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Meetings for Field Service

OCTOBER 2-8

In offering subscriptions

1. Which articles will you feature?
2. How will you use the Topic for Conversation?

OCTOBER 9-15

How can we be positive about

1. Offering subscriptions?
2. Working territory frequently?
3. Objections encountered?

OCTOBER 16-22

Why should we

1. Permit the householder to speak?
2. Not interrupt our partner's presentation?

OCTOBER 23-29

When making return visits

1. What should you note on your house-to-house record?
2. How could you start a Bible study?

OCTOBER 30—NOVEMBER 5

How can good manners be displayed

1. When at the doors?
2. When walking from house to house?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Critical Times to End.

2 Tim. 3:1—Last days are critical.

Luke 21:28—Deliverance is near.

Praise Jah by Obtaining Subscriptions

¹ What a joy it is to receive each new issue of *Awake!* This fine journal helps us keep up-to-date on world happenings as they relate to Bible prophecy. Thus, we can better appreciate our opportunities to praise Jehovah.—Amos 3:7; Heb. 13:15.

² So far in 1989, *Awake!* has featured such engaging subjects as "Who Will Inherit the Earth?" "What Is Happening to Values?" and "Violence—What Can You Do?" Such information enhances our appreciation for *The Watchtower*, which for more than a hundred years has championed God's Kingdom as the real solution to mankind's problems. Together, these magazines have alerted readers to see how present-day happenings mark "the last days" of this old system. (2 Tim. 3:1-5) Of course, April and May of this year saw historic issues of *The Watchtower* boldly exposing wicked Babylon the Great.

SUBSCRIPTIONS SUPPLY SPIRITUAL FOOD

³ During October we will have the privilege of featuring subscriptions to *Awake!* or *The Watchtower* or both. Does each member of your family have a personal subscription? If so, then you are better equipped to recommend that others subscribe also. As a regular reader of both *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* you can be just as enthusiastic about offering subscriptions as you are in presenting individual copies on magazine day.

⁴ Do not prejudge whether an indi-

vidual would like to subscribe, but, rather, let the person respond to your sincere, enthusiastic presentation. One sister was helped to develop a more positive attitude by reflecting on the saying: "You cannot judge a book by its cover." She learned to be more like Jehovah, who is not partial. (Acts 10:34) In addition to your door-to-door ministry, have you offered subscriptions to your Bible students, those on your magazine route, fellow workers, neighbors, and relatives and while doing street witnessing?

⁵ Many have had householders say they do not have the money for the subscription at that time. Or they may say it is inconvenient for them to subscribe for some other reason. When that happens and if the person is willing, fill out the subscription blanks right there on the initial call and then return for the contribution later. Be sure to follow up by calling back at the agreed-on time. This emphasizes the importance of keeping accurate house-to-house records.

INFORMAL WITNESSING

⁶ Although door-to-door work is still the mainstay of our witnessing, we know that informal witnessing is receiving added emphasis these days. It is an excellent means of contacting many of those who are not at home when we work from house to house. And what about those with whom you

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Make Full-Time Service Your Career

¹ A work that bears directly on fulfilling our dedication and attaining everlasting life is the Christian ministry. (Rom. 10:10; 1 Tim. 4:16) When Jesus invited others to be his followers, he made it clear that this included declaring abroad the Kingdom of God. (Luke 9:57-62) Although our responding to this invitation may not require a change of employment, it definitely involves a change in priorities. A most important work is to "declare abroad the excellencies" of Jehovah, which includes making disciples. (1 Pet. 2:9; Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) All who are wholly dedicated to Jehovah, therefore, center their lives around the ministry. Many whose personal circumstances permit have been able to make the full-time service their career.—2 Cor. 4:1, 7.

A REWARDING WAY OF LIFE

² In looking back on 54 years of full-time service, a pioneer was

moved to write: "The joys that Jehovah has given far outweigh the tribulations. If I were given the opportunity to live my life over again, I would willingly spend all my time praising the great God, Jehovah. No worldly career or profession could bring the kind of deep inner satisfaction and joy that results from such a course. Pursuing a life of full-time service is an expression of godly devotion that holds out inestimable rewards now and sure blessings to be realized in the future.—1 Tim. 4:8.

³ A career in the full-time ministry can bring great happiness because it involves so much giving. (Acts 20:35) The most valuable friendships, those with Jehovah and His Son Jesus Christ, are cultivated and strengthened by becoming more fully involved with Kingdom interests. (Luke 16:9; 1 Cor. 15:58)

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 2

Song 1

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

20 min: "Praise Jah by Obtaining Subscriptions." Question-and-answer consideration. Demonstrate use of Topic for Conversation and include suggestion made in paragraph 5.

15 min: How we will place subscriptions. Two Congregation Book Study conductors discuss how they will encourage publishers in their respective groups to have full share in placing subscriptions. Consider opportunities for individual publishers in various situations in life. May relate one or two brief experiences showing how subscriptions have been obtained in local territory.

Song 5 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 9

Song 9

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Advise congregation of any contribution acknowledgments from Society. Express appreciation for financial support of local congregation. Encourage all publishers to share in field service this weekend. Suggest talking points from current magazines that may be used in offering either subscriptions or individual copies of *Awake!* or *The Watchtower*.

25 min: "Make Full-Time Service Your Career." Question-and-answer discussion of article, followed by interview of full-time ministers who can relate how they were encouraged to

Career

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Contentment and a clear conscience are experienced because you are acting in a whole-souled way in accord with your circumstances. Your more disciplined way of life enables you to accomplish more in obedience to Christ's command to "seek first the kingdom and his righteousness." —Matt. 6:33.

BE PROGRESSIVE IN YOUR MINISTRY

A career involves pursuit of progressive achievement in some field or endeavor. Progressive achievement is important to endurance and to maintaining joy and zeal as a pioneer. Through his organization, Jehovah provides spiritual education at congregation meetings and at assemblies. Added to this are meetings

make the full-time ministry their career. What blessings have they enjoyed? Why would they encourage others to take up the full-time ministry as a career? **B.B.**

10 min: Report number of subscriptions turned in thus far and relate selected experiences.

Song 17 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 16

Song 40

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. **RG**

20 min: "Presenting the Good News — With Magazines." Question-and-answer consideration. After discussing paragraph 5, have well-prepared publisher give three 30- to 60-second magazine presentations. Each presentation should be to a different householder with differing circumstances. The publisher should demonstrate familiarity with the magazines and flexibility in using points that appropriately fit the householder's circumstances. **TR**

15 min: "New Releases Help Us Train With Godly Devotion." Enthusiastic talk encouraging all to become thoroughly familiar with new releases. May include one or two selected brief expressions of appreciation from brothers who have read and used publications. **AW**

Song 51 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 23

Song 69

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to be out in field service this weekend. Demonstrate two 30- to

with the elders in December and with the circuit overseer when he visits. During the week of the circuit assembly, a special session is arranged for pioneers. Do you take notes and conscientiously apply the fine suggestions given at such meetings?

If you are not conducting a progressive Bible study, do you have this as a goal? Could you improve your introductions at the doors or the way you deal with objections common in your territory? Have you considered the privilege of working unassigned territory or even transferring temporarily or permanently to assist a congregation needing help? In these and many other ways, you may be able to progress in your career and refine your abilities in accomplishing God's work.

60-second presentations using the latest magazines.

20 min: Question-and-answer discussion of "Family Cooperation Brings Benefits." To be handled by an elder who is a family head.

15 min: Talk on "Are You Always Late?" based on pages 21-3 of the June 8, 1989, *Awake!*

Song 73 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 30

Song 52

10 min: Local announcements. **DS**
20 min: Preach the Word during November. Talk encouraging full participation in field service during November. Jehovah's inspired Word is clearly presented for all to read and study in the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*. Along with the Bible, we will present the new brochure *Should You Believe in the Trinity?* Help honesthearted people see the fallacy of the God-dishonoring doctrine of the Trinity that Christendom declares to be its central or main teaching. By helping sincere people learn the truth about the one God and Father, Jehovah, we will be directing them onto the road to everlasting life. (John 17:3; 1 Cor. 8:6) Conclude presentation with one or two brief demonstrations of how this literature offer can be made in your local territory using new Topic for Conversation.

15 min: Local needs or encouraging talk based on "Why Fear God, Not Men?" from pages 4-7 of the June 1, 1989, *Watchtower*. Slant material to needs of congregation.

Song 57 and concluding prayer.

If you are seriously considering joining the many who are taking up the pioneer work this fall, persist in prayer to Jehovah about the matter. (Matt. 7:7, 8) Many have built up their reliance on Jehovah by first serving as auxiliary pioneers.

It is not some unusual ability or gift that enables a person to pioneer. A genuine love for God and for people, along with a willingness to make personal sacrifices, is needed. (Matt. 22:37-39; Phil. 4:13) The Christian ministry can help you cultivate qualities that must be evident in those who will survive Armageddon. Pursuing it full time can enhance your love, faith, joy, and peace. (Gal. 5:22, 23) So reach out for and hold on to the pioneer ministry as your treasured career!

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1990

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1990 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [bi12], "*All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial*" [si], *Reasoning From the Scriptures* [rs], and *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* [pe] will be the basis for assignments.

The school will begin 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 by a qualified ministerial servant. It will be based on "*All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial*." This assignment 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 section. 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. Where needed, a theme should be selected. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.

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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder or by a ministerial servant assigned by the school overseer. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. Check *Watchtower* issues for further highlight material. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms by the school overseer.

TALK 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 student to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks and even at intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance, and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should actually be read.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to sisters. The subjects for this talk will alternate between the *Reasoning* and *Live Forever* books, the latter to be mainly assigned to young or new students. The student assigned should be able to read. When delivering the talk, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. It is preferred that settings involve field service or informal witnessing. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration. The student should use the theme shown.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned to a brother or a sister. This talk will be based on the *Reasoning* book. When assigned to a brother, this should be a talk to the entire audience. It will usually be best for the brother to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable audience-type setting, the brother may choose to develop his talk accordingly. The student should use the theme shown.

When assigned to a sister, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3.

COUNSEL AND REMARKS: After each student talk, the school overseer will give specific counsel, not necessarily following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. Rather, he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve. If the student speaker merits solely a "G" and there is no other speech quality marked "I" or "W," then the counselor should circle the box, where the "G," "I," or "W" would normally appear, of the speech quality that the student should work on next. He will advise the student of this that evening as well as show this speech quality on the student's next Theocratic Ministry School Assignment slip (S-89). Those giving talks should sit toward the front of the hall. This will save time and enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student. As time allows after the giving of necessary oral counsel, comments may be given by the counselor on informative and practical points not covered by the students. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than a total of two minutes for counsel and remarks after each student talk. If the Bible highlights presentation left something to be desired, private counsel may be given.

PREPARING TALKS: Brothers giving Assignment No. 1 should select a theme where needed. Students assigned the second talk should choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material. Students assigned the third and fourth talks should use the theme shown. Prior to giving the talk, students will want to read over the *School Guidebook* material dealing with the speech quality being worked on.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the counsel and remarks of the counselor. Talks No. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. The one assigned to give the "stop signal" should do so promptly. When brothers handling Assignment No. 1 go overtime, they should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 45 minutes, excluding song and prayer.

WRITTEN REVIEW: Periodically a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. The balance of the time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper. The school overseer will read off all answers and concentrate on the more difficult questions, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than what is shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 50 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Of course, unbaptized persons whose lives conform to Christian principles may also enroll in the school and receive assignments.

ABSENTEES: All in the congregation can show appreciation for this school by endeavoring to be present at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well, and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 1 Bible reading: Luke 2 and 3

Song No. 14

- No. 1: Introduction to Galatians (si pp. 216-17 pars. 1-6)
- No. 2: Luke 3:7-22
- No. 3: Jesus Set Example in Honoring God's Name (pe chap. 22 pars. 1-4)
- No. 4: Jehovah's Witnesses Not an American Religion, Not a Cult (rs p. 201 pars. 1-3; p. 202 pars. 1, 2)

Jan. 8 Bible reading: Luke 4 and 5

Song No. 156

- No. 1: Galatians 1:1 to 3:29 (si p. 217 pars. 7-10)
- No. 2: Luke 4:16-30
- No. 3: Jehovah's Witnesses Not a New Religion (rs p. 202 par. 3 to p. 203 par. 3)
- No. 4: Why We Believe Only We Have the Right Religion (rs p. 203 pars. 4, 5)

Jan. 15 Bible reading: Luke 6 and 7

Song No. 215

- No. 1: Galatians 4:1 to 6:18 (si pp. 217-18 pars. 11-13)
- No. 2: Luke 6:20-38
- No. 3: Why We Have Taken the Name Jehovah's Witnesses (pe chap. 22 pars. 5, 6)
- No. 4: Basis for Judging True Religion (rs p. 204 par. 1)

Jan. 22 Bible reading: Luke 8 and 9

Song No. 122

- No. 1: Introduction to Ephesians (si pp. 219-20 pars. 1-8)
- No. 2: Luke 9:1-17
- No. 3: Keys to Understanding the Bible (rs p. 204 par. 2 to p. 205 par. 3)
- No. 4: Why Jehovah's Witnesses Have Made Adjustments in Their Teachings (rs p. 205 par. 4)

Jan. 29 Bible reading: Luke 10 and 11

Song No. 72

- No. 1: Ephesians 1:1 to 3:21 (si p. 220 pars. 9-11)
- No. 2: Luke 11:1-20
- No. 3: Who Only Today Are Preaching God's Kingdom? (pe chap. 22 pars. 7-9)
- No. 4: House-to-House Preaching Scriptural and Effective (rs p. 204 pars. 1-4)

Feb. 5 Bible reading: Luke 12 and 13

Song No. 106

- No. 1: Ephesians 4:1 to 6:24 (si pp. 220-1 pars. 12-15)
- No. 2: Luke 12:32-48
- No. 3: Why Are Jehovah's Witnesses Persecuted? (rs p. 207 pars. 1, 2)
- No. 4: Jesus Christ Was a Historical Person (rs p. 209)

Feb. 12 Bible reading: Luke 14 to 16

Song No. 170

- No. 1: Introduction to Philippians (si pp. 222-3 pars. 1-7)
- No. 2: Luke 14:16-35
- No. 3: The True Religion Respects God's Word (pe chap. 22 pars. 10-13)
- No. 4: Jesus Not Just a Good Man (rs p. 210 par. 1)

Feb. 19 Bible reading: Luke 17 and 18

Song No. 210

- No. 1: Philippians 1:1 to 2:30 (si p. 223 pars. 8, 9)
- No. 2: Luke 17:5-21
- No. 3: Jesus No Mere Self-Constituted Prophet (rs p. 210 par. 2)
- No. 4: Why Most Jews Failed to Accept Jesus as Their Messiah (rs p. 211)

Feb. 26 Bible reading: Luke 19 and 20

Song No. 186

- No. 1: Philippians 3:1 to 4:23 (si p. 223 pars. 10, 11)
- No. 2: Luke 20:21-40
- No. 3: The True Religion Keeps Separate From the World (pe chap. 22 pars. 14, 15)
- No. 4: How We Know That Jesus Is Not Actually God (rs p. 212 pars. 1, 2)

Mar. 5 Bible reading: Luke 21 and 22

Song No. 91

- No. 1: Introduction to Colossians (si pp. 224-5 pars. 1-5)
- No. 2: Luke 22:7-23
- No. 3: What John 1:1 Does and Does Not Say (rs p. 212 pars. 4-6)
- No. 4: John 20:28 Does Not Prove That Jesus Was God (rs p. 213)

Mar. 12 Bible reading: Luke 23 and 24

Song No. 218

- No. 1: Colossians 1:1 to 2:7 (si p. 225 pars. 6-8)
- No. 2: Luke 24:36-53
- No. 3: Love Among Themselves Identifies Those Having the True Religion (pe chap. 22 pars. 16-18)
- No. 4: Why Matthew 1:23 Does Not Prove That Jesus Was God (rs p. 214 pars. 1-3)

Mar. 19 Bible reading: John 1 to 3

Song No. 173

- No. 1: Colossians 2:8 to 4:18 (si pp. 225-6 pars. 9-11)
- No. 2: John 1:1-18
- No. 3: Why John 5:18 Does Not Prove That Jesus Is Jehovah (rs p. 214 pars. 4, 5)
- No. 4: Why Jesus Is Not One to Be Worshiped (rs p. 214 par. 6 to p. 215 par. 2)

Mar. 26 Bible reading: John 4 and 5

Song No. 217

- No. 1: Introduction to 1 Thessalonians (si p. 227 pars. 1-5)
- No. 2: John 4:16-38
- No. 3: Why There Can Be Only One True Religion (pe chap. 22 pars. 19, 20)
- No. 4: Miracles Jesus Performed Do Not Prove That He Was God (rs p. 215 par. 3 to p. 216 par. 1)

Apr. 2 Bible reading: John 6 and 7

Song No. 150

- No. 1: 1 Thessalonians 1:1 to 3:13 (si p. 228 pars. 6-8)
- No. 2: John 6:52-71
- No. 3: More Than Belief in Jesus Necessary for Salvation (rs p. 216 par. 3)
- No. 4: Jesus Had a Prehuman Existence (rs p. 216 par. 4 to p. 217 par. 1)

Apr. 9 Bible reading: John 8 and 9

Song No. 121

- No. 1: 1 Thessalonians 4:1 to 5:28 (si pp. 228-9 pars. 9-12)
- No. 2: John 8:31-47
- No. 3: Why We Know God Has a Visible Organization (pe chap. 23 pars. 1-3)
- No. 4: Jesus Did Not Take His Fleshly Body to Heaven (rs p. 217 pars. 2-5)

Apr. 16 Bible reading: John 10 and 11

Song No. 42

- No. 1: Introduction to 2 Thessalonians (si p. 230 pars. 1-4)
- No. 2: John 10:1-18
- No. 3: Jesus Is the Same Person as Michael (rs p. 218 pars. 1-3)
- No. 4: Jehovah's Witnesses Believe in Jesus (rs p. 219 pars. 1-3)

Apr. 23 Bible reading: John 12 and 13

Song No. 200

- No. 1: 2 Thessalonians 1:1 to 3:18 (si pp. 230-1 pars. 5-9)
- No. 2: John 13:21-35
- No. 3: What Shows That God Guided His Servants in an Organized Way? (pe chap. 23 pars. 4-6)
- No. 4: Jehovah's Witnesses Accept Jesus Christ as the Savior (rs p. 219 par. 4 to p. 220 par. 1)

Apr. 30 Written Review. Complete Luke 2 to John 13

Song No. 111

May 7 Bible reading: John 14 to 16

Song No. 159

No. 1: Introduction to 1 Timothy (si p. 232 pars. 1-6)

No. 2: John 15:1-19

No. 3: Jews Today No Longer God's Chosen People (rs p. 220 par. 2 to p. 221 par. 3)

No. 4: Not All Jews Will Convert to Christ (rs p. 222 pars. 1, 2)

May 14 Bible reading: John 17 and 18

Song No. 198

No. 1: 1 Timothy 1:1 to 3:16 (si p. 233 pars. 7-10)

No. 2: John 17:1-19

No. 3: God Uses Just One Organization at a Time (pe chap. 23 pars. 7-9)

No. 4: Jews Must Also Put Faith in Jesus Christ to Be Saved (rs p. 222 par. 3 to p. 223 par. 1)

May 21 Bible reading: John 19 to 21

Song No. 39

No. 1: 1 Timothy 4:1 to 6:21 (si pp. 233-4 pars. 11-14)

No. 2: John 21:9-23

No. 3: Israel Today Not Fulfilling Bible Prophecies (rs p. 223 pars. 2-4)

No. 4: Restoration Prophecies Apply to Spiritual Israel (rs p. 224 par. 3 to p. 225 par. 3)

May 28 Bible reading: Acts 1 to 3

Song No. 146

No. 1: Introduction to 2 Timothy (si p. 235 pars. 1-4)

No. 2: Acts 2:22-36

No. 3: First-Century Christians Were Organized (pe chap. 23 pars. 10-12)

No. 4: God's Kingdom Is a Real Government (rs p. 226 pars. 1, 2)

June 4 Bible reading: Acts 4 to 6

Song No. 92

No. 1: 2 Timothy 1:1 to 2:26 (si p. 236 pars. 5, 6)

No. 2: Acts 5:17-32

No. 3: Who Are the Rulers of God's Kingdom? (rs p. 226 pars. 3-5)

No. 4: Effect God's Kingdom Will Have on Human Governments (rs p. 227 pars. 1, 2)

June 11 Bible reading: Acts 7 and 8

Song No. 43

No. 1: 2 Timothy 3:1 to 4:22 (si p. 236 pars. 7-9)

No. 2: Acts 8:25-40

No. 3: A Governing Body Directs Witness Work Today (pe chap. 23 pars. 13-16)

No. 4: God's Kingdom Will Uphold Jehovah's Sovereignty and End Satan's Rulership (rs p. 227 pars. 3-5)

June 18 Bible reading: Acts 9 and 10

Song No. 16

No. 1: Introduction to Titus (si pp. 237-8 pars. 1-4)

No. 2: Acts 10:30-48

No. 3: God's Kingdom Will Unify Mankind in Pure Worship (rs p. 228 pars. 1, 2)

No. 4: God's Kingdom Will Free Mankind From War and Oppression (rs p. 228 par. 3 to p. 229 par. 2)

June 25 Bible reading: Acts 11 to 13

Song No. 30

No. 1: Titus 1:1 to 3:15 (si p. 238 pars. 5-7)

No. 2: Acts 12:1-17

No. 3: How Teaching Work Is Carried On Today (pe chap. 23 pars. 17-23)

No. 4: God's Kingdom Will Provide Abundant Food and End Sickness (rs p. 229 pars. 3-5)

July 2 Bible reading: Acts 14 to 16

Song No. 112

No. 1: Philémon: Introduction and Contents (si pp. 239-40 pars. 1-6)

No. 2: Acts 15:13-29

No. 3: God's Kingdom Will Provide Homes and Satisfying Employment for All (rs p. 229 pars. 6, 7)

No. 4: Security and Justice Assured by God's Kingdom (rs p. 230 pars. 1-4)

July 9 Bible reading: Acts 17 to 19

Song No. 28

No. 1: Hebrews: Written by Paul and Inspired (si p. 241 pars. 1-5)

No. 2: Acts 17:22-34

No. 3: Purposes Served by Our Various Meetings (pe chap. 23 pars. 24-28)

No. 4: God's Kingdom Will Resurrect the Dead and End Adamic Death (rs p. 230 par. 6 to p. 231 par. 3)

July 16 Bible reading: Acts 20 and 21

Song No. 116

No. 1: Hebrews: When and Why Written (si pp. 241-2 pars. 6-9)

No. 2: Acts 20:17-35

No. 3: God's Kingdom Will Make Earth a Paradise (rs p. 231 par. 5 to p. 232 par. 3)

No. 4: God's Kingdom Was Not Established in First Century (rs p. 232 pars. 4-6)

July 23 Bible reading: Acts 22 to 24

Song No. 105

No. 1: Hebrews 1:1 to 4:16 (si p. 242 pars. 10-12)

No. 2: Acts 24:9-23

No. 3: Why and When We Observe Lord's Evening Meal (pe chap. 23 pars. 29, 30)

No. 4: What Indicates That We Are Living in the Last Days? (rs p. 234 par. 2)

July 30 Bible reading: Acts 25 and 26

Song No. 123

No. 1: Hebrews 5:1 to 7:28 (si p. 243 pars. 13-16)

No. 2: Acts 26:8-23

No. 3: Total War, a Sign of the Last Days (rs p. 234 par. 3 to p. 235 par. 2)

No. 4: Last Days Marked by Famines and Earthquakes (rs p. 235 par. 3 to p. 236 par. 2)

Aug. 6 Bible reading: Acts 27 and 28

Song No. 144

No. 1: Hebrews 8:1 to 10:39 (si pp. 243-4 pars. 17-19)

No. 2: Acts 28:17-31

No. 3: Jehovah's Having a Visible Organization Requires What of Us? (pe chap. 23 pars. 31, 32)

No. 4: Pestilence and Lawlessness, Marks of the Last Days (rs p. 236 par. 3 to p. 237 par. 2)

Aug. 13 Bible reading: Romans 1 to 3

Song No. 113

No. 1: Hebrews 11:1 to 13:25 (si p. 244 pars. 20-22)

No. 2: Romans 1:8-23

No. 3: Marks of Last Days: Preaching Work and Persecution of Christians (rs p. 238 pars. 2, 3)

No. 4: Last Days Point to What, and How Do Historians View Last Days? (rs p. 239 pars. 1, 3 to p. 240 par. 1)

Aug. 20 Bible reading: Romans 4 to 6

Song No. 222

No. 1: James: Written by Whom? (si p. 246 pars. 1-4)

No. 2: Romans 6:8-23

No. 3: To Whom Was the Mosaic Law Given, and Why? (pe chap. 24 pars. 1-4)

No. 4: Some Will Survive World's End (rs p. 240 pars. 2-5)

Aug. 27 Written Review. Complete John 14 to Romans 6

Song No. 181

Sept. 3 Bible reading: Romans 7 to 9

Song No. 142

- No. 1:** James: Authenticity, Why Written (si pp. 246-7 pars. 5-7)
No. 2: Romans 8:26-39
No. 3: Why God Has Allowed Wickedness So Long (rs p. 241 pars. 1-3)
No. 4: Answering Objections to These Being the Last Days (rs p. 241 par. 5 to p. 242 par. 2)

Sept. 10 Bible reading: Romans 10 to 12

Song No. 23

- No. 1:** James 1:1 to 2:26 (si p. 247 pars. 8-10)
No. 2: Romans 12:1-16
No. 3: What Follows Since Christ Made an End to the Law? (pe chap. 24 pars. 5-9)
No. 4: How the Purpose of Life Can Be Realized (rs p. 243 par. 3; p. 244 pars. 3, 4)

Sept. 17 Bible reading: Romans 13 to 16

Song No. 88

- No. 1:** James 3:1 to 5:20 (si pp. 247-8 pars. 11-14)
No. 2: Romans 15:1-16
No. 3: We Were Not Simply to Live a Few Years and Die (rs p. 245 pars. 1-3)
No. 4: Was Our Life Simply to Be One of Suffering? (rs p. 245 par. 5 to p. 246 par. 2)

Sept. 24 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 1 to 3

Song No. 48

- No. 1:** Introduction to 1 Peter (si p. 249 pars. 1-5)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 3:1-15
No. 3: What Laws Apply to Christians? (pe chap. 24 pars. 10, 11)
No. 4: What Basis Is There for Hope of Future Life? (rs p. 246 pars. 5-7)

Oct. 1 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 4 to 6

Song No. 207

- No. 1:** 1 Peter 1:1 to 3:22 (si p. 250 pars. 6-8)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11, 15-20
No. 3: How Will Prospects for Future Life Be Realized? (rs p. 246 pars. 8, 9)
No. 4: Why Legal Requirements Must Be Met in Marriage (rs p. 248 par. 2 to p. 249 par. 2)

Oct. 8 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 7 to 9

Song No. 115

- No. 1:** 1 Peter 4:1 to 5:14 (si p. 250 pars. 9, 10)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 9:11-27
No. 3: What Is the Law of Christ That Christians Are to Fulfill? (pe chap. 24 pars. 12-14)
No. 4: Polygamy Not for Christians Even if Legal (rs p. 250 pars. 1, 2)

Oct. 15 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 10 to 12

Song No. 213

- No. 1:** Introduction to 2 Peter (si p. 252 pars. 1-3)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, 31-33
No. 3: Why Polygamy, Once Allowed, Is Not for Christians (rs p. 250 par. 3 to p. 251 par. 2)
No. 4: Is Separation Permissible When Marriage Is Difficult? (rs p. 251 par. 3)

Oct. 22 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 13 and 14

Song No. 35

- No. 1:** 2 Peter 1:1 to 2:22 (si p. 252 pars. 4, 5)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
No. 3: What Is the World From Which Christians Must Keep Separate? (pe chap. 25 pars. 1-4)
No. 4: The Only Grounds for Divorce With Allowance for Remarriage (rs p. 252 pars. 1-4)

Oct. 29 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 15 and 16

Song No. 81

- No. 1:** 2 Peter 3:1-18 (si p. 253 pars. 6, 7)
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 15:20-34
No. 3: Why God Allowed Brother-Sister Marriage in the Beginning (rs p. 252 par. 5 to p. 253 par. 1)
No. 4: How Can a Marriage Be Improved? (rs p. 253 Nos. 1, 2)

Nov. 5 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 1 to 4

Song No. 191

- No. 1:** 1 John: Written by Whom? (si p. 254 pars. 1-3)
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6, 12-18
No. 3: What Are the Three Main Parts of Satan's World? (pe chap. 25 pars. 5-9)
No. 4: How Can a Marriage Be Improved? (rs p. 253 Nos. 3, 4)

Nov. 12 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 5 to 8

Song No. 117

- No. 1:** 1 John: Why Written? (si pp. 254-5 pars. 4, 5)
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 6:3-18
No. 3: How Can a Marriage Be Improved? (rs p. 254 Nos. 5, 6)
No. 4: What We Can Learn From Bible's Record of Mary (rs pp. 254-5 Nos. 1, 2, 5)

Nov. 19 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 9 to 13

Song No. 12

- No. 1:** 1 John 1:1 to 3:24 (si p. 255 pars. 6-8)
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
No. 3: Why We Must Be On Guard Against Satan's World (pe chap. 25 pars. 10, 11)
No. 4: How Can a Marriage Be Improved? (rs p. 254 Nos. 7, 8)

Nov. 26 Bible reading: Galatians 1 to 3

Song No. 50

- No. 1:** 1 John 4:1 to 5:21 (si p. 255 pars. 9, 10)
No. 2: Galatians 3:15-29
No. 3: Mary Was Truly a Virgin When She Gave Birth to Jesus (rs p. 255 pars. 3, 4)
No. 4: Mary Was Not Always a Virgin (rs p. 255 par. 5 to p. 256 par. 2)

Dec. 3 Bible reading: Galatians 4 to 6

Song No. 163

- No. 1:** 2 John: Introduction and Contents (si pp. 256-7 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: Galatians 5:13-26
No. 3: How to Be No Part of the World (pe chap. 25 pars. 12-14)
No. 4: Mary Was Not Mother of God (rs p. 256 par. 3 to p. 257 par. 2)

Dec. 10 Bible reading: Ephesians 1 to 3

Song No. 99

- No. 1:** 3 John: Introduction and Contents (si p. 258 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: Ephesians 3:8-21
No. 3: Mary Was Not Immaculately Conceived (rs p. 257 par. 3 to p. 258 par. 1)
No. 4: Mary Did Not Ascend to Heaven Bodily (rs p. 258 pars. 2, 3)

Dec. 17 Bible reading: Ephesians 4 to 6

Song No. 209

- No. 1:** Introduction to Jude (si p. 259 pars. 1-4)
No. 2: Ephesians 5:15-33
No. 3: Why Christians Do Not Celebrate Christmas (pe chap. 25 par. 15)
No. 4: Bible Does Not Portray Mary as an Intercessor (rs p. 258 pars. 4, 5)

Dec. 24 Bible reading: Philippians 1 to 4

Song No. 22

- No. 1:** Jude 1-25 (si pp. 259-60 pars. 5-7)
No. 2: Philippians 4:4-20
No. 3: Example Jesus Set in Not Venerating His Mother (rs p. 259 par. 4 to p. 260 par. 1)
No. 4: What Jesus Meant When He Said: "This Is My Body" (rs p. 262 par. 1 to p. 263 par. 2)

Dec. 31 Written Review. Complete Romans 7 to Philippians 4

Song No. 155

Announcements

● Literature offer for October: One-year subscription for *Awake!* or *Watchtower*, or both, for a contribution of \$5.00 each. Six-month subscriptions to semi-monthly magazines and one-year subscriptions to monthly magazines are \$2.50 each. There are no six-month subscriptions to monthly magazines. **November:** *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and the *Trinity* brochure for \$4.30. **December:** *Young People Ask*, for a contribution of \$1.50, or *Bible Stories or Live Forever* for \$3.00. **January and February:** Any 192-page book published prior to 1980 that the congregation has in stock for the reduced contribution of 50¢, with the following exceptions: *Family Life*, *Great Teacher*, *This Life*, *Truth*, and *Youth*. There is a limited supply of *Commentary on James* that may be ordered from Brooklyn. (For obtaining credit, elders should refer to the guidelines in the Society's letter of December 21, 1988.) If the congregation has no stock of books to be offered at the reduced rate, the *Worldwide Security* book should be offered for a contribution of \$1.00. These books may be ordered from Brooklyn.

● New Publications Available:
New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—Large print (set of four volumes) —Spanish
 Volume #1 (Genesis-Second Samuel)
 Volume #2 (First Kings-Song of Solomon)
 Volume #3 (Isaiah-Malachi)
 Volume #4 (Matthew-Revelation)
Aid to Bible Understanding, Volume 5 (Jiz-Lez) —Dutch
Listening to the Great Teacher —Polish

Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work —Danish, Norwegian, Portuguese
The Bible—God's Word or Man's? —Portuguese

True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It? —Arabic

Watch Tower Publications Index 1951-1985 —Japanese

Watch Tower Publications Index 1981-1985 —German

You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth (Small size) —Polish

Everlasting Life in Paradise! —Iban

"Look! I Am Making All Things New" (Brochure) —Bicol, Gilbertese, Ibanag, Pangasinan, Samar-Leyte, Samoan, Tongan, Tuvaluan

Should You Believe in the Trinity? —Danish, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish

The Government That Will Bring Paradise —Nauruan

● New Cassette Recordings Available:
My Book of Bible Stories (set of four cassettes in an album; congregation and public: \$8.00; pioneers: \$6.00) —Chinese (Cantonese)

Daniel (set of two; congregation and public: \$3.00; pioneers: \$2.50) —Japanese

Family Cooperation Brings Benefits

¹ The family unit is the oldest of all human institutions. It is precious to Jehovah, since to him "every family in heaven and on earth owes its name."—Eph. 3:15.

² In Bible times, the father had the prime responsibility to see that the family was fully theocratic. So it is today. (Josh. 24:15; Eph. 6:1-4) To take care of all necessary family matters is a challenge. How can this be accomplished? By family cooperation and organization.—1 Cor. 14:40.

AS THE HEAD, TAKE THE LEAD

³ The spirituality of all is a chief concern. The family study should be held on a regular basis and tailored to the needs of the family. This should be true also of the consideration of the day's text. What a fine thing to start the day off with a discussion of the Word of God! Meditating upon it during the day will help us to keep considering things that are chaste, lovable, and well spoken of. (Phil. 4:8) Can you make improvement in this?

⁴ In addition to the family study, a personal study program is important. The words at Joshua 1:8 apply with equal force to each of us individually: "This book of the law should not depart from your mouth, and you must in an undertone read in it day and night, in order that you may take care to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way successful and then you will act wisely."

⁵ It is a challenge to be on time for congregation meetings. This too requires cooperation. Direction from the family head will ensure that as-

sistance is provided where needed. This will enable all to arrive in time to share in the opening song and prayer. ~~No one leaves early~~

⁶ With so many elements working against the unity of the family arrangement, it is vital that the family head take the lead in prayer. (2 Tim. 3:1-5) "Persevere in prayer" is the admonition of Paul at Romans 12:12. Doing this on a regular basis can help cement the family together. This prayer should be in addition to the individual prayers of the family members.

PREPARE

⁷ Included in our worship of Jehovah is the making known of his name. Family practice sessions will help all to be prepared for the ministry. A fine instrument that we can use is the *Reasoning book*. Introductions may be selected from pages 9-15 to complement the Topic for Conversation. Appropriate suggestions for improvement may be made by the family head.

⁸ Is it possible for one or more members of the family to be in the full-time service? (1 Cor. 16:9) This will call for good cooperation and organization on the part of all in the family. By simplifying their lifestyle and being resourceful, many families are having this joy and privilege.

⁹ Although the father or family head is to take the lead, each member needs to remember that he is individually responsible to help the family in the worship of Jehovah. Looking out for the interests of all will make for a happy and united family.

New Releases Help Us Train With Godly Devotion

¹ Having attended this year's district convention, we are more keenly aware of the need to be training ourselves with godly devotion as our aim. (1 Tim. 4:7) As we reflect on all the information presented on the program and strive to apply it in our daily living, we are helped to draw closer to Jehovah in true worship.

² However, our training in godly devotion will be particularly enhanced as we progressively digest the wealth of information set out in the three new releases received at the "Godly Devotion" District Convention. Have you already read these new releases?

A NEW BROCHURE

³ The convincing Scriptural arguments employed in the brochure *Should You Believe in the Trinity?* help us not only to establish that the

Trinity is a false doctrine to be rejected but also to explain to others the truth about God, his Son, and the holy spirit.

⁴ Our Bible-based position is that "there is actually to us one God the Father." (1 Cor. 8:6) This new brochure will help us expose the fallacy of the pagan doctrine of the Trinity as we encourage all meek ones to 'let God be proved true, even though every man be proved a liar.'—Rom. 3:4.

ANSWERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

⁵ We will not soon forget the straightforward convention talk and the special arrangement for releasing the book *Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work*. Although it was provided for the benefit of

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With Magazines

¹ Ecclesiastes 12:12 observes, "To the making of many books there is no end." Those words have proved true in our day as high-speed printing presses send forth billions of pages of printed material, all vying for the attention of readers. The availability of so much printed material presents a challenge to publishers of the Kingdom good news. How can we convince individuals that *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* are the most worthwhile magazines published today?

VALUABLE MAGAZINES

² It is good to examine our personal attitude toward *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* Do you view the magazines as precious, eagerly looking forward to each new issue? Do you schedule time to read all the articles? If we personally appreciate the magazines, our genuine enthusiasm and heartfelt conviction will help us to be successful in offering them to others.

³ People in our territory need the valuable information contained in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* just as we do. We benefited from the articles that thoroughly exposed the wickedness of false religion's clergy and explained prophetic warnings about the impending destruction of Babylon the Great. In the September 15, 1989, *Watchtower*, the subject "What Must We Do to Be Saved?" gave practical encouragement about our conduct and course of life. Recent *Awake!* articles have focused on man's mismanagement of earth's environment and God's promises for restoring the earth to a paradise. What an abundant supply of spiritual food these magazines provide to awaken in people a consciousness of their spiritual need!

New Releases

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young people, parents, especially fathers, were urged to take the lead in using the book to train their children and 'bring them up in the discipline and mental-regulating of Jehovah.' —Eph. 6:4.

⁶ Parents and children alike should become thoroughly familiar with this vital information provided by Jehovah's organization to help young ones go on training in godly devotion. As indicated in the convention talk, this can be done in family discussions.

GOD'S WORD—NOT MAN'S

⁷ *The Bible—God's Word or Man's?*, the new book released on Saturday, is designed to help honesthearted people understand that the Bible is inspired and that it contains "the truth

KNOW YOUR MAGAZINES

⁴ How can we convince a person that he will benefit from reading the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines? The best way is to show him a specific point that may be interesting and relevant to him. To do this effectively requires that we be thoroughly familiar with the magazines and prepare in advance. Such preparation begins with our personal reading of the magazines before we use them in the field. As you read, be alert to points that could be used in the ministry. Why not mark these points in your personal copies of the magazines and then review your notes when you prepare for field service with that issue?

⁵ As you do your personal reading of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* it is also good to think about which articles will be of special interest to certain people in your territory. Are there articles that would appeal particularly to doctors, lawyers, or teachers? In this regard, do not forget to look at the notices about articles in future issues so that you can plan ahead and order any additional copies you may need. Making lists of individuals to whom you wish to offer these magazines can be very helpful.

⁶ After speaking about the making of many books, Ecclesiastes 12:12 says that "much devotion to them is wearisome to the flesh." Reading worldly literature can be wearisome because it provides no spiritual refreshment. In contrast, how thankful we are to have a full share in distributing the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines, which honor Jehovah and proclaim his name and Kingdom! —Prov. 3:9.

which accords with godly devotion." (Titus 1:1) What a boon to our work this new book should prove to be! But in order to use it effectively in the field, we must become personally acquainted with its instructive features and be able to direct attention to specific points in the book when using it in field service.

⁸ How grateful to Jehovah all of us are for the abundance of timely spiritual food received at the "Godly Devotion" District Convention! Let us be resolved to demonstrate our heartfelt appreciation through diligent use of these provisions in our pursuit of godly devotion. This would include using these provisions in helping others to become worshipers of our one God and Father, Jehovah.

♦ Jehovah's Witnesses were given legal status in Poland on May 18 and in Hungary on June 27.

♦ Mexico had their 67th consecutive peak in publishers, 274,599, a 16-percent increase. They had a peak in May of 425,328 Bible studies.

♦ Spain had a new peak of 77,828 publishers in May, a 9-percent increase, their eighth peak for the service year.

♦ Switzerland had a new peak of 15,897 publishers in May.

♦ Zambia had a new peak of 70,700 publishers in May, a 9-percent increase. Bible studies increased to 97,734.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	203	121.3	79.5	50.6	5.1
Pios.	59,203	69.3	29.9	23.0	2.5
Aux. Pios.	30,260	59.0	23.6	13.8	1.2
Pubs.	711,536	10.0	6.0	3.6	0.5
TOTAL	801,202				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 12,026

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!*:

October 2: Pages 119^a to 124^a

October 9: Pages 124^a to 129^a

October 16: Pages 129^a to 134^a

October 23: Pages 134^a to 141^a

October 30: Entire page 139

^a To or from chapter heading.

^Δ To or from second subheading.

^{*} To or from subheading.

^{*} Except for page 139.

Subscriptions

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work secularly? During one subscription campaign month, a brother decided to witness discreetly to his workmates. He initially set his goal at ten subscriptions for the month. However, he was quite surprised when he reached that goal in two days. Imagine his joy when he was able to report 68 subscriptions for the month!

⁷ During October we may offer the subscriptions as we go from door to door, when we make return visits, and when we witness informally. When the subscription is refused, we may say something like this: "Although you do not wish to subscribe at this time, I believe you would enjoy this issue we have just discussed. We are leaving it with this companion magazine for a contribution of just 50¢." Many magazines are placed in this way.

⁸ The psalmist urges us: "Praise Jah, you people." (Ps. 147:1) How fitting it is for us to praise Jehovah during October by offering subscriptions to *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*