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A MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

“A RENEWED SENSE OF MISSION . . . WOULD EXPAND OUR MINISTRY TO PENETRATE THE UNREACHED QUARTERS OF OUR CITIES AND TOWNS . . .”

DOES THE FOUNDER of our church need to speak to us in 1983 on the occasion of our seventy-fifth anniversary? To reach the poor was seemingly an obsession of Dr. Bresee. In underscoring this concern he quoted from Isaiah 61, “To bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair” (Isaiah 61:3, NIV). He then organized his church in Los Angeles to minister to the poor, busying his people in helping the needy. Groups visited jails and hospitals. Because of success in reaching them he was heard to express with satisfaction, “This is a church of poor people.”

Perhaps our theological father would also care to speak to us as

we celebrate our beginnings. John Wesley openly declared his main mission was to the poor. In one of his letters he wrote, “I bear the rich and love the poor, therefore I spend almost all of my time with them.” In another letter he wrote, “I love the poor. In many of them I find pure, genuine grace unmixed with paint, folly and affectation.”

Perhaps the apostle Paul would care to speak to us as well. In his letter to the Galatians he referred to his permission to preach to the Gentiles given by James, Peter, and John. “All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do” (Galatians 2:10, NIV).

Jesus proclaimed His ministry as prescribed by Isaiah to include preaching “good news to the poor.” When the disciples of John the Baptist inquired after Jesus, He replied, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the

deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor” (Luke 7:22, NIV).

A renewed sense of mission that would expand our ministry to penetrate the unreached quarters of our cities and towns would be a worthy objective for our church at this time. When the urban population moved to the suburbs, our churches moved with it. This was undoubtedly in keeping with the times and directed by the Holy Spirit. Just as significant today would be a move into the inner cities with Bible studies, church-type missions, and other efforts that will plant the church in strategic and needy areas with meaningful ministries. Let such a move characterize our church as we celebrate the seventy-fifth and move on to our one-hundredth anniversary. □



by General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

by WILLIAM GOODMAN

A NEEDY FAMILY lived down the country road. They were needy because they had run out of unemployment money, food stamps, and most government assistance. The church wanted to help, so at the Wednesday meeting, the congregation discussed what to do to help. After much discussion, one person insisted that they receive a Bible since they never attended church and didn't exhibit any sort of faith. The discussion didn't get past that point. Before agreeing to participate in giving the Bible, another member suggested that each person donate a 10-dollar bill and place it between the pages of their favorite Bible passage. The Bible was given, with \$150 stuck between the pages.

The needy family was later added to the church. They explained that as they took each \$10.00 from the pages of the Bible, they read the pages to determine the basis of their new gift.

In these days when people have lost their jobs, their public assistance, and their pride, the church can be more effective than ever before. We can be tempted to ignore people when they have nothing visible to contribute and are in need themselves—simply down and out.

The strength of the church is the unity of numbers. Most families have been touched by the ever-increasing cost of utilities, food, and medicine and now the financial crunch. Each family in the church can afford a dollar or two per week and at least one or two dollars worth of groceries to donate to a needy family. Ten or 15 families could continue making minimal contributions as long as there was a need. Taking care of the needs of people around our church is a mandate of God. It is an avenue for reaching them for His kingdom.

Even some who are employed are living on starvation wages. Our government has established a poverty level of \$3,790 a year and has revealed that 25 million Americans are living at that level.

A weekly offering of food by all our people in all our churches will be a gracious beginning to meet the needs of the hungry and make a difference in how they feel about life. Feeding the hungry is one way of loving our neighbors as ourselves. □

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He Loves You and I Do Too

*It's amazing and it's incredible,
But it's as true as it can be:
God loves and understands us all,
And that means you and me.
His grace is all sufficient,
For both the young and old;
For the lonely and the timid;
For the brash, and for the bold.
His love knows no exceptions,
So never feel excluded.
No matter who, or what you are,
Your name has been included.
No matter what your past has been,
Trust God to understand.
No matter what your problem is,
Just place it in His hands.
For in all of our unloveliness
This great God loves us still.
He loved us since the world began,
And what's more, He always will.*

—ROSA GIBBS
Raleigh, North Carolina



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One of the greatest assets that we in the Church of the Nazarene have is the privilege of access to inexpensive helps from NPH.

I am especially thankful for the Sunday School tapes, narrated by Albert Lown. Fantastic ministry!

They can be played in the tape deck of the car when a busy lady like myself has very little time on hand. They are easy to listen to, and very rich and informative.

I am a leader in my church as well as the local community. I enjoy sharing these "wealth of knowledge"

tapes with nonbelievers as well as my Christian friends. May God bless Albert Lown, and all the wonderful people at NPH.

*Mrs. H. D. Morris
Orlando, Florida*

LETTERS FROM HOME

The *Herald* has indeed made a tremendous contribution to my Christian life. I have been an avid reader since my conversion and joining the Church of the Nazarene in 1914. We look forward to its arrival and read it from cover to cover. It is like receiving letters from home since over the years we have be-

come acquainted with so many students, laymen, pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and leaders of our now international church. It is thrilling to look back over the years and see the success of the past and visualize the potential of the future.

*Otto G. Cross
Canon City, Colorado*

YOUTH WELCOMED, CHURCH THANKED

Two of our youth attended the World Youth Congress. We shared in fund-raising and in all the preparation.

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A Pastoral Letter from the BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR

THE POVERTY THRESHOLD in America is defined by the United States government as a family of four with an annual income below \$9,287. Twenty million white and 9 million ethnic families were listed in 1981 in this category.

The situation created by these statistics challenges the Church of the Nazarene whose mission includes the distribution of the gospel of full salvation and the care of the poor and needy. Dr. P. F. Bresee, speaking of the church's mission, said: "Let the Church of the Nazarene be true to its commission; not great and elegant buildings; but to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, and wipe away the tears of sorrowing; and gather jewels for His diadem" (*The Quotable Bresee*, by Harold Ivan Smith).

It is encouraging to note that in recent years a new social consciousness has moved across our church. We are today translating this new awareness into action in several areas.

The Lamb's mission in Manhattan has a social ministry that is receiving wider attention. In addition to regular services, they offer counseling and crisis care, and street luncheons are held twice weekly for the lestitute of the inner city.

The Golden Gate Community Church in San Francisco has established the "Oak Street House" as a Christian hospitality center in the famed Haight Ashbury area. It is both a church and an urban mission.

The Community of Hope Church in Washington, D.C., maintains a program of ministry and social services to the poor in a neglected area of our nation's capital. It deals with crisis situations, health problems, and distributing food and clothing. It offers a spiritual ministry to the people.

There are other worthy agencies that space does not allow us to adequately describe. These agencies are operated by the Church of the Nazarene with Nazarene leadership and are worthy of the support of our people.

According to a recent survey conducted by Dr. Raymond Hurn through Church Extension Ministries, over 1,000 Churches of the Nazarene in America and Canada have developed active social ministries in their respective areas. Outstanding examples are Pasadena First Church and Los Angeles First Church. Pasadena's "Helping Hands Program" involves regular distribution of food items, articles of clothing, and financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc., for needy families. Los Angeles First maintains a food pantry

with food coupons available to the needy. Two houses have been established—one for men and one for women—to meet emergency lodging requirements. Cuban and Haitian refugees in the Miami area are receiving help through our churches on the Southern Florida District.

The Hunger and Disaster Fund administered by our general church has given relief and help to distressed people in world areas as well as the United States.

The Church of the Nazarene needs to review our moral obligations to the poor in light of the biblical perspective as well as our distinctive mission. We are reminded in 1 John 3:17, "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?" (NIV). Main-line Christianity in America has focused in their evangelism on efforts to reach the 32 percent of upper- and middle-class Americans. Many of our churches would have to be included in this framework. Our "move to suburbia syndrome," so evident in recent years, gives evidence to this fact.

We shall need to be guided by some principles in our social ministries. First, our social ministries must be incorporated in the total program of evangelism. Helping people in need is an end in itself, but we must reach out to the person as well as the need. Gwen McGuire, director of food services at the Lamb's Urban Mission in Manhattan, says: "We do more than just feed the hungry here. We stress the word of the Bible. We give praises to the Lord. We try to uplift them. Little miracles happen here."

Second, we must minister to the entire community. We should not exclude people from lower socioeconomic levels in our efforts to reach the upper and middle classes. Often we exclude many by our architecture, dress, or nonverbal communication. Dr. Bresee reminded the church in our early history that "we want plans so plain that every board will say welcome to the poorest" (*The Quotable Bresee*, Harold Ivan Smith). To build this bridge, churches may have to establish a network of interrelated cross-cultural ministries on the cultural level of the subgroups. Condescension is not a good bridge. Our attempts to reach out to people and help them must be horizontal not vertical. The awesome social problems of this present troubled era make great demands upon the church to develop a ministry reaching out to the total needs of the people. This includes feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and giving spiritual help to all.

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SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR *Troubled Hearts*



Dave Anderson



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WE SUMMON a culprit for sentence. His crimes are known by all. He is a thief and destroyer of man's best. He slips behind defenses and burns precious reserves of energy. He makes men old and exhausted before their time. He hides within the heart and sabotages happiness. He steals away the loveliness of a woman's face. He abuses and tortures human beings, afflicting them with illness of body and mind. He is an enemy of God and man. Heaven and earth bear witness against him. His name is **worry**.

I suspect that worry is mankind's greatest industry. It seems very wasteful to me. I have saturated my mind by memorizing the Sermon on the Mount. For years I had read

the message of the Master recorded in Matthew 5—7, but the rich gems and helps for a well-balanced life seemingly had never become fully integrated into my mind and heart. Did Jesus mean what He said in John 14:1, "Let not your heart be troubled"? Did He mean what He said in Matthew 6:25-34, which sets forth a beautiful discourse on the cure for care?

I can detect no signs of worrying in the birds that chirp outside my window and the squirrels that work and play, jumping from tree to tree, gathering food for the cold winter months. It appears that worry is man's disease, or occupation, and it is surely a losing game. It pays no profitable dividends, only adds misery, and like a nibbling duck it will eventually take its toll on the body, soul, and spirit. Someone said, "If the gospel of relaxation could be put to but half usage in the

world, there would be enough new energy created to run another world better than this one is being run."

It is refreshing to meet people who are able to turn their minds away from the unanswered questions, the unsolved problems, and the nagging worries. It is not a simple task, but Jesus would have all those who fully trust Him to attain that spiritual plateau.

In Psalm 37 we read of a man who has a wonderful secret to share with us. He is a man very much like ourselves, all in a dither about world conditions and about what he calls the evildoer. And then, when he is at the breaking point, God takes him by the hand and tells him not to be fretful about the evildoer, for his days are numbered. This psalm declares, in verses 35-36, "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found." But David is instructed to "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed" (v. 3). He is told to commit his way unto the Lord. Above all he is to wait patiently for Him. Here is the secret; here is the key that unlocks the safe. If only we could learn to commit our all to the Lord and then wait patiently for Him! When we do this, God will harmonize our lives with His plan for us, and worry will fold its tent and silently steal away.

To keep from worry, we must learn to live each day as in watertight compartments. Large ships are constructed with partitions that can be sealed off from each other. In the event of a crash or torpedo, their doors can be shut to

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keep the water from flowing to other parts of the ship and thus sinking it. The water, by use of the water-tight doors, is confined to the damaged area in order to save the ship. This is what must be done with our lives. We must shut the door on yesterday and on tomorrow so tightly that the troubles of yesterday and fears of tomorrow cannot leak in to disturb us.

A little child, on a long journey with his parents, had to spend the night in a strange and frightening place. A flood had swept away bridges and blocked the roads. Stranded travelers, tense and irri-

table, were crowded in small quarters. There was much noise and excitement; fear seemed to lurk in every corner. The little lad was tired and overwrought, and in the confusion, he lost sight of his parents, and for a time was isolated from them. He crouched silently against the wall, with great sobs shaking his little body. Thus, his father found him. Having secured some blankets, the father made a comfortable place in a corner and told the little fellow that everything would be all right. So, without a word, he laid down at his father's request. He lay there quietly with

his eyes upon his father's face. There he saw what he knew he could trust. Gradually the great sobs ceased to wrench his little frame. At last he slipped off in quiet sleep, holding his father's hand. Each of us is on a long journey. We, too, must spend the night in a strange and frightening place. A sudden storm sweeps away the bridges and blocks the roads, and there we are! But always there is a Heavenly Father who will find us, gather us up in His care, and tell us everything is going to be all right. Trusting our Father's love is the antidote for destructive worry. □

REAL TEARS

by ELMER CARTER



I HAVE A FRIEND whose eyes had been bothering him. They were red, and he said they itched and felt like something was in them. Finally, he made an appointment with an eye specialist. After a complete examination, the doctor concluded he had "dry eyes." The doctor gave him some drops to use throughout the day, which have worked wonders in correcting the difficulty. The drops are called "artificial tears."

Can you imagine anyone living today having a need for artificial tears? When we look at the political situation, rampant inflation, unemployment, rising crime rate, and the moral crises of our world, it is hard to conceive of any need for artificial tears!

I am afraid these and other difficulties have caused us to become so calloused that it is difficult to see and react to the human need around us. There are people everywhere crying out in their agony and desperation, "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" (Lamentations 1:12). And, if we react to their needs at all, it is usually through a form of artificial tears. We give them some help but do not really give them ourselves. When Jesus looked over Jerusalem, saw their needs, and wept, His tears were not artificial. They came from His

very heart and soul and, because of the love that prompted those tears, He soon gave His life.

As Christians, we need the compassion of Jesus if we are to see the spiritual hunger and physical needs of people today. We need to become concerned enough to shed real tears and to give ourselves in meeting the needs.

Take a look at our world today! Are you sacrificing and giving for world missions? Are you praying for our missionaries? Are you really concerned about the lost and the dying around the world?

Artificial tears may help an eye problem, but they will never fulfill our Christian responsibility. □

The Outcast

*I saw him standing there alone,
A wretched outcast of the town
The victim of sin's craftiness,
Unloved, unwanted, and cast down.*

*"Ah, Lord," I asked with puzzled mind,
"Must I have love for even him?
Why should I care for such a one
Whose hope in life has grown so dim?"*

*Then suddenly the scene was changed,
And Christ stood there in radiant hue
His wounded look pierced through my
heart
And said, "Did I not love thee, too?"*

—REEFORD L. CHANEY
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NIV UPDATE

by RALPH EARLE

IT WAS AUGUST 1965. Evangelical leaders had issued a call to some 40 Old and New Testament scholars to meet in Chicago to consider the preparation of a new version of the Bible that would speak more clearly and accurately to the people of our generation.

All of these men were godly evangelicals, fully committed to the infallibility of the Bible as God's inspired Word. As we met day after day, there was an earnest desire to present God's written Word more effectively.

Finally 15 men, including myself, were elected to serve as a Committee on Bible Translation to carry out this project. My first reaction was that I was too busy preaching, teaching, and writing to get involved in anything else. Then I felt that the Lord spoke to me very definitely: "I want you to take this assignment." On November 6, 1965, I had committed my will fully to God's will, and so was filled with the Spirit and sanctified wholly. Never since then have I intentionally said no to God's will when I understood it.

It was in June of 1978 that our committee finalized the text of the *New International Version of the Bible*. The last three days I was desperately concerned about some holiness passages. While I pleaded in committee sessions, Mrs. Earle spent those three days in her room in fasting and prayer. God wonderfully answered, and most of the changes I requested were made.

At that time our committee decided that after five years we would meet again to make helpful revisions in the text. So, 11 of us men on the committee met for six weeks this summer (June 26—August 6) at the Spanish Bible Institute near Barcelona, Spain. Naturally, my particular concern was to see some more holiness passages strengthened.

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It was a happy day for me when we voted, after the usual discussion and debate, on the first line of Psalm 51:5. "Surely I have been a sinner from birth" was changed to: "Surely I was sinful at birth."

More crucial was Romans 6:6. We could not be happy with "rendered powerless." It is true that "rendered powerless" is one of the regular meanings of the Greek verb *katargeo*, which in the KJV is translated "destroy" only 5 of the 27 times it occurs in the New Testament. But the context (vv. 1-5) indicates a stronger meaning here. Arndt and Gingrich suggest for Romans 6:6 "done away with," and this is now the official reading of NIV.

One day we came to 1 Thessalonians 4:3, where the NIV had, "It is God's will that you should be holy." I had previously (1978) pleaded for a change here. Now I

UNQUENCHABLE

*You might as well try
to dry up the sea
with a match and its tiny flame,
as to try to extinguish
the Word of God
and the power of Jesus' name.*

*You might as well try
to blot out the sun
as to deny the Word of God,
for it will shine on
long after its foes
lie silent beneath the sod.*

—ALICE HANSCH MORTENSON
Racine, Wisconsin

was really desperate in holding on for a revision. When we adjourned at two o'clock for lunch the committee still seemed unconvinced. The executive secretary, who saw the fairness of my arguments, very graciously said, "We'll put off the vote on this until after lunch." Had the vote been taken before lunch, I know I would have lost.

I hurried to our room and shared the situation with Mrs. Earle. We went to our knees and spent the lunch hour in fasting and prayer. When we reconvened after lunch, the committee rather quickly voted to adopt: "It is God's will that you should be sanctified." I think our holiness people will love this beautiful translation.

Incidentally, since many do not yet have it in their NIV Bibles, I would mention a change that was made officially in June 1979, at my earnest request. In 1 John 1:7 "every sin" is now "all sin." It is true that the Greek word *pas* can mean "every" or "all," and it is translated both ways frequently in all Bible versions, including

the KJV. But I called attention to the fact that it is translated "all" (NIV) in verse 9 ("all unrighteousness"), and it would be more consistent to translate it "all" in verse 7. The committee agreed and voted the change.

We thank the Lord for testimonies we have received about young people in Christian homes who are understanding the Bible better and reading it more enthusiastically, in the NIV. May this be increasingly true for all of us in this Year of the Bible and in every year to come.

Philip asked the Ethiopian eunuch, "Do you understand what you are reading?" That is the pertinent question for all of us, young and old, to face each day as we read the Scriptures. That is why the NIV has been produced, with much care and prayer. It is to help us understand more clearly and fully what Christ the Living Word is seeking to say to us through the Bible, the written Word. □



Bob Taylor

Beware the VOICES

by JAMES L. MATHEWS

MOST CHRISTIANS have felt a measure of pain and frustration while trying to find the will of God in some important matter. In addition, most of us have experienced the futility of trying to find someone who was so personally sure about God's will and yet so obviously wrong. Some basic questions then arise: Can God's will be

known? How do we discern God's will? Can I know what God's will is not? How does the Holy Spirit direct?

The Holy Bible and the Holy Spirit are two marvelous means of divine guidance. The former is our objective authority while the Spirit may be called our subjective authority. However, the two work together. Either one must not be emphasized at the expense of the other. The two will never be in disagreement. If my proposed plan of action runs contrary to the Bible, which the Spirit inspired, it cannot be the will of God. George Müller said, "I seek the will of the Spirit of God through or in connection with the Word of God. They must be combined."

Three of the disciples were privileged to witness the transfiguration of Christ. Peter refers to this unusual experience of hearing the Father's voice as He said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" (2 Peter 1:17, NIV). Relating this high and holy privilege, Peter added, just two verses later, "And we have the word of the prophets made more certain . . ." It was important to Peter that the voice and the Scriptures agreed.

We too must test the voices. Compulsions to lie, steal, cheat, or have an affair do not have their source in the Spirit of God, for they all run counter to the Word that the Holy Spirit inspired. No amount of

rationalization will change this. The Bible is the foundation of all guidance. The Holy Spirit does not contradict His own Word.

The so-called inner voice is not always the voice of the Holy Spirit. It is sometimes an impersonator, at other times the power of suggestion. Hannah Whitall Smith wrote, "Every fanaticism that I have ever known has begun by the following of these inward impressions. . . . When people are in specially religious frames of mind, their emotional nature is always specially open to impressions, and it is certainly the most natural thing in the world for them to believe that the interior impressions which come in these solemn and sacred moments must necessarily be of the Lord."

A life-style seeking minute-by-minute direction from the inward voice of the Spirit might seem superspiritual and desirable to some. However, it ends in confusion and frustration if that life-style is not built on the solid and consistent teachings of the Bible. John Wesley warned his hearers, "Do not hastily ascribe things to God. Do not easily suppose dreams, voices, impressions, visions, or revelations to be from God. They may be from Him, they may be from nature, they may be from the devil. Therefore, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they be from God." His counsel is wise and relevant for today's Christians. □

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Delayed, Not Defeated

by JOE COLAIZZI

THE BUS DRIVER'S angry defensive response left no room for discussion. "We'll get there when we get there," he said. "I don't care if we get there tomorrow!"

"Marilyn, I'm not going to get upset or angry. I'm just going to believe that God has a reason for this!" Thankfully that was my response to the frustrating dilemma that surrounded me.

Over the July 4th weekend, my dad's family was gathering for a time of reunion and celebration just outside of Pittsburgh. Out of over 40 people, to my knowledge I'm the only born-again Christian in the lot, though at least 6 or 7 others in the family have prayed to receive the Lord somewhere along the way. At any rate, I was on my way home to join in this momentous occasion.

My flight was confirmed from Newark to Pittsburgh at 6:50 p.m. We made it to the bus station in plenty of time, but for some reason the service to the airport didn't leave until 6:05, 20 minutes late, and now in that busload of airport-bound passengers a bit of tension and concern began to build. If the trip took 20 minutes as scheduled, I'd still have 15 minutes to make my flight, so I relaxed a bit. I was glad Marilyn had decided to accompany me to the airport.

As we came out of Manhattan through the Lincoln tunnel into New Jersey, the bus driver pulled over to examine the nonworking defroster. Rain and humidity had caused the windows to steam up. Another five minutes delay and we were off again. It never seems to fail when one is in a hurry—this was the slowest, most cautious bus driver on the road. We stopped at the North Terminal, unloaded six or eight people, then off

to Terminal "A" where about half of the remaining passengers got off, rushing to try and make the flights. Then we had to sit through the longest light in New Jersey, give another bus or two a break and when I looked at my watch I found that it was 30 minutes till takeoff for me and several others on the bus.

I leaned over to the driver and politely asked him to hurry a bit. "We'll get there when we get there!" he said. "I don't care if we get there tomorrow!" As we finally pulled up to Terminal "B," about four or five of us bolted to the US Air ticket counter only to find that our flight was on its way. The next flight would leave in an hour and although it was booked solid, we were placed on standby in hope that someone would show.

Was I trusting God? Yes, but I'd be less than honest if I didn't tell you I was quite frustrated. It would have been so easy to have made it on time, and the bus driver's attitude didn't help much.

"Somebody should report that driver," I said to Marilyn as we stood in line waiting to buy my ticket. Much to my satisfaction, Marilyn reported that as she was getting off the bus our driver was being reprimanded by a supervisor, who apparently just happened to be on our bus and witnessed the whole sequence of events including the driver's attitude.

"Well, Marilyn, I'm not going to get upset or angry. I'm just going to believe that God has a reason for this. And I remember saying, "Maybe there's someone on this later flight that He wants me to talk to."

As it turned out, there were several available seats on the next flight and, wouldn't you know it, I was placed beside Steve, a young West Virginia University student who was just as hungry to hear the gospel as anyone I've ever met. We talked straight through the flight.

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about what it means to be born again. He learned that in order to be born again he didn't have to be like his friend who went to deliverance services and who preached that any music apart from gospel hymns was evil. He learned that among born-again Christians there are people at all different levels of maturity, understanding, and personal taste, and that the most important thing to God is not the peripheral denominational expectations placed upon the individual but rather the biblical mandates for commitment to Jesus Christ—heart purity and holiness.

As we left the plane and walked through the long corridor toward the baggage claim area, I told Steve that he could be assured that the Spirit of Jesus Christ lived in him if he would simply invite Him to do so. I told him how simple that invitation was and how far-

reaching its effects could be. "In fact, Steve, if you want to, we can pray a prayer right here, as we walk. Would you like to pray?"

"Yes!" was his eager response.

We continued to walk with our eyes fixed on the plain gray carpet in front of us and prayed a special prayer in which Steve said, "God, please forgive my sins and help me turn away from sin in the future, and Jesus, I accept You and You alone into my heart and life as my Lord and Savior. Please guide me through this life and into everlasting life." A few moments together and we parted company; Steve with a whole new outlook on life, born of the Spirit of God and determined to live as a Christian, and me more convinced than ever that Romans 8:28 is a truth applicable to our everyday situations. □

SELAH!

by JIM SORRELL

A BEAUTIFUL WORD appears in the Book of Psalms (71 times in the KJV); the word "selah." The NIV concludes it to be a musical term, for Psalms was Israel's hymnbook. *Halley's Bible Handbook* says it denotes a musical interlude. The *Amplified Bible* expands it to mean "pause, and calmly think of that!" More riches from God's Word come to those who think over its truths for themselves, than to those who glance at Scripture out of duty, or accept the opinions of others in the place of personal research.

Paul, a deep thinker, had this to say about thought: "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8, NIV).

The Psalms, for the most part, are credited to David. David gained national admiration when he, as a boy, faced Goliath. As an adult he had to flee his jealous father-in-law, Saul. While in exile, David, at the head of a patriot army, harassed the enemy Philistines from within. He defeated them openly when crowned as successor to Saul's throne. David was a remarkable warrior who loved God, even in his darkest times of running and hiding, and who grieved over his sins (his affair with Bathsheba, and his rebellious census).

Using the word "selah" as a guide, let's view some areas we need to "pause, and calmly think on."

When one sets out to live the life God approves, evil men will oppose (Psalm 3:1-2), but God stands nearby to defeat their evil intentions (Psalm 3:3-4).

It is a wonder why people choose to believe lies (Psalm 4:2) rather than God's Word, but we cannot let our emotions cloud our observation and our love of others (Psalm 7:3-5).

There is a law of sowing and reaping, cause and effect; every action—good or evil—has an influence on others (Psalm 9:13-16), whether the action is caused by an individual or a nation (Psalm 9:19-20).

God is good, Someone we should encourage others to know (Psalm 20:1-3).

The best leader is led by God (Psalm 21:1-2).

You may keep your sin hidden from others, but you know all about it (Psalm 32:1-4), and so does God—therefore, ask for forgiveness (Psalm 32:5).

Time is valuable; use it wisely (Psalm 39:4-5).

Victory and God are synonymous; victory should inspire us to constantly praise God (Psalm 44:4-8).

Nations rise and fall on earth, but God's kingdom stands sure (Psalm 46:1-3).

The word "selah" is a fine aid to hide in your heart. It reminds you that God wants calm followers who will divide the Word with logic and imagination. It reminds you to dig deeper into the Word, and not to skim. It reminds you of ideas God considers important enough to rethink. Let us remind ourselves in life to "pause, and calmly think on that!" Selah! □

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Love Would Not Let It Die



(Above) New Sebasco Estates Church of the Nazarene. (Right) Pictured (l. to r.) are: Mr. Ray Gould, Rev. Stanley Sabine, Jr., Mr. Joe Kilgore, Dr. Charles H. Strickland, Rev. Walter E. Mullen, and Dr. J. E. Shankel.

by J. E. SHANKEL

ON DECEMBER 13, 1982, an accidental fire completely destroyed the Sebasco Estates Church of the Nazarene, a fishing village church on the Maine District. With insufficient insurance with which to rebuild, a membership of only 27, limited resources, and no skilled builders, the future looked bleak for the little congregation, which had been holding forth the truth of scriptural holiness ever since the Church of the Nazarene was born in 1908.

Sebasco Estates is a tiny fishing community of less than 500 inhabitants and is located on the very tip of a narrow peninsula that juts out into Casco Bay on the rockbound coast of Maine. Even though the village is small and the church membership tiny compared with others, five ordained elders have been produced by this faithful congregation and four of them are serving the Church of the Nazarene in Maine and New England today.

When Dr. J. E. Shankel, superintendent of the Maine District, met with the congregation, he felt their deep devotion to the church and the message of full salvation combine with their stalwart Yankee independence to form a "we will not call it quits" stance that was beautiful to behold.

When the news circulated throughout the Maine District and the community, offers to help began to pour in from every quarter. Dr. Charles H. Strickland,

who is in jurisdiction on the Maine District, recommended a \$10,000 grant from the denominational Hunger and Disaster Fund. Maine District churches raised \$5,000 in a special offering and \$1,000 through the Sunday Schools. The Davenport Foundation, an area philanthropic organization, contributed \$8,000 for furnishings and equipment. The Yarmouth Church of the Nazarene and individual members contributed a new Communion service and offering plates. The Yarmouth church also provided the clear white ash wood with which Rev. Kendall W. Dutton, Sr., Yarmouth church pastor (he is also a product of the Sebasco Estates church), handcrafted the new pulpit, Communion table, and altar rail. The District Board of Christian Life donated Sunday School equipment. Mr. M. A. "Bud" Lunn and the Nazarene Publishing House replaced the quarterly Sunday School literature and donated new *Worship in Song* hymnals. Love was beginning to shine forth through the tragedy of the fire and love would not let this church die.

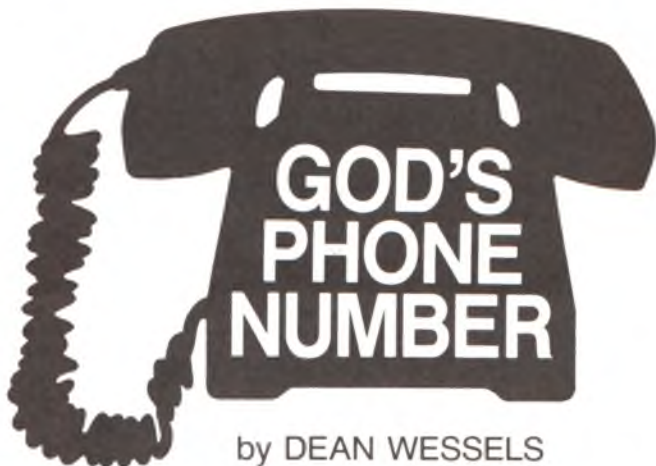
With the above donated funds and furnishings, and the meager \$33,000 in fire insurance, it began to appear that a miracle was in the making. Maine District Nazarenes began to volunteer their services and skills. Mr. Joe Kilgore, an architect from the Augusta church, volunteered to design and supervise the construction of the new chapel. Mr. Ray Gould, a contractor from the Skowhegan church, offered to help with the construction work. Rev. Stanley Sabine, Jr., pastor of the Lisbon Falls church and also a cement mason, donated

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services for all the cement and block work. In addition, over 150 different lay men and women from 35 different District churches participated in the rebuilding project.

Pastor Walter E. Mullen has been serving both the Masco Estates church and the West Point church since 1973. He and his little congregation kept the coffee pot filled and warm for the workers, and the members of the church provided hot "banquet fare" meals for all who came to help.

On June 5 Dr. Charles H. Strickland dedicated the new chapel to the glory of God and the cause of scriptural holiness. The new building is valued in excess of \$1,000,000 and is totally free of debt. To God be the glory! Love would not let it die. □



by DEAN WESSELS

RECENTLY, I had the privilege of reading correspondence from Rev. Mrs. Mattie L. Graham, an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene. Although widowed, disabled, and past the usual age of retirement, she continues to serve her Lord through what is termed an "Open Door Ministry."

When she was no longer able to preach, Mrs. Graham was not satisfied to be a "do-nothing Christian." She called upon God for guidance and received this answer: "You have an open door to witness for Me every time the phone rings, the mail comes, or anyone comes into your presence." This word from the Lord prompted Mattie Graham's "Open Door Ministry."

Rev. Graham's door has remained open for no less than 14 years in this special prayer ministry. Letters, phone calls, and visits (from both laymen and ministers alike) bring daily prayer requests to her attention. Daily she claims the promise found in Jeremiah 33:3, which she refers to as "God's Phone Number." The verse says, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

"When people tell me they have no ability to serve Christ, I tell them that God is not so much interested in our ability as our availability," writes Rev. Graham. One of her letters tells of answered prayer in the life of a young Nazarene doctor who, sponsored by the *Reader's Digest*, had an opportunity to spend three months in our Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital in Africa. The doctor phoned her and asked her to be one of his prayer partners during this time. He asked her to pray that God would make it financially possible for his family to go with him.

God did answer this prayer. She writes, "We had the joy of having the dear family come for a farewell . . . and they showed films of their actual activities upon their return. Praise the Lord! God answers prayer. Prayer is not a burden to bear, but a privilege to enjoy."

Reading about Rev. Graham's answers to prayer through her "Open Door Ministry" causes me to think that all Christians should make special note and use of "God's phone number." □

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A Snail's Prayer



*I'm a little snail, Lord,
Hiding in my shell,
Peeking from protective walls,
Hoping all is well.*

*Periodically I get the urge
To venture out and see
If there are other snails around
Craving fellowship like me.*

*When others try to come too close,
I quickly bid "adieu"
For fear they might discover
That I hurt just like they do.*

*This shell is mighty comfy, Lord.
It's adequate for three.
But there's no room for others here;
Just I, myself, and me.*

*How will I ever find a way
To share what's in my heart?
I guess I'll have to take a chance
And make myself a part.*

*I know it makes me vulnerable
To share my inmost needs.
But friends are made the more because
We feel the heart that bleeds.*

*My praise to You they need to hear.
My laugh will bring a smile.
The promise that You'll make a way
Will help them through a trial.*

*Move me from my hiding place.
Help me lead the way.
Maybe other snails will follow
The path I leave today.*

—TRISH JACKSON
Meade, Kansas



Linda and O'Neal Loetscher

THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS

by O'NEAL LOETSCHER,
as told to his wife, Linda

I WAS RAISED in a Christian home. My parents were very devout. All I ever knew was a godly Christian heritage. I had a pin of recognition for attending Sunday School 14 years without missing a Sunday. Yet all of this did not exempt me of my need for personal salvation. I had been taught "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Therefore, I accepted the Lord as my Savior at an early age. There were a few things in my life that I refused to give up, thus causing a lack of commitment. I frequently went to the altar to ask forgiveness of my sins, but the world seemingly had more to offer a young person than the church. The church became to me a lot of hard rules and regulations. With my lack of commit-

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ment and lack of power because of it, I drifted into the world and its pleasures.

At the age of 17, I insisted that my parents sign for me and I enlisted in the United States Navy. I remember vividly those white swabby uniforms, the handsome men that stood tall beneath those sailor hats. To be arrayed in one of those, to shoulder the responsibility of a man, having the respect of our nation, was sure to bring fulfillment. But fulfillment did not come. After completing my time in the service I fell under the influence of my parents once again.

I was leading the singing for Sunday School and in walked a lovely young lady. She was so distracting I forgot which key I was in. I knew this was the girl for me. On January 27, 1961, we were married. Surely finding the wife of my dreams would satisfy that inner longing.

Approximately five years later discontentment besieged my life once again. I started over the road driving a truck to make the money I needed in search of happiness. But happiness did not come. I spent several years driving stock cars, riding in rodeos, flying, and singing in country music shows. I cut tapes, records, and then came nightclub entertainment. The dream of being a country music star became first and foremost in my life.

Being a born-again Christian, my wife would not participate in the life-style I had chosen; we lived in the same house but in two different worlds. My profession and dream to become a star kept me away from home most of the time. Like the prodigal son who spent all, I found myself into everything one can imagine—all the sins of this world and what they had to offer.

I was brought to a place of decision when my wife and I separated. God spoke to my heart, showing where I was and where I could be if I would totally surrender my life to Him. For years I had wrestled with the fear that a total commitment would mean full-time Christian service for me.

Facing the crisis of a shattered life, I knew my only hope was in Christ Jesus.

On November 24, 1974, I experienced a life-changing moment in which I totally surrendered myself to God, claimed Him as my Savior, and also accepted His will for my life. I was sanctified wholly.

I immediately began teaching a Sunday School class. With God's anointing and guidance I suddenly realized that He was making that call a reality in my life. In one year's time a young married couples class that had averaged less than 14 was now averaging 40. On Easter Sunday, our attendance was 70. What a harvest! What a thrill that God would entrust me with such a responsibility. My love, my burden for lost souls mounted as God opened the door to a film ministry. Through this film ministry and our testimony 167 people gave their hearts to Jesus. By now the call of evangelism burned deep in my heart. When the load would become heavy, I'd simply look up and whisper, "Jesus, are You with me today?" He'd give me His promise "Forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

In 1976 my wife and I were awarded the Outstanding Lay Couple of the Year for the South Arkansas District

of the Church of the Nazarene. After four years of stewardship in our local church, I felt the need to further my education in religion. By this time I had obtained a degree in aeronautics and was flying as corporate pilot for the Arkansas Louisiana Gas Company. For the first time in my life I was happy in my profession. My wife had an excellent job with 13 years seniority in the medical field.

All of this became secondary to God's will for our lives as we felt His leading to attend Mid-America Nazarene College. The first year was very difficult. The financial pressure from the move, the job changes, and the added school expense all became a test of our faith.

The second year, my sister Shirley died of cancer of the brain, leaving three children and a wonderful husband. Her agony made it very difficult to keep my mind on my studies. The third year, my wife developed carcinoma of the colon, involving three major surgeries, a colostomy, and an abscess.

Through all of this God's grace has been sufficient and He has supplied our every need (2 Corinthians 2:9). After three years of extensive training, I graduated in May 1981 with a degree in religion.

Due to my wife's illness and our financial status, we have been in God's waiting room since. God is working miracles in our lives as He is equipping us for His service. My wife's yearly check-up recently revealed no signs of malignancy.

The last eight years have been the happiest of my life. My burden for lost souls and the thrill of serving God increases as I step out in faith to full-time evangelism. □

I Walk the Way of Love with Him

My Lord has cleansed and made me whole

His precious blessings fill my soul;

My life is guided by His hand;

I listen for my Lord's command.

I walk the way of love with Him

And know that in the twilight dim

My Lord will lead me safely on

Until I see that golden dawn.

My soul is thrilled to know His care

And love that is beyond compare.

Each day He meets my ev'ry need,

My Lord is now a friend indeed;

I wish this world could know His love

And share His blessings from above;

This world would be a different place

If it would seek His saving grace.

—STELLA HAGERMAN
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Book Brief

ENJOY!



VIRGINIA KIRLEY LEIH
author



WITH PHILIPPIANS 4:8 ("think on these things . . .") as a jumping off place, this author covers some of the most practical aspects of Christian living, all leading to its basic principle: in a rough old world the children of God can find ample reason to enjoy!

Here are a couple of teasers: "Keeping your minds on what is holy is not automatic or easy." (She thought of "the unholy, undignified, unimportant, and deeded matters" that strove for her attention while writing, but "to detail them would violate the very principle He wants us to learn.")

And this, after quoting the old rhyme ending, "the unjust steals the just's umbrella": "The current brutal term *rip-off* has its basis in fact."

Let me assure you, the book contains some solid, almost heavy Bible study thoughts, but it is not dull. It's meant to lead the reader into Christian enjoyment in a variety of ways. Pleasant surprises (such as "a smile of pure joy" remembering Jesus' love during an awful moment) and funny anecdotes (like a mouse listening with rapture to the church pianist) pop up in the most unexpected places. It's rich reading.

Dr. Thelma Culver, academic dean emerita at Northwest Nazarene College, writes that "the chapter 'Rejoice Although' is by itself worth the price of the book." In this chapter, "the writer confronts the age-old vexing question of how the Christian can reconcile the biblical injunction to rejoice, with the fact of the world's evil . . . this chapter will be a boon to many a suffering saint."

"Trouble keeps happening," writes Mrs. Leih. "But happy times, splashes of loveliness, keep happening, too." Most of us need to be reminded of that now and then. The book is a dandy for personal winter reading! □

—Evelyn Stenbock
Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
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the editor's STANDPOINT

A CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS

The world's Christmas is a denial of Jesus Christ. The holiday is celebrated in an orgy of paganism. The flesh is exalted, the spirit debased. Drunkenness abounds, and it cuts a wake of crippling, killing, pain, and grief. Much of the giving and getting of presents is calculated, selfish, and mean. The commercial interests completely overshadow the spiritual import of the season.

The Church's Christmas is often a betrayal of Christ, precisely because it apes the values and practices of the world. Perhaps no season, no experience, so glaringly uncovers the immense worldliness of churches as does Christmas.

What do our children learn from us at Christmas? Do our worship habits and giving patterns really emphasize the truth of our Lord's incarnation? Jesus was born that He might die—die as a sacrifice for sin. The Incarnation meant service and sacrifice, *and this as a revelation of the very nature of God*—which also

means, if the doctrine of creation is taken seriously, *a disclosure of the essential meaning of the universe and of human existence.*

Such truth cannot be taught through rituals of self-indulgence and orgies of undisciplined consumerism while the poor and suffering are ignored—or insulted—by spasms of “charity” that do not survive the few remaining days of the year.

A true Christian Christmas should be marked by simplicity, by compassion, and by commitment to the eternal purposes and social dimensions of our Lord's birth and death. Spending less on ourselves, giving less to those already well-favored, and doing more for the lost, broken, and suffering masses of earth would make our Christmases less pagan, more Christian.

We would discover that our joy is increased, not diminished, by Christmases more in keeping with the life that Jesus lived and the death that He died.

CLEAR AS LIGHT, CLEAR AS MUD

Sometimes when I am struggling with Answer Corner material, I think to myself, “How nice it would be if those who wrote the Bible could be here to explain what they meant.” I sometimes think the apostle Paul should be required to do so. Peter said Paul wrote “some things hard to understand.” Peter may have been reading Romans at the time.

If interpreters have suffered at the hands of writers, the reverse is also true. The writers of Scripture have suffered at the hands of interpreters. Edmund Wilson, once regarded as America's foremost literary critic, attended some of theologian Paul Tillich's seminars. Commenting on them in a letter to a friend, Wilson said, “By the time he gets done with the words of Christ, they are made to have meanings which would have amazed the apostles.”

My years of study have yielded two firm conclusions. (1) The major truths of Scripture are plain enough for anyone to understand. By major truths I mean the great central facts of the gospel, those teachings of

Christ and about Christ that create faith in order of salvation. The deity of Christ, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the Father, His gift of the sanctifying, energizing Holy Spirit, His future coming with judgment—these are deeper than man thought but plainly affirmed in Scripture. Every wayfaring man, though an editor, need not err there.

(2) Some passages are so obscure that no one can understand them. Some parts of the Bible have baffled exegetes and commentators throughout church history. Anyone who is dogmatic about their meaning, “I haven't read much or idolizes his own opinion, I don't know for sure,” is the only honest answer a person can give when asked the meaning of some passages. Fortunately, these are not the passages whose precise meaning is vital to our salvation. Unfortunately, they seem to be the ones that most people are eager to inquire about. To build a church on obscure passages, or to make an interpretation of the test for fellowship, is unwise and unfair.

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LIVING BY THE PROMISES

1 God called Abraham to a pilgrim life, to be a part of salvation history, He did not furnish a road. He just said, Get out of Ur "unto a land that I will give you." For the rest of his life Abraham pulled up stakes, folded up tents, and made his moves at God's direction. He asked and received no other sign or assurance than God's word. As E. A. Skogsbergh, an Anglican Covenant leader, said, "The only thing he could hold on to was the Word . . . But the line held by the God of Abraham held the other end."

Can you live by the promises of God. Whatever your situation, there are divine promises that apply to it. I will speak promises from the Bible as personal messages to you. Standing on those promises, you cannot be defeated. Your triumph is assured, not by your strength, but by His faithfulness. He holds the line. He will never let you go, never let you down.

Divine promises of God are safer than the schemes of men. That's why Scripture says, "Trust in the Lord

with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths." God's vision is clearer and stronger than yours. Depend upon your own wisdom and strength and you will fail. Trust and obey His word and all hell cannot prevail against you.

If He directs your paths, they will not detour around all trouble, sorrow, and pain. The ways that He chooses for us are not cleared of thorns, traps, and thugs. But through the toughening experiences we are refined, strengthened, and fitted for ministry to others. Through it all the Lord is holding the other end of the line.

Read the Bible. Listen to the saints. You will learn to expect screaming winds and raging seas that threaten to capsize the ship. But the Skipper is the Lord who tames hurricanes! He will bring you through a stronger, better, wiser person. As Skogsbergh said, "Not one of those who have tested the Lord through the centuries has been betrayed." Nor will you be! □

DON'T STINK ABOVE GROUND

After to one of his helpers, a "Mr. S. of Armagh," Wesley bluntly wrote, "Do not stink above ground." He was urging physical cleanness: "Avoid all slovenliness, dirt, slovenliness, both in your person, your house, and all about you." That's good advice for Christians, especially to preachers and leaders.

However, we can stink spiritually, and that's worse.

Don't stink above ground when we believe without working. According to James, "faith without works is dead" Dead faith stinks.

James meant such things as feeding, clothing, and sheltering the needy. To believe a creed, how orthodox, without practicing compassion is to establish a rotten religion.

Jesus was a splendid example of faith wedded to works. As an old man, when it would have been easy to rest himself, he tramped through bitter weather on long missions to help the sick and poor.

The apostle Paul teaches us that good works are "a sacrifice offering . . . pleasing to God" (Philippians

4:18, RSV). Without the perfume of mercy our faith stinks.

We also stink above ground when we work without praying. The prayers of the saints, according to Revelation, are like the aroma of burning incense (5:8). Work without prayer is dead, just as faith without works is dead.

To quote John Wesley again, "The life of God in the soul does not continue, much less increase, unless we use all opportunities of communion with God . . . if we suffer business, company, or any avocation whatever, to prevent these secret exercises of the soul . . . that life will surely decay. And if we long or frequently intermit them, it will gradually die."

Of Lazarus it was said, "By this time he stinks." But Christ insisted on having the tomb unsealed and called the dead back to life. The voice that wakes the dead is our only hope if we have begun to stink spiritually. Lord, save us from workless faith and prayerless work! Amen. □



H. Armstrong Roberts

MUTUAL RESPECT

by REBECCA S. LYON

ALFRID ADLER, one of the early pioneers in psychology, emphasized the concept of mutual respect as being fundamental to all good human relationships, and the practice of it as being one of the major hallmarks of a healthy, well-adjusted personality. Conversely, he characterized one-upmanship toward anyone, however subtly expressed, as a neurotic compensation for feelings of inadequacy and inferiority.

Adler acknowledged the Holy Bible as the source of many of his ideas, and certainly the concept of mutual respect is a prime example. As the essence of the golden rule, it is first seen as far back in Hebrew history as Leviticus 19:18: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord." It is repeated by Jesus in Matthew 7:12 and 22:39, where He affirms its significance as the second greatest commandment and defines its scope by the searching story of the Good Samaritan.

A principle so significant from both the religious and the psycho-social perspectives is one that parents would do well to teach their children. And there are at least two interdependent and important aspects of the teaching process: (1) *demonstrating* respect toward the child and others, and (2) *requiring* respectful behavior of the child toward yourself and others. Neglect of either of these is likely to have serious consequences for the child's social and emotional adjustment.

Parents, do you model respect for others in the eyes of your child? There is substantial evidence that children as young as two and three years old are already acquiring the prejudices of their parents. Do you laugh at or repeat ethnic jokes? Do you belittle or downgrade whole categories of human beings? Do you show more respect to the powerful and affluent than to the "common man"? Do you respect the legitimate dignity of your subordinates as well as that of your supervisors? Do you show your spouse less respect than you expect

to receive from him? Who is your neighbor? By Jesus' definition, who isn't your neighbor?

And how well do you model respect toward your children—respect for their ideas, sensitivities, social and emotional needs? Do you disrupt their legitimate plans at your convenience? Do you break commit-

ments to them? Do you arbitrarily impose your own will and preferences in "family" activities? Do you presume to commit *their* time or resources? ("I'll send Susie over to baby-sit for you Thursday!") Do you belittle or brush aside their concerns? Do you make a joke of their errors or misunderstandings? Do you invade their privacy? Are you intolerant of honest errors or accidents? Does your approach to discipline destroy the dignity and esteem of the *child* rather than reject and disallow the *misbehavior*?

The other side of the coin is that parents need to require their children to respect the rights of the parents and of others. Parents, do you allow your children to disrupt *your* legitimate plans, to obligate *your* time, or to invade *your* privacy? Do you allow them to be a nuisance to guests, to your host and hostess, or in public places? Do you concede to excessive demands for service, attention, or material commodities? Do you allow them a "free ride" with no participation in home maintenance responsibilities? Do you "protect" them from the realities of your financial problems or limitations? Do you grant freedom without responsibility?

Many parents do not seem to understand that *mutual* respect is a realistic goal in childrearing. Some go to the extreme of permissiveness in which the child learns to *expect* infinite respect and tolerance from others, but to give none himself. Others go to the extreme of authoritarianism in which they demand absolute respect but give little or none to the child. But "love thy neighbour as thyself" clearly implies the necessity of *mutuality* in our regard for humanity. And it is the balance of mutuality that makes it work. It is God's plan for wholesome, happy relationships. Teach it to your children. □

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SPECIAL REPORT

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

October 13, 1983 • Pilot Point, Texas

Fashions were different; hairstyles and most of the participants' names had changed. This time the tent was a brilliant blue and white—different than its drab predecessor of 75 years before. Horse-drawn wagons and buggies and one old touring car were replaced by a sea of shiny automobiles. But when more than 5,000 men, women, boys, and girls met together on a northeast Texas pasture on October 13, 1983—exactly 75 years after the historic Pilot Point union—there was still the same spirit of celebration and the same commitment to scriptural holiness that unified Nazarene founders in 1908.

They came together from the United States



A granite monument serves as a Nazarene landmark—it is flanked by 70 flags, representing the 70 countries where the church ministers.

and other countries of the world for the anniversary celebration of the historic union of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene and the Holiness Church of Christ, a merger that marked the birth of what is today the Church of the Nazarene.

They came to celebrate a rich, Spirit-anointed heritage and to express thanks to God for His blessing upon a church that has grown from a few thousand members in 1908 into a church today where more than 1 million persons call themselves Nazarenes.

The 75th anniversary Pilot Point celebration was a time of reflection on the past, and a time to honor those who had the vision to create a church that would promote



The 1983 version of the Pilot Point tent was packed with more than 5,000 men, women, boys, and girls.

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holiness. But it was more than that—there was a strong emphasis and call to look to the future.

“We have not just come here today to serve a monument,” prayed General Superintendent Dr. Charles H. Strickland at the worship service. “We have not come just to take a backward look; but, O Lord, grant that a double portion of the spirit of our founders may fall upon us and that the mighty Holy Ghost that came down in pentecostal glory on that day, 75 years ago, will touch this campus today and touch every heart, and every preacher, and every worker, and every layman and give to all of us a total new incentive for the great cause of holiness.”

THE SPECIAL SERVICE began with an enactment of the “Union Service” of 1908 with D. Paul Thomas in his now-familiar role of Phineas F. Bresee. He was assisted by the Bethany College Chorale and Orchestra. Chorale members marched through the tent singing a victory anthem to the tune of “Dixie.” It was the same song sung in the first Pilot Point meeting 75 years ago, and it was performed in the same unique style.

*With forces all united
We'll win! We'll win!
We'll preach a gospel o'er the land
That fully saves from sin!
Praise God, Praise God,
Praise God for full salvation.*

Another highlight was General Superintendent Dr. Eugene L. Stowe's introduction of nine persons who had been present at the original Pilot Point occasion on October 13, 1908. This was an inspirational link to the past.

Among this group was Rev. Emma Irick. Although confined to a wheelchair, the joy of her spirit bubbled forth as she recounted some of her memories of the early days of the church and of how she was sanctified on a bitterly cold, 14-below zero day in February 1905.



Rev. George Franklin, longtime missionary to India, visits with Rev. Emma Irick who attended the 1908 meeting.

“That blessing holds good now,” was her testimony 78 years later.

Daughters of two notable church founders, Rev. C. B. Jernigan and General Superintendent J. B. Chapman, were also in attendance; Miss Johnny Jernigan, author of a historical booklet written for the occasion, her sister, Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, and Mrs. Grace Chapman Ramquist.

A graphic panorama of the Church of the Nazarene's past and present was powerfully portrayed in an eight-by-eleven-foot mural, created especially for this event by Olivet Professor Harvey Collins. The painting, which is filled with faces and places that have special significance to Nazarenes, required three-and-a-half months to research and four months to paint. It was inspired by Dr. Bresee's well-known statement, “The sun never sets in the morning.”

An exhibit of memorabilia from the church's past was on display at the local Pilot Point church. The permanent granite monument prepared in 1958 was updated for the occasion

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and continues as a landmark on the site. The 70 flags, which flanked the monument, represented the 70 countries that the Church of the Nazarene ministers to.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT DR. V. H. LEWIS was the Board of General Superintendents' choice to deliver the anniversary message. His remarks were prefaced by readings selected from a number of holiness publications from around the time of the church's birth. He noted that the common strand running through all of them was an urgency to promote the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification.

"They had no other theme. They had no other gospel. They had no other message," said Dr. Lewis. "They preached it in the morning, in the noonday, and in the evening. And it is my hope and prayer that in this great gathering, we will, in this hour of history, move again front and center with all the meaning and purpose that they had in it, this same great doctrine, until our church and our people are saturated with it."

Dr. Lewis concluded his message with a charge, to those present and to Nazarenes



General Superintendent V. H. Lewis delivers the anniversary message, challenging the crowd: "We can start the great spiritual awakening throughout the entire church around the world."

around the world, to recommit themselves to the promotion of the essential doctrine of holiness.

"This could be one of the great moments of all history, when on its 75th birthday, the Church of the Nazarene returned to its origins and took away, once again, the great fire, and reality, and passion of holiness," exhorted General Superintendent Lewis. "If, in this terrible hour, we will be magnificently possessed, and magnificently obsessed by holiness—entire sanctification, carnality-killing, second-blessing holiness, we can start the great spiritual awakening throughout the entire church around the world."

Hundreds of persons stood when Dr. Lewis asked if they would commit themselves to proclaiming the doctrine of full salvation throughout the remainder of the anniversary year. Cards were distributed to all those standing. Designated a "Pilot Point Commitment," the cards contain a pledge and space for the holder's signature. They are for laymen and clergy alike and are available free of charge from the publishing house. It is hoped that every local church will make these commitment cards available to members and friends before the first of the year.



After the service, the crowds enjoyed a barbecue luncheon, fellowshiping with friends, and browsing around the historic site.

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Following the morning service, participants enjoyed a barbecue luncheon, fellowshiping with friends, and browsing around the historic site.

THE "DIAMOND CELEBRATION" REQUIRED a massive amount of planning, which was effectively coordinated and engineered by General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson and his staff. This was done in the context of a town where the 5,000 who attended the celebration outnumbered the residents two to one.

The "Diamond Anniversary Service" at Pilot Point was a time of rejoicing and worship, but it was also a time for sober reflection upon the future of the Church of the Nazarene and its responsibility to the world.

The names and faces have changed. The world is not the same world in which Phineas F. Bresee lived. But some things don't change. That "unchangeable" was a theme that ran throughout the anniversary celebration: man-



Daughters of prominent church founders (from l. to r.): Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, Mrs. Grace Ramquist, and Miss Johnny Jernigan visit following the special service.

kind needs a Savior, and our Savior can free us from bondage to sin. That message that has remained through the church's first 75 years was what Pilot Point 1983 was all about.

"PILOT POINT COMMITMENT" CARD



THE PILOT POINT COMMITMENT

As a Christian I commit myself to pray earnestly during the rest of our 75th anniversary year for a God-sent, Holy Spirit revival throughout our church.

MINISTERS (Pastor, Evangelist, Church leader, Missionary, Unassigned): I will center my ministry on holiness and make the experience of the baptism with the Holy Spirit, entire sanctification, the dominant theme of my preaching.

PASTOR: I will focus my church on holiness, building its entire program around it as a doctrine and personal experience.

LAYMAN: I will support my church, pastor, and leaders in every way in their efforts to emphasize and enhance this great experience of entire sanctification.

ALTOGETHER: We will pray and believe God for the greatest spiritual and numerical advance the church has ever known.

Signature

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. (1 Thess. 5:23-24)

HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD

"Called unto holiness," Church of our God,
Purchase of Jesus, redeemed by His blood;
Called from the world and its idols to flee,
Called from the bondage of sin to be free.

Refrain:

"Holiness unto the Lord" is our watchword and song,
"Holiness unto the Lord" as we're marching along,
Sing it, shout it, loud and long,
"Holiness unto the Lord," now and forever.

"Called unto holiness," bride of the Lamb,
Waiting the Bridegroom's returning again!
Lift up your heads, for the day draweth near
When in His beauty the King shall appear.

—LELJA N. MORRIS

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 Division of Christian
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**"SUNDAY SCHOOL IS MAKING A COMEBACK!
 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION
 SETS THE DIRECTION . . ."**

Stretching 52 feet in length, this scroll contains over 1,000 names of people born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1908.

The Edgewood Church of the Nazarene in Ashtabula offered two hours of free labor to all those born in 1908 who would come to Sunday School on October 9. The idea was so successful, says Pastor Robert L. Rawlins, that it has become a permanent means of outreach in their Home Department.



October 16 Sunday School Attendance (U.S. and Canada)

Akron	8,930	Iowa	8,041	Northwestern Illinois	7,338
Alabama North	4,598	Joplin	6,778	Northwestern Ohio	8,559
Alabama South	3,523	Kansas	9,327	Oregon Pacific	11,010
Alaska	1,859	Kansas City	9,236	Philadelphia	7,576
Arizona	6,790	Kentucky	6,652	Pittsburgh	8,344
Canada Atlantic	1,662	Los Angeles	8,776	Rocky Mountain	2,694
Canada Central	2,501	Louisiana	3,263	Sacramento	6,753
Canada Pacific	1,076	Maine	3,503	San Antonio	3,839
Canada Quebec	242	Michigan	10,770	South Arkansas	4,180
Canada West	3,838	Minnesota	2,520	South Carolina	6,612
Central California	6,478	Mississippi	3,330	Southeast Oklahoma	4,409
Central Florida	9,344	Missouri	6,528	Southern California	12,502
Central Ohio	12,050	Nebraska	3,573	Southern Florida	6,357
Chicago Central	6,968	New England	5,338	Southwest Indiana	9,607
Colorado	10,475	New Mexico	3,996	Southwest Oklahoma	4,686
Dakota	2,842	New York	3,921	Southwestern Ohio	10,351
Dallas	5,884	North American Indian	1,610	Tennessee	9,260
East Tennessee	5,992	North Arkansas	5,925	Upstate New York	5,056
Eastern Kentucky	6,075	North Carolina	4,783	Virginia	6,681
Eastern Latin America	832	North Central Ohio	8,859	Washington	7,387
Eastern Michigan	9,598	North Florida	3,736	Washington Pacific	7,938
Georgia	7,548	Northeast Oklahoma	4,377	West Texas	6,457
Hawaii Pacific	1,038	Northeastern Indiana	11,731	West Virginia North	5,674
Houston	4,896	Northern California	5,051	West Virginia South	7,213
Illinois	9,256	Northwest	7,993	Western Latin America	2,747
Indianapolis	9,134	Northwest Indiana	6,819	Wisconsin	2,886
Intermountain	7,491	Northwest Oklahoma	8,124		

Total Sunday School Attendance Reported Was 491,596.



THE FIVE LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE 1982-83 ASSEMBLY YEAR—U.S. & CANADA REGIONS (Under roof)

Akron

544	Canton First
352	East Liverpool First
264	Akron Arlington
239	Youngstown First
208	Warren First

Alabama (North & South)

210	Huntsville First
196	Lanett
174	Birmingham First
170	Columbiana
169	Jasper First

Alaska

144	Anchorage First
130	Soldotna
128	Anchorage Jewel Lake
96	Fairbanks First
95	Sitka

Arizona

506	Phoenix Orangewood
348	Mesa
303	Glendale
217	Tucson Mountain View
216	Phoenix Maryvale

Canada Atlantic

160	Elmsdale, P.E.I.
160	Trenton, N.S.
142	Oxford, N.S.
131	Summerside, P.E.I.
87	Lutes Mountain, N.B.

Canada Central

195	Toronto Emmanuel
144	Brampton
107	Toronto Kennedy Road
96	Cedardale
94	Woodstock

Canada Pacific

145	Abbotsford
126	Vancouver First
97	Victoria First
82	Guildford
58	Penticton

Canada Quebec

67	Centre Evangelique
54	Montreal First
30	Franklin Centre
14	Laval
14	Montreal Armenian

Canada West

343	Calgary First
287	Medicine Hat
205	Red Deer First
139	Edmonton Southside
125	Lethbridge

Central California

449	Porterville
314	Bakersfield Olive Knolls
312	Visalia First
231	Bakersfield First
205	Tulare Wayside

Central Florida

429	Lakeland South Florida Heights
306	Clearwater First
258	Orlando Central
245	Tampa First
242	Orlando New Life

Central Latin America

111	McAllen
101	Oklahoma City
97	San Antonio Las Palmas
87	Laredo
78	Brownsville

Central Ohio

378	Grove City
335	Circleville
303	Newark First
279	Gallipolis
277	Columbus Linden

Chicago Central

647	Kankakee College
548	Kankakee First
404	Chicago First
229	Danville First
220	Joliet First

Colorado

1,744	Denver First
543	Denver Lakewood
464	Colorado Springs First
406	Colorado Springs Eastborough
332	Colorado Springs Trinity

Dakota

248	Mitchell
166	Jamestown First
123	Valley City
105	Minot First
100	Oakes
100	Rapid City

Dallas

292	Richardson First
248	Dallas First
215	Dallas Central
177	Texarkana First
171	Tyler Lakeview

East Tennessee

305	Chattanooga First
138	Estill Springs
134	Knoxville First
132	Chattanooga East Ridge
130	Chattanooga Grace

Eastern Kentucky

289	Ashland First
226	Newport First
198	Turkey Creek
194	Covington First
170	Worthington

Eastern Latin America

206	Jersey City, N.J.
181	Stamford, Conn.
162	Rochester, N.Y.
144	Newark, N.J.
143	Lowell, Mass.

Eastern Michigan

571	Flint Central
413	Warren Woods
385	Richfield
368	Plymouth
338	Flint First

Georgia

309	Atlanta First
235	Sandersville
197	Valdosta First
188	Dublin First
176	Mount Olive

Hawaii Pacific

132	Kaneohe
102	Hilo
101	Kailua
86	Honolulu First English
81	Honolulu First Samoan

Houston

343	Houston Spring Branch
219	Nacogdoches
210	Houston First
207	Bellaire
200	Pasadena First

Illinois

367	Decatur First
275	Decatur West Side
250	Springfield First
211	Anna
198	Mattoon First

Indianapolis

552	Indianapolis First
548	Indianapolis Westside
473	Martinsville First
327	North Vernon
314	New Castle South Side

Intermountain

788	Nampa First
704	Nampa College
439	Boise First
375	Meridian Valley Shepherd
246	Emmett

**Iowa**

- 603 Oskaloosa
- 327 Cedar Rapids First
- 257 Cedar Rapids Oakland
- 227 Des Moines Eastside
- 222 Chariton

Joplin

- 303 Carthage
- 230 Independence
- 200 Springfield First
- 184 Highway
- 168 Fort Scott First

Kansas

- 851 Wichita First
- 333 Wichita Linwood
- 310 Salina First
- 309 Hutchinson Bethany
- 302 Newton

Kansas City

- 1,210 Olathe College
- 544 Kansas City First
- 378 Kansas City Shawnee
- 339 Kansas City Nall Avenue
- 269 Topeka First

Kentucky

- 317 Lexington Lafayette
- 268 Georgetown
- 209 Columbia
- 186 Louisville Farmdale
- 177 Somerset First

Los Angeles

- 1,405 Pasadena First
- 348 Pasadena Bresee
- 281 Grover City
- 265 Los Angeles First
- 264 Lompoc Trinity

Louisiana

- 317 Shreveport Huntington Park
- 218 Baton Rouge First
- 204 Kenner
- 195 Lake Charles First
- 192 Vivian

Maine

- 250 South Portland
- 173 Skowhegan
- 137 Millinocket
- 121 Bangor
- 112 Augusta

Michigan

- 266 Grand Rapids First
- 246 Sturgis
- 236 Lansing First
- 220 Chapman Memorial
- 201 Jackson First

Minnesota

- 174 Minneapolis First
- 135 Grand Rapids
- 130 Rochester
- 125 Litchfield
- 113 Osseo

Mississippi

- 194 McComb First
- 194 Meridian Fitkin Memorial
- 122 Jackson First
- 110 Grenada
- 104 Jackson Emmanuel

Missouri

- 248 St. Louis Southwest
- 230 Hannibal First
- 195 St. Louis Webster Groves
- 193 St. Louis Overland
- 192 St. Louis Ferguson

Nebraska

- 221 North Platte
- 164 Hastings
- 162 York
- 157 Lincoln First
- 151 Omaha Heritage

New England

- 309 New Bedford, Mass., International
- 259 Lowell, Mass.
- 222 Quincy, Mass., Wollaston
- 199 Manchester, Conn.
- 179 Nashua, N.H.

New Mexico

- 332 Clovis First
- 215 El Paso First
- 204 Albuquerque First
- 182 Albuquerque Sandia
- 171 Roswell First

New York

- 359 Brooklyn Beulah
- 160 Lakeland First
- 148 Brooklyn Miller Memorial
- 144 Valley Stream
- 127 Fishkill

North American Indian

- 113 Chilchibeto
- 74 Leupp
- 67 Shonto
- 65 St. Michaels
- 58 Cache
- 58 Kaibeto

North Arkansas

- 228 Conway First
- 196 Rogers
- 191 Springdale
- 138 Bentonville
- 124 Jonesboro Forest Home

North Carolina

- 332 Hendersonville
- 278 Pineville
- 161 Fayetteville
- 160 Burlington First
- 158 Monroe

North Central Ohio

- 687 Mount Vernon First
- 487 Marion First
- 391 Bedford
- 329 Bucyrus
- 310 Jefferson

North Florida

- 189 Jacksonville University Boulevard
- 170 Pensacola First
- 144 Jacksonville Central
- 135 Gainesville First
- 124 Hernando
- 124 Ocala

Northeast Oklahoma

- 406 Tulsa Central
- 345 Sapulpa
- 247 Broken Arrow
- 237 Collinsville
- 211 Bartlesville

Northeastern Indiana

- 405 Huntington First
- 354 Anderson First
- 294 Muncie South Side
- 275 Elkhart First
- 255 Winchester

Northern California

- 292 San Jose First
- 278 Eureka
- 230 Concord
- 213 Santa Rosa
- 150 Hayward
- 150 Napa

Northwest

- 428 Moscow
- 334 Spokane First
- 269 Spokane Valley
- 253 Yakima First
- 242 Yakima West Valley

Northwest Indiana

- 567 Portage First
- 369 Kokomo First
- 285 Valparaiso
- 234 Hammond First
- 198 Frankfort First

Northwest Oklahoma

- 1,674 Bethany First
- 404 Bethany Williams Memorial
- 364 Oklahoma City Lakeview Park
- 308 Kingfisher
- 278 Oklahoma City First

Northwestern Illinois

- 488 Sterling First
- 280 Pekin First
- 247 Rock Island
- 231 Galesburg First
- 193 Eureka

Northwestern Ohio

- 264 Lima Community
- 230 Piqua
- 220 Springfield First
- 212 Toledo Oregon
- 203 Bryan
- 203 Springfield High

**Oregon Pacific**

1,287 Salem First
569 Beaverton
546 Portland First
389 Eugene First
344 Medford First

Philadelphia

426 Fairview Village
400 Allentown
344 Vineland
331 Crossroads
318 Ephrata

Pittsburgh

201 Warren
191 Homer City
190 Oil City
189 Waynesburg
188 Pittsburgh South Hills

Rocky Mountain

179 Kalispell
139 Great Falls
135 Cheyenne Grace
123 Sunnyside
122 Casper

Sacramento

462 Sacramento Liberty Towers
258 Oroville
247 Sacramento North
243 Auburn
234 Redding First

San Antonio

266 Harlingen First
216 Austin Grace
192 Odessa First
184 Temple First
171 San Antonio First

South Arkansas

260 Little Rock First
244 North Little Rock First
200 Hot Springs First
171 Little Rock Rose Hill
136 Little Rock Central

South Carolina

287 Fort Mill
286 Columbia First
209 Langley
201 Winnsboro
184 Chester
184 Rock Hill West Main

Southeast Oklahoma

229 Henryetta
205 Durant
186 Choctaw
170 Midwest City Bresee
162 Ada

Southern California

951 Long Beach First
497 San Diego First
355 Westminster Community
337 Bloomington
335 Anaheim First

Southern Florida

461 Bradenton First
403 Miami Hosannah
391 Princeton
280 Pompano Beach
274 Sebring

Southwest Indiana

514 Seymour First
270 New Albany First
247 Bloomington First
236 Brazil
210 Columbus First
210 Corydon

Southwest Oklahoma

394 Oklahoma City Western Oaks
348 Oklahoma City Trinity
310 Bethany Calvary
238 Yukon
203 Bethany Jernigan Memorial

Southwestern Ohio

350 Cincinnati Springdale
301 Trenton
295 Pisgah Community
276 Xenia
269 Dayton Beavercreek

Tennessee

872 Nashville First
330 Nashville Grace
263 Nashville College Hill
248 Nashville Bethel
190 Memphis Calvary

Upstate New York

203 Owego
175 Rochester Calvary
169 Syracuse Immanuel
160 Rochester Trinity
143 Rochester Grace

Virginia

617 Richmond Southside
310 Arlington Calvary
274 Roanoke First
211 Harrisonburg
179 Woodbridge

Washington

280 York
271 Marley Park
257 Salisbury
225 Baltimore First
216 Washington First

Washington Pacific

385 Puyallup
337 Seattle Aurora
303 Kent First
274 Centralia
266 Vancouver Hillcrest

West Texas

300 Lubbock First
251 Arlington First
247 Amarillo First
227 Amarillo San Jacinto
205 Hereford

West Virginia North

313 Newell First
279 Weirton
248 Wellsburg
226 Elkins
205 Parkersburg First

West Virginia South

423 South Charleston First
341 Charleston Davis Creek
260 Huntington First
213 Charleston Calvary
211 Oak Hill

Western Latin America

268 Los Angeles Belvedere, Calif.
238 Los Angeles Boyle Heights, Calif.
113 Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
106 McFarland, Calif.
104 Pasadena, Calif.

Wisconsin

129 Racine Taylor Avenue
115 Mattoon
109 Milwaukee First
96 Racine Community
90 Burlington

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EMPHASIS will be
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April 1 — May 6, 1984



H. Armstrong Roberts

All I Want for Christmas

by LESLIE WOOTEN

THE ARRIVAL OF CHRISTMAS announces to the world again that God walked among men through the supernatural conception and virgin birth of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:23).

To me, the Advent season brings a celebration of both birth and rebirth. While I revel in the yearly yuletide spirit that Christmas brings, I rejoice daily in the hope and blessings that Christ's birth has brought to me personally, for I have been born again!

A new spiritual rebirth has delivered me from sin's deceptive death walk (Proverbs 14:12) unto the purity and power of second blessing holiness and the assurance of everlasting life. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Christmas brings to me a rebirth of nostalgia. The season stirs fond memories of childhood Christmases dating back to the Great Depression.

Christmas after Christmas, no money was available at our house for presents. Nevertheless, just prior to Christmas Eve, Mother would send Dad to the little country store three miles away with a list of items that soon filled a big burlap bag. At the store, the good grocer sold to Dad on credit, candy, apples, oranges, nuts, and other goodies. I can still see dear old Dad coming home with that large sack of Christmas treats on his back and hear an older brother facetiously announce, "Here comes Santa Claus!"

Although Dad and Mom could not provide toys or other presents, the spirit of Christmas was never missing. We were taught the significance of the occasion; we loved one another and were grateful for such things as we had.

One Christmas, Grandma Betz, our only living grandparent, gave us a little gift. Then in her late 70s, she gleaned pecans to provide one shiny dime for each of her more than 30 grandchildren. At only six cents per pound, Grandma's pecan project required many hours of backbending toil.

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All the grandchildren loved Grandma Betz! Not for one dime received, but for her Christlike kindness and love, of which her sacrificial gift was only a token. She gave us the greatest gift possible when she gave us the assurance that she loved us!

Now, over 50 years later, while reminiscing and putting my thoughts on paper, all I want for Christmas is that same Christlike spirit and an entirely unselfish heart that enables me to give others the assurance that someone cares. I want to share with them the true joy that God gave to the world that first Christmas night—the joy of loving, giving, and sharing.

Belonging to the family of God and becoming a member of the Church of the Nazarene has blessed me with unlimited opportunities to share with others in a multiplicity of ways. For instance, at our local church, we bring a birthday gift to Jesus each Christmas. Those who can afford it bring one dollar for each birthday they have celebrated. Those who can't afford it may bring smaller amounts. This Christmas my gift will be 60 dollars. (Forty of those birthdays were celebrated as a Christian with 32 of the 40 as shepherd of my first and only flock.) When all gifts are gathered, we send them to the Nazarene Ministerial Benevolent Fund to help support our retired ministers. What a wonderful way to share!

There are many beautiful ways Christians can share throughout the year, as well as at Christmas. A group from our church shares a service with a local nursing home each week. Then on the Sunday preceding Christmas, after singing carols, telling the Christmas story, and praying, each resident receives candy, cookies, and Kool-Aid. The shut-ins love it! But the greatest joy is ours, for in sharing with them, we share with Christ. His words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40), become a reality in our own hearts and lives. Because we have shared with them and Him, we receive a double blessing!

As a child of His, all I want for Christmas my Heavenly Father has already graciously given to me to enjoy and to share the year around—His love and the assurance of everlasting life. □

As a youth department, we decided to welcome our girls home royally! We made a poster about 15 feet long with WELCOME HOME, DONNA AND DEDRA—and each of our teens signed their names personally. On the evening of June 30, we climbed into two large vans to make our way to the Philadelphia International Airport to await the arrival of their flight. Present were parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and close friends, gathered to welcome other youths from our district. As I stood there my heart was full of gratitude for the Church of the Nazarene, a church that has such insight to provide life-changing opportunities for its youth. As I turned around there were Donna and Dedra. I too was glad for their return. As we collected their baggage and headed for the exit we saw buses, vans, and

other vehicles bearing the name "Church of the Nazarene." I was proud to be a member of the Church of the Nazarene. I couldn't help but think of the opportunity given to me by our General Church by being selected as a member of the ISM (International Student Ministries) to the Philippines in 1978. What a joy to serve the Lord and the Church of the Nazarene!

A. Wayne Pittard
Ephrata, Pennsylvania

NURSERIES NEEDED

Our denomination has recently finished a very successful "Baby Hunt." I wish to commend our leaders for such an innovative plan. However, there is one thing about which I am very concerned. After we have found the babies, what will we do with them?

I am the mother of two small children. I have been to numerous

church functions in churches other than my own where there was no nursery provided. It is no small job to keep an active baby or toddler happy and quiet enough not to be a distraction to others, especially when he has just discovered his vocal cords! It is impossible to totally concentrate on the sermon, and there are times when I emerge from such a service more worn down than uplifted.

But there is one thing that concerns me more. I know that this is never intentional, but somehow as a mother, the message I receive is, "Your baby or toddler is not welcome here."

I am a committed Christian and a committed Nazarene. I will never miss a church function because of the lack of a nursery, but I wonder, will our non-Christian prospects feel the same way?

Name withheld on request

GOD SAID, "TODAY"

by MARIE RAY

GOD FIRST MENTIONED it to me in the morning. "Visit Inez today."

"Well . . . let's see, Lord. I could do it next week. Or perhaps I could squeeze it in tomorrow, but no way today, Lord!"

In addition to all the regular activities in the parsonage, we were in revival. The evangelist and song evangelist were staying in our home and I was preparing the meals.

As I served lunch, God nudged me again. "Today is the day to visit Inez."

"But, Lord, have You seen the list of must-do things for this afternoon?" I was sure God hadn't realized how tight my afternoon schedule was.

But He said, "Go today! Talk to Inez about her soul."

As soon as lunch was over, I called a friend and we drove several miles to Inez's home. Her children had come to our Bible school and she had attended a few morning services. I had visited in her home several times but had never asked about her soul's salvation.

We had a nice visit but there seemed to be no opening for the important question. We had a short prayer and started to the door. But again, God reminded me

why we were there. I turned to her and asked, "Inez, do you ever think about being a Christian?"

Tears rolled down her cheeks and she said, "All the time, Marie, but I don't know how."

What a wonderful time we had explaining the way of salvation to her! We knelt at her living room couch, she asked God for forgiveness, and another member was added to God's family.

I learned later that she had been very despondent, had decided she didn't love her husband, and had planned to take her children and leave that night and get a divorce. God changed her plans!

Inez was like a sponge soaking up water. She quickly absorbed the Bible, Christian books, church services, anything that would help her grow spiritually. We began to pray for her family.

As a child, her husband had been bitterly disappointed and decided that all "church people" were hypocrites. He had vowed never to attend church again. But the love and prayers of Inez's new Christian friends reached his hungry heart and he found the same peace and happiness within God's great family. God's love has transformed this home.

Two of Inez's sisters have also found God as Savior and are active in church fellowship. God is dealing with other family members as the family prayer circle widens.

How thankful I am that God kept "pushing" me that busy day during revival. And I cannot remember what I felt was so important that I didn't have time to reach out to a lost soul! □

**"By ALL MEANS...
Save Some"**

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Steven Gerald Green has received the doctor of ministry degree from Vanderbilt University in biblical interpretation and preaching. His doctoral thesis is titled "Joining Exegesis and Proclamation: Case Studies in the Book of Malachi."

Dr. Green has been pastor of the Hendersonville, Tenn., church since June 1980. He has accepted the senior pastor position at the Cincinnati Springdale Church. He is a graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, 1974, and Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1978. He served as NYI president of the Tennessee District for the past three years and also is a recipient of the *Outstanding Young Men of America* award. His previous ministries include pastoring the Camden, Tenn., church and part-time instructor of Old Testament at Trevecca Nazarene College.

Dr. Green is the son of the late Rev. Gerald Green and Mrs. Delores Green. He and his wife, Elaine, have one daughter, Stephanie. □

Rev. Clyde W. Loew, pastor of the Reading, Mich., church, graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary School of Theology with a doctor of ministry degree on Sept. 2, 1983. His dissertation topic, "A Plan for Revitalizing the Local Church," was done on the Reading Church of the Nazarene during its 50th anniversary year, 1983.

Dr. Loew is also a graduate of Hope College in Holland, Mich.; of Nazarene Theological Seminary; and of California State University in Fresno. He has pastored the Reading church since 1979. □



W. Terrell Sanders, pastor of the Tallahassee, Fla., South Heights Church since 1980, received the Ph.D. degree from Florida State University in Tallahassee August 11, 1983. His major was in religious studies and his dissertation topic was "Paul Tillich: Apologetic Preacher of the Christian Faith."

Last December Dr. Sanders received the D.Min. degree from Vanderbilt University, where his concentration was in the history and practice of preaching and worship. He is a graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary (1978) and of Trevecca Nazarene College (1972). Dr. Sanders earlier was pastor of the Lawrence, Kans., Holiday Hills Church, 1976-79, and resident counselor at Trevecca Nazarene College, 1979-80.

He was Associated Student Body vice-president at TNC in 1971-72, elected to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* at TNC in 1972, and a finalist in the Corlett Holiness Sermon award at NTS in 1978.

He married Suzanne Christenbury of Charlotte, N.C., in 1971, and they have two children: Ben, nine; and Holly, five. □



Kevin Ogden has been selected as one of the *Outstanding Young Men of America* for 1983. He is a teaching vice-principal in the Julian, Calif., elementary school

district where he has been recognized for his special interest in individual students and their needs. He is a member of the Vista, Calif., church, where

he serves on the Board of Christian Life. Kevin also served in the Student Mission Corps in 1976 in the Dominican Republic. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Ogden, pastor of the Whittier, Calif., College Avenue Church. □

JONES ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CAPC



Dale E. Jones, senior statistician and analyst in the Statistical Research Center, Division of Church Growth, has been elected president of Census Access for Planning in the Church (CAPC) through September 1985.

As president, Jones will coordinate the efforts of other officers in the organization and work to develop new data bases for access by local churches, such as Canadian census data or U.S. immigration figures. Jones has served as the representative to CAPC for the Church of the Nazarene since 1977. He formerly served the organization as treasurer and vice-president.

CAPC, a consortium of 26 religious bodies, allows member bodies to receive census data at a fraction of the cost charged by most data supply companies. Training in the use and interpretation of such data is also available, and graphics packages are supplied for minimal fees.

Since release of the 1980 census alone, 25 local Nazarene churches have received detailed descriptions of their ministry areas, usually for under \$60.00. Seven districts have obtained this data for larger areas as well.

For further information on receiving such census reports, contact Dale Jones at 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131 (816-333-7000, Ext. 464). □



Shown (l. to r.) are Col. John W. Banks, Jr., commanding officer of Kwajalein Missile Range, Sarah Shippy and Rev. Harlan Shippy, Protestant chaplain. Col. Banks presented them with a community service award for their outstanding contributions to the Kwajalein community during the period of October 1981 to July 1983. The award notes: "Rev. and Mrs. Shippy gave generously of their time, resources, and efforts in service to the KMR community and the people of Micronesia. . . ."

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CHURCH PIANISTS LEARN ART OF IMPROVISATION

Sixteen church pianists from nine states and three nations gathered in King Conference Center in Kansas City August 15-19 for the third annual Hymn Playing Seminar sponsored by the Christian Piano Teachers International and Continuing Lay Training.

One pianist who had also attended the second annual seminar in 1982, Martha Smith of Fitchburg, Mass., credited the experiences of the seminar with leading her back to participation in her local Nazarene church and to the church altar for her own new life in Christ Jesus.

The pianists were there to improve their hymn playing ability and to learn techniques for teaching others to play hymns properly.

President Evonne Neuenschwander of the CPTI reminded the workshop participants that the Church of the Nazarene has always been known as a singing church. To promote that distinctive musical heritage improvisation is taught so the type of singing that has characterized Nazarenes for 75 years will continue.

Instruction at the seminar was based on a Continuing Lay Training course developed by Mrs. Neuenschwander titled, "Please, Would You Play the Piano?"

Musical notations in hymn books, Mrs. Neuenschwander explains, are inadequate to convey the richness and power of the hymns as they are traditionally sung in evangelical worship and outreach.

Since the art of improvisation was learned "by ear" without a formal un-

derstanding of music theory, it has always been difficult to teach this skill to someone else.

The course developed by Mrs. Neuenschwander is the first formal coursework to be developed in evangelistic hymn improvisation. It was developed while she and her husband, Rev. Dwight Neuenschwander, were on the faculty of Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs. Rev. Neuenschwander is now the superintendent of the New Zealand District.

The seminar was taught in three divisions: Beginning Improvisation, taught by Wayelene Haley of Hagerman, N.M.; Intermediate and Advanced Improvisation, taught by Eula Mae Stipe of Midwest City, Okla.; and Teachers Pedagogy Class on Improvisation, taught by Mrs. Neuenschwander.

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Guest speakers at the seminar included Dr. James Main, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Mid-America Nazarene College in Olathe, Kans.; Lyndell Leatherman, music editor for the Lillenas Division of the Nazarene Publishing House; and John C. Oster, coordinator for Continuing Lay Training.

Supplementary seminar activities included a tour of the Nazarene Publishing House and the Mid-America Nazarene College Piano Lab, which

was made available to seminar participants to practice what they had been learning.

During the week the participants also had available to them pianos and classroom facilities at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

A fourth CPTI seminar will be held in 1984 during October at the King

Conference Center on the Nazarene Headquarters and seminary campus complex.

Church pianists and Christian piano teachers interested in attending the seminar should contact the office of Continuing Lay Training, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □



Shown (l. to r.) with Evonne Neuschwander are three who earned church pianist certificates. They are: Becky Link, Branson, Mo.; Alma Ruth Patterson, Abernathy, Tex.; and Jeanie Spurgeon, Mountain Grove, Mo. In the back (l. to r.) are John Oster, Lay Training coordinator; and Rev. Phil Riley, Christian Life and Sunday School Division director.



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BAKER, JOHN D.: Concerts in Indiana, Dec. 7-21; Reserved, Dec. 22—Jan. 1
BALLARD, DON: Reserved, Month of December
BEARDEN, LES: Shelbyville, IL (1st), Nov. 29—Dec. 4
BEATY, BRYAN & FAMILY: Reserved, Month of December
BLUE, DAVE & DANA: Florida Concert Tour, Dec. 1-11; Reserved, Dec. 15-31
BLYTHE, ELLIS: Colonial Heights, VA, Nov. 27—Dec. 4; Fort Lauderdale, FL (Manor), Dec. 7-11
BOND, GARY & BETH: Salina, KS (Belmont Blvd.), Dec. 6-11
BREWINGTON, JANE: Lawrenceville, GA (1st), Dec. 10-14
BROOKS, GERALD & JUNE: Reserved, Dec. 19-26
BUDD, JAY: Kingston, MO, Dec. 6-11; Reserved, Dec. 19—Jan. 1

BURKE, BILL & JEAN ANN: Monroe, MI, Dec. 6-11; Lansing, IL, Dec. 13-18; Oregon, OH, Dec. 30—Jan. 1
CASTEEL, HOWARD: St. Clair, MO (Parkway), Dec. 6-11; Minneapolis, KS, Dec. 13-18
CAYTON, JOHN: Hanover, PA (Independent Holiness), Dec. 6-11; Windber, PA, Dec. 13-18; Reserved, Dec. 19-31
COLLINS, LUTHER: Reserved, Dec. 20-25
DARNELL, H. E.: Dalesburg, KY, Dec. 1-11; Ethridge, TN, Dec. 12-18
DELL, JIMMY: Perry, MI, Nov. 29—Dec. 4; Sumner, MI, Dec. 6-11; Reserved, Dec. 18-31
DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: Neosho, MO, Nov. 30—Dec. 4
DOROUGH, JIM & CAROL: Brookville, PA, Nov. 29—Dec. 4; Uniontown, PA (Free Meth.), Dec. 6-11
EASTMAN, RICK: Reserved, Dec. 19—Jan. 1
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MATTER, DAN & ANN: Reserved, Month of December
McCUISTON, MARK & PATRICIA: Litchfield, MN, Dec. 6-11
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MILLSPAUGH, GAYLORD: Reserved, Dec. 19-31
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MOYER, BRANCE: Reserved, Dec. 5-11 & 19-25
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Miriam Hall, Children's Ministries director (l., center), and Donna Fillmore, special projects director (r., center), show Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent (l.), and Rev. Phil Riley, Christian Life and Sunday School Division director (r.), a mock-up of a catechism pupil book lesson.

NEW CATECHISM COURSE TO BE RELEASED SOON

"All materials for the new catechism course, *Foundations of Faith*, have gone to press and are well on their way to completion," reports Donna Fillmore, special projects director for Children's Ministries. Initial layouts and sketches of the material indicate that it will be both colorful and attractive. *Foundations of Faith* will be released as scheduled in December 1983, for use in the spring or summer quarter of 1984.

Early response to news of the course has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic. The consensus is, "We've needed something like this for a long time." Orders are now beginning to come in, not only from various parts of the states, but from English-speaking world areas as well. □

IRS ANNOUNCES NEW MILEAGE RATE FOR BUSINESS USE OF CAR

The standard mileage rate for figuring the tax deduction for business use of cars was raised by the IRS from 20 cents per mile to 20.5 cents per mile. This new rate may be used for the entire 1983 tax year.

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Although all taxpayers who qualify for the business mileage deduction will be affected, the new rate will be of par-

ticular interest to ministers who are using their personal automobiles in church business. Church boards who are reimbursing their employees for business mileage will want to begin to use the increased rate of mileage reimbursement. □

—Pensions and Benefits Services

REGIONAL SOLOCONS HELD

Three Regional SoloCons, a gathering of single adults, were held on Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30.

One was held at Big Bear Lake, Calif. Art and Carole Freeman were the

directors. Dr. Reuben Welch was the speaker.

The Oklahoma SoloCon was at New Life Ranch, near Siloam Springs, Ark., and was directed by Rev. Ken Stallings. The speaker was Rev. Lenny Wisehart.

The SoloCon in Indiana was at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp, near Turkey Run State Park. The director was Rev. Jack McCormick. The speaker was Harold Ivan Smith.

A total of 561 attended the three retreats. All three locations will have another SoloCon next year over Memorial Day weekend. □



SoloCon at Big Bear Lake, Calif.



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Before coming to his present assignment, Rev. Fitzgerald pastored on the

Northwestern Ohio District. He previously served five years as assistant financial manager of the Division of World Mission. He is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College and of Nazarene Theological Seminary where he received the M.Div. degree in 1978. Currently, he and his wife, Susanna, along with their two children, Jason and Kate, reside in Olathe, Kans. They are members of College Church where Rev. Fitzgerald serves on the church board and the Finance Committee. □

OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES



UHRIG NAMED ASSISTANT REGISTRAR AT MVNC



Mount Vernon Nazarene College President William J. Prince announced the appointment of Wayne Uhrig to assistant registrar at MVNC. Uhrig will be responsible for all areas of registration from high school records through graduating seniors and will also concentrate on statistical reports.

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During the 1982-83 school year, Uhrig worked in the MVNC Learning Center as an assistant instructor in the Math Department. He also served as an assistant baseball coach.

He earned his master's degree in Athletic Administration and Coaching from the Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., in 1981.

Uhrig earned his bachelor's degree from John Wesley College in Owasso, Mich., in 1978. After graduation he served as an assistant baseball coach under present MVNC head baseball coach Sam Riggelman. □

TNC ADDS TO FACULTY

Trevecca Nazarene College has announced four new faculty members for this fall. Dr. Ronald F. Gray, returning from Canada, will be professor of mathematics. Dr. Gray, who taught at Trevecca from 1978-80, holds a B.A. from the University of New Hampshire and an M.A. and Ed.D. from the University of California.

James H. Warren, associate professor of drama and communications, holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina, an M.A. from Northwestern University, and an M.A. from Scarritt College, where he has previously been in the Drama Department.

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the Physician Assistant Program. Mr. Johnson is a 1975 P.A. graduate of the University of Iowa, College of Medicine. He practiced in Dunlap, Tenn., and Waverly, Ia., before joining the administrative staff of the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Iowa where he served as the clinical coordinator.

Dr. Jim Hiatt, assistant professor of business law, received his B.A. from Trevecca in 1976. He holds a J.D. from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Hiatt has been in private practice in Nashville. □

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS


President Stephen W. Nease and Dean Donald Young have announced seven new faculty appointments for the 1983-84 academic year. This announcement comes following the approval of the Education Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Norene Pfautz Fiacco, assistant professor of English, from Paducah, Ky., is a graduate of State University College at Potsdam, N.Y. She holds the Ed.M. degree in English from the University of Mississippi and has additional graduate hours as a reading specialist. Fiacco has taught English from grade 8 through 12 in Norwood, N.Y.; Belpre, Ohio; and Corinth, Miss., and, most recently, taught freshman composition and advanced composition at the Paducah Community College.

Thomas P. Haverly, assistant professor of religion, from Chicago, is a 1974 graduate in religion and philosophy from Olivet Nazarene College. He holds the M.Div. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary and is completing Ph.D. studies in New Testament at the University of Edinburgh. Haverly has served as a graduate assistant and a student instructor at NTS, as assistant minister in Scotland, and as a lecturer in the New Testament in British Isles Nazarene College.


Edward F. Mann, associate professor of mathematics, is a 1957 graduate of ENC. Mr. Mann holds the M.A. degree in mathematics from Boston College and has done additional graduate study at Stonehill College, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Oklahoma University. Mr. Mann has served in teaching positions in Hanover High School, Rochester Institute of Technology, Mid-America Nazarene College, and Mount Vernon Nazarene College. He has served as curriculum consultant in the Regional Computer Center at Carnegie-Mellon University, research associate at Educational Systems Research Institute in Pittsburgh, and has, since 1978, been serving as as-

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sistant to the president for financial development at Mount Vernon Nazarene College.

Charles McGlumphy, instructor in physics, from Moundsville, W.Va., is a 1979 graduate in physics of Wheeling College and has done graduate work at Wake Forest University. He holds the master's degree in physics from Kent State University. He has had teaching assignments as a laboratory instructor in both universities and has also had research assistantships.

Clifford Hersey, assistant professor in communication, is a 1976 graduate of ENC. Mr. Hersey holds the M.Div. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary and is completing the Ed.M. degree in educational media and technology at Boston University. He has recently served as lecturer in communication arts at ENC and as associate minister of the Wollaston church.

Janet Simonson Lanham, assistant professor of psychology, is a graduate of ENC with a B.A. in history and holds an M.A. degree in history from Boston College. She is presently doing doctoral studies in pastoral psychology at Boston University. Mrs. Lanham has taught history and psychology at ENC and has served as associate dean of students from 1976 to 1982. She is co-author with Dr. Cecil Paul of *Choices: In Pursuit of Wholeness*.

Paul Nyce, instructor in physics, is a 1978 graduate of ENC with a B.S. in physics and has done graduate work in physics at the University of Michigan. He held a teaching assistantship there for three terms and a research appointment. He has also had significant course work in computer science and is presently working for a software development and programming services firm in Troy, Mich. □

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I am pleased to recommend to our pastors and churches, RICHARD A. McFERRIN, a registered evangelist of the Northeastern Indiana District. Brother McFerrin is a dynamic, holiness, evangelistic preacher of the Word, and he and his wife sing well together. He has had fruitful revivals in many of the churches in this area, and I believe God will bless his ministry across our church. You may contact him at Route 1, Box 125A, Gaston, IN 47342.—*Bruce T. Taylor, Northeastern Indiana district superintendent.*

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VETERAN DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT DIES



Dr. James E. Hunton, retired district superintendent, died August 19 following a massive heart attack.

Dr. Hunton served pastorates in Philadelphia; South Portland, Me.; Cleveland and East Liverpool, Ohio, for 29 years. He was district superintendent for 1½ years on

two districts, Philadelphia and Illinois.

He is survived by his wife, Flora; one son, Jay, pastor at Nall Avenue, Prairie Village, Kans.; two granddaughters; and one sister, Mrs. Frances Rapahe.

Funeral services were held August 23 at the Allentown, Pa., First Church with Dr. Hadley A. Hall officiating, assisted by district superintendents Paul D. Mangum and John Hancock. Interment was at Highland Cemetery, Allentown.

DEATHS

MRS. MILDRED A. COLEMAN of Montpelier, Ind., died Oct. 6 in Hartford City, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. S. J. Roberts and Harry Mann. She is survived by one son, Thomas, and his twin sister, Bonnie; four grandchildren; and two sisters.

MRS. VERNA B. CONRAD, 84, died Sept. 19 in Decatur, Ill. Funeral services were held in Darlington, Ind., by Rev. Gerald Painter. She is survived by two sons, Rev. Don E. and Fred M.; one daughter, Mrs. Bill (Dallas) Sargent; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

O. TRUMAN FRALEY, 79, died Oct. 2 in Duncan,

Oklahoma. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Charles Stroud and Bill Boles. Surviving are his wife, Lillian; two sons, Dean and Dr. G. Bob; eight grandchildren; four sisters; and four brothers.

GRACE LEE HART, 62, died May 11 in Kissimmee, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul H. Newby and Rev. Les Holcombe. Survivors include three daughters, Evangeline Spruill, Evalee Saelinger, and Cheryl; two sons, Vaughn and Wayne; and two grandchildren.

RALPH F. HAZEN died Sept. 21 in Canon City, Colo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Victor Schreffler and Rev. David Showalter. He is survived by his wife, Pearl; one son, Duane; two daughters, Marilyn Arnold and Evelyn Wheelock; Beryl Robinson; eight grandchildren; three great-grandsons; and three brothers.

ANNA LEE HORNER, 90, died Sept. 19 in Hannibal, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dorothy Reed. Survivors include six daughters, Edna Palmer, Matilda Dickensheets, Bertha Mixer, Anabell Rhoads, Alice Bird, and Mary K. Fanning; and two sons, Paul and Harold.

REV. CHESTER K. JOHNSTON, 62, died Oct. 4 in Leon, Ia. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul I. Miller and District Superintendent Forrest E. Whitlatch. Rev. Johnston had pastored churches at Leon, Ottumwa, and Keokuk, Ia. He is survived by his wife, Violet; two daughters, Carolyn Miller and Debbie Woodworth; one son, Kevin; four grandchildren; and one brother.

GUSTAV KAPTEIN, 67, died Oct. 15 in Akron, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Cliff Vanderburgh. He is survived by his wife, Lois; two sons, Rev. George and Rev. Curtis; one daughter, Frieda Marie Ebel; six grandchildren; one sister; and two brothers.

MRS. ETHEL MAUGER, 82, died Aug. 23 in West Chester, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. Ross Emrick of Alanson, Mich. She is survived by one son, Ernest; one daughter, Kathryn Mooney; two sisters; and four brothers.

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GERTRUDE MURRAY, 81, died Oct. 4 in Falls Church, Va. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Rick Withrow and Rev. David Ehrlin. She is survived by her daughter, Janet.

MARY FRANCIS (WILLIAMS) NIX, 52, died Oct. 2 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Daniel and Rev. Arthur Fallon. Surviving are her husband, Bobby; two sons, Tom and Danny; her mother; and one sister.

CLARA REMERIO, 84, died Sept. 28 in Hannibal, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dorothy Reed and Rev. Charles Rache. She is survived by two daughters, Agnes Zerbonia and Patty Murray.

ALBERTA MARIE FLETCHER SMITH, 60, died Aug. 15 in Ottawa, Ontario. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ray Lewis and Rev. Stuart Butterfield. She is survived by her husband, James Harkness Smith; her mother; and one sister.

REV. MRS. THELMA STEELMAN, 80, died Oct. 8 at Paris, Tex. A memorial service was conducted by Revs. Paul H. Garrett, W. M. Lynch, Tom Moore, and Cecil C. Fulton, with interment at Gilmer, Tex. She pastored churches in California and Texas, evangelized in the Southwest, and pioneered home mission churches. She is survived by her husband, W. H.; and one son, B. Ray.

J. ARTHUR WHITLATCH, 83, died Oct. 3 in Des Moines, Ia. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dan Arnold. He is survived by his wife, Esther; one daughter, Deloris Mitchell; and two sons, James and Rev. Forrest E., Iowa district superintendent.

REV. PAUL E. WINSLOW, 77, died Aug. 12 in San Antonio, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Michael Smith and Rev. J. Marvin Harrison. Rev. Winslow served as chaplain in the U.S. Army for over 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Eva; one daughter, Joanne Economon; two grandchildren; and one brother.

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to CHUCK AND CAROLYN (SMITH) DRESCHER, Garden Grove, Calif., a girl, Sarah Anne, Sept. 29

to REV. LEON AND PAM (KRANTZ) FRIESEN, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, a boy, Nathan Leon, Oct. 18

to CHRISTOPHER AND CATHY (SMITH) HAKE, Garden Grove, Calif., a girl, Kelly Eileen, Aug. 19

PROTESTANTS SPEAK AGAINST VATICAN TIES. Major Protestants groups urged defeat of a Senate proposal that would allow full U.S. diplomatic relations with the Vatican, saying it would violate the constitutional ban on church-state ties.

"The central function of the Vatican is to serve as the headquarters of a church," said Forest Montgomery, spokesman for the National Association of Evangelicals. "Establishing diplomatic relations with it would give the appearance of an imprimatur of the United States upon the head of a church."

The Protestant spokesmen, who represented conservative groups as well as liberal at the Capitol Hill news conference, said their opposition was not motivated by prejudice against Roman Catholics.

Bert Beach, a spokesman for the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, said the opposition "is based on the American tradition and is in harmony with the constitutional provision of separation of church and state."

Beach said he thought the citizenship of U.S. cardinals could become an issue if ties with the Vatican were established because cardinals elect the pope, the head of a "foreign state."

Representatives of most U.S. Baptist groups, the National Council of Churches, and Americans United for Separation of Church and State also announced their opposition to the Senate amendment. The amendment would remove an 1867 prohibition on full diplomatic relations with the Vatican. □

COLSON CALLS FOR REFORM, BEGINS JUSTICE ORGANIZATION.

The formation of a nonprofit agency to seek widespread reform in the criminal justice system was announced recently by Charles W. Colson, former Watergate figure and now president of Prison Fellowship. Called Justice Fellowship, the new organization will provide assistance to state and federal legislators who are dealing with criminal justice issues and will develop grassroots support for needed reforms as well. It will continue work begun within Prison Fellowship, an interdenominational Christian outreach to inmates, ex-offenders, and their families in the U.S. and internationally. The new affiliated organization will increase emphasis and focus on reform issues.

Colson, the former presidential aide who served time in prison on a Watergate-related charge, said, "The needless imprisonment of non-dangerous offenders is costing taxpayers huge sums of money and is doing nothing to restore victims of crime. The system is unjust to many and wastes the lives of thousands of individuals who could be contributing members of society. Improvements are both possible and urgent."

Justice Fellowship will expand the use of "criminal justice task forces" to develop grassroots support for its proposed reforms. In addition, direct efforts will be made to impact current and pending criminal justice legislation. □

GOSPEL OF JOHN NOW IN RUSSIAN BRAILLE. The United Bible Societies report that the Gospel according to John in Russian Braille has been printed and is ready for shipment. This Gospel follows the previous Braille publication of the Gospel according to Matthew, of which about 500 copies could be placed into the hands of blind people in the Soviet Union.

The first recipient of such a Braille gospel in Moscow, when his fingers were "reading" across the lines, exclaimed with his voice full of tears: "It is as if the angel of the Lord, the angel of light, had come to visit me! Now I can read for myself the glorious Word of God," according to UBS spokesmen. The Gospel of Matthew was the first religious Braille publication to ever reach the Soviet Union. Presently the United Bible Societies are working on the publication of the Gospel according to Mark. □

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 to REV. CECIL AND KATHRYN (HIGLEY) NICHOLS, Farmington, Ark., a boy, Jonathan Martin, July 28
 to JIM AND CINDY (EAGLETON) PARK, Decatur, Ill., a girl, Stephanie Lynn, Sept. 19
 to DAVID AND CYNDI (BENNET) ROBERTS, Dallas, Tex., a girl, Amber Suzanne, Aug. 23
 to DR. JEFF AND KATHY (KENNEDY) SABINE, Sacramento, Calif., a girl, Amy Ruth, Sept. 26
 to THOMAS AND SANDRA (WETZEL) SANDS, Laureldale, Pa., a girl, Teresa Lynne, Aug. 22
 to LARRY AND PAMELA (McLAUGHLIN) SPEECE, Mount Vernon, Ohio, a girl, Nicole Victoria, July 6
 to GARY AND DARLENE (COMPTON) WELCH, Louisville, Ky., a girl, Faith Ann, Sept. 30

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ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. H. H. GOUDY celebrated their 50th anniversary Sept. 3 in the Sanger, Calif., church. Their son, Truman, and wife Betty hosted the occasion. The Goudys renewed their marriage vows with Rev. Leonard Hall, pastor, officiating. A reception was

held in the social room. Many friends and relatives were present to share in the celebration. The Goudys are retired and live in Fresno, Calif.

FRED AND PEARL HAWKS celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Oct. 12. Friends and relatives were greeted following the church service Sunday, Oct. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the Pisgah, Ohio, Community Church of the Nazarene.

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We welcome questions on biblical and doctrinal matters. The editor is not able to send replies to questions not selected for publication. Address: ANSWER CORNER, *Herald of Holiness*, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Does the baptism Paul writes about in Romans 6:1-14 refer to water baptism or to baptism with the Holy Spirit?

I believe that it refers to water baptism. Paul discusses, in the context of this passage, what the believer *was* in Adam and what he *is* in Christ. The transformation from the rule of sin over us to the rule of grace over us is grounded in the cross of Christ and expressed in the baptism of the believer. In the death of Christ for us and the life of Christ in us, the reign of sin is broken, the reign of grace begins. In the purpose and provision of God, all this takes place in the death-resurrection of Christ, where we died *with* Him and live *with* Him. In the experience and consciousness of man, this takes place when we believe in Christ and witness our faith in baptism. *By faith* we identify ourselves with Christ, who *in death* identified himself with us. At this point provision is realized in experience. Paul does not look at baptism apart from faith, as though baptism in water automatically produced this change. But faith-baptism, as a whole experience, identifies us with the crucified-risen Savior, incorporates us into His body, and sets us on the pathway of righteous living.

Along the pathway we discover sin within us that does not consent to the new identity, to the new life-style. That inward sin, that innate principle of rebellion, must be destroyed. Its destruction results from a *conscious yielding* of the believer to God, as we *reckon* ourselves to be in truth what we have consented to be in faith—people dead indeed to sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ. God responds to our yielding with His cleansing and enablement, making inward and outward holiness possible in daily life. In this way, what was provided in the Cross, symbolized

in baptism, and appropriated by faith is actualized in experience. This, I believe, is the teaching of the passage about which you asked. □

Is Isaiah 65, beginning with the 17th verse, a picture of the thousand years of peace? If so, will you explain the 20th verse?

Isaiah 65 is regarded by some interpreters as a reference to a coming millenium, which lies just beyond a final great tribulation.

Verse 20 would then mean that life on earth during that millenium would be enjoyed under conditions that permit people to live out a full span of life. People will not die in infancy or youth, with the exception of certain "sinners" who might be cut down at the early age of 100. Sin will exist and death will occur during this period, but prevailing conditions of peace, safety, and health will insure longer, happier lives than now.

Some interpreters do not regard this passage in Isaiah as a prophecy of a distant millenium, but of Israel's restoration from Babylonian captivity, described in highly idealistic language. □

"Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" (John 3:10). Why did Jesus ask Nicodemus this question? If there was no new birth until after the Cross, why ask a question he could not know about?

The question implies that Nicodemus could have known and should have known. Jesus was talking about the possibility of new life, life in the kingdom of God, entered upon through a new birth. This spiritual rebirth was made possible through the mysterious power of the Spirit (v. 8) and the crucifixion of the Son of man (vv. 14-15).

Nicodemus could have known about this from the Old Testament scriptures, from passages such as Ezekiel 36:25-28, Numbers 21:7-9, and Isaiah 53.

What was provided by the Cross was anticipated in prophecy. As an "expert" in Scripture, Nicodemus should have understood the possibility of a new heart, a new relationship to God, based on faith in a divinely provided remedy for sin, not on physical descent from Abraham. □



The Bedford, Ohio, church had exciting growth between June 1, 1982, and May 31, 1983. They received 94 members by profession of faith. Pictured are those who were in attendance on the night of May 29, 1983. The pastoral staff is composed of Rev. Ernest R. Rhodes, senior pastor; Rev. Bernard Dickson, youth; Rev. Brett Eshelman, education; Rev. Geoffrey Burges, lay development; Rev. John Congalton, visitation; Rev. Ken Rowlett, CLT director; and C. Wayne Rice, music.

In August of 1982, Rev. and Mrs. Roger Outler were commissioned to the Northwest Indiana District to begin a new church in **Hebron, Ind.** The Lowell church, pastored by Rev. Michael Brown, mothered this new work—giving people and over \$8,000 in financial support.

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THANK-YOU LETTERS RECEIVED FOR "EXTRA" PENSION CHECK

The Board of Pensions, representing the Church of the Nazarene in the U.S. and Canada, issued a "13th month" check to all who were members of the "Basic" Pension roll on October 5, 1983. It was made possible by the support of the Pensions and Benefits Fund by each church and by favorable investment experience.

The following excerpts are taken from the hundreds of thank-you letters received because of this special "75th Anniversary" check. The thanks belong to Nazarenes who helped to make this possible through prayer and giving.

"Thanks for the special check. Just to be remembered by you all has made our day."

Retired minister from North Arkansas

"Ten thousand thanks for the good letter and the extra check. It came at a very good time. I recently had to get new teeth and eye glasses."

Retired minister from Kentucky

"Every check I get, I can feel your thoughtfulness and caring."

Minister's widow from Michigan

"We thank you and our beloved church for this special remembrance."

Retired minister from Dallas

"What a surprise! You were very thoughtful to do this. THANK YOU! It will be tithed back into the church."

Minister's widow from Southwest Indiana

*"Your 'special gift' that came today
Left me without much words to say
But bless your soul, a gift that way—
Just crowned my years and made my day!*

*So we thank God for friends like you
And for each, who had a small part too,
In supplying means to fill my need
For—you've made my day with this great deed.*

*Now let me pull the years end in
To complete the cycle too—
You didn't only make my day—
You MADE MY WHOLE YEAR TOO!"*

Minister's widow from Northwest Oklahoma

"Many thanks to all who are concerned in the operation of the Pensions and Benefits Services. It is another evidence of the concern the Church of the Nazarene has for all of us who are no longer a part of the officially active members of the church."

Retired minister from Alabama North

"As a minister's widow, I am deeply grateful to our church and the care and concern given to us. I am 91 and enjoy life—isn't God good!"

Minister's widow from Northwestern Illinois

"Thanks to you for the gift. It couldn't have come at a better time. I have just had cataracts removed from my eyes. Will have to get new glasses, so I will use the gift to purchase them."

Minister's widow from Northwest Oklahoma

"I cannot keep back the tears when I think of the way our church loves and cares for its own."

Retired minister from Joplin

"I had asked God for some extra money for medical bills this month and the ol' enemy said 'no way' can this be done. But praise be unto His holy name—the prayer was answered; and through 'my church.'"

Minister's widow from West Texas

"Just received the check—took time out to weep before writing; I'm weeping for thanksgiving and joy."

Minister's widow from Philadelphia

"God in His generous love has supplied all our needs, and this gift is really an extra! I realize this is made possible because of the faithful giving of Nazarenes."

Retired minister from Upstate New York

"We thank the general church for their generosity and thoughtfulness."

Retired minister from New England

"The check will help to pay the doctor bills. Thanks!"

Retired minister from Southern Florida

"What a beautiful gesture on behalf of our church, remembering its ministers like this at this celebration time. We assure you that it is deeply appreciated and will meet a specific need right now."

Retired minister from Sacramento

"Thank you so very much for the gift. I appreciate my wonderful, friendly church."

Minister's widow from Colorado

"Just want to say thanks for the check we received. Thanks to all of you who have had a part."

Retired minister from Washington Pacific

bron was organized on October 23, 1983, at 3 p.m. in the local Methodist church. District Superintendent Thomas M. Hermon brought the message and conducted the organization.



Pictured at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Hays, Kans., church on Aug. 28, 1983, are (back row, l. to r.): Dr. Marselle Knight, Kansas district superintendent; Rev. Eugene Berbeck, former pastor (also special speaker); Rev. Garry Wright, former pastor; Rev. Gerald Craig, current pastor; (front row, l. to r.) Rev. Emery Rathbun, former pastor; Rev. Hilda (Wild) Rathbun, first pastor of Hays Church of the Nazarene. A new record was set for attendance that Sunday morning. There were 205 people present. The old record was 194.



Mrs. Ethel Vincent (r.) presented to the Orange, Tex., First Church a Baldwin organ in May of 1983. She gave the organ as a memorial to her husband, Mr. Edward Vincent. The Vincents have been leaders in the local church since its early beginnings. Pastor Bill T. Carr (l.) presented a memorial plaque in honor of the occasion.

There were 72 people present, and 8 members joined, with the charter left open. The Praisemen Quartet from ONC brought special music.

Rev. Dale Fitch, pastor of the Hammond Woodlawn Church, presented Rev. Outler with a large Bible for the

new church. An offering of \$212 was given as a gift to Rev. and Mrs. Outler.

This is the first organization of a new church in the 75th anniversary year for Northwest Indiana. Services are now being held in a storefront building. □



On July 2, 1983, nearly 500 people gathered in the Iglesia del Nazareno in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., to dedicate their new building. General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins was the special speaker for the event. Also present were Rev. Raymundo Lopez, district superintendent, and about 20 pastors from the district, with representatives from their congregations. The Spanish style building features a chapel, a kitchen, rest rooms, and Sunday School classrooms. It is surrounded by landscaping and a parking lot. The present building and the land have been paid in full. Rev. José González has led the congregation for the last 11 years. During this time, the church has found it necessary to relocate both the church building and parsonage, and replace and remodel furniture and equipment. The Iglesia del Nazareno in Rancho Cucamonga is one of the pioneering Hispanic churches of the denomination in the United States.



The Marionville, Mo., church leads the district, receiving 29 new Nazarenes since the district assembly, August 1982. The Marionville church is one of the 13 new churches organized on the Joplin District under the leadership of Dr. James C. Hester, who became superintendent in 1970. Marionville was organized on October 13, 1974, with 21 charter members. Pictured are some of the new members with Pastor Ed Breen (r.) and District Superintendent Hester.



Chickasha, Okla., First Church dedicated its new sanctuary on Aug. 7, 1983. The dedicatory message was brought by Dr. Bert Daniels, district superintendent of the Southwest Oklahoma District. The new facility of 4,500 sq. ft. is valued at over \$165,000, with less than \$40,000 indebtedness. The congregation donated many hours of labor toward the new facility. Rev. James Ikner is the pastor.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents and in consultation with the District Advisory Board of the Kansas District, I have appointed Dr. R. J. Cerrato (presently pastor of Chicago First Church) as superintendent of the Kansas District effective November 20, 1983.

JERALD D. JOHNSON
General Superintendent

ROBERT J. CERRATO NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT IN KANSAS

Dr. R. J. Cerrato was appointed district superintendent in Kansas to fill the vacancy created by the move of C. Marselle Knight to Eastern Michigan.

Dr. Cerrato was ordained in 1951. During the '50s he served pastorates on the Washington-Philadelphia and Minnesota districts. From 1960 to 1964, he completed an assignment in Italy and then returned to the U.S. to pastor in East Rockaway, N.Y. From 1968 to the present, he has been pastor of Chicago First Church where he led the congregation to relocation in Lemont, Ill., in Chicago's metro area. Dr. Cerrato has served on the District Advisory Board, as well as on other district boards and committees, and on the Board of Trustees of Olivet Nazarene College. He was a delegate to the 6th and 20th General Assemblies.

Rev. Cerrato and his wife, Edna, have five children: Lynda, Robert, Kathy, Rick, and Jay.

He assumed his duties officially on the Kansas District on November 20.

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HERITAGE MONTH REPORT FOR THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

During October, the church has had goal to receive 10,414 new Nazarenes, equalling the original membership of the denomination at its founding in 908.

All of the districts in Canada and the U.S.A. have reported the number of new Nazarenes received on Founder's Day, October 16, 1983, at 10,537, which exceeds the worldwide goal. The totals from the 70 other world areas where the church has work will be available later, but already the reports are en-

couraging. For example, Northeast Guatemala District reported 1,000 new Nazarenes received on one day.

The top 10 U.S. and Canada districts numerically and percentage-wise are:

NUMERICALLY

Southern California	433
Los Angeles	399
Oregon Pacific	385
Northwest Oklahoma	326
Colorado	292
Central Florida	282
Akron	250
Georgia	222
Michigan	207
Central Ohio	201

PERCENTAGE-WISE

Canada Quebec	6.25
Hawaii Pacific	6.04
Eastern Latin American	4.73
San Antonio	4.30
Canada Atlantic	4.03
Upstate New York	3.97
Nebraska	3.83
Alaska	3.79
Northwest Oklahoma	3.56
New Mexico	3.43

A second goal for the heritage celebration was the organization of 75 new churches on the third Sunday of the month. The count of new organizations is 179, reported by Dr. Raymond Hurn, director of Church extension Ministries for the denomination.

Phil Riley, Christian Life and Sunday School director, received reports that totaled 491,113 in Sunday School on Founders' Day.

Heritage month was a time of exciting celebration in every area of the church.

—NW

SWAZILAND HIGH SCHOOL ROOF DAMAGED BY STORM

The high school roof at Siteki, Swaziland, was severely damaged in a recent storm. Africa Region director, Dr. Richard Zanner, requested assistance. The response was a \$5,000 grant from the Hunger and Disaster Fund for repairs.

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SOCIAL SECURITY REMINDER

During 1983, the U.S. Congress passed Social Security Reform Legislation that affects Nazarene churches and their employees.

Beginning with wages paid in 1984, churches having lay employees (both full time and part time) will be required to withhold 6.7 percent of wages for Social Security (FICA) taxes. Those churches will pay an additional 7 per-

cent out of church funds for FICA taxes.

Churches will want to carefully follow the instructions found in IRS Publication 15 "Circular E—Employer's Tax Guide" for 1984. Questions may be directed to Pensions and Benefits Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131, phone (816) 333-7000.

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BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS CHOOSE NEW OFFICERS

New Officers have been chosen by the Board of General Superintendents to assume office January 1, 1984, and to serve two years. They are: Chairman, Dr. Jerald D. Johnson; Vice-Chairman, Dr. Charles H. Strickland; and Secretary, Dr. William M. Great-house.

75th ANNIVERSARY CHURCH IN PORTUGAL

For some months, a group of Nazarenes led by a Portuguese layman who was converted in Moçambique has been meeting in Linho, Portugal. By much sacrifice they had saved \$6,000 toward construction of a church building.

Mr. Elmer Trimble, an American Nazarene businessman, was in Portugal recently and stayed in a hotel in Linho. He visited the church and was so impressed with their work and faith that he gave \$20,000 for the new church. Land has been donated, and plans are approved by the city.

Work and Witness teams will help with the work of building. Two teams are already interested. It is hoped that more will contact them by spring 1984 so that the church can be completed.

The church was organized October 23, 1983.

—NW

SANDERS MAKING RAPID RECOVERY

Dr. Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., president of Nazarene Theological Seminary, has been back in the office for over a month. Although a small area of malignancy was discovered, it was very low grade and localized. The physicians have full confidence that all of the malignancy was removed by the surgery and no further treatment is necessary. His doctors term his rapid recovery as "exceptionally fast."

Dr. Sanders received many cards, telephone calls, and other expressions of prayerful concern during his illness. He expresses his gratitude with the words, "To God be the glory."



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