

“Will All People Ever Love One Another?”

¹ A beautiful, stirring, and heartwarming message is to be proclaimed worldwide in 169 languages. What is this message? And how will it be delivered?

² The message is about neighbor love. It is to be found in *Kingdom News* No. 35, entitled “Will All People Ever Love One Another?” This *Kingdom News* briefly examines the present state of affairs throughout the world, showing that it is the lack of love among people that is the root cause of so much heartache and pain. It explains why, in our day particularly, neighbor love has cooled off and what this means for the future.

³ At the same time, *Kingdom News* No. 35 shows that true neighbor love exists among millions living in today's world. It identifies those who are sharing in the revival of primitive Christianity—first-century worship, which was marked by love of neighbor as taught by Jesus Christ.—Luke 10:25-37.

⁴ *Kingdom News* No. 35 concludes with an explanation of how the entire world of mankind will soon be practicing neighbor love under the administration of God's Kingdom by Christ. Those reading this message are encouraged to obtain the brochure *What Does God Require of Us?* and learn how to become a

part of this earth-wide loving arrangement that is described in detail in God's Word.

⁵ **Who Will Deliver This Message?** Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide will be sharing this message of neighbor love with their acquaintances, neighbors, and relatives during the months of October and November. All who qualify are encouraged to share in the public distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 35.

⁶ The ultimate goal of this campaign is to stimulate people's interest in having a Bible study in either the *Require* brochure or the *Knowledge* book. Additionally, a wholehearted effort on the part of each one of Jehovah's servants will produce a grand witness to the God of love, Jehovah, and to his Son, Jesus Christ.

How Do You React to Apathy?

¹ Apathy is a lack of feeling or emotion, an absence of interest or concern. It is one of the more common and more difficult attitudes we encounter in the ministry. How do you react to it? Has it caused you to slow down in your ministry? How can you overcome it so as to reach people with the Kingdom message?

² First, determine why the people in your territory are apathetic. Is it because they are disappointed with their political and religious leaders? Do they feel that there is no way out of the problems facing them? Are they skeptical about promises of something better? Are they unwilling to think about spiritual matters unless they can see immediate tangible benefits?

³ **Highlight the Kingdom Hope:** There is no problem that the Kingdom will not solve. So when we can do so, we should speak about Kingdom promises, referring to key Scriptural statements, even if it is not possible or practical to show a Bible text. (Heb. 4:12) However, how can we get the conversation to that point?

⁴ People need to understand the purpose of our call. They need to realize that we are there out of love of neighbor and concern for the community. We could ask a well-thought-out question such as, “What do you think is the solution to [a problem affecting the community]?” If one approach does not work, try another.

⁵ In one very affluent territory where householders were indifferent to the Kingdom message, publishers endeavored to find an introduction that would arouse interest. When featuring the *Knowledge* book, one couple tried this introduction: “Do you feel that a good education is important for success in the world today? Do you agree that a well-rounded education would include knowledge of the Bible?” In one afternoon they placed three books, one of which was with a woman who later said she had read the entire *Knowledge* book and agreed to a Bible study.

⁶ When you encounter apathy, try different approaches, ask thought-provoking questions, and draw upon the power of God's Word. You may thus be able to help others embrace our marvelous Kingdom hope.

SERVICE MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

Week Starting October 6

Song 39

10 min: Local announcements. Selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

15 min: "Will All People Ever Love One Another?" Questions and answers. Review highlights of *Kingdom News* No. 35. Point out reasons why people in the territory will benefit from this material. Stress the need to make plans now to share fully in its distribution and to be diligent in following up all the interest found.

20 min: "Give *Kingdom News* No. 35 Wide Distribution." Opening talk by service overseer. Cover paragraphs 5-8 by questions and answers. Review local arrangements for expanded activity. Discuss ways to make sure all territory is covered. *Kingdom News* No. 35 can be used by publishers when witnessing to people at bus stops, in small businesses, in parking lots, and elsewhere. Offer suggestions on how to assist new ones who want to get started in the preaching work. Include information from the April 1995 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert, paragraph 11. In some territories it may be advantageous to work alone and not to carry a briefcase when distributing the *Kingdom News*. Demonstrate two or three brief presentations.

Song 126 and concluding prayer.

Week Starting October 13

Song 41

12 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Review talking points in current issues of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* Remind all that during week-end activity, magazines will be featured along with *Kingdom*

News No. 35. We should follow up all interest. Remind brothers to bring the brochure *A Book for All People* next week.

15 min: Local needs.

18 min: "How Do You React to Apathy?" Discussion between two elders. Include comments on material under the subhead "How You Can Attack Apathy" in the July 15, 1974, *Watchtower*, pages 445-6.

Song 130 and concluding prayer.

Week Starting October 20

Song 42

15 min: Local announcements. Review some experiences from the 1996 *Yearbook*, pages 6-8, on "Global Distribution of *Kingdom News*." Highlight the individual effort publishers put into the last *Kingdom News* distribution. Encourage all to share fully in distributing *Kingdom News* No. 35.

15 min: Highlights of New Brochure, *A Book for All People*. Audience discussion of the reasons why the Bible deserves our consideration. This brochure was prepared to help people who may be well educated but who know little about the Bible. Rather than try to convince them that the Bible is inspired by God, the brochure lets the facts speak for themselves. We should read it and share it with others, including those with whom we study.

15 min: "Are You a Full-Time Witness?" A talk by an elder. Song 133 and concluding prayer.

Week Starting October 27

Song 43

12 min: Local announcements. Review progress of *Kingdom News* No. 35 distribution. Invite audience to relate encouraging experiences. Report on

how much territory has been worked thus far and what will be needed to complete coverage by November 16. Once the territory is completely worked, we will offer the *Knowledge* book during the remainder of the month. Stress the goal of starting studies on return visits where there was good response to *Kingdom News*.

15 min: How to Find Hope Amid Despair. Talk by an elder based on May 15, 1997, *Watchtower*, pages 22-5.

18 min: Let Your Light Shine. Talk and discussion on *Our Ministry* book, pages 84-8. Arrange in advance to have publishers make specific comments on the following questions: (1) Why do Jehovah's Witnesses preach from house to house? (2) To what extent was this method used in the first century? (3) Why is there an urgent need to keep preaching from house to house today? (4) What circumstances may make it difficult for us to share regularly? (5) How can we get help in order to persevere? (6) How are we blessed by letting our light shine? (7) What can we do to be more successful in contacting people? Illustrate by having three or four publishers relate encouraging experiences enjoyed while working from store to store or doing street witnessing.

Song 136 and concluding prayer.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

Number of:	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	
SpT Pios.	158	118.5	86.8	51.9	4.4
Pios.	66,555	70.0	42.9	22.2	1.8
Aux. Pios.	24,179	59.2	35.4	13.4	0.9
Pubs.	841,188	9.8	7.4	3.5	0.3
TOTAL	932,080	Baptized: 7,512			

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1998 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [bi12], *Jehovah's Witnesses—Proclaimers of God's Kingdom* [jv], "All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial" (1990 Edition) [si], *Knowledge That Leads to Everlasting Life* [kl], *The Secret of Family Happiness* [fy], and *Insight on the Scriptures* Volumes 1 and 2 [it-1, it-2] will be the basis for assignments.

The school should begin **ON TIME** with song, prayer, and remarks of welcome and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 15 minutes. This should be handled by an elder or a ministerial servant, and it will be based on *Jehovah's Witnesses—Proclaimers of God's Kingdom* or "All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial." When based on the *Proclaimers* book, this assignment should be delivered as a 15-minute instruction talk with no oral review; when based on the "All Scripture" book, it should be delivered as a 10- to 12-minute instruction talk with a 3- to 5-minute oral review following, using the printed questions in the publication. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation. The theme shown should be used. Illustrations, photographs, and charts found in the *Proclaimers* book may be commented on by the speaker and used as teaching aids.

The brothers assigned this talk should be careful to *keep within the time limit*. Private counsel may be given if necessary or if requested by the speaker.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by an elder or a ministerial servant who will effectively apply the material to local needs. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. A 30- to 60-second overall review of the assigned chapters may be included. The principal objective, however, is to help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms by the school overseer.

ASSIGNMENT NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. This will apply in the main school as well as in the auxiliary groups. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the students to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance, and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should be read without a break. Of course, when the verses to be read are not consecutive, the student may cite the verse where the reading continues.

ASSIGNMENT NO. 3: 5 minutes. This will be assigned to a sister. The subject for this presentation will be based on *Knowledge That Leads to Everlasting Life*, *The Secret of Family Happiness*, or *Insight on the Scriptures*, Volume 2. (See Assignment No. 4 for information on how to develop the material based on a Bible character.) The setting may be an informal witness, a return visit, or a home Bible study, and the participants may be either seated or standing. The school overseer will be particularly interested in the way the student helps the householder to reason on and understand the material and in how the scriptures are applied. The student assigned this part should know how to read. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but an additional assistant may be used. The student may determine whether or not to have the householder read certain paragraphs when considering the *Knowledge* or *Family Happiness* books. Not the setting but the effective use of the material should be given prime consideration.

ASSIGNMENT NO. 4: 5 minutes. When this assignment is based on information dealing with a Bible character, it will be assigned to a brother or a sister. When it is based on the *Family Happiness* book, it will be assigned to a brother. For each assignment a theme is set forth in the schedule. When this assignment is based on a Bible character, information can be found in *Insight on the Scriptures*, Volume 1 or Volume 2, under his name. The student should study Scriptural references in the material in order to get a clear picture of the Bible character—the events of his life, as well as his personality, traits, and attitude. Thereafter, the student should develop the assigned theme of the talk and select appropriate scriptures to be used. Additional scriptures that highlight Bible principles that tie in with the theme may be included. The purpose of considering a Bible character is to show what can be learned from his example. Acts of faithfulness, courage, humility, and unselfishness furnish good examples to be followed; unfaithful acts as well as undesirable traits stand as strong warnings to turn Christians away from an improper course. When assigned to a brother, this talk should be given with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind. When a sister is given this part, it should be presented as outlined for Assignment No. 3.

***SUPPLEMENTAL BIBLE-READING SCHEDULE:** This is set forth in brackets after the song number for each week. By following this schedule, reading about ten pages a week, the entire Bible can be read in three years. No parts on the school program or the written review are based on the supplemental reading schedule.

NOTE: For additional information and instruction regarding counsel, timing, written reviews, and the preparation of assignments, please see page 3 of the October 1996 *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 5 Bible reading: Acts 7-8

Song No. 196 ["Genesis 1-9]

No. 1: Dedicated Brothers Print and Bind Books (*ju* p. 579 par. 4-p. 586 par. 4)

No. 2: Acts 7:44-60

No. 3: Always Obey the Supreme Authority (*kl* pp. 130-1 pars. 1-6)

No. 4: Jehoshaphat (No. 3)—Theme: Guard Against Bad Associations

Jan. 12 Bible reading: Acts 9-10

Song No. 53 ["Genesis 10-18]

No. 1: Expansion After World War II (*ju* p. 588 par. 1-p. 595 par. 5)

No. 2: Acts 9:1-16

No. 3: Be in Subjection to the Superior Authorities (*kl* pp. 131-3 pars. 7-10)

No. 4: Jehu (No. 3)—Theme: Zeal Can Be Marred by Permissiveness

Jan. 19 Bible reading: Acts 11-13

Song No. 162 ["Genesis 19-24]

No. 1: Computer Systems Help to Advance the Good News (*ju* p. 596 par. 1-p. 602 par. 3)

No. 2: Acts 13:1-12

No. 3: Appreciate God's Arrangement for Authority in the Family (*kl* pp. 134-6 pars. 11-18)

No. 4: Jephthah—Theme: Vows Are to Be Taken Seriously

Jan. 26 Bible reading: Acts 14-16

Song No. 180 ["Genesis 25-30]

No. 1: Zealous Publishers and Distributors of the Bible (*ju* p. 603 par. 1-p. 607 par. 4)

No. 2: Acts 16:1-15

No. 3: Authority in the Congregation—A Loving Provision From Jehovah (*kl* pp. 137-9 pars. 19-25)

No. 4: Jeremiah (No. 6)—Theme: Jehovah Gives Power Beyond What Is Normal

Feb. 2 Bible reading: Acts 17-19

Song No. 111 ["Genesis 31-36]

No. 1: Producing the *New World Translation* (*ju* p. 607 par. 5-p. 615 par. 5)

No. 2: Acts 18:1-11

No. 3: How Loyalty Contributes to a Happy Marriage (*kl* pp. 140-1 pars. 1-6)

No. 4: Jeroboam (No. 1)—Theme: Selfish Ambition Can Lead to Idolatry

Feb. 9 Bible reading: Acts 20-21

Song No. 38 ["Genesis 37-42]

No. 1: Testing and Sifting From Within (*ju* p. 618 par. 1-p. 623 par. 3)

No. 2: Acts 21:1-14

No. 3: The Vital Role of Communication in Marriage (*kl* pp. 142-3 pars. 7-9)

No. 4: Jeshua (No. 4)—Theme: Give Full Support to Pure Worship

Feb. 16 Bible reading: Acts 22-24

Song No. 8 ["Genesis 43-49]

No. 1: A Change of Administration Brings Tests (*ju* p. 623 par. 4-p. 629 par. 3)

No. 2: Acts 22:1-16

No. 3: Show Honor and Respect to Your Mate (*kl* pp. 143-4 pars. 10-14)

No. 4: Jesse—Theme: Be Cooperative and Have a Generous Spirit

Feb. 23 Bible reading: Acts 25-26

Song No. 179 ["Genesis 50-Exodus 7]

No. 1: Adjustments in Doctrinal Views and Expectations (*ju* p. 629 par. 4-p. 633 par. 4)

No. 2: Acts 25:1-12

No. 3: Set a Good Example and Show Your Children Love (*kl* pp. 145-6 pars. 15-18)

No. 4: Jethro—Theme: Do Not Be Too Proud to Listen to Suggestions

March 2 Bible reading: Acts 27-28

Song No. 92 ["Exodus 8-13]

No. 1: Acts—Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 204-5 pars. 32-40)

No. 2: Acts 27:33-44

No. 3: What Loving Discipline and Skillful Direction Can Accomplish (*kl* pp. 148-9 pars. 19-23)

No. 4: Jezebel (No. 1)—Theme: The Wicked Will Not Escape Jehovah's Judgment

Mar. 9 Bible reading: Romans 1-3

Song No. 79 ["Exodus 14-20]

No. 1: Introduction to Romans (*si* pp. 205-6 pars. 1-7)

No. 2: Romans 1:18-32

No. 3: Why We Want to Draw Close to God (*kl* pp. 150-1 pars. 1-5)

No. 4: Joab (No. 2)—Theme: Vengeance Belongs to Jehovah

Mar. 16 Bible reading: Romans 4-6

Song No. 174 ["Exodus 21-27]

No. 1: Expectations, Reality, and Other Issues (*ju* p. 635 par. 1-p. 641 par. 3)

No. 2: Romans 4:1-15

No. 3: Requirements for Drawing Close to God (*kl* pp. 152-3 pars. 6-9)

No. 4: Joanna—Theme: Minister to God's Holy Ones Willingly

Mar. 23 Bible reading: Romans 7-9

Song No. 27 ["Exodus 28-33]

No. 1: "You Will Be Objects of Hatred by All the Nations" (*ju* p. 642 par. 1-p. 646 par. 4)

No. 2: Romans 9:1-18

No. 3: Talk to God and Be Heard by Him (*kl* pp. 153-5 pars. 10-14)

No. 4: Job—Theme: Unbreakable Integrity Brings Jehovah's Favor

Mar. 30 Bible reading: Romans 10-12

Song No. 70 ["Exodus 34-39]

No. 1: The Hypocrisy of Religious Leaders Exposed (*ju* p. 647 par. 1-p. 652 par. 1)

No. 2: Romans 10:1-15

No. 3: Persevere in Prayer and Listen (*kl* pp. 156-9 pars. 15-20)

No. 4: Jochebed—Theme: Trust in Jehovah and Do Your Very Best

Apr. 6 Bible reading: Romans 13-16

Song No. 175 ["Exodus 40-Leviticus 7]

No. 1: Romans—Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 208-9 pars. 20-5)

No. 2: Romans 13:1-10

No. 3: Find True Security Among God's People (*kl* pp. 160-1 pars. 1-4)

No. 4: Johanan (No. 5)—Theme: Follow Jehovah's Advice

Apr. 13 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 1-3

Song No. 173 ["Leviticus 8-13]

No. 1: Introduction to 1 Corinthians (*si* pp. 210-11 pars. 1-7)

No. 2: 1 Corinthians 1:10-25

No. 3: How Jehovah Provides Spiritual Food (*kl* pp. 161-3 pars. 5-8)

No. 4: John (No. 1)—Accomplish Your Ministry With Zeal

Apr. 20 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 4-6

Song No. 56 ["Leviticus 14-19]

No. 1: Influence of the Clergy Becomes Evident (*ju* p. 652 par. 2-p. 659 par. 1)

No. 2: 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

No. 3: What It Means to Be Clothed With Love (*kl* pp. 163-6 pars. 9-14)

No. 4: John (No. 3)—Theme: Be Loyal to God and Love Your Brothers

Apr. 27 Written Review. Complete Acts 7-1 Corinthians 6

Song No. 91 ["Leviticus 20-25]

May 4 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 7-9
 Song No. 29 ["Leviticus 26-Numbers 3"]
No. 1: The Clergy and Hitler Against Jehovah's Servants (*ju* p. 659 par. 2-p. 665 par. 1)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 7:10-24
No. 3: The Congregation—A Place of Security (*kl* pp. 167-9 pars. 15-20)
No. 4: Jonah (No. 1)—Theme: Fulfill Your God-Given Responsibilities

May 11 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 10-12
 Song No. 103 ["Numbers 4-9"]
No. 1: Worldwide Opposition to Giving Jehovah Exclusive Devotion (*ju* p. 666 par. 1-p. 673 par. 1)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 11:1-16
No. 3: Imitate Jesus—Serve God Forever (*kl* pp. 170-1 pars. 1-6)
No. 4: Jonathan (No. 1)—Theme: Beware of Selfishness

May 18 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 13-14
 Song No. 160 ["Numbers 10-15"]
No. 1: Hated for Being "No Part of the World" (*ju* p. 673 par. 2-p. 677 par. 3)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 14:1-12
No. 3: Vital Steps That Lead to Life (*kl* pp. 173-5 pars. 7-9)
No. 4: Jonathan (No. 2)—Theme: A True Friend Is Unselfish and Loyal

May 25 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 15-16
 Song No. 158 ["Numbers 16-22"]
No. 1: 1 Corinthians—Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 213-14 pars. 23-6)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 16:1-13
No. 3: Why Baptism Is Necessary (*kl* pp. 175-6 pars. 10-12)
No. 4: Joseph (No. 1)—Theme: Display the Qualities of a Spiritual Man

June 1 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 1-4
 Song No. 58 ["Numbers 23-29"]
No. 1: Introduction to 2 Corinthians (*si* p. 214 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
No. 3: Baptism—The Most Important Milestone in Your Life (*kl* p. 177 pars. 13-16)
No. 4: Joseph (No. 8)—Theme: Be Obedient and Righteous

June 8 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 5-8
 Song No. 193 ["Numbers 30-35"]
No. 1: Defending and Legally Establishing the Good News (*ju* p. 678 par. 1-p. 683 par. 4)
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 7:1-13
No. 3: What It Means to Live Up to Your Dedication and Baptism (*kl* pp. 178-80 pars. 17-22)
No. 4: Joseph (No. 9)—Theme: Do Not Give Up on Relatives

June 15 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 9-13
 Song No. 43 ["Numbers 36-Deuteronomy 4"]
No. 1: 2 Corinthians—Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 216-17 pars. 18-20)
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 10:1-12
No. 3: Preparing Now for "the Real Life" (*kl* pp. 181-2 pars. 1-5)
No. 4: Joseph (No. 10)—Theme: Be Courageous and Overcome Fear

June 22 Bible reading: Galatians 1-3
 Song No. 127 ["Deuteronomy 5-11"]
No. 1: Introduction to Galatians (*si* pp. 217-18 pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Galatians 1:1-12
No. 3: After Armageddon—A Paradise Earth (*kl* pp. 182-4 pars. 6-11)
No. 4: Joshua (No. 1)—Theme: Never Doubt Jehovah's Promises

June 29 Bible reading: Galatians 4-6
 Song No. 98 ["Deuteronomy 12-19"]
No. 1: Galatians—Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 219-20 pars. 14-18)
No. 2: Galatians 6:1-18
No. 3: Peace Everywhere and the Resurrection of the Dead (*kl* pp. 184-7 pars. 12-18)
No. 4: Josiah (No. 1)—Theme: Keep Clean From Idolatry

July 6 Bible reading: Ephesians 1-3
 Song No. 71 ["Deuteronomy 20-27"]
No. 1: Introduction to Ephesians (*si* pp. 220-1 pars. 1-8)
No. 2: Ephesians 1:1-14
No. 3: What Perfection Will Mean, and How We Can Enjoy It (*kl* pp. 187-91 pars. 19-25)
No. 4: Jotham (No. 3)—Theme: Learn From the Mistakes of Others

July 13 Bible reading: Ephesians 4-6
 Song No. 214 ["Deuteronomy 28-32"]
No. 1: Ephesians—Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 222-3 pars. 16-19)
No. 2: Ephesians 6:1-13
No. 3: Judah (No. 1)—Theme: Qualities That Jehovah Blesses
No. 4: The Family Is in Crisis (*fy* pp. 1-9 pars. 1-14)

July 20 Bible reading: Philippians 1-4
 Song No. 123 ["Deuteronomy 33-Joshua 6"]
No. 1: Introduction to Philippians and Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 223-4 pars. 1-7; p. 225 pars. 12-14)
No. 2: Philippians 1:1-14
No. 3: The Secret of Family Happiness (*fy* pp. 9-12 pars. 15-23)
No. 4: Judas (No. 4)—Theme: We Are Not Predestinated

July 27 Bible reading: Colossians 1-4
 Song No. 64 ["Joshua 7-12"]
No. 1: Introduction to Colossians and Why Beneficial (*si* p. 226 pars. 1-5; p. 228 pars. 12-14)
No. 2: Colossians 4:1-13
No. 3: Judas (No. 5; see also Jude)—Theme: People Can Change
No. 4: Are You Ready for Marriage? (*fy* pp. 13-15 pars. 1-6)

Aug. 3 Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 1-5
 Song No. 35 ["Joshua 13-19"]
No. 1: Introduction to 1 Thessalonians and Why Beneficial (*si* p. 229 pars. 1-5; p. 231 pars. 13-15)
No. 2: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
No. 3: Why You Should Know Yourself and Be Realistic (*fy* pp. 16-18 pars. 7-10)
No. 4: Jude—Theme: Be Modest—Do Not Seek Prominence

Aug. 10 Bible reading: 2 Thessalonians 1-3
 Song No. 10 ["Joshua 20-Judges 1"]
No. 1: Introduction to 2 Thessalonians and Why Beneficial (*si* p. 232 pars. 1-4; p. 233 pars. 10-11)
No. 2: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
No. 3: Korah (No. 3)—Theme: Do Not Give Way to Envy
No. 4: What to Look for in a Mate (*fy* pp. 18-22 pars. 11-15)

Aug. 17 Bible reading: 1 Timothy 1-3
 Song No. 221 ["Judges 2-7"]
No. 1: Introduction to 1 Timothy (*si* p. 234 pars. 1-6)
No. 2: 1 Timothy 1:3-16
No. 3: Things to Consider Before Making a Lasting Commitment (*fy* pp. 22-3 pars. 16-19)
No. 4: Laban (No. 1)—Theme: Be Fair in Your Dealings With Others

Aug. 24 Bible reading: 1 Timothy 4-6
 Song No. 30 ["Judges 8-13"]
No. 1: 1 Timothy—Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 236-7 pars. 15-19)
No. 2: 1 Timothy 4:1-16
No. 3: Lamech (No. 1)—Theme: Violence Begets Violence
No. 4: Keep Your Courtship Honorable, and Look Beyond the Wedding (*fy* pp. 24-6 pars. 20-3)

Aug. 31 Written Review. Complete 1 Corinthians 7-1 Timothy 6
 Song No. 59 ["Judges 14-19"]

Sept. 7 Bible reading: 2 Timothy 1-4
 Song No. 46 [*Judges 20-Ruth 4]
No. 1: Introduction to 2 Timothy and Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 237-8 pars. 1-4; pp. 238-9 pars. 10-12)
No. 2: 2 Timothy 3:1-13
No. 3: Bible Principles That Can Help You to Prepare for a Successful Marriage (*fy* p. 26 review box)
No. 4: Lazarus (No. 1)—Theme: Hospitality Leads to Blessings

Sept. 14 Bible reading: Titus 1-Philemon
 Song No. 155 [*1 Samuel 1-8]
No. 1: Introduction to Titus and Philemon and Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 239-41 pars. 1-4, 8-10; pp. 241-3 pars. 1-4, 7-10)
No. 2: Titus 3:1-14
No. 3: Leah—Theme: A Scriptural Viewpoint of Hate
No. 4: The First Key to a Lasting Marriage (*fy* pp. 27-9 pars. 1-6)

Sept. 21 Bible reading: Hebrews 1-3
 Song No. 149 [*1 Samuel 9-14]
No. 1: Introduction to Hebrews (*si* pp. 243-4 pars. 1-9)
No. 2: Hebrews 3:1-15
No. 3: The Second Key to a Lasting Marriage (*fy* pp. 30-1 pars. 7-10)
No. 4: Levi (No. 1)—Theme: Violent Anger Brings Reproach

Sept. 28 Bible reading: Hebrews 4-7
 Song No. 3 [*1 Samuel 15-19]
No. 1: Legal Battles for Freedom of Worship (*ju* p. 684 par. 1-p. 693 par. 1)
No. 2: Hebrews 6:1-12
No. 3: Lois—Theme: Share Your Faith With Family Members
No. 4: Man's Headship Should Be Christlike (*fy* pp. 31-3 pars. 11-15)

Oct. 5 Bible reading: Hebrews 8-10
 Song No. 209 [*1 Samuel 20-25]
No. 1: Serving Jehovah Fearlessly and Unitedly Despite Opposition (*ju* p. 693 par. 2-p. 699 par. 4)
No. 2: Hebrews 8:1-12
No. 3: How a Wife Is to Complement Her Husband (*fy* pp. 34-5 pars. 16-19)
No. 4: Lot, II—Theme: In the World but No Part of It

Oct. 12 Bible reading: Hebrews 11-13
 Song No. 108 [*1 Samuel 26-2 Samuel 2]
No. 1: Hebrews—Why Beneficial (*si* p. 247 pars. 23-7)
No. 2: Hebrews 11:1-10
No. 3: Luke—Theme: Be a Faithful Fellow Worker
No. 4: What Good Communication Really Means (*fy* pp. 35-8 pars. 20-6)

Oct. 19 Bible reading: James 1-5
 Song No. 144 [*2 Samuel 3-10]
No. 1: Introduction to James and Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 248-9 pars. 1-7; p. 250 pars. 15-17)
No. 2: James 5:1-12
No. 3: Bible Principles That Can Help You to Enjoy a Lasting, Happy Marriage (*fy* p. 38 review box)
No. 4: Lydia—Theme: Genuine Hospitality Is Appreciated

Oct. 26 Bible reading: 1 Peter 1-5
 Song No. 54 [*2 Samuel 11-15]
No. 1: Introduction to 1 Peter and Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 251-2 pars. 1-5; p. 253 pars. 11-13)
No. 2: 1 Peter 4:1-11
No. 3: Mahlah (No. 1)—Theme: Jehovah Is Righteous
No. 4: Live Within Your Means (*fy* pp. 39-41 pars. 1-6)

Nov. 2 Bible reading: 2 Peter 1-3
 Song No. 177 [*2 Samuel 16-20]
No. 1: Introduction to 2 Peter and Why Beneficial (*si* p. 254 pars. 1-3; p. 255 pars. 8-10)
No. 2: 2 Peter 3:1-13
No. 3: Caring for the Household Is a Family Project (*fy* pp. 42-4 pars. 7-11)
No. 4: Manasseh (No. 4)—Theme: Jehovah's Mercy Is Great

Nov. 9 Bible reading: 1 John 1-5
 Song No. 114 [*2 Samuel 21-1 Kings 1]
No. 1: Introduction to 1 John and Why Beneficial (*si* pp. 256-7 pars. 1-5; p. 258 pars. 11-13)
No. 2: 1 John 5:1-12
No. 3: Manoah—Theme: Be Ready to Conform to God's Will
No. 4: Why Jehovah Requires That We Be Clean (*fy* pp. 45-9 pars. 12-20)

Nov. 16 Bible reading: 2 John-Jude
 Song No. 22 [*1 Kings 2-6]
No. 1: Introduction to 2 John, 3 John, and Jude and Why Beneficial (*si* p. 259 pars. 1-3, 5; pp. 260-1 pars. 1-3, 5; pp. 261-3 pars. 1-4, 8-10)
No. 2: 2 John 1:1-13
No. 3: What Sincere Commendation and Gratitude Can Do for a Family (*fy* pp. 49-50 pars. 21-2)
No. 4: Mark, I—Theme: Do Not Brood Over Past Difficulties

Nov. 23 Bible reading: Revelation 1-3
 Song No. 195 [*1 Kings 7-10]
No. 1: Introduction to Revelation (*si* pp. 263-4 pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Revelation 3:1-11
No. 3: Martha—Theme: Loving Hospitality Is Appreciated
No. 4: The Bible's View of Children and Family Responsibility (*fy* pp. 51-2 pars. 1-5)

Nov. 30 Bible reading: Revelation 4-6
 Song No. 203 [*1 Kings 11-15]
No. 1: One True Religion, Chosen by God (*ju* p. 704 par. 1-p. 706 par. 4)
No. 2: Revelation 5:1-12
No. 3: What It Means to Fill a Child's Needs (*fy* pp. 53-5 pars. 6-9)
No. 4: Mary (No. 1)—Theme: Faith and Devotion Bring Rewards

Dec. 7 Bible reading: Revelation 7-9
 Song No. 200 [*1 Kings 16-20]
No. 1: Jehovah Blesses Those Who Apply the Truth in Their Lives (*ju* p. 707 par. 1-p. 709 par. 5)
No. 2: Revelation 8:1-13
No. 3: Mary (No. 2)—Theme: Make Spirituality Your Main Interest
No. 4: Inculcate the Truth in Your Child (*fy* pp. 55-7 pars. 10-15)

Dec. 14 Bible reading: Revelation 10-12
 Song No. 137 [*1 Kings 21-2 Kings 3]
No. 1: The Distinguishing Mark That Identifies Jesus' True Disciples (*ju* p. 710 par. 1-p. 712 par. 3)
No. 2: Revelation 10:1-11
No. 3: Teach Your Child Jehovah's Ways (*fy* pp. 58-9 pars. 16-19)
No. 4: Mary (No. 3)—Theme: Appreciate What Jehovah and Jesus Have Done for You

Dec. 21 Bible reading: Revelation 13-15
 Song No. 60 [*2 Kings 4-9]
No. 1: All of God's True Servants Must Keep on the Watch (*ju* p. 713 par. 1-p. 716 par. 4)
No. 2: Revelation 13:1-15
No. 3: Mary (No. 4)—Theme: Be Constant in Your Acts of Devotion
No. 4: The Vital Need for Discipline in Its Various Forms (*fy* pp. 59-61 pars. 20-3)

Dec. 28 Written Review. Complete 2 Timothy 1-Revelation 15
 Song No. 212 [*2 Kings 10-15]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Literature offer for October:** Individual copies of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* Where interest is found on return visits, subscriptions may be offered. Starting October 12, *Kingdom News* No. 35 will be distributed. **November:** Distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 35 will continue. Congregations that complete their territory by reaching householders in each home or dwelling with a copy of *Kingdom News* No. 35 may offer the *Knowledge* book. **December:** *New World Translation* with the book *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?* **January:** Any 192-page

book published prior to 1985 that the congregation may have in stock. Congregations that do not have a supply of such books may offer *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*.

■ The insert in this issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* is the "Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1998" and should be kept for reference throughout 1998.

■ With five full weekends, the month of November may be a convenient time for many to auxiliary pioneer.

■ The meeting times for many congregations will change January 1. So, there may be a need to order a new supply of handbills to show the adjusted meeting times.

■ Memorial invitations for 1998 in the primary language of each congregation have been included with the annual shipment of forms. If other languages are spoken in your territory and you would like a supply of invitations in those languages, these should be requested immediately on a Literature Re-

quest Form (S-14). Memorial invitations are available in Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Croatian, English, French, Greek, Iloko, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. Please request only those languages needed for your territory.

■ Congregations should begin requesting *Examining the Scriptures Daily—1998* with their October literature request. The booklets will be available in Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Chinese (Simplified), Croatian, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Iloko, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Samoan, Serbian, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog, Turkish, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese. These booklets are special-request items and will appear as "Pending" on congregation packing lists until shipments are made.

CONGREGATION BOOK STUDY

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *The Secret of Family Happiness*.

October 6:	Pages 5-12
October 13:	Pages 13-22*
October 20:	Pages 22*-26
October 27:	Pages 27-34*

* To or from subheading.

Are You a Full-Time Witness?

¹ Would you answer yes to this question? Although not all of Jehovah's dedicated servants can be enrolled in the full-time ministry, is it not reasonable to expect that all of us should view ourselves as his full-time Witnesses? Certainly we should.

² There is no such thing as a part-time Christian. Jesus said of his Father: "I always do the things pleasing to him." (John 8:29) Paul, who felt the same way, urged us to "do all things for God's glory." (1 Cor. 10:31) By all means then, all of us should regard ourselves as full-time Witnesses of Jehovah. Our thinking in this

way will influence us for good in every activity we pursue.

³ **Consider the Evidence:** Our appearance, speech, and conduct can indicate to other people that we are indeed Jehovah's Witnesses. We are conscious of the need for a modest appearance, wholesome speech, and proper conduct whenever we are engaging in field service or attending Christian meetings. However, whether we are going to school, working at a secular job, or participating in recreation, everything about us should give evidence that we live by Jehovah's righteous standards.

⁴ Jesus said: "A city cannot

be hid when situated upon a mountain. . . . Let your light shine before men, that they may see your fine works and give glory to your Father who is in the heavens." (Matt. 5:14-16) This should be true in everything we do and at all times. If we ever find that we are reluctant to give a witness because of where we are or what we are doing, we need to ask ourselves, 'Am I serving Jehovah part-time or full-time?' May we never have to pass up an opportunity to talk to others about the good news of God's Kingdom.

⁵ Remember, we honor and please Jehovah when we can answer the question, "Are you a full-time Witness?" with a resounding "Yes!"

Give Kingdom News No. 35 Wide Distribution

¹ October and November will be busy months for all of us. During the first 11 days of October, we will offer individual copies of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* Then, from Sunday, October 12, through Sunday, November 16, we will join in the worldwide distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 35. It will be our privilege to take an important mes-

sage to all the people in our locality. It is the answer to the question, "Will All People Ever Love One Another?" During this special campaign, we will distribute *Kingdom News* No. 35 on weekdays. On weekends, in addition to presenting *Kingdom News*, we will feature the current issues of the magazines.

² **Who May Have a Share?** As usual, the elders will be at the forefront of the work. Everyone enjoys distributing *Kingdom News*, and no doubt a great many publishers will enroll as auxiliary pioneers during one or both months of the campaign. Other publishers will want to spend more time than usual in the ministry.

³ Do you have a Bible student who is well along in his study of the *Knowledge* book and who will soon qualify to engage in field service? Perhaps he could become an unbaptized publisher in time to engage in the *Kingdom News* campaign. A simple presentation is all that is needed to introduce the tract. For example, one might say: "This message is so important that it is being distributed worldwide this month in 169 languages. I would like you to have your personal copy." Even young children can have a fine share in this exciting work.

⁴ Book study conductors should encourage every member of their group to have a full share in the distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 35. There also may be publishers who have become inactive but who would again be active in the service if they received the needed encouragement. In advance of the campaign, the elders should visit each of these to see what can be done to help them accompany experienced publishers in this feature of the ministry.

⁵ **When May We Meet for Service?** All this activity will call for group witnessing arrangements that are both convenient and practical. Wherever possible, meetings for service should be organized for each weekday, on the weekends, and in the evenings. They should be held at times that will enable publishers and pioneers to take full advantage of the witnessing period. Arrangements also may be made to meet in the late afternoons for the benefit of school students, shift workers, and others. The service overseer should ensure that there will be plenty of house-to-house and business territory on hand so that everyone can share fully in the work. Where there are many publishers in an area, they should be discreet about how many work in a given section of territory.

⁶ **What About Not-at-Homes?** We want to speak personally to as many householders as possible to explain why they should read *Kingdom News* No. 35. So if no one is at home when you call, write down the address and call again at a different time of day. If by the last week of the campaign your efforts to contact these householders still have been unsuccessful, you may leave a copy of *Kingdom News* at the door in a place where it will not be seen by passersby. In residential areas, be alert to offer *Kingdom News* to individuals who may be walking along the street. When working rural areas and where there is more territory than can be

covered during the campaign, a copy of *Kingdom News* may be left at not-at-homes on the first call.

⁷ **What Is Our Objective?** Congregations should endeavor to use their entire supply of *Kingdom News* to cover all their territory before the campaign ends on November 16. If your congregation's territory assignment is quite large and if it is safe to work on your own rather than with a partner, you may find it practical to do so. This will enable you to reach as many deserving ones as possible with the good news. (Matt. 10:11) It may be advantageous to carry a few tracts in your hand and a Bible in your pocket or purse, rather than use a briefcase. Be sure to keep a good record of where interest is found.

⁸ **Are You Ready to Start?** The elders should anticipate how many extra magazines the congregation will need and should order accordingly. There is no need to order *Kingdom News* No. 35, since a consignment is being sent to each congregation. Special, regular, and auxiliary pioneers will have 250 copies each to distribute, while congregation publishers will be allotted 50 copies each. We have our work cut out for us. Are you eager to share in this delightful activity? No doubt you are. Let us give the important Bible-based message in *Kingdom News* No. 35 the widest possible distribution!