ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

The influence of Christians is so important in the world. The brethren at Getwell, and everywhere, should realize this and act accordingly. Paul says “evil companionship will corrupt good morals” (I Cor. 15:33), and the positive side of this thought is that good companionship will be a blessing in encouraging good living! We all need to watch our associates! “For every man shall bear his own burden (of responsibility, GC). Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh (a worldly life, GC) shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit (a righteous life, GC) shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith (Gal. 6:5-10).

How sad it is to see those who were taught as children in VBS and other Bible classes the truth about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church of Christ, and righteous living, faithful attendance to the Bible classes and worship services of the Lord’s church, but now have left the faith and have become atheists, infidels, or agnostics! The results in their lives are even more distressing! In difficulties like disappointments about life, sickness, death, etc., they have no family members, no God, or brethren in Christ to which they can turn to help bear their burdens! They have chosen a path in life that leads away from eternal life in Heaven to a broad way that leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13-14). No wonder James says, “Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him: Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins” (Jas. 5:19-20).
Encouragement for Graduates

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

If you think you are beaten, you are,
If you think you dare not, you don't
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't,
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out in the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will,
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are,
You've got to think high to rise,
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.

Life's battle doesn't always go
To the swifter or faster man,
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man "who thinks he can."

Anonymous

Perspective

God and I raised a flower bed.
He really did the most
I guess.
We used
His soil,
His air,
His water,
His life,
His sun.
My part seemed so trivial that
I said,
"Lord, You take those bulbs and
make them grow
right there in the box
out in the garage.
You don't need me, Lord,
You can do it by yourself."
"Oh, no," He said—
"I want to do My part;
I'm waiting to begin,
But you must do yours, too.
You'll have to
dig the bed,
bury the bulbs,
pull the weeds."
So I did my feeble part.
And God took that bulb—
burst it with life,
fed it with soil,
showered it with rain,
drew it with sunshine
Until we had a beautiful flower.
And then He seemed to say,
"Your life is like a garden
And if you'd like, we'll make it
a beautiful thing.
"I'll furnish," He said—
"the soil of grace,
the sunshine of love,
the rains of blessing,
the wonder of life
But you must do the digging."
"Lord," I said, "You must go ahead,
Make me what You want me to be;
make me a saint,
give me great faith,
fill me with compassion."
"Oh, no," He said. "You've go to
keep your heart tilled,
hoe the weeds of evil,
chop away the second-best.
I'll make you anything—
Pure,
Clean,
Noble,
Useful,
Anything
But only if you dig."

Bob Benson

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you” (Matthew 7:7).
Dylon Deonte Mayberry
White Station High School

Dylon Mayberry, son of J. R. and Patricia Mayberry, grandson of Mattie Langston, graduated from White Station High School in May 2017. I have watched Dylon grow from a boy to a fine young man. He has been in my class throughout high school and has always taken an active role in class. Dylon attended Vance Avenue, Booker T. Washington, and finished up at White Station. Dylon’s favorite subject was science, and he exhibits that interest in science in Bible class. Growing up he spent a great deal of time at his dad’s car repair and body shop. He was always an eager helper. Now as a young man he is apprenticing with his dad at the shop. Dylon could not have picked a better man to learn from than his dad. J.R. Mayberry is a man of fine Christian character and a master mechanic and body man. If Dylon follows in his father’s footsteps, he will make his mark as a man and as a Christian. In closing, I asked Dylon what he likes to do in his leisure time; he responded he likes to hang out with other Christians. We ask for God’s blessing on Dylon as he begins a new chapter in his life.

June Frances Wallace
Freed-Hardeman University

June Frances Wallace, daughter of Ron and Karen Wallace, granddaughter of Frances Wallace, graduated from Freed-Hardeman University with a B.S. in communication and a minor in marketing.

June was very active in outside class activities, dividing her time between intramural sports, theater activities, and the social club Gamma Tau Omega.

June was a member of the FHU Chorale throughout her entire stay as a student. Regarding her Gamma Tau Omega activities, she was Community Service Representative for the social club, was the Recruitment Chair for three years, Makin’ Music director for the club, and served as vice president for the club.

June also participated in four Makin’ Music shows as soloist, director, cast member, and prop person. She was also involved in various theater projects; in two plays she had a role. She was stage manager for the play “Greater Tune” for which she won the “Extra Mile” award and Stage Manager of the Year.

She was also very involved in intramural softball, basketball, and volleyball. She worked for the admissions office and as a teaching assistant for Dr. Stan Mitchell. As her father, I am very proud of my daughter’s accomplishments, but I am most proud of her faithfulness to Jesus Christ. May God bless her in her future endeavors.