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THE OVERFLOW

WE'RE LATE AND WE KNOW IT! Sorry 'bout that! We don't like to be behind schedule but it seems like the hurrier we go, the behinder we get sometimes. This really seems to be a busy time and it doesn't look like there is going to be a slack period for quite awhile. We hope that means God is busy and getting things done and not that we are behind or running ahead of Him. It's so easy to get caught up in the work of the Lord and leave no room for the Lord of the work. We want to be especially mindful that doesn't happen around here. So, pray for us that God will give us direction so we are always doing things the way He wants them done and according to His time schedule and not ours.

We are thankful that God has brought along some help in the form of a young man by the name of Chris McConnell. Chris is formerly from Beloit but through a series of circumstances that are part of his testimony (which we hope he will share with you in a future newsletter) he ended up in Chicago with the Jesus People for a couple of years. Now, he has come back to the Beloit area and not only do we appreciate having him around to make use of his various talents in the construction end of things, his submissive spirit and the loving way he works with others are real welcome assets to our ministry. Anyhow, progress was evident after Chris had been here about a week. He's been trying to organize the gym into something less than a disaster area so we can find things a little better. One part kindalooks like a tool crib and another part looks like a lumber yard and the rest, well-----. At least now you can walk through it without worrying whether you will ever be seen again.

Just to keep you current - we are presently making a concentrated effort to correct the things the fire inspectors brought to our attention that needed to be done to meet their code. The biggest items were to repair the fire escapes and provide 17 fire extinguishers at strategic places throughout the building, which is a major item. But, God knew we would need these things and has gone before us to make a way. If he speaks to your heart to help with this need, please be obedient. You'll be miserable if you don't. We realize the importance of applying the Word of God to every area of our lives and the ministry, so being "subject to the higher powers" as the 13th chapter of Romans advises us to do is just a part of the obedience walk. So we will proceed with the second floor renovation, but cannot occupy the rooms until we are in compliance with the fire code.

In order to take care of the magnitude of rubbish that accumulates from remodeling and to haul selvage materials, we were desparately in need of a dump truck. Chris had been with us only a few days when he noticed one sitting up the street from us in a parking lot, looking kind of lonely and rejected. Of course, lonely and rejected things or people don't have to stay that way as far as we are concerned, so Chris talked to the owner who said, "If you can get that thing running, you can use it." It had been sitting there for about a year, but after some radiator doctoring and freeze plug replacement, the addition of some tranny oil, some repairs to the electrical system, a brake job, work on the hydraulic hoist (which necessitated machining a shaft, the materials and labor being donated by a South Beloit Machine Shop-God Bless 'em!), Chris was roaring down the street wearing a big "Praise the Lord" type smile. God sure does work in funny ways sometimes, doesn't He?



A few months ago, we decided to have an answering service so that we wouldn't miss any calls by not being able to be at the phone every minute. These gals really do a fine job and are a real help to us. They show genuine concern for our callers and just seem to sense when someone is in need of help. We appreciate their pleasant manner and cheerful voices and hope that you won't give them a hard time if you have a complaint to register or can't reach the person you are looking for. Do you know these angels have even donated their services without charge from time to time? So, let's hear it for the gals at Answering Service, Inc., 624 Public Avenue, Beloit. (Bless you girls.)

The carpeting for the book store has been selected and will be installed soon. We are so blessed by the way that God provides for us just when we need it and praise His Name that this phase of our ministry will soon be a reality. We know He will continue to pour out blessings on all of you who make His work at the Cup a part of your concerns. For your convenience, we will be open more hours during the day so that you can have better access to our library facilities or if you have a need for counseling. Please consult the schedule of activities for these new hours.

Our material needs remain basically the same as the list in last month's newsletter. However, one of the most important needs among Bible believing Christians in general is to get along with each other. That's a problem that's been around awhile since it is mentioned in the Psalms, chapter 133, verse 1: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" That's what we are trying to do around the Cup, but sometimes it's hard.

Regrettably, most of the division and friction that occurs among Christians is the result of personality problems. It must really grieve God to see the things we can find to disagree about. Whatever the problem, God has the answer, so let's go to Ephesians 4:30-32 for a look. "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Now, that's a pretty tall order isn't it? But wait a minute. What is meant by grieving the Holy Spirit? It is to make Him uncomfortable in one's life. When we believe on Christ, the Holy Spirit takes up residency in us. We either make Him comfortable or uncomfortable. When He is uncomfortable, He is grieved and we are miserable.

Have you ever visited in someone's home where you didn't feel entirely welcome? Remember how uncomfortable you felt? The Holy Spirit must feel that way sometimes too. In the Ephesians passage, there are six sins listed that grieve the Holy Spirit and make Him uncomfortable and therefore will make you miserable too if you really desire to please the Lord Jesus.

The first is BITTERNESS. Now a whole book could be written about that subject alone. It means to be mean, unkind, holding grudges. Ever notice how uncomfortable it is around a person with a bitter spirit? It has no place in those who profess to be followers of Christ. It's not an option, but a command that we get rid of it.

Next on the list is WRATH AND ANGER. Anger is a disposition of indignation. Wrath is stronger than that. Wrong disposition of anger will result in wrath. There is never a time when wrath is acceptable for a child of God. As for, anger, the only time a Christian has a right to be angry is at sin. Remember, Jesus showed anger when He chased the money-changers out of the temple.



Another sin which grieves the Holy Spirit is CLAMOR. This is a combination of anger and wrath. It is the angry person's expressing of temper which results in outbursts using insulting, abrasive, abusive and sometimes foul, speech. Yet God says in Ephesians 4:29: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying that it may minister grace to the hearers." OOPS! It might be kinda hard to find something to talk to your friends about.

Also mentioned is EVIL SPEAKING. This involves the sin of gossiping which is a very subtle evil and gets passed off as a prayer request sometimes. A good definition of gossip is sharing private information with people who are neither part of the problem or the solution. This sort of puts a few limitations on our conversations, but unless we stop being thoughtless in this area, we make our witness totally ineffective. I wonder what would happen if someone would write down what we say and ask us to sign it for future reference. (Come to think of it, somebody up there is keeping books.) Would you want to sign your name to the things you say?

One more sin mentioned in Ephesians that grieves the Spirit is MALICE. This means harbouring resentment, holding grudges and wishing ill towards someone. We say we have forgiven those who we feel have wronged us, but down underneath is a smoldering ill will. Now, what's God's remedy for all this? Ephesians 4:32: "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." In other words we are expected to show KINDNESS. This involves living for others and providing help where it is needed. Anything worthwhile done for others is done for Christ. (Matt. 25:40) The believer is also expected to be TENDERHEARTED-sensitive to the needs of others. It didn't matter to Jesus who it was, He felt the needs of those around Him and did something about them. We also need to be tender before the Lord so that He can show us these needs and the things in our lives that need changing.

We are also to have a FORGIVING SPIRIT. We are to forgive like Christ has forgiven us, casting our sins as far as the east is from the west and remembering them no more. So that means if we really forgive someone, we can't resurrect the past everytime we disagree with them.

If you have trusted Christ for salvation, He owns your life and you should make Him comfortable in His own Home. We all need to make a sincere effort to apply this passage of Scripture to our lives and make the world a better place to be, and the body of Christ would become more pleasing to the Lord.

If Christ hasn't taken up residency in your heart, why not invite Him to do so and let him take over the management of your house? You'll never regret it. Your life is an open book to Jesus anyway, Won't you let Him write the final chapter.

We love each one of you and feel a responsibility to speak out once in awhile. It isn't our job to condemn anyone, but where the Word of God is clear, we cannot remain silent. By the way, are you a Clairol Christian? (Only your Creator knows for sure) Or, are you a Secret Service Christian? (No one can tell by your activities whose side you are on.) I hope you are neither. Just want to leave you with this thought: The Lord's work doesn't suffer from our limited ABILITY, but from our limited AVAILABILITY.

With everlasting love,

Dave and Pat Fogderud, Directors



## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE - 1977

THURSDAY - 6:30 p.m.: Staff prayer and share meetings

7:30 p.m.: Bible Study with Dale Martin. These are super-heavy learning sessions. If you are looking for a place to grow, this is it. Good fellowship, too.

FRIDAY, June 10th: STEVE KING. Steve has been here before with a group called Revealing Faith from McHenry, Illinois. He is a real blessing you will remember for a long time.

SATURDAY, June 11th: DAWN CARTER from Rockford, Illinois. This is the first time Dawn has been with us and the word is that she sounds like Evie.

FRIDAY, June 17th: TOM LACEY from Evanston, Illinois sharing words of wisdom and his own special style of music.

SATURDAY, June 18th: BOB SPERLAZZO from Chicago, Illinois. Bob is a real versatile guy with a gentle spirit topped off with a super sense of humor.

FRIDAY, June 24th: OPEN NIGHT, with special guest testimonies, group singing, sharing and maybe even a movie.

SATURDAY, June 25th: EVERLORD a soul group from Chicago, Ill. with real harmony and spirit.

Of course, Monday and Tuesday are still work nights and we can always find something for you to do if you can spare some time. These usually begin around 7:00p.m. til ?.

NEW DAYTIME HOURS: Monday and Thursday: noon - 3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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