

The Boys Bugle

Calling all young men to the service of Christ

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As the hart panteth after
the water brooks, so
panteth my soul after
thee, O God.

Psalm 42:1



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Editor's Desk



Lately I've been thinking about the importance of trusting God. God is trustworthy. My thoughts go to the Psalm writer. **"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."** Psalms 18:2

"O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me." Psalms 25:2

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God." Psalms 20:7

"In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me." Psalms 56:4

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Let us trust in God. Let us hide under his protection. Let us trust him for our every need.

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With Love,
Melvin Martin



From our Readers:



Dear Sirs,

Thank-you very much for sending me your magazine. May God bless you for the time and effort you put into it. It is encouraging to see young men from another part of the country who also love the Lord and are serving Him.

I will be praying for you and your ministry, keep looking up to God, He is our only source of strength and hope.

Harlan Eshleman

P.S. Please keep sending the magazine. I enjoy reading it.

Lessons From the Life of Caleb

By Timothy M. Hoover

On November 29th 2002, our third son was born. We chose the name Caleb, because we appreciated the example of faith and boldness in Caleb's life. The name "Caleb" means, "Bold." Truly, the Caleb of the Bible lived up to the meaning of his name. Sometimes we think of boldness as in the negative sense, but there is a right kind of boldness also as in the following verses, **"The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion."** Proverbs 28:1 **"Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that you may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."** Hebrews 4:16 Lets take a look at the story of Caleb.

We find the first mention of Caleb in Numbers 13. The setting is with the children of Israel about to enter the promised land of Canaan. They had just left Egypt, crossed the Red Sea, and traveled thru the wilderness. This journey may have taken them about a year. Numbers 13:17-33

Spies were chosen, one from each tribe, to check out the land. Caleb was the ruler chosen for the tribe of Judah. Notice in verse 18 that the spies were told to see whether the people of the

land were strong or weak, few or many. In verse 28 and 29 they reported that the cities are walled and very great, and where the different people groups lived. In verse 30 we can see the faith of Caleb. He saw this matter from God's perspective. After all, if God could part the Red Sea and let Israel pass through, and then close the waters upon Pharaoh and all his army, surely He could deliver the Canaanite nations into their hands as well. But the other 10 spies were not so convinced, and they greatly exaggerated the facts to try to get the rest of the people on their side. It seems that they let their imagination run wild, and thus convinced the entire congregation of Israel that they could not enter the promised land.

Read Numbers 14:1-45

In verse twenty-four, we see God's appreciation expressed for Caleb's faith, and God's promise to him and his seed "They shall possess the Land." One thing that stands out to me is that Caleb, along with "Joshua and Moses, needed to help bear the punishment of the unbelievers by wandering with them in the wilderness for 40 years. This shows that sometimes innocent people suffer because of other's

sins. Caleb submitted to bearing this punishment. It must have been a great disappointment for him not to enter Canaan until 40 years later. Can we learn a lesson from this?

After 40 years of wilderness wanderings, God was again ready to allow Israel to enter the promised land. They crossed Jordan, conquered Jericho, and Ai. Later they destroyed 29 kings and conquered much ground. There was still more land to be conquered, but it was time to divide out the land to the different tribes. We can drop into the story again in Joshua 14:6-14

In verse 12, we see Caleb's boldness as he requests "Give me this mountain." Caleb requested the same mountain for his inheritance that the sons of Anak lived on. The very mountain that the others shied away from is the one he chose, he tackled the most difficult himself rather than letting it for someone else. Caleb's request was blessed and granted by their leader Joshua.

Read Joshua 15:14 Here we see that the 3 same giants still lived in the city. They had not moved away or died in 45 years. Why should they have? No one overcame them or drove them out for 45 years. They had control over their territory. There is a spiritual lesson here for us if there are

giants of sin or bondage in our lives, it will continue this way unless the giants are overcome by the power of Jesus Christ. When we belong to Jesus, we are not Satan's property anymore, and he should have no place in our lives. Thru the power of Christ, Satan and his host are driven out.

Read Joshua 15:15-19 Caleb made a proposal for whosoever is interested in marrying his daughter, Achsah. The dowry price would be to be the first person to take possession of the next city. Othniel, Caleb's nephew, rose to the challenge took the city, and married Achsah for his reward. Achsah must have heard her father numerous times telling the family of God's promise to their family of possessing the land. We see Caleb's boldness passed on to his daughter as she approached her father and said, "Give me a blessing." She knew that God promised this to her, and she didn't want to miss out. She wanted the best of what God had for her.

One more point about Othniel, Caleb's son-in-law. After the death of Joshua, Israel fell into sin and idol worship. Then the king of Mesopotamia ruled over them for 8 years. Then the Lord raised up Othniel to deliver them from their enemies and thus he became Israel's first judge. Israel

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The Old Time Farmer

Taken from, "The Farmers', Gardeners' and Stock-Raisers' Guide." (1850)

	grace, if we show no bowels of mercy, gentleness, and kindness to one	
How can we claim any relation to the Father of mercies, or how can we look up to Him for compassion and	<p style="text-align: center;">Chimney Soot as Manure</p> <p>This article is said to be excellent manure, if properly applied. It is generally mixed up with earth and dung as a compost; in this state it is worth little or nothing; but when properly applied, by being kept dry, and sown on young wheat, clover, or vetches, in March or April, its effects are most extraordinary; in a few days the yellow, sickly plants will assume a dark green, which is as much a test of health in plants as the rosy cheeks of a dairy-maid. The fact is, plants receive nearly as much nourishment from the air as the roots; and as the soot is throwing off abundance of gases, which are imbibed through the pores of the leaves, it gives a healthful vigor to the plant, and enables it to throw forth its roots to supply nourishment during the stages of blossoming and perfecting the seed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Why a Poor Man should have a Garden.</p> <p>Because the Almighty, in placing Adam in one, showed that it was the most desirable place for enjoyment a man can have. Hence, in all ages the garden has been an object of desire with kings and philosophers. No other sort of abode seems to contribute so much to the tranquility of mind and rest of body. The sweetness of the air, the pleasantness of the smell, the verdure of the plants, the exercise of working and walking; but, above all, the exemption from care, seems equally to favor and improve both contemplation and health, enjoyment of sense and imagination, and thereby the quiet and ease of both body and mind. A poor man may not afford having a costly house, rich furniture, or an expensive carriage, but he can afford to have a garden, because its productions for family use are worth more than the cost of cultivating it.</p>	another! All are so linked together, as to be impelled by a thousand motives to assist one another in a time of need.
	It is more noble to make yourself great than to be born so.	

Young People of the Bible

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Jonathan

Choosing Friends

Jonathan is usually thought of in connection with his friendship with David; in fact, the names David and Jonathan used together have become synonymous with close friends.

David may have been still a teenager when he killed Goliath, since he was not part of Saul's army. (An Israelite man was considered eligible for military service at age twenty Numbers 1:3.) Jonathan was older than David since he had been active in the service of his father for some time.

Jonathan initiated the friendship with David. It would not have been in order for David, a young shepherd, to make overtures to the king's eldest son. What characteristics in David attracted Jonathan and caused his soul to be **"knit with the soul of David"**? (1 Samuel 18:1). He saw a handsome, strong courageous young man. These attributes made David popular with the people, but Jonathan saw more than that in David. He saw a young man who trusted Jehovah completely and who was willing to put his life in His hands. Jonathan also had this kind of faith which he had displayed when he went up to the camp of the Philistines (1

Samuel 14). It was this shared trust in God and willingness to accept His will which bound Jonathan and David so closely together.

True friendship can occur only between people who share the same basic philosophy of life and the same moral convictions. For the Christian this means that he can only have true friendship with other Christians. If a person desires to commit every aspect of his life to the Lord, then he will find true friendship only with other people whose desires are the same. **"What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?"** (2 Corinthians 6:14,15). Many a Christian has suffered spiritual loss and sometimes spiritual disaster because of a poor choice of friends.

I am not saying that we should refuse all social contact with the unsaved. But to spend a great deal of time in company with the unsaved is profitless unless much of that time can be spent in presenting Christ to

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The Calling of:

Andrew McMahon

1. Tell us about yourself.

My full name is Andrew Forrester McMahon. I am 14 years old and my birthday is January 12, 1989. I am five feet three inches tall; and have blonde hair and green eyes.

2. Tell us about your family.

There are five people in my family. My father's name is Patrick, and my mom's is Amy. I have two younger brothers; Benjamin (8) is the second youngest and Noah (4) is the smallest.

3. What is it like where you live?

I live in a very small town called Vermontville, in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains of Northern New York. It can get quite cold here. Thirty degrees below zero is not uncommon, nor is twenty-five degrees above in the summertime at night. There are plenty of wild animals that live in the mixed evergreen and hardwood forests around my house. A few exam-

ples are bobcat, coyote, fox, fisher, pine marten, snowshoe hare, etc. There is usually some sort of precipitation falling at least once a week. Overall, it is considerably decent weather most of the time.

4. Tell us about your schooling experience.

I was originally enrolled in a public school, but a few days before I started Dad and Mom decided to homeschool me after reading the Bible and decided it was their duty to teach me. Ever since then, I have been homeschooled using different publishers. I will probably finish my school years using Christian Light Education, which I am cur-

rently using. I do not always get good grades but I thoroughly enjoy the work.

5. Tell us about your faith.

I believe that all men have sinned, and that they are doomed for hell and eternal torment unless they accept Jesus as their Savior, put off the old man, and lead a fruitful



life to the Lord. I believe that God in His divine love sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, and that he rose from the dead on the third day.

6. What is a Scripture that is meaningful to you and why?

Matthew 28:19-20 are my favorite verses, I think. **“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”**

These verses give both a commandment and a promise; a commandment to go and share our faith to turn others to Christ, and promise that He will be with us in everything when we do His will.

7. Tell us about your church.

We have a small home fellowship of approximately four families. Our services usually start at 9:30 AM, and all are welcome to come and worship the Lord.

8. Tell us about your work.

I help my father on our roadside stand, selling perennials that we raise, also some vegetables and a few other things. I mow a neighbor's lawn in the summer, and I also plow their driveway in winter.

9. Tell us what activities you enjoy doing in your spare time.

Fishing, amateur mechanic work, trapping, and just little projects are mostly what my free time consists of.

10. Please share with us a song, quote, or poem that is meaningful to you.

This is a quote I like very much: “If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to prove it?” This is a good challenge for us today, because many people around us today claim the name Christian, but live it only of the surface.

11. Tell us about your plans (Lord willing) for the future.

I plan to keep helping Dad on the farm, and possibly get into raising beef cattle. Maybe I will do some small-scale vegetable farming for Dad too.

Here is an interesting account taken from the introduction of the

Complete Story of The San Francisco Horror

Introduction by Rev. Samuel Fallows

A bright, intelligent unbeliever in the Providential government of the world has just said to me in discussing this greatest of calamities which has occurred in our nation's history, "Where is your benevolent God?" I answered "He still lives and guides the affairs of men." Another said, "The preachers would do well not to meddle with the subject." But the reply was made, "It is precisely the subject with which they, more than others, should concern themselves."

It is for them, when the hearts of men are failing to confidently proclaim that God has not abdicated his throne, and that man is not the sport of malign and lawless forces.

All events are ordered for the best; and the evils which we suffer are parts of a great movement conducted by Almighty power, under the direction of Infinite Wisdom and Goodness. God's creation is a perfect work. The world in which we live is the best possible world on the whole; not the best possible to the individual at any given moment, but the best possible on the whole, all creatures considered and all the ages of man taken into the account. This is the affirmation of a triumphant optimism.

John Stuart Mill averred that a betted world could have been made and more favorable conditions for man devised. But before this hypothesis can be sustained, the skeptic from the beginning to time must have scanned the history of every individual and studied it in its minutest details. He must have explored every rill and river of influence entering into his character. He must have understood every relation of the individual to every other person through all the ages. He must have mastered all the facts and laws of our earth. And as it sustains a vital connection with the solar system, he must have grasped all the mysteries which are involved with it.

As this system is related to the still grander one of which it is a part, he must have known the law and workings of its every star and sun. Still more, he must have gone from system to system with their millions of worlds and become familiar with every part of the vast stupendous whole. He must have learned every secret of all nature's forces, and have penetrated into the interior recesses of the Divine Being. He must have taken the place of God Himself.

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BOY WANTED

Frank Crane

A boy who stands straight, sits straight, acts straight, and talks straight.

A boy who listens carefully when spoken to, who asks questions when he does not understand, and does not ask questions about things that are none of his business.

A boy whose finger-nails are not *in mourning*, whose ears are clean, whose shoes are polished, whose clothes are brushed, whose hair is combed, and whose teeth are well cared for.

A boy who moves quickly and makes as little noise about it as possible.

A boy who whistles in the street but not where he ought to keep still.

A boy who looks cheerful, has a ready smile for everybody, and never sulks.

A boy who is polite to every man and respectful to every woman and girl.

A boy who does not smoke and has no desire to learn how.

A boy who never bullies other boys or allows boys to bully him.

A boy who, when he does not know a thing, says: "I do not know"; and when he has made a mistake says: "I'm sorry"; and, when requested to do anything, immediately says: "I'll try."

A boy who looks you right in the eye and tells the truth every

time.

A boy who would rather lose his job or be expelled from school than tell a lie or be a cad.

A boy who is more eager to know how to speak good English than to talk slang.

A boy who does not want to be "smart" nor in anywise attract attention.

A boy who is eager to read good, wholesome books.

A boy whom other boys like.

A boy who is perfectly at ease in the company of respectable girls.

A boy who is not a *goody-goody*, a *prig* or a little *Pharisee*, but just healthy, happy, and full of life.

A boy who is not sorry for himself and not forever thinking and talking about himself.

A boy who is friendly with his mother and more *intimate* with her than with any one else.

A boy who makes you feel good when he is around.

This boy is wanted everywhere. The family wants him, the school wants him, the office wants him, the boys and girls want him, and all creation wants him.

The San Francisco Horror was a great unexpected earthquake that destroyed the city of San Francisco in 1906 by

Jonathan

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them; and to enter into worldly amusements and activities with the unsaved is dangerous for both the Christian and the non-Christian. Such activities tend to divert the Christian's mind and affections from Christ and they divert the non-Christian's mind from his need of salvation. Besides this, when a Christian joins with an unsaved person in worldly activities, this gives the latter a false sense of security. The non-Christian, seeing the Christian engaging in the same activities that he (the non-Christian) engages in may think that he is not so great a sinner after all or that there cannot be anything wrong with these activities.

The devoted Christian will value friendship and communion with others of like mind, but he will never let these relationships overshadow his friendship with the Lord Jesus. He is the only perfect Friend. He is always interested in us. He is never "too busy" to listen to us. He wants us

to tell Him our joys and sorrows, our victories and defeats. We can tell Him things we would not want any of our earthly friends to know. (We cannot hide anything from Him anyway.)

He wants only our blessing and He alone has the wisdom and power to arrange every detail of our lives in order to give us blessing. May each of us accept His will for us in order to partake of that blessing.

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Life of Caleb

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enjoyed 40 years of rest and peace until the death of Othniel. So, Caleb's influence lived on in the life of his son-in-law and had an affect on all of Israel for many years.

Now let's think back to Caleb's classic statement, "Give me this mountain." What is this blessed mountain in our lives today? And who are the giants that need to be driven out. The giants could have many names, but perhaps some of their names could be as follows: Doubt, Unbelief, Despair, Discouragement, Pride, Selfishness, etc. and what shall we liken the mountain unto, which God wants us to take possession of and inherit as his children? There have been sermons preached where the mountain is likened to a Godly home. I also think of the gift of salvation itself as being that mountain. John 3:16. Perhaps we could also think of the precious promises in God's Word to the believers as the mountain of our inheritance. Here are just a few precious promises to wet your appetite. Many more can be found in God's Word. May the true believers in Christ Jesus enjoy the inheritance that God has meant for us.

Also read James chapters 1-5

1 Corinthians 10:13 **"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."**

Luke 11:13 **"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"**

Romans 8:28 **"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."**

Attitude

The more I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude to me is more important than the past, money, education, circumstances, failures, successes and what other people think or say or do.

It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill.

It will make or break a company.. church.. or home.

The remarkable thing is that you have a choice every day regarding the attitude you will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past.. we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way.

We cannot change the inevitable..the only thing that we can do is play on the one string we have and that is our attitude.

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you...
Ask God to help you with your Attitude.

Anonymous

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Proverbs

3:33-35

The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly. The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

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Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
by taking heed thereto according to thy word.
With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me
not wander from thy commandments. Thy word
have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin
against thee. Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me
thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the
judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the
way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I
will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect
unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy stat-
utes: I will not forget thy word.” Psalms 119:9-16