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From the Major's Desk

"For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

James 1:7-8 (NKJV)

March is a month of great contrasts in winter. One day can be warm, bright, and spring-like. And the next day it can be snowing up to 3 or 4 inches. It causes us to be guarded in our actions and preparations for the day ahead, because the weather can take such drastic changes.

You could almost say that March can't make up its mind. But, March is a period of time and does not have a mind. It is a month of transitions meteorologically. As we move from winter to spring, the weather can have very violent and drastic changes that often have disastrous and tragic consequences.

In the book of James, we are told that we should not be double-minded. We need to be decisive in our faith, just as we often are in our actions. Wishy-washy is a work of Satan to confuse and to make us unsure of where we are, and whose we are.

Let us keep our eyes on the prize, and finish our race sure of our faith and of our Savior, who is Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith!!

God bless you!!
Major Harold Poff



Fort Wayne youth make 'clean sweep' at Youth Rally



Round 5 Fort Wayne Competitors – (sitting, left to right) Isabella Woods, Ayla McLinn, and Justice & Jamie Gruber

The categories in each round were: The Bible; Salvation Army History; The Ten Commandments; Character Building; and Matthew chapters 1-12. The Fort Wayne youth made a "clean sweep" of the event, winning each round.

Just for fun, below is one question (with answer) from each round of the competition.

What was the original name of The Salvation Army? (The East London Christian Mission)

The Girl Guard Aim states that girls will grow four ways. What are these ways? (Mentally, Spiritually, Physically, & Socially)

What is the shortest book in the Bible? (2 John)

In the 10 Commandments, what is Commandment number six? (You shall not murder.)

What was it about the centurion that caused Jesus to marvel? (His faith – Matthew 8:10)



Isabella Woods is participating in a KidzBlitz competition.

Following the competition, the kids came together for a united meeting.

KidzBlitz made a big impact on our kids using big props and games to illustrate in a unique way truths from God's Word.

Major Lynnetta Poff

How my mother found Jesus



Cynthia and Robert

My sister, Cynthia and I, were left abandoned by our father in Chicago when I was just two years old and my sister was one. Our birth mother was beaten unmercifully by our father causing her to be rushed to the hospital to save her life. While she was in the hospital recovering, our father took us to Chicago and, we believe, had gotten drunk and had forgotten where he left us. My sister and I never knew our father. Days later, the Chicago police found us nearly starved to death and they carried us to St. Vincent's Orphanage where we were given emergency care. Within a couple of months, we were adopted by a couple who wanted children of their own for over ten years, but without success. Two years after our adoption, they had another son and daughter of their own. It just so happened that our adopted mother was a first cousin to Major Harold Hultin who was The Salvation Army officer in my home town at the time. The fact that he was an officer in The Salvation Army is partially why I am an officer today. My adopted mother's name was Mildred Ann Quinn. This is my story of how she came to know Christ just three months before she died of pancreatic cancer and how God directed my sister and I in finding our biological mother.

Since becoming an officer in The Salvation Army, I have always wanted to share Jesus with my adopted mother. It was years later that I was given the opportunity to do so. In November of 1989, our family was taking our last week of vacation before the busy Christmas season set in. We decided that it would be best for me to spend some time alone with my mother while my wife and sons visited, Cheryl, an officer friend and her three sons. Cheryl lost her husband in a "hit and run" accident by a drunk driver two years earlier. As I was driving to my mother's home along Interstate 80 just southwest of Chicago, the Lord spoke to me

in such a real way that it felt like His presence was with me in the van. He said, "This would be a good time to share Jesus with your mother". Instantly, I knew He was right. It was my prayer for a long time, but the opportunity had not been ideal until now. As I parked the car outside her home, I asked the Lord to help me present Christ to her in such a way that she would receive Him willingly. I knew a lot was on the line if I failed, but eternity in Heaven for her if she accepted. I felt God assuring me that He would be there when I needed Him. I walked into my mother's home and greeted her with a hug and a kiss. The television was on and I asked if I could turn down the volume because I had something important I wanted to share with her. She said "yes". I said, "Mother, all of our lives you have been there for us standing in the gap and saving us from Dad when he became drunk and angry. Oftentimes mother, we would come home from school to raid the refrigerator and discovered some dessert that was left and you readily gave it up". "Mother, I'd like to think that you and Dad rescued us through adoption so that one day, today, God has a plan for rescuing you. Mother, I would like to lead you in a special prayer to ask Jesus into your heart and life. Would you allow me to pray with you?"

She said, "I have never broken the Ten Commandments, I have always treated my fellow neighbors with kindness and consideration. I have never taken the name of the Lord in vain, and I have not taken anything that was not mine. I have been good to my fellow man all of my life." And I said, "Mother, it's not like that. The Bible says that we are all born in sin and we need God's forgiveness so that one day we might live in Heaven with Him. Would you pray a prayer with me just now to ask Jesus into your heart?" "Alright", she said, "you pray the words and I will repeat them". And so I led my mother to the Lord that night. I can't tell you how much the Lord filled my heart with joy and my eyes with tears by her accepting Christ into her life. I left feeling so happy for her and thinking, "My mother would gain Heaven some day". Hallelujah! She didn't know it, but she had pancreatic cancer and three months later, after her conversion, she died. I was so thankful that I was obedient to the leading of the Lord on her behalf. How would I feel today if I had failed her through disobedience, or if I had failed Christ, on her behalf?

Several months after her death, God spoke

to me again about this matter and said, "Because you were obedient to Me, I will give you the desires of your heart". And He reminded me saying, "Don't you remember, all of these years you have been praying to meet your biological family?" He assured me that this would happen in due time.

One day, a few months later, I called my sister when Margaret and I were stationed in Michigan. We were getting ready to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Salvation Army in Pontiac. I said, "Cindy, what's new?" "Oh guess what", she said, "I think we have found our birth mother" "How is that?" I asked. She said, "My son Richard and his fiancée, Lisa, had wanted to get married and told her grandmother about it. Her grandmother said, "I don't think you can marry him." As it turned out, Lisa and Richard were fourth cousins. It was through Richard and Lisa that our birth mother's name, address and phone number was obtained.

After weeks had gone by, Joe, a friend of mine in Michigan, convinced me that I should not delay any longer in contacting this woman and that this was a gift from God. Upon returning to the office that day, I immediately called my sister and asked her if she wouldn't mind if I called Alice, our supposed mother. Cindy was a bit hesitant about it all so I said, "I have conference call function on this phone. I will place you on hold and before she can answer, I'll patch you back in. If you don't say anything, she won't even know that you are on the line". She agreed to remain silent. Needless to say, this woman answered all of my questions and then some. She also had received the answer to her prayers to be rejoined with her two lost children.

Later, my sister and I made plans to visit her at her home. When we first met her, she looked exactly like Cindy! We spent hours with our mother catching up the years we had lost through separation. In the meantime, I contacted our divisional headquarters and asked if it was possible for my newly discovered mother to become a member of the Order of the Silver Star? This is the honor that is conferred on all mothers who give a son or daughter to The Salvation Army as an expression of thanks. The Salvation Army said they couldn't see why not, but first they wanted to write the Army's National Women's President, to see how this might be arranged. It was decided

that it should be done at an Army celebration or recognition. As we were about to celebrate The Salvation Army's 100th Anniversary in November 1990, it was determined this would be the time and place for her to be honored as a member of this order. At a capacity crowd of over 800 people in attendance that night and a concert with the Canadian Staff Band, Mrs. Commissioner Harold Shoults said, "Some mothers have to wait two years upon the completion of their son or daughter in becoming an officer in the ranks of The Salvation Army and some mothers have to wait 42 years!" Major Robert Quinn, would you please bring your mother to the platform so that we may receive her tonight as the newest member of the Order of the Silver Star?" My sister said she looked around her and there was not a dry eye in the place and our mother and I had received a standing ovation! Our mother was so thrilled she said she wanted to leave her church and join The Salvation Army! "Everyone was so kind and gracious to me", she said. "Everyone really made me feel welcome".

Today, I also have an older sister, two younger brothers and nephews and nieces I had not known before. God has been faithful to me over the years, keeping His promises one by one. God is merciful and He will work out His plan for our lives if we will become obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Would you receive Christ today knowing that He will forgive you of all your sins IF you ask Him to be the Lord and Savior of your life? I know He won't fail you because He has never failed me yet and He never will!

God Bless You!
Majors Bob &
Margaret Quinn



New receptionist very familiar with job



Nina Brown began working for The Salvation Army in October 2012. She greets everyone who comes in with a smile.

What could be better than hiring a new employee who has already been trained for the job? The Fort Wayne Salvation Army has been blessed by hiring our new receptionist, Nina Brown.

Nina volunteered as our receptionist through the Impact Program for approximately two years, so she was familiar with most of her job duties.

Nina graduated from Elmhurst High School and she has five children. Her youngest son is 16 and lives at home. In her spare time, Nina enjoys reading and taking walks.

Nina describes the atmosphere at The Salvation Army as calm and peaceful and feels the staff is laid back and friendly. Her perception must be influenced by her own gentle, caring nature.

We are so happy to have Nina working with us!

THANKS! *We are continuing to recycle, with your help!*

The amount of money The Salvation Army has received since October 2012 from recycling pop cans is up to \$51.98! The money raised from recycling cans and used ink jet printer cartridges goes towards our World Services goal. The recycling company will pay us for 'virgin' ink cartridges, meaning they can not have been used more than once. Just bring them in and we will take care of the rest.



Opportunities in March

Wednesday evening programs beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- March 6:** Movie
- March 13:** Craft-St. Patrick's Day
- March 20:** Bible Study-Sarah Women of the Bible
- March 27:** Nursing Home Visit please meet at the corps by 10:00 am to go to the nursing home. There will not be a 7:00 pm meeting tonight.

Final 2012 Christmas Statistics



Thanks to our generous donors and tireless volunteers, The Salvation Army was able to provide the community with the following Christmas assistance last December.

Teens receiving gift cards	107
Families Adopted	259
Number of individuals in families	963
Families receiving Angel Tree gifts and/or food	571
Number of children served	2,334
Number of Angel Tree gifts	5,841

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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

“Return Service Requested”

SUNDAY

9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Open gym and game night (first Sunday of the month)

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study
6:00 pm Singing Company (for youth 7-12 yrs. old)
7:00 pm Women’s Ministry and Band
7:30 pm Praise and Worship

THURSDAY

11:30 am Senior Group (2nd Thursday of the month)
4:30-6:00 pm Character Building activities (Sept. through May)
4:30-6:00 pm Cub Scouts (September through May)
6:00-7:00 pm Junior Soldiers and Corps Cadets (September through May)

FRIDAY

6:00 pm Singles Fellowship (4th Friday of the month)
Giggles Group Activities will be scheduled monthly

SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE HOURS

Food Pantry-Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm
CURF- Tuesday morning walk-ins (*call for more information*)
Other assistance provided by appointment (744-2311)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

After-school programs-please check the calendar for other events.



The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.



*Queen of Charities Pageant
accepting more contestants*

The fourth Annual Miss Queen of Charities Pageant is a charity pageant, designed to raise money for the needy in the community while celebrating inner beauty. The pageant will be accepting contestants now through April 1st for ladies AND gentlemen, in ages 2-4 (Toddler), 5-8 (Little), 9-12 (Junior), 13-17 (Teen) 18-24 (Miss/Mr.) and 25 and up (Mrs.).

"It's a great opportunity especially for the youth to see what a difference they can make in the community," says pageant director, Jama Smith. "So often, children are unaware of the poverty in their community, or the power they have to change it. It's a very empowering feeling when you see that you can change a life."

For more info on the pageant or to lend your support to our current contestants, check out www.safortwayne.org for pictures and online kettles.

Jama Smith,
Volunteer Program Coordinator



Please join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Easter Services
March 31, 2013**

The Salvation Army Corps
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8:30 am Sunrise Service
9:15 am Breakfast
9:45 am United Sunday School
10:45 am Easter Worship Service