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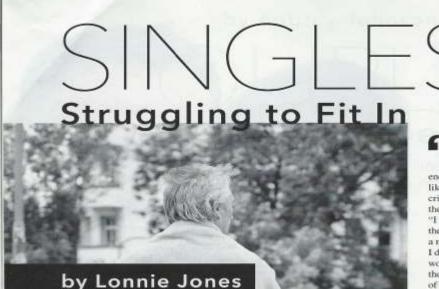
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elationship Status" is a phrase many of us are very comfortable encountering. For others it can feel like an attack, an evaluation or even a criticism. I've heard widows describe their perception of becoming single as, "I was unaware of how couple oriented the church seems to be"; or "I've been a member here for X years and now I don't fit in any longer." I've also worked with singles groups and heard the needs, striving and dissatisfactions of struggling to "fit in" as a single.

# Perspective

Using A Mountain Moving
Faith With Teens

Advantain Moving Faith by Matthew Morine inspired my youth group. I picked the book up at the 2015 Freed-Hardeman University lectureship and started to read it. One of the mountaineering stories gave me the idea for our summerlong project to build faith and unity in the youth group.

## The Pattern of Peace

by greg.

Solomon reminds us there is "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak" (Ecclesiastes 3:7 ESV). While we must joyfully speak the truth God has shown us in Christ, we must use restraint when we speak out in certain areas of life. We must consider how expressing our opinions on divisive matters will affect our influence as Christians, and we must especially be guarded when correcting the perceived sins of others.

# Remembering Our Heritage

Evangelism Is Our Mission by F. Furman Kearley

Surely no person would deny verbally that preaching the gospel is the mission of the church and of Christians. Yet in practice we deny this and fail to evangelize our communities, our country and our world. Jesus gave the Great Commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). His apostles went into all the world, beginning at Jerusalem, into Samaria, and continuing into the uttermost parts of the world (Acts 1:8). The early church spread rapidly with more than 60 million people becoming Christians in the first 300 years.

# COUPLES: Loving Like Jesus

The key to a successful life and a satisfying marriage is to love well.

f I speak in the tongues of Pinterest and of Facebook, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I can read my wife's mind and understand all mysteries of the opposite sex, and if I have all faithfulness so as to remove mountains of trash to the curb without being asked but have not love, I am nothing. If I give her all the credit cards I have and deliver up my college sweatshirts to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing." This paraphrase of the introduction to Paul's discourse on love tells us that times may change but some things stay the same: The key to a successful life and a satisfying

# Resisting Satan's Attacks The devil seems to employ new tactics to draw Christians away from God with each generation.

s the family goes, so
goes the nation and so
goes the whole world
in which we live." I've often heard
variants of this quotation. I believe
it would also be true to say, "As the
family goes, so goes the church."
The family and thus the church are
under attack today. While there has
never been a time the family has not
been under attack, the devil seems to
employ new tactics to draw Christians
away from God with each generation.

top problems faced by families within the chirch today. As you read this article, you could probably add things to it. Because every church and every family is different, it could be your families do not struggle with these things. If that is the case, be thankful. If they do, however, maybe you can find some of this information helpful.

#### 7. Assimilation

Assimilation occurs when a person or group adopts the actions or language their neighbors or Facebook friends will think than what God thinks. Like the children of Israel wanting a king so they could be like the other nations, we are not comfortable with God being the King of our lives. Keeping up with the Joneses has become more important because that is what people see.

Through inspiration we are reminded about the need to stand out in the world. James reminds us, "Friendship with the world is hostility toward God" (James 4:4 NASA). Peter pointed out,



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bserving the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington Cemetery is an unforgettable experience. The seriousness with which the soldiers proceed reminds visitors something is significant about the guarded tomb. The tomb rightly signifies the nation's admiration for all of the unnamed soldiers who gave their lives so Americans may enjoy freedom. The sacrifices of our national heroes warrant such an honorable memorial.

Jesus, for many, is like the Unknown Soldier. He gave His life as a ransom from the tyranny of sin and death, yet many do not know Him.