonight and we will wake tomorrow refreshed and ready to face the world. — Amen

Pass It Along!

Our Fellow Members often write to tell us how they pass along to another person each new edition of Faith Magazine once they have read it. We think that's a wonderful idea, because we also have received many letters from Fellowship Friends saying that's how they were introduced to FAITH! Yes, many folks say they began reading our magazine in an office where they were waiting, or at a laundromat while they washed clothes. Some say a co-worker or friend gave them their first copy of Faith Magazine, too. To all those Members who pass it along, we offer a big *Thank You!*

"Special Messages"

Dear Fellowship Friends, I am happy to say that I am doing well. Sorry I haven't been in contact. But I still enjoy receiving the positive, uplifting and inspirational material from you. Please keep up the good work you do! I always get a wonderful feeling when I open up correspondence from you. It is as if the Lord has special messages just for me!

Donetta M., New York

"Much Happiness"

I want to let you all know that I feel joy and much happiness when I read my Faith Magazine! It inspires me with hope for my Heavenly Father. God is love and I worship Him. It is a blessing to have my FAITH. May God be with you all.

With love from all my heart . . .

Catherine R., Florida

Help FAITH And Fellowship Spread God's Positive Message!

Some Members have inquired about how they might make a bequest to Life-Study Fellowship.

Through the years, many Members have chosen to remember our Fellowship in this special way and we are truly grateful. Some Members have included Fellowship in their wills, while others have named Life-Study Fellowship in their life insurance policies.

If you are interested in making arrangements through your will, we suggest you talk with an attorney who can explain the tax advantages and ways to go about making such a bequest.

Please remember that it is to everybody's advantage to have a will. This doesn't apply just to the very wealthy. The truth is everyone who owns any property needs a will to direct who should benefit.

Otherwise, some or all of your property will be split up according to state law, which may leave your property in ways you did not want or intend.

Therefore, whether or not you include a bequest to Life-Study Fellowship, we encourage you to seek the services of an attorney to have a will drawn up if you have not already done so.

“I Had Enough Hope Left To Get In Touch With Life-Study Fellowship!”

I was an emotional wreck the first time I wrote to Fellowship's Special Help Department. Even though I was just a teenager, my life had been shattered into a million pieces. I was into drugs. I had been required to appear in court several times. I couldn't keep up with my school work and eventually dropped out.

Yes, I was an absolute mess. And it's no wonder, because my home situation didn't help matters. Both of my parents were drinking heavily and the entire family just seemed to be lost and unhappy.

That was the kind of hopeless picture I faced. Yet, I can't say it was really hopeless, for somehow I had enough hope left to get in touch with Life-Study Fellowship. I'll always be thankful for whatever made me do that!

You (Fellowship) started me thinking . . . thinking about prayer and about God! As I began praying regularly, I gained a peace and calmness I hadn't felt in a long, long time. I stopped being so nervous, and came to realize that in spite of the mess I had made of my life, God still loved me and cared about me.

Changes began to take place, and I could hardly believe some of the great things that were happening. My mother and



father quit drinking completely! My own attitude became bright and positive. Not a day passed when I did not turn to the Lord in prayer. He became my rock, and on that rock He rebuilt my shattered life!

I got out of my bad ways, giving up the drugs that once had ruled my mind. I overcame the temptation to hang around with the wrong crowd and get into trouble. I also went back to school, eager to learn and do better.

What a remarkable difference it made to discover I was not alone! I had God and I had my Fellowship Friends. My heart felt like singing!

No matter how many mistakes people make, no matter how lost and confused you may be . . . the Lord can help you do something about it! I know, for He has lifted me from the depths of despair to this new joy in living. Just turn to Him and He will turn to you!

Member A. F., Canada

The Lord's Handiwork Is All Around Us, In Every Living Thing!

Dear Friend, we've said many times that we love to get letters from you and your Fellow Members. That correspondence often shows us what is most important to our Fellowship Friends, and how much faith is a part of their lives.

For instance, a recent letter from a Member we'll call "Frank," talked about how he sees God's work in his garden. You see, Frank is an avid gardener who enjoys seeing the seeds he plants turn into food for him and his family.

Franks told us the Lord has blessed the soil he tills, so that its plants will bloom and thrive. The delightful fragrance and beauty of flowers is another reflection of God's love, he added. In fact, Frank said he feels closer to the Lord in his garden than anywhere else!

The Bible tells us in Genesis 2:9, "*And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food . . .*"

Yes, Dear Member, you surely don't need to be in a church to be in the presence of God. He is everywhere, in every part of our World. You can experience His company by spending quiet moments in a garden, walking in your neighborhood or simply sitting on your front porch. And

everywhere you look, you will see people and other living things that are examples of the Lord's handiwork.

Nearly everyone has gone through periods in which life's challenges get them down. They may wonder if God really hears their prayers, or cares about them. That's when a garden, or just a plain back yard, can be a quiet place for you to reconnect with the Lord and reinforce your faith. Why? Because with God's handiwork all around you, it's hard to feel forsaken and hopeless.

It's true! Just as God created the Garden of Eden as a beautiful sanctuary, your own garden or yard can be a special place for you, Dear Friend. As the late poet Dorothy Frances Gurney wrote in her 1925 poem titled *God's Garden*, "*One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on Earth!*"



Daily Bread

Recipes From Your Friends

The heat is on, Dear Member, so it's a good time to try some cool and tasty recipes from your Fellow Members. These delectable dishes are great for breezy summer parties and family gatherings. There are so many great cooks among our Fellowship Friends. So, if you have a favorite salad or entree, please write and let us know!

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HAWAIIAN CHICKEN

Member Kelli B. lives in Honolulu and wants you to try her recipe for this easy and unusual chicken dish.

Ingredients: 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips ... 3 Tablespoons vegetable oil, divided ... 4 medium carrots, cut into thin slices ... 1 medium onion, sliced thin ... 1/2 cup soy sauce ... 1/4 cup brown sugar ... cooked rice.

In large skillet stir-fry chicken in 2 Tablespoons oil for 6 or 8 minutes. Remove chicken and set aside. In the same pan stir-fry carrots and onions in remaining oil until crisp-tender. Combine soy sauce and brown sugar; add to pan and bring to a boil. Return chicken to pan and boil 5 minutes or until sauce thickens. Serve over hot cooked rice.

COOL APPLE SALAD

In the summertime Addie F. from Boston says this cool, tasty salad just fills the bill. It's good, and it's good for you, too!

2 cups diced apples ... 2 cups chopped celery ... 1 cup mayonnaise ... 1/2 cup walnuts ... 1 cup green grapes. Combine all ingredients and chill. You'll love it!

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SUMMER-SATIONAL PIE

Rush to the kitchen right now and try this mouth watering dessert. It makes 2 pies and we thank Member Linda M., in Georgia for sharing this scrumptious treat with us.

Ingredients: 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk ... 1 (6 ounce) can frozen limeade, thawed and undiluted ... 1/2 cup lime juice ... 3 drops green food coloring ... 2 (8 ounce) cartons whipped topping ... 2 prepared chocolate crumb crusts.

Combine first 4 ingredients in large mixing bowl, beating at medium speed until well blended. Set aside 1 cup of whipped topping. Fold remainder of whipped topping into lime mixture and spoon into prepared crusts. Spoon a dollop of reserved whipped topping on top of both pies and chill.

“Thankfully, Your Magazine Kept God In My Life!”



To whom it may concern,

Your Faith Magazine has been like time spent in church every day for me. It encourages me, and always I feel excited to begin my day with it.

FAITH is like refreshments. It blesses me with light beyond the sun, moon and stars . . . a light with no fear because it is the light of God's love. Your morning, afternoon and evening prayers bathe me in that same light.

I feel close to the Lord each time I say my prayers, and I know He hears them. I have sought out God's help often over

the years and He has never let me down. He provides answers to the questions I have and reveals the path I need to take to solve a problem. God is a good listener who never goes away or leaves me alone.

I look forward to getting every issue of Faith Magazine. Your way of helping Members is unique and helpful, like a family that strengthens my faith and offers help, no matter what the need is.

I've been a Member of Fellowship since the 1960s. I was so young then, facing many troubles. But your magazine kept God in my life until He knew I was ready for His message. It is wonderful to know He, and Fellowship, are always there for me.

These last years, I'm really thankful that you stayed in my life. When I am ready for your help, God blesses you to share it freely with me.

It's good to know I'm not alone. God blessed you, Fellowship, to offer help to people like me. Thank you and thank God for never giving up on me.

P.S. I would also like to request that you send me a free Prosperity Harvest Plan. Thank you!

Member Margaret H., Washington

The Lord Is Watching Over Us So You're Never Alone!

"This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." ~Ephesians 5:32

Sometimes it's a mystery why things happen the way they do, isn't it, Dear Friends? Do you ever wonder how old friends can suddenly show up at your door, or why world events turn out like they do?

Consider the experience of Fellowship Friend Brenda A. from the United Kingdom, who wrote to tell us how delighted she is to find Fellowship after many years of absence.

"Dear Life-Study Fellowship,

Many years ago, maybe about 20 years, my mother used to give me your FAITH magazine to read and somehow, when I left home I lost touch with the magazine.

Whilst on holiday at my mother's house, one day I asked her if she had any FAITH magazines again, but she said, 'No.'

One day, whilst cleaning up, she came across one which was dated November-December 2001 to January 2002. I was so happy and overjoyed that I could start reading it again and get back in touch with you!

God certainly works in mysterious ways. Thank you God and thank you Life-Study Fellowship for the joy your magazine has brought me

throughout my teens and now adulthood. Please, could you start sending me FAITH magazine as I want to become a Member. I am enclosing \$10, which I hope will help in some way. And again, thank you and God Bless You!"

We're thrilled to have gotten in touch with Brenda again. Do you think God played a role in reuniting her with her Fellowship Friends after many years? We hope so because we believe all things with God are possible! Sometimes, it's just a matter of asking the Lord, as our Friend, Brenda, did for help in finding what she had missed.

He hears our requests, and just at the right time, sometimes after we've given up, He can step in and give us the solution we needed. Now, isn't it a good feeling to know the Lord is watching over us? It just shows we're never really alone!



If You Want To Solve Your Problems, Look For A Good Listener!

When you have a problem or an important need that's on your mind, you often look for someone who is a good listener.

That's because it's best to talk with someone who can understand you and how you are feeling about the matter weighing upon your mind.

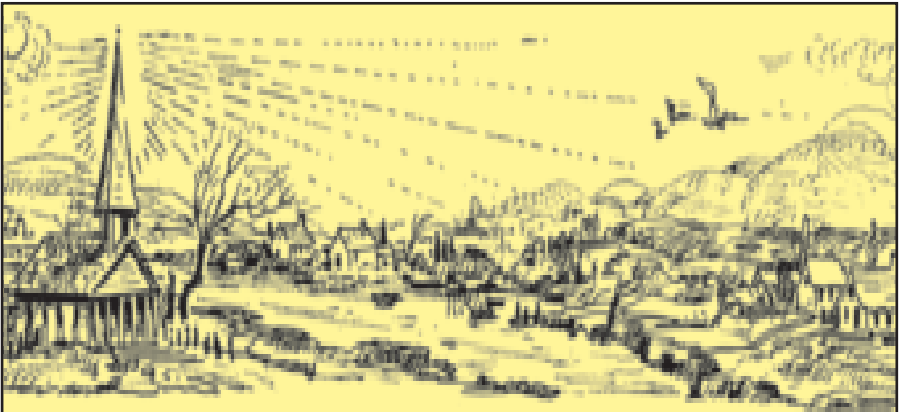
That's just what the dedicated folks in Fellowship's **Special Help Department** tries their best to do. We encourage you to write us whenever you have a burden you don't want to face alone, and tell us all about it. Give us the chance to listen carefully to your real worries . . . to concentrate on a good solution . . . and to quickly send you personal prayers that will speak directly to your needs.

That's right. No matter what it is that's on your mind or in your heart, if you want to talk about it, we're more than eager to listen to what you have to say.

We have been providing the services of our **Special Help Department** for a long time. And we find it so satisfying when we hear from someone who was helped by using these Special Prayers. We would be delighted to learn that every Member of Fellowship found blessings from the Lord when they really needed them the most.

So, if you have a particular need today, please use the page at the right to tell us about it! We've provided space on Page 17 for you to write anything that's so important that you wish to have personal prayers to guide you as you ask for God's help and peace. Write us today.

Don't let yourself be weighed down by a pesky problem any longer, Dear Friend. We want to help you with that concern, and so does the Lord!



Special Help Department

To: **The Special Help Department**

Life-Study Fellowship, Noroton, CT 06820

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Dear Special Help Department: I would like to tell you, in my own words, what is on my mind now. Here is my situation:

(Please clip along these lines and mail.)

Please rush me my Special Prayers to help me seek God's guidance. I am enclosing a Gift Contribution of \$ _____ (whatever you are able to give will be appreciated, Dear Member).

My Name Is _____

Address _____
(Street, Route or Box No.) (Apt. No.)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

If you are **NOT** already a Fellowship Member, please check here.

**If You Feel Like
No One Is Listening,
Turn Back To Page 17!**



**Our Special Help Department
Can Help You Turn
Your Troubles Over To God!**

“We’re Now Just About Caught Up On All Our Bills!”

So many problems under one roof! That’s what our home was like when I first started receiving Faith Magazine. We were in a horrible state of affairs with no answers in sight.

We were very heavily in debt. Our creditors kept calling us all the time because we could not make payments on all of our bills. Worst of all, the mortgage company was threatening to foreclose on the house. In addition to our money worries, my husband was drinking too much, and I was awfully concerned about him.

I also did not know what to do about our young daughter. She had just graduated from high school and wanted so much to enroll in college. But we had no idea where the money would come from, and it looked as if we weren’t going to be able to help her continue her education.

That really hurt! I didn’t know where to turn or what to do. With so many problems, I felt trapped, as if my hands were tied.

Yes, that’s how bad things were when I first stated getting Faith Magazine. And it wasn’t long after that, that I was writing to Fellowship and receiving Special Help Prayers as well. For most assuredly, our family needed God’s help.

As I prayed and read Faith Magazine, remarkable changes came about . . . changes that only God could bring!

My husband realized he had a drinking problem and sought counseling to get better. And our finances took a big turn for the better, too!

We’re now just about caught up on all our bills, and we are able to make regular monthly payments on time.

Things are also working out so well for our daughter. We’ve been blessed with the ways and means to send her to college, and that matters a great deal to the entire family. Yes, we have come such a long way, and I know we will make it now!

Something else I know, too. We couldn’t have come this far without God’s help and Fellowship’s help. My prayers will always be filled with words of thanks for both the Lord and Fellowship!

Member G. E., Wyoming



AUGUST — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

Dear Friend, if you want to start the day with inspiration, read one of our Daily Bible Verses! Each day in August, start out the morning by looking at that day's chosen verse. Write it down and take it with you so you're never without God's wisdom and grace.

1. *"His understanding is infinite"* Psalm 147:5
2. *"Let there be no strife"* Genesis 13:8
3. *"Blessed are the merciful"* Matthew 5:7
4. *"His judgments are in all the Earth"* I Chron. 16:14
5. *"A friend loveth at all times"* Proverbs 17:17
6. *"My cup runneth over."* Psalm 23:5
7. *"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray"* James 5:13
8. *"The Lord shall be thine everlasting light"* Isaiah 60:20
9. *"Forget not all His benefits"* Psalm 103:2
10. *"Have faith, and doubt not"* Matthew 21:21
11. *"Thou shalt pay thy vows."* Job 22:27
12. *"Do always those things that please Him"* John 8:29
13. *"Thy foot shall not stumble"* Proverbs 3:23
14. *"Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry"* Eccl. 7:9
15. *"Serve the Lord with all your heart"* I Samuel 12:20
16. *"The Lord shall guide thee continually"* Isaiah 58:11
17. *"Live in peace"* II Cor. 13:11
18. *"He will do thee good"* Deut. 30:5
19. *"With the Lord there is mercy"* Psalm 130:7
20. *"The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."* Matthew 26:41
21. *"The Lord stood with me, and strengthened me"* II Timothy 4:17
22. *"Thou shalt have plenty"* Job 22:25
23. *"Every one that asketh receiveth"* Luke 11:10
24. *"Rejoice and be glad"* Psalm 118:24
25. *"Keep the paths of the righteous"* Proverbs 2:20
26. *"Comfort one another"* I Thess. 4:18
27. *"When thou hearest, forgive"* II Chronicles 6:21
28. *"Harden not your heart"* Psalm 95:8
29. *"I will give you rest"* Matthew 11:28
30. *"Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord"* II Peter 3:18
31. *"Thou shalt make me full of joy"* Acts 2:28

AUGUST — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

During this month of August, we invite you to join us in saying these Three Daily Prayers. Your Fellowship Friends near and far will be praying along with you, each giving thanks to the Lord and praising Him in their own way!

*“I have called upon Thee, for
Thou wilt hear me, O God!”
Psalms 17:6*



8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

I am uniting with my Fellowship Friends in all corners of the land, Dear Lord, to sincerely ask You to be with us as we start this day. Please let Your divine Guidance lead us to do what is right and good. We trust You, Lord, and thank You for the blessings You kindly grant us. You are ever wise, ever loving. How grateful we are to be able to count on Your help and Your strength in all times of need.

— Amen

12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

Heavenly Father, I strongly believe in the power of prayer. At this noonday hour I pray You will provide for me and help me to succeed. Please send Your blessing of Prosperity to me and my Friends in Fellowship who offer this prayer with me now. We are hopeful, Lord, that You will grant us our daily needs and give us strength and wisdom to reach our goals. — Amen

9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

Lord, I am thinking of my Friends near and far who join me in this prayer of faith to You. Please be merciful as we reach out to ask You to bless us with Health and Healing. May our minds and our bodies rest peacefully tonight. Let us wake up refreshed in the morning, ready to start a brand new day with confidence and joy. — Amen

Bless This Home

Helpful Household Hints

'Tis the time for summer vacations, and fun times at the beach, a pool, park or lake. Our Members know what to pack for road trips, and they have great ideas for those backyard barbecues as well. So sit back and read through some of their tips. They can save you time and effort as you embark on summer fun! And be sure to send us some of your own Helpful Hints!

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CONDIMENT CORRAL

Keep those condiments in a muffin tin. You can carry them easily from the kitchen and serve mustard, catsup, relish, etc, in one easy pass. Since cooking out is part of summer this can save you time and steps!

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JELLO KNOWHOW

Gelatin salads can have a life of their own when you try to remove them from the mold. It's all in knowing how ... first spray the mold with vegetable spray before filling. When removing, carefully pull gelatin away from edge of bowl to break the seal and let air in. Then turn upside down on plate and shake gently up and down.

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COOLING OUT

Going on a picnic? Ice in a cooler

melts quickly and everything sort of floats around in the water. Try this instead: fill empty milk cartons with water and freeze overnight. Pack in the cooler around your food and everything stays cold ... and dry!

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DRIVING WITH KIDS

If you have an older car without electronics it can be a an extra challenge. Try hanging a grocery bag over the back seat of the car. It will hold small toys, games, water bottles and other must-have items. You can even use a magic marker to put kids' names on the bags!

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CLEANING UP

Never go anywhere in the summer without plastic bags and handy-wipes. Wet bathing suits come home safely packed in plastic. And summertime disasters from dripping ice cream to spilled catsup can be taken care of with handy-wipes. A little vinegar to relieve sunburn or stings, and band-aids for minor cuts and scrapes also help!

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SUN SAFETY

Be safe, not sorry; don't forget sun block! Sunburns are dangerous and painful!

ONE-SENTENCE SERMONS

What inspiration and joy our little One-Sentence Sermons bring. We love to share these “nuggets of knowledge” with you and your Fellow Members, so please send us your favorite ones, too. We print as many as we can in each Faith Magazine!

“A bad attitude is like a flat tire; You won’t go anywhere until you change it.”

Member Randolph I.

“‘Pray’ is a four letter word that you can say anywhere.”

Member Jan M.

“A clean conscience makes a soft pillow.”

Member Tommy B.

“A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.”

Member Brad R.

“A coincidence is God working anonymously.”

Member Harry G.

“A day hymned in prayer, is less likely to come unraveled!”

Member Carrie A.

“A family altar can alter a family.”

Member Fran L.

“A father is someone you can look up to no matter how tall you get.”

Member Denny C.

“A gloomy person brightens a room by leaving it!”

Member Rich B.

“A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.”

Member Chris P.

“A half truth is a whole lie.”

Member Paulette J.

“A hug is the ideal gift; one size fits all!”

Member Donetta T.

“A man is rich according to what he is, not what he has.”

Member Mary M.

“A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend.”

Member Willy F.

“A person without prayer is like a tree without roots.”

Member Wendy E.

“A problem not worth praying about isn’t worth worrying about.”

Member Tammy D.

“A smile is a light in the window of your soul.”

Member Lynnette A.

“A temper is like a fire. If you let it get out of control, it can cause a lot of destruction.”

Member Carli D.

“Action without thought is like shooting without aiming.”

Member Fiona L.

The Lord Wants Us To Know We Have The Power To Change Our Lives!

In the words of Psalm 33:18-21:

“Behold, the Eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His Holy Name.”

Yes, Dear Friend, it is true the Lord watches what we do. But do you ever wonder what he’s looking for? Maybe it is to see how we handle the challenges in our lives.

Do we get angry and shout at loved ones or do we keep a level head and deal with things in a calm, collected manner?

When we are faced with an illness within us or someone we love, do we lash out at how unfair life is or do we set about doing the very best we can to help ourselves or the person

who is sick?

How do we act if we lose a job or face serious money problems? Do we take out our anger on others or do we focus our energy on looking for a new job and saving the money we have on hand?

In short, Friends, the Lord is watching and He wants us to know we have the power to change our lives for the better!

You see, He gave us the free will to make decisions that affect our lives and the lives of others, *with His guidance.*

That last little part is very important, because people don’t always make the right choices for them and for their loved ones. Sometimes, we may forget the bigger picture that God wants us to see...a picture in which we put the needs of others before ours.

Now, some may ask, *“What does that mean I should do when I make important decisions? How will I know the right thing to do?”*

Well, when we’re faced with something like that, we may want to pray about that decision and ask for the Lord’s help. He is always waiting to hear our questions and offer His advice in a way that can make the right answer shine out from all the rest.



“The Events Of That Morning Made Me Stop And Think!”

I admit I usually fail to notice many of the things in the background when I'm walking down the street. For example, I don't always pay mind to the tall buildings, street vendors, or even the ever-present sound of traffic. I'm just so accustomed to these things that I tune them out.

Another sight I often see are homeless people. You see them everywhere; sleeping in the streets with all their belongings, walking aimlessly with nowhere to go, or even sifting through the garbage looking for food.

It's such a common sight in the city that it sometimes goes unnoticed.

But one day recently, I took special notice of their plight. I was enjoying my daily walk downtown when I saw several young men asking passersby for spare change. As I watched the men, I noticed that nobody was putting any change in their paper cups. Some seemed frightened by the men, and others paid them no attention at all. Still others, like me, had no spare change to give. I had brought only enough money with me for the cup of coffee I was sipping as I watched this scene.

The men also had a cup of coffee . . . one cup for four men! I felt very sad for them as I walked



home. I didn't know their stories, why they were homeless or why they weren't working. But, I thought, there may be a very good reason.

When I returned home, I noticed a letter from Life-Study Fellowship had arrived. Enclosed with the letter welcoming me to Fellowship's Prayer Benefit was a prayer titled: "*I Pray Today For The Hungry And Homeless!*" I thought it was remarkable that this prayer should arrive on that particular day.

The events of that morning made me stop and think about what I could do to help others. I also thought about how blessed I am to have the food and shelter I need.

I hope all in Fellowship will continue to pray for the hungry and homeless in our cities and throughout the World. And, I thank Life-Study Fellowship for helping to bring a new understanding of this problem to its Members.

Member A. C., New York

SEPTEMBER — My DAILY BIBLE VERSES

You will find listed below, Dear Friend, 30 special Bible Verses . . . one for each day in September. We invite you to copy each day's verse and carry that slip of paper with you during that day. Think of its words often, and see how they inspire you!

1. *"After this manner therefore pray ye"* Matthew 6:9
2. *"Peace be multiplied unto you"* Daniel 4:1
3. *"They which be of faith are blessed"* Galatians 3:9
4. *"The Lord giveth wisdom"* Proverbs 2:6
5. *"Ever follow that which is good"* I Thess. 5:15
6. *"Under His wings shalt thou trust"* Psalm 91:4
7. *"Love thy neighbour as thyself"* Matthew 22:39
8. *"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without"* Col. 4:5
9. *"He will be very gracious unto thee"* Isaiah 30:19
10. *"Be courteous"* I Peter 3:8
11. *"He shall direct thy paths"* Proverbs 3:6
12. *"Let us hold fast our profession"* Hebrews 4:14
13. *"Pray without ceasing"* I Thess. 5:17
14. *"He be not far from every one of us"* Acts 17:27
15. *"Evil communications corrupt good manners"* I Cor. 15:33
16. *"He is my shield"* II Samuel 22:3
17. *"Be ye thankful"* Colossians 3:15
18. *"There are many devices in a man's heart"* Proverbs 19:21
19. *"He shall sustain thee"* Psalm 55:22
20. *"Love God, and keep His commandments"* I John 5:2
21. *"Two are better than one"* Eccl. 4:9
22. *"I have found grace in Thy sight"* Judges 6:17
23. *"Make thy prayer unto Him, and He shall hear thee"* Job 22:27
24. *"I am the way, the truth, and the life"* John 14:6
25. *"Ye are my friends"* John 15:14
26. *"Joy cometh in the morning"* Psalm 30:5
27. *"God shall bless thee in all thy works"* Deut. 15:10
28. *"Tarry here, I pray thee"* II Kings 2:2
29. *"Let nothing be done through strife"* Philippians 2:3
30. *"Unto him be glory in the church"* Ephesians 3:21

SEPTEMBER — Fellowship's DAILY PRAYERS

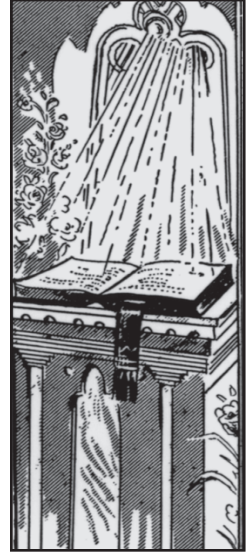
Here are the Three Daily Prayers we hope you will be saying with your Fellowship Friends during September. Praying together is a wonderful experience. Your Fellow Members are reaching out with you to seek the Lord's blessings!

“Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good!”

Romans 12:9

8:00 A.M. Prayer for Guidance

O Dear Lord, I begin this day with a hopeful feeling in my heart. For I have You to guide my life and to watch over me. Even as I pray for myself this day, I also ask You to lead and love my Fellowship Friends around the World. Heavenly Father, please let Your caring Guidance bring us happiness and peace in whatever we set out to do. May we always be worthy of each blessing we receive from You. — Amen



12:00 Noon Prayer for Prosperity

When I meet with You in prayer, Dear Lord, my personal burdens seem to be much lighter. I know You are listening to what I say and understanding my every need. Please, Lord, bless me with Prosperity and let me have the things I want. I pray that my Fellowship Friends will be blessed to prosper, too, and be free from worries caused by financial problems. Thank You for helping us. — Amen

9:00 P.M. Prayer for Health and Healing

Dear Heavenly Father, how grateful I feel to have had You at my side throughout the hours of this day. Please stand watch as the night unfolds, and let there be restful sleep to bring Health and Healing to me and my Fellowship Friends. We are devoted and thankful to You. — Amen

“Happiness And Success”

My Prosperity Harvest Plan works. As soon as I started to save regularly it seemed that God blessed me with more prosperity, happiness and success. I truly believe He helps those who help themselves. And that starts with Fellowship’s Prosperity Plan!

Member J. A., South Carolina

To My Lord

*When I feel down and out,
And troubles bring me low,
I don't have a single doubt,
But to my Lord I go.
And when I'm feeling happy,
Then to my Lord I say,
Thanks for blessing me today
And helping me along the way.*

Member Anne G.

“Feels Good”

I used to just worry and wonder where the extra money I need would come from. But since I started using my Prosperity Harvest Plan the money I have seems to go further, and that feels good! This Plan has made such a difference in my life!

Member B. D., Tennessee

“Thank You For FAITH”

Dear Fellowship, this is just a note to say thank you for Faith Magazine! I am 72 years old and have enjoyed FAITH for decades. I look forward to it coming in the mail. I especially like the One-Sentence Sermons, and am sending you one of my own!

Member Rita S., New Jersey

Blessings Of Happiness, Prosperity And Success Can Be Yours!

Have you been looking for a way to make God’s Prosperity a reality in your life? Then let us tell you about the Life-Study Fellowship’s Prosperity Harvest Plan, the very plan that is working this minute for so many of your Fellow Members the World over!

Life-Study Fellowship began the Prosperity Harvest Plan many years ago, and its purpose is to help you seek God’s Happiness, Prosperity and Success by following five special rules. The rules are not difficult. In fact, the entire Prosperity Harvest Plan is wonderfully simple and easy-to-follow!

We’ll be glad to send you one of these Prosperity Plans free. All you need do is write and request it.

In a short time you will get the complete instructions as well as a beautiful Prayer for Prosperity to use each day. You’ll see exactly how the Prosperity Harvest Plan helps bring you toward God’s Blessings for Prosperity, Happiness and Success!

Yes, it is working for scores of other Fellow Members. So how about giving it a try?

There’s no charge. All you need to do is write and tell us to send you Fellowship’s Prosperity Harvest Plan!

OUR FELLOWSHIP'S BIBLE READINGS



July August September

The time you spend reading your Bible truly is time well spent. For its pages offer great wisdom and words of joy and hope. Here are our suggested Bible Readings for each week of July, August and September. Follow them and see how much they can help you!

Week	Text
July 1 - July 7	<i>"Then He called His 12 disciples together"</i> Read: Luke 9:1-6
July 8- 14	<i>"Year of the Lord"</i> Read: Isaiah 61:1-4
July 15 - 21	<i>"I baptize with water"</i> Read: John 1:25-26
July 22 - 28	<i>"Doth not wisdom cry?"</i> Read: Proverbs 8:1-11
July 29 - Aug. 4	<i>"I turned and lifted mine eyes"</i> Read: Zechariah 6:1-7
August. 5 -11.....	<i>"I cried unto the Lord with my voice"</i> Read: Psalms 3:2-6
August 12 - 18.....	<i>"And immediately he received his sight"</i> Read: Luke 18:35-43
August 19 - 25.....	<i>"Wilt thou be made whole?"</i> Read: John 5:3-9
August 26 - Sept. 1.....	<i>"Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied"</i> Read: I Peter 1:1-6
Sept. 2 - 8.....	<i>"Thy people shall be my people"</i> Read: Ruth 1:1-17
Sept. 9 - 15	<i>"So the poor hath hope"</i> Read: Job 5:13-19
Sept. 16 - 22.....	<i>"The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him"</i> Read: Psalms 147:8-14
Sept. 23 - 29.....	<i>"It is a tree of life"</i> Read: Proverbs 13:9-15
Sept. 30 - Oct. 6.....	<i>"Fear thou not"</i> Read: Isaiah 41:8-13

Hymn

Sweet Hour Of Prayer!

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a World of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place,
Where God my Savior shows His Face,
And gladly take my station there,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His Face,
Believe His Word, and trust His Grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

By William W. Walford

You Are A Treasured Part Of Our Fellowship Family!

We are always delighted when our Members write to say how happy they are that Fellowship is a part of their lives. We like to think of you all as members of a very large, extended family.

That's why we were so happy to hear from our Dear Friend, G. C., who wrote to say she was surprised to find a Faith Magazine dating back to her teenager years as she was doing some recent housecleaning.

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“Dearest Friends,

I am so thankful for this opportunity to write to you today, just to say thank you and may God continue to bless you at Life-Study Fellowship.

Just yesterday, I was cleaning out my attic and I came across my first Faith Magazine from October, November, December 1968-January 1969. I was so excited, and filled with awe to reflect back that over 40 years has gone by! I was a mere girl at the time. I showed my young, 18-year-old son the Faith Magazine and he said to me, ‘Mom, this magazine is twice my years.’ And I told him I was much younger then, too.

I will always keep this magazine and cherish it always.

Again, thank you for the journey with me for more than 40

years! God bless you all.

May our Savior continue to watch over you all, protect and prosper each and every one of you always.”

Member G. C., New Jersey

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What a lovely letter from our Friend, G. C.! We appreciate knowing how much it means to her that she has been able to share our Members' stories of faith and courage with her family for so many years.

That's what family means to us, supporting each other through both good and difficult times. Be assured you are a treasured part of our Fellowship Family, Dear Friend!



We Hope You've Had A Wonderful, Inspirational Summer!

You've reached the last page of this Summer Edition of Faith Magazine, Dear Friend, and we hope you enjoyed it. As we prepare each issue of FAITH we have one thing in mind . . . a wish that it will bring you closer to a true friendship with the Lord! As you read each page, we sincerely hope you will be filled with joy and the peace and comfort that only God can give. And don't forget, Fellowship doesn't

charge or bill anybody for our magazine. We depends entirely upon the kind "Thank You" gifts that Members wish to contribute. Everyone who gives \$10 or more will receive a special gift booklet called "**Poems Of Faith**" and a thank-you note. We appreciate your generosity, and invite you to write and let us know how you're doing as well. We hope you've had a happy summer!

(Please clip here.)

To: Life-Study Fellowship, Noroton, CT 06820
www.lifestudyfellowship.org

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Dear Friends: I love being a part of Fellowship, so I am enclosing my "Thank You" Gift of \$_____ (\$10 or \$20 or \$30 or \$50 or whatever you are able to give) to help Fellowship continue its good work.

My contribution is \$10 or more, so please send me a copy of Fellowship's booklet called "**Poems Of Faith**!"

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Some members have asked about using credit cards. We are pleased to accept credit card contributions in the amount of \$10 or more.

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