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A Better Life Program

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A BETTER LIFE

PRESENTED BY . . .

THE YOUNG PEOPLE

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Welcome and Acknowledgments

We welcome you to this presentation of "A Better Life." This is the third sing-out program we have presented. We are very grateful for your presence. It is a great Pleasure to work with these young people and it is our desire that you feel and recognize their sincerity as they sing of man's daily struggle to find "A Better Life."

The programs cost hundreds of dollars. This money is not budgeted through the First Baptist Church. The financial aspect of these programs is totally a venture of faith. When you leave the auditorium you will have opportunity to contribute to these expenses.

We wish to express gratitude to Case Brothers of Spartanburg, "House of Music," for furnishing us, this professional Yamaha piano. Also to the Jack Call Piano Company in Charlotte for the electronic harpsichord. Loy's Men Shop of Shelby is furnishing Mr. Ramsey's wardrobe for these presentations. All these company's are providing this equipment free of charge.

SOLOISTS: Gwen Bisette, Bob Causby, Chris Hudson, Tim Martin, Susan McDonald, Kathy Panther, Debbie Rogers, Lou Ann Scism, Carol Smith, Jo Ann Yates, Gaylord Van Bralley.

TESTIMONIES:

ACCOMPANISTS: Piano and Harpsichord, Jo Ann Yates, Patty McBrayer; Bass, Hal Schenck; Guitar, Becky Macomson; Drums, Mark Schenck; Rhythm, Dandy Aiken, Bobby Decker; flutes, Madeline Hughes, Patty Davis.

A BETTER LIFE

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HE'S MY FRIEND

I'm so happy to know that He's my friend. My heart sings with the joy of His love and favor. Leading, giving me life that has no end. Jesus, kind and compassionate Lord and Saviour. He sees my sadness, He knows my fears. With joy and gladness my heart He cheers. He is guiding, keeping me till my journey's end and I love Him, He's my friend.

THE ILLUSIVE DREAM

Where might you be going this fine day, my friend? Off along an aimless road that soon must end. Chasing an illusive dream that shines so fair but when found isn't there. I can understand your weary sigh, my friend. There but for the grace of God go I, my friend. Come and let Him lead you to your journey's end. Oh come along and walk with Him. If without the grace of God your life should end and before the face of God you'd stand, my friend. What would your illusive dream avail you then? So come along and walk with Him.

I BELIEVE - The Generation

I believe for every drop of rain that falls, a flower grows. I believe that somewhere in the darkest night a candle glows. I believe for every one who goes astray, someone will come to show the way. I believe above the storm the smallest prayer will still be heard. I believe that someone in the great some-

where hears every word. Every time I hear a newborn baby cry or touch a leaf, or see the sky, then I know why I believe.

THERE'S MORE TO LIFE

Is there something missing? Is there more to life? Who can tell us where to turn? Help us through the strife. Can we find the answers? Can we really know? Does the Bible show the way? For us, here below. Beneath the noise and laughter, with all the parties and fun, I wondered what would come after the empty masquerade was done. The today they showed me that His love is real, and my life would only begin when before Him I would kneel. Now my life has meaning, just the way He planned. Through the years I'll do His will. Guided, by His hand. Though each day is bringing questions quite a few, if I pray and read His word He will see me through. Now by His standard I measure and life is worth so much more, even the goals that I treasure are different than they were before. When I think of others groping aimlessly, I in turn must share with them telling what He's done for me.

THE MAN - The Revelation

There once was a man, a long time ago, a standing all alone against the status quo. He worked with His hands, and grew tall and strong. He worked with His mind assorting right from wrong. He was sure of His mission and He spoke loud and clear. He got every eye and He got every ear. But some didn't like Him was plain to see, cause He put them down for their hypocrisy. The idea of loving was drastic and new, and bucking the crowd was just too much to do. Well things haven't changed from those days of old, they still try to make Him fit into their mold. There isn't a man or a woman too low, but what He would love them and help them to know, that if they would dare to prove Him on out, He'd slam down all their fear and all of their doubt. It's not the easiest

choice you can make, it's playing for keeps with a whole lot at stake. Now you can't go pointing at what others do, because it's a personal thing, strictly between Him and you. And if you're really wanting to give life a pull, alive to your finger tips, brimming and full, then give Him a try going on a limb, you'll never know life until you really know Him.

IF HE DIDN'T CARE - Debbie Rogers

There's a pressing question that often comes to me when I think of Jesus and His death on Calvary. Where would I be today? Where would I be if He hadn't come to take my guilt away? Where would I be just now? Somewhere in sin with no hope within, that's where I'd be today. But now I find a life that's full of joy, that's full of love. A brand new kind of life that lifts me up, that leads me on to heaven above. Where would I be today? Where would I be if He didn't care? And where will I be when time has passed away? I'll be singing His praise, just as I am today.

I'LL TRUST IN HIM - Lou Ann Scism

I'll trust in Him, though darkness hide His face, for His unchanging grace is all that I need. I'll trust in Him though the storm clouds hover near. Though the night be filled with fear through the darkness He'll lead. I'll walk with Him and His grace will see me through. Until morning breaks anew and the storm is over. The clouds will flee and His lovely face I'll see throughout eternity, I will sing of His grace evermore.

A BIT OF HEAVEN

Jesus brought to me a bit of Heaven, on earth it's heaven to know that He's my Saviour divine. Each day He walks with me, sweetly talks to me, safely keeping me for eternity. Oh what a joy is mine to know that someday soon I'll see Him up in heaven. In that bright heaven, my home for all eternity. For He's a wonderful Saviour, a friend beyond all compare. With Him the wonders of Heaven I'll share.

ALL MY LIFE - Jo Ann Yates, piano

All my life through the good and bad of life, whether I should gain or lose, still I choose to live my life, every moment all for Thee. Walking oh so close to Thee. While I'm learning every day, come what may, to trust in Thee. Take away the doubt that hides Thy perfect will. Give me faith instead, and with Thy spirit fill. Then all my days be the guardian of my ways, and I'll know the glory of all Thy love through all my day.

BEYOND ALL TIME - The Generation

Worlds yet unknown fill the oceans of space, locked in formation each one in its place. Stars in a breath taking pattern arranged. Holding true course in their orbit unchanged. Look once again in a droplet of rain, teaming with mysteries few can explain. Miniature worlds in a miniature race, moving through time with precision and grace. Then let creation reflect His majesty, clearer by far His face I see in His own promise of love sublime, lasting beyond all time. Heaven and earth may pass away, let destruction have it's day, even then His love will still remain.

THE LIVING CIRCLE - Chris Hudson

When you find life unkind and there's nothing really left for you, why go on? Hope is gone, quitting seems the only thing to do. There's a friend who can mend every broken vessel just like new. Come and see, you'll agree, every word I tell you now is true. First you must ask him to please forgive. Then you must promise for Him you will live. Then you'll find peace of mind. And the strength you need to see you through. And you'll try just like I, to help others find the Saviour too.

TESTIMONY—

HE'S EVERYTHING TO ME

In the stars His handy work I see. On the wind He speaks His majesty. Though He ruleth over land and sea, what is that to me? I will celebrate nativity, for it has a place in history. Sure He came to set His people free, what is that to me? Till by faith I met Him face to face, and I felt the wonder of His grace, then I know that He was more than just a God who didn't care, that lived away out there. And now He walks beside me day by day, ever watching over me lest I stray. Helping me to find that narrow way. He's everything to me.

TESTIMONY—

JUST AS I AM

Just as I am, without one plea. But that Thy blood was shed for me. And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, and waiting not. To rid my soul of one dark blot. To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, Thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down. Now be Thine yea, Thine alone, O lamb of God, I come.

A BETTER LIFE

I sometimes wonder what this life holds for me. If there's a better way, then where can it be? So many questions come to trouble me so. So many things I need to know. Tell me where did I come from? And where am I going? And why am I here? Oh please. I wish that I knew. I look about me and I see everywhere a thousand things that tells me God put them there. How can I find Him? Someone please tell me now. I think I'll pray and ask Him how. Tell me where did I come from? And where am I going? And why am I here? Please God, I wish that I knew. I've found a better life now. It wasn't so far away. I'm gonna be all right now. The Saviour has heard me pray. I've got so much to live for. Now I know where I'm going. He promised He'll take me there. I wish that you'd come with me. He's waiting to hear your prayer. You'll find a life worth living, knowing the Lord.

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