THE LENTEN SEASON AND REVIVAL

by General Superintendent John A. Knight

The Lenten season is the 40-day period preceding Easter. The days of Lent (appointed in memory of Jesus' fast as a period of abstinence) date from the Wednesday of the first week of Lent, seven weeks before Easter (it was never the custom to fast on Sundays, and in this way the number of 40 is composed).

The name "Ash Wednesday," the medieval title of the first day of Lent, was given in reference to an ancient discipline according to which penitents had to appear before the bishop and clergy clothed in sackcloth.

Nazarenes do not make as much of this special time on the Christian calendar as they might. Granted, it can be trivialized. People sometimes say, "I am giving up chewing gum for Lent," or "We are not buying a new car until after Lent." Such shallow "commitments" miss the point of the commemoration and minimize the demands of our Lord, who said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34, italic added).

The fact that some observe Lent in a formalized manner should not deter us from enjoying the spiritual values of this season. What a beautiful time to prepare our hearts and churches for the revival God is longing to send.

While it is not necessary literally to clothe ourselves in sackcloth, it is imperative to discipline ourselves by the prompting of the Spirit in order to see revival. The promise is still valid: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

March 4 is Ash Wednesday, an appropriate time to intensify our intercession for revival. Already God is giving us a foretaste of spiritual blessing. As intermittent drops of rain often precede the steady showers, so in different and numerous places God is sending sprinkles of revival.

In a short series of services where I preached recently, the altar was filled, and God's Spirit was manifest in convicting, converting, consecrating, and cleansing power. When it was over the pastor said more spiritual good had been accomplished than in all his earlier years as shepherd of that congregation. Preaching was rather ordinary, perhaps even poor. I learned, however, that a group in the church had been involved in intercessory prayer for weeks that God would revive His people and bring spiritual renewal. This is the key to both revival in the church and evangelistic outreach.

Several days ago I met the pastors of a growing district on a one-to-one basis. They are forming missions, establishing preaching points, and planting new churches. Their reports of conversions of many who were strangers to God and the church and of their deliverance from the guilt and habits of sin inspired my faith.

These intermittent drops of spiritual refreshing from heaven remind me that God's resources are not depleted, or even diminished. God's faithfulness is forever, and He is ready and anxious to revive His church.

Who can doubt that our world, our homes, our friends, our churches need revival; and that each of us individually needs revival. Those outside the church are hungering and thirsting for it whether they know it or not.

It would be difficult to find anyone in the church who does not claim to want revival. The question is, Do we want it enough to wait in penitence and obedience before God until not only "droplets" of revival but also "showers of blessing" are poured out upon us?

I am heartened by the approximately 15,000 prayer partners around the world who have committed themselves to pray daily for revival. Already their prayers are making a difference.

Since God is willing to revive us, and we need and want to be revived, and God has resources to do it, the remaining ingredient is intercessory prayer. During this Lenten season, beginning with Ash Wednesday, let us clothe ourselves spiritually in "sackcloth and ashes."

I am grateful for the "light showers," but I am looking for, and praying for, the "downpours" God has promised.

The Lenten season is as good a time as any to get ready for them. Anytime is a good time with God, so why not now.
The Cost of NEGLECT

Sin thrives on neglect. What often appear as small neglects and little "sins" eventually accumulate and grow, creating problems.

by C. NEIL STRAIT

A woman noticed a few bees buzzing around in the attic of her home, but thought nothing about it. They were so few. Over the summer months, the bees continued to fly in and out of the attic vent, but the woman was unconcerned about the growing city of bees.

Eventually, the whole attic became a beehive, accumulating pounds of honey in their haven. One day the ceiling of the second-floor bedroom caved in under the weight of hundreds of pounds of honey. The honey resulted not from a few bees, but from thousands who had joined in the honey-making.

There is a lesson here on the subject of neglect. Sin thrives on neglect. What often appear as small neglects and little "sins" eventually accumulate and grow, creating problems. Such are the makings of all sinfulness.

The big sins do not get big overnight. Neglect and inattention to discipline foster their growth and encourage their spreading influence. Inattention to devotions and to prayer opens the way for sin to establish a foothold that soon becomes a beachhead.

Where such neglect and inattention characterize one's living, the tributaries of sin begin their work—a thought now and then, an action or two, a compromise here and there, and a word ill-spoken occasionally. With cumulative effect sin enters and moves like a force through the heart and mind, claiming another victim.

We are told that the mighty Amazon begins as a mere icy trickle from an Andes glacier. But as the Amazon surges across the parched wilderness, hundreds of tributaries pour their waters into it. Torrential rains swell the flood, until the Amazon is no longer a river but a moving sea that drains nearly half of South America. It is so great that by the time it reaches the Atlantic it floods the ocean with water for up to 100 miles offshore.

Many a life can testify to the tributaries that have enlarged and strengthened the force of sin. Bad attitudes, selfish desires, constant neglects, bad habits, poor disciplines—all are tributaries that help make sin a destructive flood.

The patterns of neglect and the forces of sin can be broken. God provides power for man's discipline and cautions against sin. Prayer is the path to such power. The world has yet to improve on the necessity of prayer. And while prayer may get bad press on occasion, God invites His children to call for help in the time of need.

KEEP ME TUNED—
A Prayer

Permeate the atmosphere of my soul, Lord
with a love that has no bounds.
Let not an attitude or relationship of mine
be minus the love of Christ.
May my outward conduct always display
my unshakable dependency on God.
Cause my trust to grow increasingly stronger;
my grip on Your hand to firmly tighten
when heaviness of soul is my lot.
Give me grace to always wait (with a smile
in my soul) for Your infinite understanding
and compassion in all things.
Bolster me daily with an unstaggering faith
in Your eternal promises; for they
always remind me I am serving a God
who is unfailing in His love.
Breathe on me a constant inward fervency to do
Thy will—no matter what it may cost me.
Heaven will be cheap at any price
I may have to pay to get there.
O Thou, my Fountain of spiritual upkeep—
Keep me tuned!

—ALTON HACKER
Santa Ana, California
WRITE ON

Let's get behind Dr. Dobson in this fight against pornography. He has given so much, now it's our turn. If this war is to be won, we must all fight against pornography. He has given so much, now it's our turn. If this war is to be won, we must all fight against pornography.

HELPING A PRISONER

I was sending the Herald to a man in prison in Oklahoma. I heard from him a few days ago. He just loves the magazine. He feels like it is doing him a lot of good. I was sure glad to hear that. He is in prison for life. I sent him a Christmas card and urged him to accept the Lord in 1987. I only hope he will become a real Christian.

I know the Herald is the only Christian paper he gets, so I feel like I am trying to help him.

Mildred Ericsson
Wichita, Kansas

LONGTIME READER

After spending a long day at the hospital with a family and then to a cottage prayer meeting, I picked up the November 15 Herald and read it until after 12:00 midnight. It was just what I needed. The Editor's Standpoint and the Answer Corner were perfect (maybe because I agreed this time). Then I read “Truckloads of Blessing” taken to Chicago by many of my friends in West Virginia.

The Herald of Holiness has been coming to my home for over 50 years, and I think I will subscribe again this year.

Forest F. Harvey
Greenfield, Indiana

ONE REWARD

Those who accept Christ as Savior get eternal life no matter at what time of life they start working for the Lord. How strange that people don't know what Jesus has in mind. No matter when one accepts Christ as his Savior he is rewarded with eternal life.

Some people accept Christ when they are young and work for Him all their lives, but their reward at their death is eternal life. Then there are those who have a deathbed conversion.

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If ever a collection qualified for the name "The Dirty Dozen," it is the so-called soap operas and their counterparts on TV’s prime time. The idea of identifying them with soap certainly contains a bit of irony. Not that sex is dirty in itself, but they flaunt illicit sex in an unending torrent. Without sex they would be without subject matter.

To make sex a spectator sport is bad enough, but sex in the soaps is, as a recent TV Guide suggests, "naughty sex." It is almost never between a man and his wife; 96 percent of the time it is adulterous.

This would be bad enough within itself, but it also affects the nation’s morals. The industry’s claim of only reflecting the values of contemporary society is wrong; they are shaping our values. It seems that even the TV moguls do not fully understand their power to affect the nation. The advertisers do—they spend millions selling their products by the very media that the industry itself discounts as a change-agent.

When we add to the "soaps" the diet of prime time viewing in the evenings, we have a raunchy diet for a viewing family. The problem is being compounded by an ever increasing degree of vulgarity. This is conspicuous when compared with reruns of programs produced a few years ago. Since protest by such organizations as The National Federation for Decency have had no effect, it is unlikely that changes will occur. Donald Wildmon, its executive director, gathered the signatures of 1,000 top Christian leaders in America on the "Statement of Concern Regarding Network Television," which has been ignored by the networks and the media in general.

The outcome of such irresponsible thinking may be disastrous. Somewhere down the road TV will become so bad it can get no worse. When it finally hits bottom, where will they go from there? A sex-crazy society, clamoring for an ever increasing diet of the same, will be hard to placate. What then?

Christians will have long since abandoned the sinking ship. With the wide diversity of options now available, Christian viewing has become increasingly flexible. Since there are 5,000 cable systems and 200 different channels now available, the self-discipline to change channels is all that is required. There are channels now devoted exclusively to news, sports, religion, weather, Spanish, Blacks, and a host of other selected subjects, depending on who you are and what your interests may be. In fact, John Naisbitt, in his book Megatrends, says that the major networks now can claim only 80 percent of the viewers and that percentage will be down to 50 percent or less by the end of this century.

At this point we are faced with the critical test. Will Christians practice the required self-discipline to turn off what they know they should not watch? In the privacy of the home, away from their fellow Christians, will they be able to resist the temptation? In a motel room, all alone and far from friends and family, what will they do?

It is for this reason, among others, that every Christian should be sanctified wholly. Only by the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit can we live a clean life in an increasingly dirty world. In times of such pressure, we discover the depth of our commitment to Christ. Let us pray as Jesus taught us: "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." Let us also pray for one another.
A TRIBUTE TO

A legend in his own time.”
These words aptly describe the career of “Mr. Nazarene Publishing House”—M. A. “Bud” Lunn.

He received the legacy of selfless dedication to this great institution from his father—M. Lunn—who was legendary in his own right. Like father, like son. For 26 years “Bud” Lunn has carried on the tradition of publishing the finest in holiness literature.

He has led the way in expanding the operation of the House until it now ranks as the largest distinctively Wesleyan-holiness publishing company in the world. In addition to books, periodicals, and music in the English language, he has spearheaded the multiplication of materials in Spanish, Portuguese, and French, which has accelerated the growth and development of the Church of the Nazarene in many other world areas.

It is impossible to calculate the true dimensions of the time and effort Bud Lunn has invested in this enterprise to which he has been so deeply committed. He never knew the meaning of the 40-hour week! From early morning until late at night, six days a week, he gave himself body and soul to his NPH ministry.

When our educational institutions have tried to confer honorary degrees on him in recognition of his tremendous service record, with typical humility he declined these honors. He would never accept a salary commensurate with the scope of his responsibilities but insisted that he receive the same remuneration given to the directors of General Board divisions.

Bud Lunn has modeled the finest in Christian churchmanship. Second only to his perfect love for God has been his unquestioned, uncompromising loyalty to the Church of the Nazarene. He has given unswerving support to his “Generals” and to the program of the church he served so devotedly. His pastors have all received his unqualified cooperation and encouragement. He has never been too busy to attend the meetings of his local church, including weeknight revival services.

We salute you, Bud Lunn, on behalf of a grateful church that you have served so long and so well. May the giver of every good and perfect gift richly reward you for the loving service you have given to the Kingdom through the Nazarene Publishing House.

—EUGENE L. STOWE for the Board of General Superintendents
It is curiously interesting that the most influential layman in the Church of the Nazarene over three decades—according to some astute observers—is a man called Bud.

Mr. Lunn could have chosen to be called "Doctor" because he turned down more than one offer of an honorary doctor's degree. Or he could have insisted on "Mister," which everyone would have considered reasonable for a man who was manager of the largest mail-order business in Kansas City and the largest publisher of holiness literature in the world. Or he could have expected to be addressed as "Sir," since he is a former officer in the military.

But with everyone who knows him, male and female, in paneled offices, from pupils small and large, and even with the children of the employees in the plant, the big man in the head office of the Nazarene Publishing House is just plain BUD. The pervasive habit of calling Mr. Lunn "BUD," includes the boss himself who signs legal documents, "M. A. 'Bud' Lunn."

The wide acceptance of "Bud" as a proper name for an important man is included in the wider personality pattern of a plain, straightforward man who knows how to work hard and enjoy it.

"Bud," which is near the bottom of the list of elegant names in the social register, has been made a badge of honor and esteem across the denomination that loves its publishing house manager.

"Bud" will always remind us of a man who invested his life in intense Christian service. He has gotten up at 4:45 A.M., six days a week, for all the years I have known him. He always intended to be the first person at work in his beloved Nazarene Publishing House. And he was! Working hard all day was not enough. Bud often returned to his office in the evening when the stresses of production and deadlines called for it. His fear of missing work during winter storms was abated when he bought a four-wheel drive vehicle. He was almost ecstatic as he showed it to me, parked in the number one space on Troost Avenue just outside the "Publication House" door; "I'll never have to miss work again because of snow and ice!"

"Bud" will always remind us of a man who, more than any other I ever knew, ran a hands-on operation. I often tried to figure out whether his insistence on arranging every detail satisfied his need to control or his bent toward perfectionism. I finally decided it was some of both but even more, it was an expression of the need for super-excellence in the business of holiness literature.

"Bud" will always remind us of a man of action whose work habits bordered on frenetic. He needed a short name that wouldn't get in the way of movement. He answered his own phones in his office without windows, dictated mail that other less sensitive managers would have delegated, and used his big voice as an instant intercom with several people who worked in areas surrounding his office. Bud's people were all doers.

Colleen Cornwell, a long and trusted colleague, reinforces many of his direct ways in getting things done. Many of us have admired his fast pace but have had no desire or ability to emulate it. There is only one Bud Lunn, and that is the way God intended it to be.

"Bud" will always remind us of a man who took his job seriously, but not himself. I know very few people in public Christian service who even rival his ability to think consistently from the point of view of the people he served. Bud never seemed to ask himself, "How am I doing?" Instead he was saying to himself, "How are they doing?" I heard him give an employee a succinct directive on handling a request for a refund, "Do it with a smile and some enthusiasm. Don't say 'yes' and make it sound like 'no.'"

"Bud" will always remind us of a man who took his religion seriously, seven days a week. Some years ago I saw him at his desk on a Saturday when no one else was in the building, not a secretary, not a custodian, not even a guard dog. A pensive mood was showing on his face as he sat heavily in his chair. I said, "What are you doing here?" Neither God nor the church expects you to be here every day of the year. Saturday should be yours." And in a rare moment of self-disclosure he explained how he took time on Saturdays to play back his conversations of the week and see if any repairs were needed before Sunday.

He said, "I know I am motivated to action. I know I'm driven by a need to get the job done. I also know I don't always take enough time with everybody when I give an order or make a decision. And sometimes I show my impatience with workers who don't push like I think they could. On Saturdays I try to revisit these moments and relive these relationships because I don't want some of our employees hung-up when they see me in church on Sunday. Sometimes I make a phone call. And sometimes I even invite someone to lunch, just to be sure we keep the channels open."

For many years Bud had a record of perfect attendance in Sunday School, Sunday services, Wednesday night prayer meetings, and all the services in the revivals in his church. It is a very impressive record. But that Saturday morning he let me in on a glimpse of the inner man, Bud Lunn. Here in the center of his spiritual commitment was evidence of a man who takes his religion seriously seven days a week.

God bless you, Bud! We only wish we could turn back the clock and make adjustments in the calendar and give ourselves another decade of your leadership on Troost Avenue. For successful people, there is no good time to quit. I guess that is why retirement is forced on us by the dynamics of time and structure. Bud, your work at the Nazarene Publishing House is over, but not your influence on all of us who have known and loved you.

—Leslie Parrott

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When I think of Mr. Bud Lunn there are a number of words that immediately surface—churchman, dedicated, energetic, loyal, positive, steady, thorough, winsome. As an evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, I have felt his keen support and concern for the work of evangelism. He has always been a friend to the evangelist . . . he has been my friend . . . I will miss knowing he is at Headquarters . . . but he will still be my friend. —LENNY WISEHART

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Bud Lunn is a big man. He has to be to contain his big heart. There has been a Lunn at the helm of the Publishing House during my entire lifetime. Bud’s dad, M. Lunn, raised him well. M. Lunn reported to the 1923 General Assembly that the publishing house had retired its indebtedness. NPH has been self-supporting since that time. The record calls it “careful management.”

It has been my privilege to work with Bud for several years as a member of the Corporate Board. I found him to be totally dedicated in mind, body, and spirit to the ministry of NPH.

I remember walking through the warehouse with Bud. He spotted a small piece of paper on the floor. He picked up the paper and walked some distance to a wastebasket. His concern reaches all areas of NPH and the church it serves.

Returning to the publishing house recently, Bud noticed strangers near the switchboard. “Hi, I’m Bud Lunn. Are you here on tour? We are glad you came.” He took the time to make the strangers feel at home.

Who but Bud Lunn would have the lights turned out in the office area when the employees go to lunch? When retirement became evident, Bud wrote the board that he did not want any fanfare at his retirement. His humility is something to behold. This former General Motors executive has turned down the irbisdoctorate our educational institutions wished to bestow upon him.

We shall miss you, Bud. There is consolation in the fact that you have, indeed, given the “Whole gospel to the whole world through the printed page!” —WALT MOORE

Walt Moore is a member of Nashville First Church of the Nazarene and is known to hundreds for his wise and witty work as editor of its paper, The Nashville Weekly.

I have personally known M. A. (Bud) Lunn for the greater portion of my life, through my family and church heritage. He has always stood tall in my eyes as a Christian gentleman, with enormous capacities for service and ministry. In my judgment, Bud Lunn has offered himself without reservation to skillfully manage the Nazarene Publishing House in an unsurpassed demonstration of total commitment. Mr. Lunn has exhibited an unswerving devotion to the high ideals of Christian holiness. He has, without fanfare, given to the church and the world an example of prioritizing one’s life to a “passion for excellence.”

Who can calculate the impact of this great layman? The stature of the Nazarene Publishing House, with its quality production, publication, and distribution of Christian holiness literature and sacred music, is virtually unparalleled in the evangelical world. The leadership of the man, Bud Lunn, has had so much to do with NPH.

Bud Lunn has impacted my life with his tremendous diligence for discipline, devotion to God, dedication to the church, and attention to people at the point of their need. I join with my Nazarene brothers and sisters in saluting this giant leader among us who has given all “that the world may know” through the printed page. —W. TALMADGE JOHNSON

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My personal relationship with M. A. Lunn began in 1946 when I first came to Headquarters to work with the Spanish Department. I have found him to be a true friend—very sincere and loyal to God, to his church, and to those who come within his inner circle. There was never a doubt that Bud Lunn always wanted the best for the church of which the Nazarene Publishing House is a part. A true churchman, a devoted Christian, and a faithful follower of Jesus, he is assured of a permanent place in the history of the Church of the Nazarene. —H. T. REZA

Dr. H. T. Reza worked for years with our international publications and broadcasts. He recently retired from the presidency of Seminario Nazareno Mexicano, A.C., and now resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

It has been my privilege to serve with Bud Lunn on our denomination’s Book Committee for the last 13 years. This responsibility has allowed me to become intimately aware of Bud’s multifaceted responsibilities and abilities. His incisive thinking, inexhaustible wit, resiliency, and determination have combined to make him one of God’s best men. Above all of these special gifts, however, there remains the supreme gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit in his life. He is like the eagles who have learned to fly high because they have discovered the jet stream. Then it’s not the strength of their wings but the power of the wind that propels them. And so with Bud; long ago he discovered the wind of the Spirit, recognizing his need to depend on God’s power and not his own. Since then he has enjoyed high flight in the things that matter most. There is no question but what Bud Lunn is one of God’s finest gifts to the church, and we will be forever grateful for His generosity to us. —PAUL G. CUNNINGHAM

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LOSING THE FOCUS

by STEVEN DOERR

The Church of the Nazarene must not lose its vision for raising the General Budget. Since 1923 the General Budget has provided a tremendous tool for evangelizing the world. It has been the lifeline, sustaining our efforts to extend Christ's church around the world.

The farther a beam of light goes out from its source, the greater it dissipates, broadens its focus, and loses its strength. On the other hand, laser beams are able to maintain their focus and power over great distances. The church is facing a challenge. As it grows, broadens its influence, and reaches more people, it must not widen its focus to the point of losing its strength.

In recent years there has been an attempt to heighten awareness of our world mission and increase the personal involvement of laypeople in our mission. The results have been exciting. Hundreds of church buildings and pastors' homes have been built in world mission areas by teams of laypeople. Schools have benefited, mission properties have been improved. Through their involvement thousands of laypeople and pastors have experienced what it is like to live and work in a culture different from their own. Awareness and personal involvement have increased, and both recipient and giver have benefited.

But while the focus broadens, the strength may dissipate. While all this is happening, the General Budget—the very cornerstone of World Mission support—has been harder to raise. The reasons for not raising the budget are numerous. One reason is that the American economy is in a noninflationary state, while inflation and demand around the world are skyrocketing. Another reason is that regional economic factors plague our nation.

But the fact remains that the Church of the Nazarene exists to spread the message of salvation and heart holiness around the world. If we lose sight of the central purpose of the church, we lose our reason for existence.

It is the General Budget that provides the daily operating money for our hospitals, schools, and mission stations. It is the General Budget that trains national pastors, teachers, and nurses. It is the General Budget that provides salaries and living expenses for over 620 missionaries in 83 countries. It is the General Budget that supports newly developed national districts until they can become self-supporting. It is the General Budget that pays for the education of missionary children, enabling them to keep pace with their peers in the home country. It is the General Budget that forms the basis for missionary medical insurance, allowing them to deal adequately with many diseases and injuries that are unthinkable in the context of American life-style.

Watching the Western nations offer aid to Africa during the recent famine was a great experience. I was proud of my country as I observed the way that people rallied, contributing thousands of tons of commodities and millions of dollars. But at the same time I realized that for every boy and girl who dies of starvation in Africa, there are probably a thousand people who die each day across that vast continent without the assurance of eternal life with Christ. If we are willing to be involved in providing food for the hungry, then shouldn't we be even more willing to be involved in sharing the Bread of Life with those who are dying of spiritual starvation around the world?

The General Budget is not the Bread of Life, but it is certainly one of the primary factors that enable missionaries to present that Bread to those who are hungry! Local churches and districts need to take a close look at where the General Budget fits into their financial priority list, remembering that when the light dissipates too far from its focal center it loses its strength.

The General Budget continues to be the main thrust of mission support with the Church of the Nazarene. As we continue to grow and expand we must continue to emphasize its important place within our mission outreach.

Give prayerful consideration to the amount you plan to give in the Easter Offering.

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Of our “fearfully and wonderfully made” bodies, there is no other part so magnificent as our hands. Isaac Newton said, “In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God's existence.” Dr. Paul Brand once mused, “In 40 years of study I have never read a technique that has succeeded in improving a normal, healthy hand.” Seventy separate muscles contribute to hand movements. Only we humans can join the tips of our index fingers with our thumbs, allowing us to grasp, retain, and handle objects easily and precisely. Hands are marvelous instruments with great potential for good or evil.

Hands reveal the toil and struggle of life. Carpenter's hands are rough, skinned, and scabbed. A thumbnail may be blue or missing. Calluses reveal hard work. The hands of the laborer have a strong, sandpaper quality. The condition of our hands reveals a lot about our lives. Some hands are gnarled by age and arthritis. The ravages of time show up in the hands. Weak, hurting hands cannot bear a firm grip and must be touched with tenderness. Crippled hands tremble with feebleness. Strong hands must be extended to guide and support the feeble.

In the 60s hands clenched into fists held high in the air were the insignia of power and rebellion. To the deaf, clapping of the hands means praise the Lord. Clapping hands also approve and applaud. Idle hands are tucked in pockets or folded. Raised hands are used for voting to indicate whether one is for or against.

The hands of Jesus applied to the sick, the lame, the blind, and the demon-possessed brought healing. His strong hands lifted those who were cast down. His compassionate hands broke bread and multiplied it for the hungry. Forgiving hands replaced the severed ear of one who came to arrest Him.


The work of redemption completed, our crucified Lord committed His spirit into the Father's hands and breathed His last (Luke 23:46). The risen Christ showed His disciples His hands and side, causing their joy to overflow (John 20:20). The doubting hands of Thomas had to be thrust into the risen Lord's side in order to believe (John 20:25). A loving Savior dispelled his doubts saying, “Put your finger here; see my hands” (John 20:27, NIV).

Sinning hands need cleansing: “Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded” (James 4:8, NIV). We may wash them in the fountain flowing from Immanuel's nail-pierced hands and riven side. Sinners who refuse find “it is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31, NIV). Our hands must be clean and hearts pure to see God (Psalm 24:4). Hands that lead us to sin are to be cut off. “It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire” (Matthew 18:8, NIV). When our lives are in the Father's hands, no man can pluck us out (John 10:29).

Hands placed upon ministers at their ordination commission them....

DO SOMETHING with Your Hands

by DAVID F. NIXON

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to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments. Hands are used in prayers for healing. The father of Publius was sick with fever when Paul visited him. After prayer, Paul placed his hands on him and healed him (Acts 28:8). Holy hands are to be lifted up when we pray.

Hands may be folded in prayer. Weak, leathery, wrinkled, or calloused hands can be folded in humility before our loving Lord. In this position they are most useful. What a great place to start! But effective prayer must result in action. Diligent hands must take hold of the plow of Christian service, refusing to look back, or we are unfit for the kingdom of heaven (Luke 9:62).

Do something good with your hands.

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O Kindle a Love

O kindle a love, divine Holy Spirit,
a far greater love than I have yet known;
a passionate love for the lost and the dying,
who, without Christ, will never reach home.
O kindle a love for those who have wronged me,
forgetting the wounds and hurts of the past,
reaching out with compassion because Jesus suffered
for all who would come and reach heaven at last.
O kindle a love for all those around me,
forgetful of self, yielded, complete;
sweeter and warmer.
O help me to gather souls—precious jewels,
to lay at His feet!

—ALICE HANSCHER MORTENSON
Racine, Wisconsin

J ack “Murph the Surf” Murphy walked out of prison recently and told the press that “Mighty Max Jones,” a Nazarene prison chaplain, was most responsible for his conversion to Christ 10 years ago. Now Jack has a ministry of his own.

When asked what he would say to people who remembered the convicted murderer and jewel thief of two decades ago and doubted the veracity of his conversion, Murphy replied, “Just watch me.”

Murphy was serving two life sentences in a Florida prison, for murder and for theft of the renowned Star of India sapphire from the Museum of Natural History in New York. He says he was not guilty of the murder of the two women but “I found myself in a situation that I didn’t have a lot of control over, didn’t have any control over the direction it was going. And I was in a position where I had to pay with a very dear portion of my life. . . .

“I was in the wrong place at the wrong time. I made some bad choices that I regretted.”

When somebody asked, “But you never committed any murders?” he said, “No.”

One day after his 17-year imprisonment ended, Murphy wanted to talk about the joy of his new life and the plans he has as a lay minister in Orlando.

At “The Bridge,” a Christian Prison Ministries halfway house where he himself has lived since December 1984, he will counsel convicts as a condition of his parole.

“Jesus Christ has changed my life,” he says. “I am not the same man I was when I went to prison at age 32.”

Florida, he said, has changed too. “Salad bars and drive-ins are new to me. Disney World was nothing but a swamp. This is a different world. I'm adapting to all that. I'm able now to make decisions again. Behind bars, men make no decisions.”

When he was released Tuesday, November 11, 1986, he told reporters it was by the grace of God that he is alive. He said he might very well have been given the death penalty.

“I myself didn’t believe this could occur,” Murphy said of his religious conversion and lifetime parole, “. . . but God has His own timing, a style of His very own. He is now the Manager of my life. . . . Like Jonah in the Bible, I have escaped the belly of hell.”

That’s because a faithful Nazarene elder, Chaplain Max Jones, believed God could save anybody—even the notorious jewel thief “Murph the Surf.”

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In the 1930s the world was hinged between World War I and World War II. The United States was in deep depression. Banks were closing and jobs were scarce. Herbert Hoover was leaving the presidency to make way for the newly elected Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mussolini was a rising force in Italy, and Adolf Hitler had become chancellor of Germany.

The Church of the Nazarene was celebrating its Silver Anniversary. People whose names are now part of the Caravan program (Bud Robinson; Susan Fitkin; George Sharpe; Fairy Chism; Esther Carson Winans; H. Orton Wiley; Audrey Williamson; John T. Benson, Jr.; Olive Winchester; Haldor Lillemas) were giving themselves in ministry—ministry to a church and a world that needed dedicated and committed Christian leaders. H. Orton Wiley was editor of the Herald of Holiness and president of Pasadena College. Pasadena College and Eastern Nazarene College teetered on the verge of bankruptcy. Trevecca Nazarene College had gone bankrupt and was using the facilities of Nashville First Church of the Nazarene.

Dedicated Nazarenes gave what they had—their money, their time, their very selves. Susan Norris Fitkin was president of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Esther Carson Winans and her husband, Roger, were in Peru ministering to the Aguaruna Indians. Uncle "Buddie" Robinson, in his 70s, continued to hold revivals. George Sharpe had dedicated himself to spreading the message of holiness in Britain. Fairy Chism was serving the church as a missionary in Swaziland. Audrey Johnston had just married G. B. Williamson and was learning what it meant to be a pastor's wife. In Nashville a successful businessman and dedicated layman named John T. Benson, Jr., was leading singing in his local church and supporting the local

and worldwide ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. The vice president of Northwest Nazarene College, Olive Winchester, was moving to Pasadena to become the first dean of the Graduate School of Religion. Haldor Lillemas was manager of the Music Department at the Nazarene Publishing House.

This was the world of the 1930s.

In California a Nazarene named LeRoy Haynes watched as boys and girls were attracted to a wide variety of organizations that did not teach a holiness lifestyle. He sensed the need for our church to develop an organization that would meet the social, mental, physical, and spiritual needs of boys and girls. He wanted an organization that would interest boys and girls not yet converted and those who were established in grace. He dreamed of a program that would hold them under the influence of the gospel until they were converted, sanctified wholly, and became established Christians—an organization that would help boys and girls see the Christian life as the right and full experience that God had planned for all who love Him. In his heart was born the idea for boys' and girls' clubs that would meet these needs.

In 1934 the Southern California District launched "Boys' Work" under the leadership of LeRoy Haynes. The next year "Girls' Work" was added with Mrs. Jeanne Haynes as the director. The dream was becoming a reality.

These "Boys' and Girls' Clubs" soon attracted the interest of other churches and children. Their accomplishments were exhibited at the 1936 General Assembly. Interest in a weekday ministry to children stirred in the heart of the young Church of the Nazarene. Before long these club-type organizations had spread to Michigan and the British Isles.

As the clubs began to multiply, a problem arose. Districts and churches found themselves handicapped by the lack of a unified program and adequate materials.
Depression is a private thing
That even friends can’t share—
No matter how they want to help,
No matter how they care.

Depression is a lonely thing
That beckons you apart—
Surrounded by a happy crowd,
Depression has your heart.

Depression is a human thing
That people cannot shun—
From beggars to majestic kings,
It comes to everyone.

Depression is a sometimes thing
That happens to us all—
But none can help like Jesus
When depression comes to call.

—CONNIE
Rogers, Arkansas
Humility is a virtue in every great religious system. Generally, humility as the world defines it is doing humble things before others. Confucianists, for example, would define humility as behavior appropriate to your role and position in society. A Korean language teacher once defined humility as "not smoking in front of one's father." A filial son must "act" humbly and appropriately before his father.

However, the Tao Teh Ching (4th century), the central book of Taoism, raises an interesting problem. It says that some people assume humble behavior in order to conquer others. A person can act humbly before others but have a heart full of pride and ambition. He may have ulterior motives or, as it is said in Korea, a "hidden agenda." Some people act humbly in order to gain favor, prominence, position, or something that they want.

The Tao Teh Ching states that a wife, through humble behavior, conquers her husband; she renders herself lowly in order to be in charge. This points to a problem with the general definition of humility. To merely act humbly is not enough, not even for the Taoists. The loftiest thought in Asia recognizes that a really humble person is one who is humble in spirit.

The Bible also says that real humility is not confined to humble acts; true humility means that one is also humble at heart. False humility is pretending to be humble when, in fact, one's heart is full of self-will, pride, and arrogance.

But how can one remove human pride and be truly humble in spirit?

Some religions teach that asceticism is the path to humility. By severe discipline, by great mental and spiritual effort, and by seeking to rid oneself of all desire, one can truly become humble. But the apostle Paul denies the validity of this idea. He states in Colossians 2:20-23 that asceticism is incapable of changing man's fundamental nature. Man cannot change a proud heart into an humble heart, pride bursts forth as a raging stream, uncontrollable and ravaging.

True humility comes with a change of heart. But who can change the heart of man?

It is at this point that Jesus teaches all mankind. When God was incarnate and walked on this earth, He not only taught true humility but demonstrated it as well. But even more wonderful, Jesus can change the heart of man from pride to humility, so that we can experience true humility.

Humility for the Christian is servanthood. It is more than acting like a servant, it is having the heart of a servant. Jesus was lowly "at heart." Meekness and lowliness of heart is one of the distinguishing features of a disciple of Christ. It is the highest virtue of the Christian disciple.
Humility is an attitude that regards the honor of God as more important than the honor of men. Pleasing God and doing His will is the primary motivation. When the will of man and the will of God are in conflict, we choose to do the will of God.

Pride is the opposite of humility. Pride means being preoccupied with self—to love and serve self more than anyone else; to seek power and position; to have men serve you rather than desiring to serve others. Pride leads to personal disaster. It inevitably leads to conflict with others. Proverbs 16:18 tells us that pride inevitably leads to personal destruction—to a “fall.”

The way of Christ is the opposite of the way of the world and the way of pride. Jesus said that we are to serve one another, to think of others as better than ourselves, and to deny self in order to serve God and others. This cannot be done without God’s help and a radical change of heart. When the heart is changed, humility rather than pride flows forth like a river. As pride comes out of natural man, humility will come out of the spiritual man.

Once the heart is changed, what seemed impossible before becomes possible. What worldly leader or ruler would take seriously Christ’s admonition that the role of leadership is to serve? But the chief person among Christians is the chief servant. If a person wants to be a leader in the Christian church he must distinguish himself as a humble servant. Such an idea seems ludicrous and absurd to those in the church. But Jesus went one step further. Real Christian humility means that each person serves the other. The leader of leaders, the elder of elders, the King of kings, the Son of God, himself came as a servant. And we who are His disciples are to serve Him. He serves us and we serve Him. We serve each other. It is not strange, in Christian thinking, for the elder to serve the younger any more than it is for the younger to serve the elder. In fact, it is appropriate behavior for the Christian.

So Christian humility is distinguished from the humility that the world expects. Christian humility combines both acts of humility and a truly humble heart. Christian humility expects each person who knows Christ to serve others, no matter what a person’s role or lot in life might be. Christian humility is a radical departure from pretense and from impure hidden motives. Christ expects our actions to truly reflect what is in our hearts. And He expects our hearts to truly reflect our actions. There is no duplicity, no double-mindedness.

Discerning people of the world can often detect the false from the true. When the world sees Christian humility it understands it, and that humility becomes a testimony to the power of God to change hearts. Our attitudes and actions toward each other become the gospel to a world that is watching. It is imperative, then, that we show them real Christian humility.

In this very personal history of at least 45 years from the pages of one of the great Nazarene institutions of higher learning, Dr. Mann’s sharp memories find expression in fascinating details of the everyday life of a Christian college campus.

For those thousands of former students at good old ENC on the shores of Quincy Bay, this book is a must. Just reading the descriptions of such things as a chapel service, a basketball game, or a college choir tour should evoke full-color memories.

True gentleman and well-bred Bostonian that he is, Dr. Mann speaks in subtle tones of the warp and woof of college life.

Other leaders may have made bigger splashes on the canvas of history, but none contributed so much substance to background and body in the painting as did this great man who literally gave his entire vocational career to the cause that is known around the world in the Church of the Nazarene as Eastern Nazarene College.

Though there is liberal use of the first person pronoun, somehow you know Dr. Mann is telling your story too—especially if you ever spent time as a student at a Nazarene college.

—Glen Lewis Van Dyne

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BUD LUNN—
AN AFFECTIONATE TRIBUTE

I am writing this with mixed emotions. To pay tribute to Bud Lunn is privilege, honor, duty—all rolled into one. As such the task is sheer pleasure.

But it also brings pain. To realize that he has retired, that I will no longer work with him or for him, brings a measure of heartache.

Bud was associated with our publishing house so long that it's hard to assimilate the fact that he is no longer its manager.

When I was a growing boy Franklin D. Roosevelt was president. He served so long that it never occurred to me that there would be or could be another president. That's how it's been with NPH and Lunn.

Before Bud there was his father, M. S. Lunn. M. Lunn came to NPH in 1913. That was getting in on the ground floor, for NPH began operations in 1912. M. Lunn was hired “temporarily”—and remained at NPH for 47 years!

The bookkeeper became the manager in 1922. It was not a job to envy. The young publishing enterprise was $100,000 in debt, threatened with collapse. Given the times and the size of our church, that was an awesome challenge. Under the wise, energetic, and dedicated leadership of M. Lunn, the deficit was paid and the business rescued. NPH has never since operated in the red, a magnificent achievement when you consider that our publishing house has never buttressed its income by commercial printing for outside interests. Its total resources have been utilized to publish and distribute Christian literature.

The stamp of M. S. Lunn was placed indelibly upon Bud in many ways—his love for Christ and the church, his fondness for reading and books, his commitment to excellence, his penchant for early-to-late working hours are examples.

NPH was a major factor in Bud’s life and thought from the time he was a five-year-old boy, speeding through the streets of Kansas City in a taxi with his father, en route to an early-morning fire at the publishing house.

After college and military service Bud was working for General Motors. The church asked him to become assistant manager of NPH. Three months of prayer and heartsearching ultimated in consent, and his tenure began in June 1946. When his father retired in 1960 Bud became manager, the only one thousands of Nazarenes have known.

Under his aggressive leadership the publishing work has expanded and prospered, benefiting in numerous ways every department and aspect of our church’s work around the world. God has blessed the covenanted management and operation of NPH in thrilling, faith-building measures.

Bud claims no credit for the growth of NPH, referring it always to God’s goodness and to the dedicated labors of NPH employees. For all his aggressiveness, he is self-effacing—at times downright shy. When complimented, he blushes and changes the subject.

But meekness is not a synonym for weakness, and Bud can be as tough as necessary to get a needed job done. You can hear him whisper throughout an office complex, and when he raises his voice it competes with thunder. He yelled at me just once, and I was sure half of Kansas City heard it. A few days later he took me to lunch and apologized, not because he thought what he said was wrong, but because he sounded too rough in voicing his opinion. He said, “The Holy Spirit checked me”—and I thought, What courage the Holy Spirit has!

We have worked together closely for 10 years. When we have disagreed he was usually right. But he never gloated over being right, and he never resented my dissenting viewpoints. In all our dealings he has been the soul of integrity. Over the years I’ve worked with and for all kinds of people, some exceptionally good, some incorrigibly evil. I have never worked with anyone in whom I had greater confidence and for whom I had greater respect than Bud Lunn. I would trust him with my life. More important to a Scot, I would trust him with my money.

In addition to the continuous stream of literature and music NPH has supplied to the church, it has also contributed over $4 million cash to the church. This has been possible because of the faithful managerial stewardship of the Lunns. You cannot measure in dollars their total impact upon our mission; it is incalculable and challenging to all present and future Nazarenes.
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THE BOTTOM LINE

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." With these words Simon Peter confessed Jesus to be God's Son and our Savior.

It was a confession of faith. It was also a confession of truth. Here truth and faith are one. The truth inspired the faith. The faith expressed the truth.

We cannot say that of all confessions. Scripture makes it clear that men can "believe a lie," with disastrous results. All that is believed is not the truth. All that is truth is not believed. Sometimes lies are preferred to truth, darkness chosen over light, because men do not wish to leave their sins to walk in light and truth.

Simon's confession was truth revealed by God, not opinion offered by man. In certain situations we have to base our actions on opinion. "I have no commandment of the Lord," wrote Paul, addressing a question from the church at Corinth, "yet I give my judgment..." Where our eternal salvation is at stake, however, we must rest upon truth, not opinion.

A LONG DAY

Sunday without church is a long, long, long day. Recently Doris and I had to stay home on Sunday because of illness. It made the story of the sun standing still at Joshua's command to prolong the battle easier to believe! That Sunday was long enough for an auto trip across Texas.

I delight to go to God's house. There I always meet Him. Oh, I know He is present everywhere, and my life has contained its own surprising Bethels. But God meets with us in a special way when we worship together at His house. Particular blessings are mediated through the elements of worship—music, Scripture reading, prayer, praise, and preaching—that enrich my life and thought.

The joy of meeting God is enhanced by seeing His people, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Life flows swiftly, everyone keeps busy, so that opportunities for seeing many of the family usually come on Sundays at church. How much they need me is moot, but I sure need them. The long day becomes a long week when circumstances block that Sunday fellowship.

God reveals the truth. He speaks truth as light into the searching and yielded mind. The living God is never a lying God. "Let God be true, but every man a liar." Truth is from God. Lies are from the devil, "a liar" with "no truth in him."

What God speaks in our hearts will agree with what He has spoken in the Bible. The heart of the Bible's message is the confession given by Peter. The Bible bears witness to Christ as the Son of God, as the Savior of believers.

Anyone who does not receive Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" remains in sin. He may be intellectually brilliant and deeply religious, but he is not saved. God has "chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." Where truth is rejected, salvation is forfeited.

The only way out of sin, the only way back to God, is the faith of persons resting in the truth of God, the truth that affirms Jesus as God's only Son, mankind's only Savior.

I can understand why my mother-in-law, nearly blind, nearly deaf, and terribly crippled with arthritis in her last years, still longed to be in church on Sundays. My heart goes out to people who have enjoyed worship services for many years and now find themselves confined to home and unable to attend church. How long and lonely their Sundays must seem. No television or radio program can compensate for the absence of one's family, for the unreachable sanctuary.

We ought to pray much for those who yearn for God's house but cannot be there. And we ought to relieve their hunger for fellowship by calling on them as often as possible. It's easy to feel forgotten when you are shut in, and too often the feeling has basis in fact.

I can understand the Psalmist's words—

How lovely is Your tabernacle,
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, even faints
For the courts of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God (84:1-2, NKJV).
UNIQUE WYOMING GEMS DISCOVERED

by CAROLE L. SPENGLER

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Are you a paperwork participant?

Carole L. Spengler

is the wife of the pastor of the Nazarene church in Riverton, Wyoming.

"By ALL MEANS... Save Some"

J. M. Yarbrough

Valrico, Florida

Letters (Continued from page 4)

No matter at what time in life one accepts Christ He gives him life with Him in heaven.

Mrs. George Quigley

Portland, Oregon

LETTERS LAST

If an aging parent does not live nearby, remember that a letter can be read and reread, whereas, a telephone call becomes a fast-fading memory.

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PAPERWORK

A Reader's Digest story about Martha Washington told how her husband, George, spent quite a bit of his time in his career as commander in chief of the American army working over his correspondence. Even when he retired to Mount Vernon, there were "letters, letters, letters." I am sure that editors, government officials, and others find themselves in this same predicament, floundering in a sea of letters.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Don and Vivian Rudy, of McMinnville, Oreg., First Church, were recently honored as one of the top 10 Lion’s Club Youth Workers in the world. Rudy started working with the Youth Exchange program five years ago, and has been state chairman for the past two years. Don also serves on the board of First Church and on the Tourism Council Board. The Rudys recently acted as chaperones on a trip from the United States to Australia and New Zealand.

Leo C. Davis, who served the church across a long lifetime as pastor, evangelist, and district superintendent presented his new book Along the Trail at the Southwest Indiana district preacher’s meeting.

The book is a collection of anecdotes, observations, and sayings from his notebooks. Davis intends it as a record of God’s faithfulness and expressed hope that a younger generation will find it beneficial.

Persons desiring a copy may order it from Mr. Davis for $2.50 postpaid. The address is 403 N Street, Bedford, IN 47421. Mr. Davis is donating all profits from the book to the Hunger and Disaster Fund administered by Nazarene Compassionate Ministries of the World Mission Division.

Timothy Dlamini, from Swaziland, Southern Africa, has successfully completed the first semester of the M.A. degree in religion at Southern Nazarene University. He is the first recipient of the Swaziland Nazarene Bible College scholarship, which began in 1986. The scholarship fund was established by a small group of concerned ministers and laymen in Bethany, Okla., and is supported by personal contributions. Its objective is to enable natives to obtain a graduate degree so they can return and teach at SNBC. All expenses, except transportation, are covered by the scholarship.

Timothy has been speaking in several churches in the Oklahoma City area. In addition to a gospel message he has related the events surrounding his conversion, education in Nazarene schools in Swaziland, and call to preach and teach.

The scholarship fund that brought Dlamini to SNU was conceived in the heart of Dr. Dick Howard, resident of Bethany, Okla., and a veteran of SNU’s religion faculty. Howard made two trips to Swaziland to teach concentrated courses at SNBC and became burdened for the preparation of their graduates to teach accredited college courses.

Captain Jonathan H. Deboard was awarded the Army Commendation Medal on November 24, 1986, for “exceptionally meritorious performance” August 11, 1986.

Deboard intervened in a sensitive situation involving a disturbed soldier who threatened to kill his children with a handgun while holding them hostage. He convinced the soldier to surrender to the authorities.

His certificate read further: “Through Chaplain Deboard’s skillful and tactful negotiation skills, he . . . saved the lives of the children as well as the soldier. Chaplain Deboard’s performance during this life-threatening situation brings great credit to himself, the chaplaincy, and the United States Army.”

PRAYER PARTNERS

Petitions

March 6 has been designated World Day of Prayer among all denominations. Could we link arms with everybody who prays, calling on God for His mercy and His wisdom as we attempt to have a Holy Ghost revival?

On March 8 all of our churches are expected to focus their efforts on home missionary outreach. This is the time for us to pray that God will motivate local leaders to have a plan of self-propagation including reproducing themselves in a daughter church somewhere.

Nazarenes have a work in only one-half of the counties of the U.S.A. Could we not pray for workers to open new work in these unreached counties?

Could you pray for pastors’ and wives’ conferences and retreats that will be held intermittently throughout the spring?

Praisings

We are praising God for having gone beyond the $9 million goal in the thank offering. Our people everywhere are responding positively to a new thrust to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.
The first work among the Finns by the Church of the Nazarene took new steps Sunday, December 7, as Rev. Eino Salo conducted the initial service in the Finnish language at Lake Worth, Fla., First Church, according to the church's pastor, Rev. Paul Bickes.

Rev. Salo, recently installed as associate for Finnish Ministries at Lake Worth First, is offering an adult Sunday School class, a morning worship service, and a midweek prayer meeting for Finns in the Lake Worth-Lantana area. More than 20,000 permanent residents and thousands of winter visitors make this area the largest group of Finns outside of Finland.

Rev. Salo and his wife, Sirkka, served nearly 30 years as pastor of the Finnish Golgotha Congregational Church in Brooklyn. He moved to Lake Worth following the close of that ministry, aided by a $5,000 donation by the Brooklyn congregation to help start the new work in Florida. Lake Worth First also sponsors a Spanish-speaking church-type mission, El Mesias.

MISSIONS COME HOME ON FIRST ETHNIC PIONEER AREA

"We are always on the lookout for groups of Haitians. It is not the typical church planting situation," says Nathan Price, leader of the new Haitian Pioneer Area in Central Florida. "For example, we will have a street meeting in Orlando this weekend. Friday and Saturday are big shopping days for Haitians, and our pastor and church will be on the street."

"I asked one of my church planters, 'Roland, how do you plant a Haitian church?' He answered, 'Well, first of all, if I can find one Haitian, that is all I need. I will go to a washeteria on Friday night or Saturday, or to a Cuban market, and when I find a Haitian I say, 'Sa-k pase' (What's happening? or How's it going?). 'Mwen byin,' he answers. 'Are you going to church anywhere? Well, how would you like to go to a church where they speak Creole?''"

This is the way the Church of the Nazarene is built in the new Haitian Pioneer Area. Unlike other pioneer areas, it is built on the ethnic concept within a district, rather than on a geographic area within a district.

Since it began a year ago, the Haitian Pioneer Area has grown to include about 1,000 Haitians. There are now 10 new church plants, meeting in school fronts, rented facilities, and mobile chapels. Since most Haitians live in communities that are in transition, mobile chapels are widely used.

"You can start a church building for the Haitians with about $2,500," Price says. "We can go into one of these communities and put a church front on a building, and it will be the best-looking building in the community. One of the concepts we are working on is steel buildings that can be sold for warehouses when they are outgrown. At that time we would recover our money and put it into a more typical, institutional, first-unit building.

Many of the Haitian pastors of these churches are products of the Haitian Nazarene Bible College or of Nazarene influence in Haiti.

"It is the 'Missions Have Come Home' principle at work," Price says. "Dollars that were sent to Haiti for the Bible college are returning to us in trained men who are helping us reach their people here."

Training in Creole is also available through the Nazarene Bible College extension classes in Lakeland, under the auspices of Central Florida District.

Since they are, of necessity, all bilingual pastors, Price has also established a job training program. "I identify their skills," he says, "and then find employment for them. For example, one is a tutor of Haitian kids in the school system. Another teaches an..."
English as a Second Language class through the school system. A third earns a good hourly wage as an interpreter in the courts.

"We have an inside track in a shrimp company here where we have about 40 Haitians working.

"A self-help project we have developed involves pastors driving vans. A pastor transports people of his congregation to and from their jobs at a lower fee than would be required for them to drive. Many of them do not have cars or drivers' licenses, and some have cars that are less then dependable. Such a transportation arrangement supplements the pastor's salary while, at the same time, helping the people of his congregation.

"One of the great things that is happening is a radio program, The Haitian Voice of the Church of the Nazarene, produced by Surge Bonhomme, a Haitian who is well recognized because Christians in Haiti formerly listened to his broadcast from Port-au-Prince. He is now our disc jockey, newscaster, and Christian voice in Orlando for an hour a day, and on radio stations in Tampa, Bartow, Lakeland, and Auburndale. He had a live interview after Duvalier fell, which gave us credibility in the Haitian community. This man is one of our pastors.

"I tell these pastors they are going to be bivocational. I find them a place to live, pay the first and last month's rent and the deposit, and when I get them jobs, they are on their own. Four of the seven cars donated by people on the Central Florida District have been loaned to our pastors. I have a mechanic, a car dealer, who has committed himself to keeping the cars running.

"I challenge the Haitian congregations to buy land with the promise I will match them out of our budget dollar for dollar. We want to build new, debt-free facilities in some of these areas. The designs we have in mind will house 150 people and will allow us to put up a first-unit building for $20,000 if we can get Work and Witness teams to help with construction.

Though the Haitian Pioneer Area is a kind of pilot project, it is required to meet the same conditions for district status as the geographical areas, with the district assembly voting each year.

Dr. J. V. Morsch, superintendent of Central Florida District, says, "Our philosophy here in Central Florida for the past 12 years has been, first, to find Spirit-filled, anointed, totally committed men and women who are able to lead, then the leaders find the people, and the people find the resources.

"We have found it valuable to stay on our knees and pray, being sensitive to the will of God and discerning as to where He is working, then going there, rather than going to an area, or selecting a program or ministry, and then asking God to come and bless. We offer our mission pastors the demographics and any input we can. But it becomes a spiritual matter with them and with us, to find where God wants them to go."

Shown are Rev. Francis D. Ketner, Jr., pastor, and Sue Poff, NWMS president, with the filled jug that contained $500.

LITERATURE OFFERING NOW OVER $180,000

Funds received for the International Sunday School Literature Offering have passed the $180,000 mark. The Division of Christian Life and Sunday School is hoping to reach the projected goal of $250,000.

Rev. Francis D. Ketner, Jr., pastor, and Sue Poff, NWMS president of Roanoke, Va., First Church, challenged the people to fill a 10-gallon jug with change for the International Sunday School Literature Fund. Young and old alike filled small "Let Them Know" containers at home. These were then emptied into the large jug each Sunday. When the final count was made, $500 had been raised.


dedible for the 1987 tax year may be made anytime after January 1, 1987.

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IRA TAX ADVANTAGE CONTINUES FOR MOST CHURCH EMPLOYEES

The tax advantage for contributing to an Individual Retirement Annuity (IRA) has been limited by the 1986 Tax Reform Act. However, most church employees will still be able to take advantage of the IRA for 1986 and years thereafter.

IRA contributions will continue to be deductible for participants in the "Basic" Pension Plan and for participants in the Nazarene Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plan whose taxable income does not exceed $40,000 for a joint tax return ($25,000 for filing as a single person).

Deductible contributions may be made and taken on the 1986 tax return until the earlier of April 15, 1987, or the date the tax return is filed. Deductible contributions for the 1987 tax year may be made anytime after January 1, 1987.

Several persons have been elected to the general board in recent mail ballots, according to Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary. They and their representative regions include: Mary Alvarado, Elton Adams, and Eustace McDonald, Caribbean; and Ramon Campos, Mexico-Central America.
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Retired Layman Plants Church in Nearly New Facility
The Saltsburg, Pa., church was organized November 16, 1986, in a six-year-old facility, with 23 charter members.

The church building had been empty for more than a year when District Superintendent Roy Fuller asked retired layman Willis Whitling to look it over with him. The 300-seat sanctuary was complete with piano, organ, baptismal equipment, and choir robes. The adjoining building offered a furnished pastoral office and Sunday School office with equipped Sunday School rooms and kitchen. A large parking lot completed the ready-for-occupancy package, offered at $90,000. It was too good to pass up, according to Whitling. He agreed to plant a church there and remain until Dr. Fuller could get an ordained pastor.

The Whitlings had retired in 1980, and this church planting required moving from their home in Seneca. They have been living in a mobile home loaned by a member of the Oil City, Pa., church until a pastor and parsonage are secured.

In their few weeks of pastoring, the congregation has grown to more than 50, and 15 children are registered to begin Caravan.

Group Term Life Insurance Dividends Issued
The Board of Pensions and Benefits USA has issued a dividend check to each district and church agency participating in the Group Term Life Insurance Plan. The refund was made possible by a significantly low ratio of expenses to income.

Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, indicates that this payment further reduced the already low net cost of the life insurance protection.

The Group Term Life Insurance Plan, part of the Nazarene Health and Hospitalization Program (NHHP), has paid a dividend to its plan sponsors for five consecutive years. Dr. Wessels reports that in addition to the savings on life insurance, many NHHP participants have realized a savings of about 15 to 20 percent on the cost of comparable medical coverage. He indicates that because of its structure and size, NHHP provides plan sponsors with more purchasing power than could otherwise be accomplished.

Forty-two districts and church agencies now belong to NHHP.

Lewis Named NYI Junior High Editor
Kathy Lewis stepped into the office of junior high editor and Mission Education editor for NYI Ministries January 2, 1987. She brings to the position both Christian education and editorial experience.

Lewis is a 1985 graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College. She was on the Religious Life Committee for several years and was director of Trevecca's Ministry Outreach teams. She founded the school's literary magazine, Legacy, and served as its first editor. Kathy spent all four summers of her college career as a Youth in Mission participant. She served on teams in Montreal, Canada; Dayton, Ohio; and Guyana, South America. She also interned in the NYI Ministries office.

For the past year and a half, Kathy has lived in the Chicago area. She attended Wheaton Graduate School where she has received her M.A. degree in educational ministries. Also, Kathy was a teaching and research assistant.
at Wheaton College, taught teen Sunday School at Chicago First Church, and worked as an assistant editor in the Church Resources Division at David C. Cook Publishing Company.

As the new junior high editor, Kathy will represent the Church of the Nazarene on the Aldersgate Teen Committee in addition to her office duties. She replaces Randy Cloud, who was promoted to NYI Ministries editorial director.

MISSIONARY COUPLE APPOINTED MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT TRAINER/ADVISER

Gerry and Gayle Hayse of Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa, have been appointed as trainers and advisors for Nazarene Marriage Enrichment.

The Hayses have led numerous retreats and support groups in such areas as Johannesburg, Bulawayo, Durban, and Harare. These events now totaling over 17 have been for both lay and clergy marriages.

Couples appointed to this position must have led a prescribed number of retreats as well as hours of facilitating support groups.

Gerry is director of Africa Vision Communications. Gayle also is employed by AVC.

Fourteen couples have made application for marriage enrichment leadership training from their events. The Hayses will service these couples in the training and ongoing certification process.

Gerry and Gayle have two sons: Roger, who plans to enter college in the States next fall, and Daryll, who is currently in his sophomore year in school. We welcome Gerry and Gayle to the existing team of eight other trainer/adviser couples serving the denomination.

J. Paul and Marilyn Turner
General Coordinators, Marriage/Family Life

TEENS WILL MINISTER IN NATION'S CAPITAL DURING NYC '87

Over 5,000 Nazarene teenagers will be loading on buses at the Nazarene Youth Congress site in College Park, Md., and traveling to locations in inner-city Washington, D.C., to minister in the name of Jesus.

For three successive days, approximately 40 groups of 40 teenagers will be painting, cleaning, witnessing, and helping meet needs in a variety of other ways in downtown D.C. Each project is coordinated through a local church. Teens not only will be working but also will have an opportunity to share and worship with Christians from the neighborhood in which they are serving.

The service projects are being coordinated in Washington, D.C., by Curt Ashburn, president and executive director of Tri-Sector, Inc.

For five years Curt served as associate pastor with Dr. Myron Augsburger at Washington Community Fellowship on Capitol Hill. In July of 1986 Ashburn moved with his wife, Judy, and their two children, Johnathan and Matthew, to the poorest section of Washington, D.C. There he founded Tri-Sector, Inc., an organization that meets inner-city needs through building coalitions of church, government, and business.

Ashburn has also been involved in ministry consultations and conflict resolutions for churches, ministries, individuals, and national organizations. Since 1981 Ashburn has been the coordinator of an intensive two-week, Washington-based urban seminar for pastors and seminary students. Tri-Sector offers a similar program designed for both youth and adult groups from rural and suburban churches around the country who wish to learn firsthand about the needs of the city. In 1985-86 he served as the primary consultant for the urban outreach portion of the “Youth Congress” put on by Youth for Christ and Campus Crusade, which brought 14,000 youth to Washington, D.C.

In addition to setting up the service projects, Ashburn will assist Rev. Norm Shoemaker, pastor of the Lompoc, Calif., church, in training the teens for their work assignments. And he will conduct a workshop with the adult sponsors of the projects.

Ashburn’s unique experiences will be invaluable as he works with NYI Ministries to plan meaningful service projects that will help expand the vision and ministry of Nazarene teenagers.

Chaplain Curt Bowers (l.), Chaplaincy Ministries director, recently administered the oath of allegiance to Gerald Snyder, officially commissioning him as a 2LT in the USAF Chaplain Candidate program. Gerald’s goal is to become a chaplain serving in active duty in the USAF. He will be eligible after graduating from seminary and ordination.

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NCC RECEIVES LIBRARY GRANTS

Two grants totaling $10,875 from the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust have been approved for the John E. Riley Library at Northwest Nazarene College.

The grants are to be matched by NNC, bringing the total to $21,750 over a three-year period, according to NNC Librarian Edith Lancaster.

The grants are part of two grants totaling $117,000 to libraries in Idaho and Montana.

The Fred Meyer Charitable Trust approved $21,600 for libraries at College of Idaho and NNC in Idaho and College of Great Falls, Carroll College, and Rocky Mountain College in Montana. NNC's share is $4,875. Una Koontz of College of Great Falls is the consortium leader.

The Portland, Oreg., trust also approved $95,400 to public libraries in Twin Falls and Boise, the Idaho State Library and libraries at Boise State University, C of I, and NNC. NNC's share is $6,000. Karin E. Ford of the Idaho State Library is the consortium leader.

The consortium leaders are responsible for keeping records of expenditures and sending a report to the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust.

NEW ALUMNI DIRECTOR AT PLNC

Former pastor and district church administrator, Rev. Charles W. Ogden, has been named the new executive secretary of the Point Loma Nazarene College alumni association. He took over the duties of his office January 2.

Ogden comes to PLNC after serving for two years as administrative assistant to the Southern California district superintendent. He replaces Bob Miller, alumni director since 1981, who is currently superintendent of schools for the Nampa Christian School District in Nampa, Idaho.

Ogden, who graduated from Pasadena College in 1949, has served on the board of trustees of his alma mater for 11 years. After pastoring churches in Texas and Oregon, Ogden came to California in 1966 to lead the Whittier, Calif., First Church, a position he held for nearly 19 years.

He left the Whittier congregation to work for the Southern California District. He assisted the district superintendent in church board meetings, pastoral arrangements and district boards, as well as making official visits to various churches.

Ogden and his wife, Mary, have two children. Karla, 33, is employed by Youth Advocates of San Francisco, and Kevin, 30, is superintendent of schools in Julian, Calif.

SANDERS ACCEPTS MVNC CHAPLAIN POSITION

Mount Vernon Nazarene College president, William J. Prince, announced that Dr. Terrell Sanders, assistant professor of religion, has accepted the position of chaplain of MVNC.

Sanders, who will continue to teach, replaces Dr. Edward Cox. Cox retired after serving as the college's chaplain and on the faculty for 10 years.

Serving the entire campus community in this capacity, Sanders will be responsible for coordinating the chapel services and presiding over all religious activities at MVNC.

Sanders was the pastor of the Tallahassee, Fla., South Heights Church prior to coming to MVNC in 1984. During his four-year stay in Tallahassee, he earned his Ph.D. in religious studies from Florida State University.

His professional development includes serving as a part-time instructor in religion at Trevecca Nazarene College 1979-80; pastoring the Lawrence, Kans., Holiday Hills Church 1976-79; and part-time preaching in Archie, Mo., in 1976.

Sanders received his D.Min. in homiletics from Vanderbilt University in 1980; earned his M.Div. in theology from the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City in 1978; and was awarded his A.B. in speech-English from TNC in 1972.

Sanders and his wife, Suzanne, have two children, Ben and Holly, and reside in Mount Vernon. Suzanne is the supervisor of personnel records and special accounts at the college.

SOUTHERN NAZARENE ANNOUNCES NEW HEAD OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Dr. Ponder W. Gililand, president of Southern Nazarene University, has announced the appointment of Mr. Richard Alderson of Mill Creek, Wash., as vice president of University Advancement for the Bethany institution. Mr. Alderson has been affiliated with development components for the past 15 years as an executive with the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

A native of Galesburg, Ill., Alderson returns to his alma mater after 33 years, a 1953 speech communication graduate. After graduating from Bethany Nazarene College, he attended Nazarene Theological Seminary in
ONU PRESENTS MAGGIE SLOAN CRAWFORD AWARD

December 11, 1986. Maggie Sloan Award at Olivet Nazarene University

Elizabeth Hanford Dole, secretary of Transportation in the Cabinet of President Ronald Reagan, was given the first annual Maggie Sloan Crawford Award, named in honor of Olivet's first graduate. The award is for "exemplary character and outstanding achievements."


Crawford was the first graduate of Olivet.

Mrs. Dole received a specially crafted medallion to symbolize the award, and also an honorary doctor of laws degree from ONU.

The Crawford award was established by her four sons, Milton, Roy, John Henry, and Cecil. Most of the family members were present for the ceremony.

Cecil Crawford said the award was established to "focus attention and thereby bring added recognition and honor to selected women whose lives and accomplishments mark them as outstanding examples and role models for today's young women."

Elizabeth Dole is a graduate of Duke University, where she was student body president, and also of the Harvard Schools of Law of Business Management. She has served in the federal government under presidential appointments under every president from Lyndon Johnson to Ronald Reagan, in fields ranging from consumer affairs to institutional advancement. Verner closed a private law practice in Nampa and planned giving.

He succeeds Dr. Ronald Schmidt, who resigned in May to assume the position of executive vice president of the YOUNG LIFE FOUNDATION in Colorado Springs.

NCC ADDS TO STAFF

Reese Verner, involved in community affairs and politics, has joined Northwest Nazarene College as director of community relations and annual giving, according to Dr. Richard Hagood, vice president for institutional advancement. Verner closed a private law practice in Nampa to join the NNC staff. He had been a part-time employee of NNC since January 1986.

"Verner's role has been to draw the community and college closer," said Hagood, "and he has been doing an outstanding job. He has helped create more awareness in the community of who we are and what we are doing."

Born in Phoenix, Verner came to Nampa in 1968 after practicing law in Phoenix for a year. He earned degrees at Pasadena Nazarene College and the University of Arizona Law School. Verner and his wife, Bev, have four children—Reese Allan, and Tracey, both students at Point Loma Nazarene College; Holly, 16; and Christopher, 10.

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Of her own spiritual journey, Mrs. Dole said, "My spiritual journey began many years ago in a Carolina home. My grandmother was my role model, and because she seemed perfect, it was only natural that I wanted to follow her footsteps. But as we move along, often in our busy lives something becomes a barrier to total commitment of one's life to the Lord.

"At the time I accepted my present position in the Cabinet, I debated several days whether to take the job. . . . It was a great source of joy to me that I was led to seek, with several Christian friends, God's will for my life. I could not imagine undertaking such a task if it were not within His plan for my life—for I knew it would require strength, wisdom, and courage beyond my own. . . .

"In Matthew 5:48, Jesus says, 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.' That's a different kind of perfectionism, isn't it. Where do we get that kind of perfection? We must recognize that which is truly worthy of our total commitment. God wants total commitment. If He can't use me, He'll use someone else.

"Maggie Sloan Crawford understood total commitment. She understood perfectionism, in the right sense. The road to Matthew's kind of perfectionism is indeed a narrow one; it is the road less traveled. And it's a rugged road. But from this path, you can challenge the world, and you can change it, just as Maggie Sloan Crawford did. Now and always, life is an affirmation of faith.

"Touch the hem of heaven, and God will guide your steps—and you will guide a nation."
The six districts of Brazil recently had a pastors' and wives' retreat at Praia Grande, Sao Paulo, Brazil, with 152 in attendance. A dynamic spirit of unity and challenge was felt throughout the meeting. Shown is Dr. Jorge de Barros, now Grande, Sao Paulo, Brazil, with 152 in attendance. A dynamic spirit of unity and cooperation.

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November 27-29, the Canada Central District held a seminar sponsored by the Church Growth Committee, with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bowman of Idaho as the instructors. The purpose of the seminar was to train a team of pastors and laity to enable them to work with the churches on the district, helping the churches to grow. On the 29th the seminar was opened to those who are interested in church growth. There were 140 people registered. The church growth team is comprised of 6 pastors and 5 laypeople. Pictured (l. to r. back row) are: Pastor Wes Coburn, chairman; Ian Wrong, layman; Pastor Nick Stavropoulos, secretary; (middle row) Marg Osbourne, layperson; Wes Reeder, layman; Pastor Gerald MacKinnon; and Pastor Ken Audrey; and (seated) Ray and Mrs. Sally Bowman, consultants. Not pictured are Pastor Ian Fitzpatrick, Tina Woods, layperson; Pastor Stan Reeder; and Stan Purves, layman.

Paul Pearson, General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.


EASTERN LATIN AMERICAN—April 11. Jersey City Hispanic Church. P.O. Box 78, Jersey City, NJ 07303. Host Pastor: Joel Ortiz. General Superintendent: Dr. John A. Knight.

LONG TIME EDUCATOR DIES

VITAL STATISTICS

Professor Emeritus Alice Spangenberg, 84, of Eastern Nazarene College, passed away January 1, 1987. Miss Spangenberg was born December 11, 1902, in Plainfield, N.J. She was a member of the first graduating class of ENC in 1923.

After completing her M.A. degree at Boston University, she returned to ENC as professor of English, serving for 50 years. During that time she did additional graduate work at Boston University and Harvard.

During World War II she maintained a personal correspondence with all ENC alumni serving in the armed forces. At the close of the war, she authored her first book Oriental Pilgrim; the biography of Shiro Kano, an East Asian student from Japan who was recalled to his national army and killed in action. A world traveler with a great interest in missions, she authored other books including, South America: Eclecticism; Jerusalem and Beyond; and The Master Says: 'Go.'

Professor Spangenberg received the denomina-
DEATHS


CORDELIA BATTIN, 75, Jan. 7, Lubbock, Tex. Survivors: husband Buford W.; sons Charles and Tom; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters.

RALPH W. CALLIHAN, 70, Dec. 17, Frankfort, Ky. Survivors: wife Doris; daughter Sharon Minnix; sons Larry Craig and Dan; four grandchildren; one sister; three brothers.


DR. SIMON GORMAN, JR., 61, Oct. 30, Fairborn, Ohio. Interment: Manchester, Ohio. Survivors: wife Wanda; his mother; one sister; two brothers; and Phyllis Dryden, David and Larry Thacker, Velma Cox, and Lynn McGuire, to whom he was legal guardian.


LENAPETRY, 67, Jan. 6, Ebenezer, La. Survivors: daughters Melba, Karen, Beverly, Shirley Rosinski, Wanda Hoffman, Sharon Gawthrop, Dana Dutton; sons Jeffery and Donald; 16 grandchildren; 4 sisters; 2 brothers.

JAMES WOOD RUSSELL, 64, Dec. 25, Oxnard, Calif. Survivors: wife Lorene; daughter Sandy Forrest; sons James, Scott, Sean; four grandchildren; one brother.

MRS. MAUDE SULLIVAN, 97, Dec. 15, Calamine, Ark. Survivors: sons Max and Glendeale; daughters Mildred Huddleston, Sybil Wann, Juanita Barnett; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; 5 brothers, 4 sisters.

RUBY P. (ENDSLEY) THATCHER, former missionary to Japan, 81, Jan. 3, Newberg, Ore. Survivor: sister Lucile Walton.

HELEN E. TYLER, 94, Dec. 28, Vermontville, N.Y. Survivors: daughters Phyllis Tyler and Martha John; three grandsons.

ROBERT E. WILEY, Jan. 8, Palm Harbor, Fla. Interment: Dunedin, Fla. Survivors: wife Sadie; daughter DeLoris Windoffer; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

ROSSITHA "ROSE" WILLIS, 40, Jan. 20, Tacoma, Wash. Survivors: husband Jack H., Jr.; three brothers; her parents.

BIRTHS

to ERNIE AND REBEKAH (BOONE) ARNOLD, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Joshua Nathan, Jan. 13
to GARY AND KAREN (WATSON) BLACK, Alexandria, Ohio, a boy, Matthew David, Dec. 4
to JAMES AND CHRISTINA (HUTCHINS) BOWLING, Venezuela, a girl, Jessica Noel, Dec. 11

CHIEF EXECUTIVES MORE RELIGIOUS THAN GENERAL PUBLIC, SAYS SURVEY. Top executives are more likely to be committed to a religious faith than the general public, according to a survey by Forbes magazine. The magazine surveyed the leaders of the nation's largest corporations and found "most called religion an important influence in their lives." Of the respondents, 65 percent said they and their families regularly attend church or synagogue; the national attendance figure for the U.S. is about 40 percent.

Presbyterians and Episcopalians were represented in Forbes study in far greater proportion than their representation in the general population. Of the 100 top executives surveyed, 25 percent were Presbyterians, though they make up only 2 percent of the U.S. population. Episcopalians, who make up 3 percent of the population, were 19 percent of respondents.

Baptists and Methodists were underrepresented among top executives. Baptists make up 20 percent of the population, but only 6 percent of top executives polled. Methodists make up 9 percent of the population, but under 8 percent of those polled. Jews and Catholics were represented in about the same proportion as their presence in the population (2 and 28 percent, respectively).

HARVARD PSYCHIATRIST APPROVES BIBLE TEACHINGS. Pulitzer Price-winning Harvard psychiatrist Robert Coles has been called by Time magazine "the most influential living psychiatrist in the United States." He says his life's research only verifies what the Bible teaches about human beings and that the biblical tradition belongs in our nation's universities.

Coles makes the statement in an interview in the February 6 issue of Christianity Today magazine.

Coles won the Pulitzer in 1973 for his impressive, five-volume series, Children of Crisis, which ran to more than a million words. He has 38 books and 900 articles to his credit.

JEWISH GROUPS TAKE CLOSER LOOK AT EVANGELICALS. A survey commissioned by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith indicates that Protestants with conservative theology do not generally tend toward anti-Semitism. Many Jews have expressed concern about threats to Jewish interests, assuming that anti-Semitism was stronger among conservative Protestants than among liberal Protestants. The poll contradicts those assumptions.

A long-term study examining evangelicals is now being pursued by the American Jewish Committee, looking at the way Jews relate to various social groups in America. The evangelistic study, which planners hope will culminate in a major book, will include chapters on the history of evangelicals in America, a survey of mutual perceptions between evangelicals and Jews, and an examination of the sensitive issue of evangelism. Other topics in the study, which will be completed in mid-1988, include political concerns of both groups, with special attention given to Israel.

SENATE CHAPLAIN STILL EMPLOYED. The new Democratic majority in the Senate has decided not to force the ouster of Chaplain Richard C. Halverson. There was talk that Halverson, former pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., would be dismissed and replaced by a Black clergyman.

Forest Montgomery, an attorney with the National Association of Evangelicals, said when the move was proposed by certain unnamed liberal senators, there was a national public outcry against it. The reaction was so severe that Senate majority leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia in early January was emphatic that the Senate would not be firing Halverson.

"In my view the Lord's work is a little above partisan politics," said Byrd, who was joined by Senator John Glenn of Ohio in supporting Halverson, chaplain since 1981.

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March 8
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by Stephen L. Manley, speaker
to DR. MERRILL AND KANDRA (KETNER) CO- NANT, Dodge City, Kans., a girl, Ashley Rae, Nov. 4  to TIM AND DONNA (CHAPMAN) GIBERT, Car- rollton, Tex., a boy, Clinton Andrew, Dec. 11  to REV DOUG AND ANNE (RAUDEPP) HARDY, Berkeley, Calif., a boy, Alexander Paul, Dec. 2  to REV. PETER G. AND SALLY J. (LEEP) M UR- GUM, Seattle, Wash., a boy, Danny Ray, Nov. 24  to MARK AND PATRICIA (ZIMMERMAN) MC- CUSTION, Springfield, Mo., a girl, Miranda Joy, Dec. 6  to LESLIE C. AND AWA JUNE (REBEKHAM MOORE), Merrim, Kans., a girl, Amberly Jill, Jan. 5  to GARY AND LYNDA (BRINKMAN) MULLINAX, Decatur, Ala., a girl, Megan Leigh, Jan. 5  to ROBERT AND LINDA (FULSOM) PODELSKY, St. Louis, Mo., a girl, Erica Jo Marie, Nov. 17  to STEPHEN AND CONSTANCE PRUSS, Nampa, Idaho, a girl, Allison Juliet, Jan. 13  to RICHARD AND JULIE (TAYLOR) REDDING, Mount Sterling, Ohio, a girl, Erica Jo Marie, born Nov. 11, 1986; adopted Nov. 13, 1986

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MARRIAGES  RICKI RENEE PRESLEY and JEFFERY ALLEN FRENCH at Lenexa, Kans., Dec. 6  JUDY BELZER and RANDY NIST at Tempe, Ariz., Jan. 3

ANNIVERSARIES  REV AND MRS. DONALD J. ZIMMERLEE celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house December 20, 1986, at their home in Cocoa, Fla.  Friends from Cocoa First Church and Melbourne, Fla., First Church contributed to the festivities of the day.

The Zimmerlees pastored churches in Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, Scotland, and Florida. For 15 years they were engaged in evangelism throughout the states. Don and June were united in marriage at St. Louis First Church, December 25, 1936. They are presently Sunday School teachers and conduct senior adult ministries in the Cocoa and Melbourne churches.

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CORNEL 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.

In your editorial “Our Purifying Hope,” you do not seem to make any difference between the rapture of the church and the second coming of Christ. I would like some comment on this. I have always thought that the Rapture would take place and then seven years later Christ would return to the Mount of Olives as He said He would. The Manual seems to be very confused about this also. Clearly, at least to myself, there can be no similarity between the Rapture and the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I will await hopefully your answer concerning this subject.

I do not distinguish between “the Rapture” and “the Revelation” as two stages in the return of Christ, separated by a seven-year interval.

This is, I know, a very popular understanding among those premillennialists who accept the dispensationalists’ interpretation of prophetic scripture.

I have read volumes on the subject, pro and con, and do not find this position convincing. My studies have persuaded me that a doctrine of a secret rapture, by which Christians will be whisked away to escape the tribulation under Antichrist, is not scriptural.

This is often both a theological and an emotional issue, I have discovered, and when I reject the pre-Tribulation Rapture of the church I get letters that accuse me of virtually denying Christ and rejecting the Bible. But my thinking in this matter is not idiosyncratic. There are hundreds of scholars, most all of whom are wiser and better than I, who do not find dispensational premil- lennialism with its secret rapture teaching consonant with Scripture.

Let me say to my friends who do espouse the divided Rapture- Revelation viewpoint—please do not send pamphlets and books to reeducate me. It’s not that I don’t appreciate them and would not read them. It’s just that I got them before when this subject was broached in this column. Many were kind enough to send me their favorite material on the issue.

1 Corinthians 7:14 is not clear to me. What is unclear is how children are holy if they have one believing parent and unclean if not.

When the gospel was preached in pagan Corinth it resulted in mixed marriages when one marriage partner was converted to Christ but the other wasn’t.

Paul instructs these Christian spouses not to leave the non-Christians but to live with them in peace. If the nonbeliever insists upon leaving, however, Paul says, “Let him depart.” Such willful desertion no longer binds the believer in the marriage relationship.

When Paul says that in a mixed marriage the unbelieving spouse is “sanctified” by the believing spouse, and that where one spouse is Christian the children are “holy,” he is not using “sanctified” and “holy” in the sense of personal moral purity. He is saying that where one spouse is a Christian the whole family stands in a covenant relation to God. God claims them as His until they are personally saved (usually through the witness and influence of the Christian partner—v. 15), or until deliberate rejection of Christ and/or willful desertion of the family occurs.

Two unbelieving marriage partners and their children obviously do not stand in this same relationship to God.

Compare Acts 2:38-39, where Peter makes it clear that God’s promises extend to the children of believers. Compare also Acts 16:1 and 2 Timothy 1:5, which show how a believing wife, living with an unbelieving husband, influenced her son to become a Christian.
WHOLISTIC REVIVAL IN ARIZONA

Payson, Ariz., First Church recently experienced a revival that spanned both the physical and the spiritual realm.

"The revival really began the Sunday before the evangelist arrived," said Pastor Gary B. Moore. "The Holy Spirit began to convict some young adults during the song service." They began coming forward, and preaching was preempted by the Holy Spirit's prompting. Among those who came forward were a man and his 12-year-old son.

Evangelist Frank Powell's arrival added a new dimension to this unique revival. "Dr. Powell conducted health and nutrition seminars each morning," reports Rev. Moore. This ministry attracted not only the church's regular attenders but several new prospects as well. Aside from physical stewardship, many found other physical help. Eleven persons were anointed for healing. Among those who found specific healing were a woman who was healed of a knee injury, a man delivered from alcohol and tobacco addiction, and a young lady who had been suffering from the effects of a stroke.

"There was such an unusual sense of the Holy Spirit's presence throughout the entire meeting," said Pastor Moore. "Dr. Powell was sensitive to His presence and to His leading." As a result, 30 people in this church of 46 members found spiritual help, including 4 who were saved and 6 who were sanctified. The family of the man who was converted the previous Sunday was sanctified, and his 12-year-old son testifies to a call to the mission field.

"A CHILD WILL LEAD THEM"

Twenty-two people sought spiritual help during Pittsfield, Maine, church's recent revival, according to Pastor Barry Beverage.

Under the anointed ministry of Evangelists Marvin and Linda Dennis, 14 people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior for the first time.

But perhaps the most exciting result of this revival occurred a week after the scheduled meeting was over. "We were called to the home of one of the children who attended the services," says Rev. Beverage. "This little girl had gone home and told her mother what she had learned about sin separating us from God." Pastor Beverage was able to help the mother "pray through" and find forgiveness and new life in Christ. And the influence of this little girl's testimony rippled out farther than her own family. "Contact was made with a family friend who was aware the children were being picked up for services each evening."

Pastor Beverage and his congregation believe the victories won during Pittsfield, Maine, church's revival have begun, like one little girl's witness, a ripple effect that will help them reach their community for Christ.

THE CHURCH SCENE

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, general superintendent, brought the dedication address of the Clearlake, Calif., church. The new facility has 12,500 sq. ft. and was constructed mainly by volunteer labor at a cost of less than $30.00 per sq. ft. Rev. Clarence Kinzler is the district superintendent, and Rev. Gary E. Johnson is the pastor.

November 24, 1986, marked the dedication of the West Melbourne, Fla., church by Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent. This congregation is only a year old. Dr. J. V. Morsch, Central Florida district superintendent; Area Leader Tom Pound; and local church planters attended the celebration. This marks the first dedication of a new church building for the Space Coast Pioneer Area. Pastor of the West Melbourne church is Rev. James Steele, Jr. Rev. Steele (age 65) plans to have this facility, valued at over $100,000, paid for in four years' time.

December 7 the Meeker, Okla., Horton Chapel honored Grace Gilliam (L) who has completed 40 years of service, and was a charter member of the church. She was also honored on her 79th birthday by family and friends in the service.
Through sacrifice and hard work, the members of the Van Buren, Ark., First Church dedicated a new, fully equipped parsonage Sunday, November 30, 1986. Newly appointed District Superintendent Eugene Sanders officiated. Michael D. Johnson, Sunday School superintendent and engineer, was in charge of the complete project. Jimmy Gibson, building fund treasurer, said the parsonage, appraised at $65,000, was built for $29,975 cash. Pastor of the 32-year-old congregation is Harlan V. Heap.

hosted the ministers and wives of the Retired Ministers Fellowship at a pre-Christmas luncheon in their home in Bourbonnais, Ill. Forty-one members attended the December 4 luncheon. The 19 ministers present represented 559 years of active service to the church.

The fellowship was begun in 1980 as a concern of retired minister Rev. Carl Roberts, of Bourbonnais. Approved by then District Superintendent Forrest Nash, monthly meetings were held in homes. Activities since have included cookouts, luncheons and breakfasts, potluck dinners, three-day retreats at the district campground, and helping in churches.

There are about 80 members on the district, most of whom are also active in Prime Time in their area. The membership includes couples, widows, and widowers. The Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Vasser Road Church celebrated its 30th anniversary with a weekend celebration and rededication of its buildings on September 19-21.

Friday evening was a time of sharing and fellowship with photos and slides. Saturday evening, Rev. Rodgers was guest speaker at the banquet held at the Community Methodist church, Sunday morning service was a celebration of praise with Pastor Schermerhorn honoring Mrs. Lillian MacFarland, a longtime member. The church board had voted to name the new foyer of the church the “Lillian MacFarland Foyer.”

A fellowship picnic was held on the church lawn and attended by many friends. The Eastern Nazarene College group “O-NES-I-MUS” entertained the group with several selections. The closing dedication service was at 4 P.M. with District Superintendent Dallas Mucci as guest speaker.

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Persons from various racial groups come together at a makeshift altar during the combined rally in Johannesburg.

response would be, and we are thrilled at the results.”

“To see the altar response and the follow-up counseling in three different languages were the highlights of the conference for me,” said Rev. Fred Huff, African Church Growth and Evangelism coordinator who planned the event. “There was a real sense of oneness that filled that place as we sang ‘We are one in the bond of love.’”

The rally coincided with a three-week tour of Africa by Rev. Stephen Manley, Nazarene evangelist. Rev. Huff said there were reports of new converts, as well as revival in the lives of many.

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NAZARENES GIVE LARGEST OFFERING IN HISTORY OF DENOMINATION

Members of the Church of the Nazarene from around the world contributed the largest single Offering for World Evangelism on Thanksgiving Sunday 1986, according to Dr. D. Moody Gunter, Finance Division director for the denomination. Nazarenes gave $9,789,865.78 in the offering, which is used to finance the church’s world evangelism efforts. This includes missionary support, mission field operations, worldwide radio broadcasts, television work, publication of literature in many languages, a home mission program that includes inner cities and provides disaster relief, construction of new church buildings in mission fields, and world evangelism promotion and administrative expenses. The goal for the Thanksgiving Offering was $9 million.

The previous largest offering was given at Easter 1984 when Nazarenes contributed $9,165,270.

“This is the largest single Easter or Thanksgiving Offering in the history of the denomination,” said Dr. Gunter.

“To God be the glory, great things He has done, and He continues to do great things! I am delighted to see such sacri-

ficial giving by Nazarenes around the world.”

The 78-year-old denomination has active ministries in 84 world areas with 620 missionaries and a worldwide membership of more than 800,000. Nazarenes gave $377,523,036 for all purposes in 1986.

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SMITH MOVES TO NORTHERN DISTRICT

Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, has announced the appointment of Rev. L. B. Smith as the new superintendent of the Trans South Africa Northern District. He follows Rev. Peter Wagner as superintendent of this district of about 1,000 members. Rev. Wagner has returned to the pastorate in Kimberley, RSA.

Rev. Smith represents the Africa Region on the general board. A new superintendent of the RSA Western Cape District, to fill the vacancy left by Rev. Smith, will be elected at their next assembly.

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NEW COLLEGE DIRECTOR IN PORT ELIZABETH

The World Mission Division has announced the selection of Rev. Henry Arendse as director of Africa Nazarene Theological College, Port Elizabeth, RSA.

Rev. Arendse is a graduate of the University of Western Cape and Nazarene Bible College in South Africa. He has been a member of the Church of the Nazarene since 1964 and has served the church locally as Sunday School superintendent and church treasurer. He has also been involved on the district as a member of the NWMS Council, Sunday School board, and as district statistical secretary. Ordained in 1984, he and his wife, Cynthia, have two sons.

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