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## —Editorials—

### YOUTH AND THE CHURCH

One measuring rod of the life and vitality of a church is to be found in the type of youth it is producing. The death knell of a church has been sounded when in its general program and operation youth become conspicuous by their very absence. Whole denominations, once strong and influential, have literally gone under because a new generation was not forthcoming to accept responsibility for leadership and aggressive advance.

Business enterprises, more so today than at any other time in history, have turned to youth to lead them out of business doldrums into a dynamic program of expansion and re-vitalization. It has been recognized that what youth may lack by way of experience it makes up in vision and faith.

If the quality of its youth is a valid test of a church's character, then the Reformed Baptist Denomination has right to be proud. The youth of our church have stood out through the years in quality and in leadership ability. Even in instances where our youth — both clergy and laymen — have gone to other areas and denominations, they have assumed places of leadership and responsibility.

In the leadership of our own church, the accent in recent years has been on youth. We believe this to be a healthy condition — a hopeful omen of greater growth and development. Youth have become the directing voices in nearly every denominational enterprise.

This issue of The Highway is a convincing record of our youth in action. Those who have contributed articles are representative of a host of godly, consecrated young men and women who serve our church at the local level, in Foreign Missions, in Home Missions, in Bethany Bible College, and in other responsible posts around the world.

God grant that the youth of our church will be able to capture the depth of spirit of their forefathers, but couple with it the spirit of bold adventure in order to attempt some great things for God.

The spread of Scriptural Holiness remains a gigantic task. Truly, the work has only begun. Churches, once declaring this to be their aim and purpose, have lost the vision and have faltered by the way. Let God raise among us a generation of dedicated men and women who will accept the challenge and who by precept and example will bring the task to completion.

### OUR THANKS

To Merle Smith, Y.P.A. President, for the planning and the bringing to completion of this Special Youth Edition of The Kings Highway. To our knowledge, it is the first complete issue of The Highway giving emphasis entirely to youth. We believe the effort to be worthwhile, not only because it speaks effectively of the character of our youth, and their service to the church, but because it places the present role of youth in a new place of prominence and significance among us.

We say a sincere thanks to those who have written articles or who have contributed in any way to the success of this issue.

### CALLING A PASTOR

We are approaching a critical time in the church year—the time of calling a pastor. Although in some churches, where extended calls have been given and accepted, there will be no recall meeting, yet in a large number of our churches the recall meeting will be held.

Our intent here would not be to suggest any particular course of action. Rather, it is to call us to prayer — both pastor and people — for the purpose of finding the mind of the Lord in these matters.

Undoubtedly, in some cases at least, it would be wise for the people to recall their present pastor and for the pastor to agree to remain another year. But in other cases, a pastoral replacement may be wise—both for the sake of the pastor and for the people.

Whatever the course of events, let there be love, patience, and kindness. Let those who disapprove of action taken accept the judgment of the majority with grace and good-will. Above all else, let us be sensitive to the mind of the Spirit and be willing to follow as He leads the way.

## Christian Youth and Prayer

by Merle Smith

"I give myself unto prayer." (Psalm 109:4) Do you pray? Do you like to pray? Did you enjoy your prayer time this morning? Prayer is to the soul what food is to the body. Prayer gives us strength to live for Christ each day. Prayer enables us to overcome trials and temptations.

Why should we pray? First, we need to pray for daily strength. We cannot be spiritually strong unless we spend time in the morning with our Bible in prayer. Through this prayer time we obtain help to live the day for Christ. Through prayer we can be triumphant instead of defeated, trustful instead of doubtful. Start your day with Christ and every day will be a blessed day.

Secondly, we need to pray to live joyously. Joy is not a product of prayer, it is a by-product. Pray for joy and your prayer will go unanswered. Pray for more of Christ and help to live for others and your joy will be "unspeakable and full of glory". Christ is our joy. Seek His presence through prayer and you will have an abundance of joy.

Thirdly, we need to pray to keep God's blessing on our lives. This, perhaps, is our greatest need. God's blessing must be earnestly sought every day or our lives will lose their heavenly radiance. Through prayer we were saved; through prayer we were sanctified; and if we continue to grow in grace it will be because we have prayed. Are you losing the enthusiasm of your early Christian life? Do "things" clutter up your life until God's smile you cannot find? Seek a place of prayer until the Holy Spirit again warms your heart with His presence.

Young people, it is possible to live triumphant, radiant, happy lives for Christ. Do it through prayer.