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AN EDITORIAL

THE GIVING OF THANKS is a universal expression. At least it has come to be so in the Church of the Nazarene. The tradition of celebrating by bringing in a great offering for missions as a tangible way of declaring our thanks to God has now caught on worldwide.

There are variations to the times, dates, and occasions around which this global custom is observed.

In the United States and Canada it is always centered around their national holidays of Thanksgiving in the autumn. It seems only natural for Nazarenes in these nations to display their gratitude at this time.

This national holiday in the United States has its roots in religious ceremony stemming from the survival of the forefathers through the first winter in the new world, and subsequently the successful tilling, toiling, and planting which brought a bountiful harvest.

The southern portion of the North American continent does not have such a national holiday. Mexican Nazarenes bring their missions offering at Christmas-time. What a splendid occasion for saying "thanks" to God, when

we are reflecting on the coming of the Savior!

British and European Nazarenes celebrate also in the autumn, with a harvest festival of thanks. Nazarene churches in Great Britain make the harvest season a great time of festivity and rejoicing with beautiful displays of the farmers' harvest decorating their churches.

Because the Church of the Nazarene spans the globe from north to south as well as east to west, much of our church is in the spring season while the northern hemisphere is in the autumn season. This has not deterred participation, however, in the traditional offering for missions received at this time of the year.

From early September until late in December, the worldwide family of Nazarenes joins hands in supporting the Great Commission with an offering for missions.

This year, as always, the offer-

ing will be collected in dollars and pounds, pesos and liras, corn and pumpkins, pigs and chickens. In each instance it will be presented out of grateful hearts. Calculated in United States dollars, the worldwide goal is \$7,500,000. This will reflect the largest amount given yet by the people called Nazarenes. Shouts of joy and expressions of praise will ascend to the very heart of God from the four corners of the globe as this money comes in.

And American Nazarenes who have been blessed with so much will joyfully share in this traditional time of giving once again. It will be done gladly and gratefully. The goal will be met. Our people are committed to it.

And we shall all, with one mind and heart, from many countries, and expressing ourselves in many languages, join together in a mighty universal chorus of thanksgiving and praise to our God. □

GIVING THANKS FROM THE HEART

"... SUPPORTING THE GREAT COMMISSION WITH AN OFFERING FOR MISSIONS."



by General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson

by MARY E. LATHAM

Shoes for

THANKSGIVING



WE NEED HELP for our mission fields!" The call was urgent. And I had nothing with which to meet it. That is, I *thought* I had nothing. You see, I was in college. You know how tight funds can be when you are trying to get an education.

But I had promised to send money every time. Along with others, I had signed a pledge to be one of a reserve army. Regardless of circumstances, we would respond with funds whenever the need was urgent. Here was an extreme emergency. And this time it seemed I was going to fail. No! I would not fail! There must be a way.

I began to pray more earnestly. There was no cash in sight—not in time. This money had to go soon. What could I do?

Then came the suggestion, "Shoes!" I am sure it was from the Lord. "Shoes!"

Shoes? Well what about them?

I had two pairs of shoes—one for school everyday, and one for dress-up. Oh, of course there was the old canvas pair which I wore sometimes to play tennis and basketball.

"Lord, how can the shoes help our mission fields?"

"You could sell your good pair." Yes, they were fairly new. But who could wear them? I took an unusual size. Not many people could qualify as purchasers. Where could I find a buyer? And what would I wear on Sunday? I continued to pray. And I listened.

One day soon after, as I talked with a friend, I noticed her shoes. What size did she wear? Exactly the same as mine. Did she need a pair of dress shoes?

Would you believe she had been shopping, trying to find a pair of black dress pumps? And here I had a good pair just her size. Would she want to buy a pair I had worn a few times?

To shorten the story—I sold her the shoes. For cash!

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When I mailed the money to the missions fund, there came the most joyous feeling I had ever experienced. Such satisfaction! I didn't even realize it would mean no parties for a while—not even dress shoes on Sunday.

All that mattered was that I had helped to meet the challenge. It was a part of something big. God used my shoes to help others become "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:15). They in turn would reach hundreds more, maybe thousands.

The story did not end there. One of our general superintendents learned about my shoe sale for missions. (I never knew how he heard it.) He later told me that he had retold the story over and over, and God had used it to help raise thousands of dollars for missions.

Today we face a new challenge. There are millions more who need to hear the message of salvation. And the stakes are higher. For this Thanksgiving offering, it will take more than one pair of shoes, although were we each one to give a bonus with our Thanksgiving offering, it would really add up.

Should our bonus equal the price of a pair of today's best shoes, the total results could be phenomenal. I saw one pair on display with a tag of over 100 dollars. Some sell for more. Think how many needs could be met for missions were we to measure our bonus gifts by shoes for Thanksgiving.

I am praying about it, as my heart overflows with gratitude to God for His marvelous provision for my salvation.

One thing I purpose—to answer the call for missions, even when it hurts. And whether we give up shoes for Thanksgiving, or the price of a pair, or deny ourselves in any other way, it will be worth it.

Any sacrifice today seems small compared to that which Christ made for us. I agree with Isaac Watts who wrote,

*Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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OLD, DEAR FRIEND

I have never written a letter to any editor of the *Herald* but feel I should've attended to this matter long ago. After reading your article in the August 15 issue, I felt I could not put it off a minute longer. I'm sure many others will feel the same as I do.

The *Herald* has been a real inspiration to me ever since I became a Nazarene in 1956. It was something I looked forward to in college and was certainly a boost many times when my husband and I were in our first pastorate. The *Herald* was like an old and dear friend coming to visit and bringing news and words of wisdom and encouragement when we served five years under

the Department of World Mission in Taiwan.

Mrs. John R. Clayton
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PASS THEM ON

I still thank God for the person who acquainted our family with the *Herald of Holiness* 56 years ago. We lived in a rather isolated area, had no church home, and were a bit confused with fanaticism. Though only in my early teens, I began reading the *Herald*, found spiritual stability, and became a Nazarene at heart. We later helped to start a church in our community, and all became charter members.

I've read the *Herald* faithfully ever since, and usually find

someone to share them. I take some when calling, and leave some in public places. Some have been led to the Lord this way.

They're just too good for the wastebasket.

Myrtle Walker
Prineville, Oregon

INMATE WRITES

I am an inmate at the Indiana Reformatory, and have been a Christian for a short while now. As each day comes and goes in here, I find the Lord's work very pleasing. The Lord has given me a new life, and I give Him thanks for it.

Sir, my reason for writing you is

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TWO BEAUTIFUL WORDS: "THANK YOU"

by MABEL P. ADAMSON

ASPIRIT OF THANKFULNESS is something we all need to cultivate. You may think thankfulness should be a spontaneous reaction, and under some circumstances, it may be. On the other hand, do your children express thanks without any training? If your answer is yes, you are probably in the minority.

One of the first things we teach our children is to say "please" and "thank you." It seems easier to teach them the first, for they quickly learn that whatever they desire comes much sooner if they say "please." But after they get what they want, it's easy to forget the lessons learned and to run away without saying thanks. Sometimes it's forgetfulness; sometimes it's simply being too busy enjoying the gift; and sometimes it's plain, old-fashioned orneriness.

How like children we are in that respect! We have no difficulty coming to God, our Father, with our many needs. We believe He cares for us, that He is a loving and giving Father, even that He knows what we want and need before we ask. But we usually do ask, nevertheless, and if we do not actually use the word "please," the spirit of pleading is there. We want, we pray; in desperation, we plead.

And often God gives far beyond what we are asking for. That's the way He is. He loves us so much that He takes pleasure in giving.

But how often do we forget to express our thankfulness for His giving? Perhaps, in the exuberance of having our prayers answered, we call a friend and share the wonderful news; somehow that's an easy and exciting thing to do. We may even stand in prayer meeting at the first opportunity and testify to our gratitude to God for His goodness to us. But did we remember first to express it to Him? I believe He wants to hear it too, and firsthand. I believe He delights in our pleasure of receiving and is pleased when we tell Him our thanksgiving.

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Occasionally, we may even fall into that last fault—that "I've got what I want, so why should I bother to say thanks?" or, "After all, I'm entitled to that" category. This is a terrible trap the enemy sets for us, usually lasting only until we want something from God again.

"Please" and "thank you" are two of the amenities of life that help make this world more pleasant. As adults, most of us would not think of accepting a gift or a favor without saying "thank you."

Maybe, then, our degree of thankfulness and our expression of thanks to God for His many blessings are measurements of our maturity in Him. Certainly none of us can count all our blessings. Once we start trying, we realize the truth of that gospel song:

*Count your blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
What the Lord has done.*

And in the midst of our surprise and wonder at all He has done for us, let's remember to say, "Thank You, Father," with a depth of sincerity and love that will warm His heart. In so doing, ours will be warmed also. □

THANK YOU

*Thank You, Father,
for all the gifts You give;
for health and family,
for laughter shared with friends,
for springtime promises in fallen
leaves,
and for eternal life.*

*I bring them now—
these treasures held in open hands.
My thanks
can only be enough
when I give them back to You.*

—CAROL WIGHT GRITTON
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Dave Anderson

THANKSGIVING AT THE DINNER TABLE

by MYRON L. TWEED

THE GRACE BEFORE MEALS may be the only mode of worship in which the family joins. An atmosphere of thankfulness is generated when heads are bowed, and the Creator is recognized for His daily provisions of food, clothing, and shelter.

The head of the household may say the grace, or call on a member of the family to speak on behalf of the group. An old Quaker custom is to hold hands and have silent grace.

Families may learn poems or short prayers and repeat them individually or together.

*For our home and daily food,
Thank Thee, Heavenly Father.
For our friends and all things good
Thank Thee, Heavenly Father. Amen.*

*We thank Thee, Lord, for our daily bread.
May it strengthen and refresh our bodies.
And, we pray Thee, feed our souls in Thy
Heavenly Grace, Through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

Those who are musical may sing their grace together.

Tune: Old Hundredth (Doxology)

*Be present at our table, Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored,
Thy children bless, and grant that we
May live in fellowship with Thee. Amen.*

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Tune: Ode to Joy—Beethoven
*God, we praise You for Your blessing;
Thank You for your love today;
Keep us safe in light or darkness,
Be our help in every way. Amen.*

Psalm 75:1. Build a chord, each person singing a chant on his particular note.

Father: "We give thanks to Thee, O God."
(lowest note of chord)

Boy: "We give thanks to Thee, O God."
(a third higher)

Girl: "We give thanks to Thee, O God."
(a fifth higher)

Mother: "We give thanks to Thee, O God."
(an octave higher)

The uplift generated by the singing of grace before the meal can create a congenial atmosphere for the entire evening.

"Lord, I want to remember that my children are not my children. Let me let them manage themselves at the right pace. May they have the self-respect which comes from a growing self-government. Free them from unnecessary resentment.

From infancy up, may they know how to love because they have seen love at its best. Here in our home may they be taught that they are children of God. And may they sense the divine in others also. May they know the joy of work well done. Early may they learn what they need for discipline and staying power. As they tie into the problems of society, may they be angry when they should, as they should.

For the future of all, this is my prayer." Charlie W. Shedd □

From PRISON to PULPIT



Rev. DON NELSON

by D. W. HILDIE

I first met Don Nelson in the Alaska State Jail at Fairbanks, Alaska, where he was serving time on a narcotics conviction. He had been saved while in prison through the ministry of Rev. Ray Griffith, a Nazarene minister serving as the jail's chaplain. Rev. Griffith had asked me to preach for the baptismal service which he would be conducting for men who had found the Lord while serving out their sentences in that institution. There was no baptistry in the jail chapel, but Rev. Griffith had borrowed a fiberglass vault from a local mortuary. The prisoners formed a line from the kitchen to the chapel, passed buckets of water from hand to hand up the stairs and into the chapel, and filled the improvised baptistry. Don was one of those who were baptized that Sunday afternoon.

Unfortunately, when he was finally released from prison he failed to keep the commitments he made to God, and went back to his old life of sin. From Alaska he made his way to Denver, Colo., and there surrounded himself with the habitués of the drug culture of that city. While his principal drug usage were the amphetamines, he sought his "highs" on anything he could get. In looking back on those days now, Don is sure that had he not found the Lord when he did, he would no longer be living.

God intervened. Through a chain of circumstance he became acquainted with a young Greyhound Bus driver, Ted Durbin, and his wife, Nancy. They were not only members of a Nazarene church, but they were devout Christians who loved the souls of men, even that of a self-confessed junkie. They took Don

into their home and into their hearts, and a transformation took place. Don was not only saved, but he was instantaneously healed of his burning appetite for narcotics. In telling about it he said: "God did for me what I couldn't do in my own strength—He broke my drug habit. But God let me fight the battle of the craving for tobacco all on my own."

Not long after Don became established, he felt that God was calling him to the ministry of the church, and in keeping with that calling, he enrolled in the Nazarene Bible College at Colorado Springs, Colo. Married, and with a family to support, he still persisted on to graduation from that institution. Following the completion of the Bible College training, he served as an assistant pastor for a time, then took on the task of resurrecting an inner-city church in Denver.

The work thrived under his leadership, and then came the call to return to Alaska. There was no organized church, no parsonage or place of worship at "Two Rivers" when the Nelsons arrived there two years ago, but within that length of time a church has been organized, a church building is soon to be completed, and with the efforts of a work-team of laymen from one of our Minnesota churches, a parsonage will be completed this summer. Sunday mornings between 60 and 80 people worship at this, the farthest north Church of the Nazarene.

As a means of fitting into the rural community where the church is located, Don has taken up "dog mushing," and has a team of dogs which not only provides winter recreation, but helps the pastor to identify with the activities and interests of his neighbors.

It was about 13 years ago that I preached to Don Nelson on Mother's Day when he was an inmate of the Alaska State Jail. On Mother's Day, 1981, I concluded a revival in the Two Rivers Church of the Nazarene of which he is the pastor. □

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A THANKFUL HEART

by PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY



John M. Zielinski

IT WAS IN a little one-room schoolhouse on the day before Thanksgiving, 1928. A Kansas wind was whistling outside and toying with the rattles in the four windows on each side of the little room.

A red-hot potbellied stove was kept well stocked with coal by the 19-year-old girl who was known as "Teacher." The 25 students, in grades one through eight, were trying to absorb enough of the warmth to finish the long walk home without too much shivering.

Each of the eight grades had "recited" for the day, and instead of the usual study time, Teacher had the attention of the entire student body.

"Tomorrow is Thanksgiving," she said. "I want

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each of you to tell me something you are thankful for."

She received many responses. Some expressed appreciation for a good home, a warm schoolhouse, a new cotton dress, or good parents. One of the little girls said she was thankful for her older sister who held her hand on the cold walk to and from school. Then she would change sides so the other hand could get warm. Another student expressed his gratitude for a warm scarf his mother had knitted.

Finally, it was Henry's turn. There were so many things that Henry did not have! The shack where he lived could hardly be called a home, and certainly not a happy home. His last new clothes were for the first day of school in September. His worn coat sleeves were much shorter than they had been the winter before. Even a new pencil was a rare treasure for Henry.

But he hesitated for only a moment, and with a smile that displayed the lack of a front tooth, he said, "I'm thankful because I'm thankful."

Teacher was very wise for one so young in years and experience. Her Christian background was apparent in many ways. Her response to Henry's statement could come only from one attuned to God.

"Thank you, Henry," she said, "that is a good thing to be thankful for. I pray that I will always have a thankful heart." And 25 children wondered why Teacher brushed her cheek with her handkerchief.

The Psalmist said, "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving" (Psalm 69:30, NIV). Yet the verse follows one that laments, "I am in pain and distress, may your salvation, O God, protect me" (Psalm 69:29, NIV).

A thankful heart will give a new perspective to all of life—whatever the circumstances may be. □

I'm Thankful

I'm thankful for the power of prayer

That lifts above earth's strife;

I'm thankful for a love divine

That gives eternal life.

I'm thankful for sustaining grace

In sorrow's stormy night;

I'm thankful for abiding peace

That fills the soul with light.

I'm thankful for redemption's plan,

Provided by God's grace;

I'm thankful for the glorious hope

That we shall see His face.

—PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY

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HAVING A SPECIAL DAY of the year set aside for expressing our thanksgiving helps us focus upon the many blessings of God that have come to each of us. Many of us confess that it is literally “too much,” and our thanks too little.

Even as we sit down at our tables, the attitude is too often, “Father, we thank You for this fine meal—What’s for dessert?” At the end of a Thanksgiving day, we often wish we could have expressed our gratitude better. It all seems too easy. And that leads to the question which many of us must ask, “How can we express thanksgiving in an age of affluence?”

How does a person express thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest while knowing that even if there had been a crop failure, he could have gotten more than enough at the nearest supermarket?

How can one express heartfelt thanksgiving for the peace that his country enjoys, when so many of his global neighbors live in constant fear of war?

How can a person thank God for the joys of salvation, knowing that his neighbor is still a prisoner of sin?

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by RAY AUSTIN

Saying “Thank you” seems so inadequate. It reminds one of the Pharisee praying, “God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are . . .” (Luke 18:11). It seems too easy to say thanks.

This, however, is not to suggest that we should stop saying “Thanks,” but rather to suggest that our actions as well as our words should be used in expressing thanksgiving.

If we are truly thankful for the material blessings that have come to us, then let us share them with others.

If we are thankful for the peace that we enjoy in our homelands, then let us also become peacemakers. Let us learn to welcome those of different cultures, racial backgrounds, and social classes into our homes and fellowship.

If we are thankful for our salvation, then let us share with others the good news of how they, too, can know the joy of a personal relationship with God.

Let us remember the words of Jesus, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). After all, is there any other way to say “Thanks”? □

Too Easy to Say **THANKS**



Alan Cliburn



The SINGING HEART

by HILDA W. MOFFITT

THE BLEAKNESS of the cold winter day engulfed me as I walked swiftly toward the luxurious apartment building in which my husband and I lived in our nation's capitol. The wind blew hard against me as I drew my coat tighter about my shoulders. The gray waters of the Potamac River seemed to mirror my desolate mood.

The ride home on the bus had given me time to review some of the traumatic and unhappy events that had taken place recently. Among other happenings, my children had experimented with drugs and the security of our home had been threatened by my husband's conduct. The last few years welled up in

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my memory as a long, cold, bleak winter of one crisis after another. My heart had been broken so many times I felt the burden of life almost too hard to bear. The inward chill was as threatening as the outward cold my body felt. Struggling against the wind, I became aware of tears streaming down my cheeks as I silently sobbed.

Abruptly, these words flashed into my mind—"but, after the winter, the singing heart." I was suddenly living through a mystic joy unbelievably real. It was a feeling never experienced before, even in my happiest moments. I was hardly aware of putting the key in the lock and opening the door to our beautiful apartment.

As if in a trance, I move forward to the huge front window that looked out over our balcony to the river below. On the balcony rail a thrush was perched, singing lustily as though it were defying the cold, sharp wind in sheer delight. At my approach, instead of flying away, it hopped on the rail toward me. I stood transfixed for several minutes as my feathered friend serenaded me with its symphony of song. When the lovely creature finally lifted its wings to the wind and flew out over the water, I slowly became aware that I still had my wraps on, and it was time to fix dinner for my husband.

The words—"but, after the winter, the singing heart"—were repeated in my mind over and over as I prepared our meal. Could these words and the singing of the bird be a significant omen for the future? For now, they had certainly served to quiet my broken heart and had given me courage to face the days ahead as a promise that I might sing again.

A year or so later, I faced the most devastating of all happenings up to that time. My husband, whom I loved deeply, left me after almost 35 years of marriage. I found myself alone with no support from him or anyone else, and no home.

Several years have come and gone since that eventful promise of the singing heart, but the inspiration I felt is as thrilling and vivid in my memory as when it happened. Many times my mind has flashed back to that special assurance as God has given me songs in the night, some nights of fears and tears, and many nights of loneliness.

Recently I retired from a position in a Christian college on the West Coast. As I journey into my sunset years, I feel a serenity and peace that stems back to that beautiful time of intimate communion from God's great and loving heart to my broken one.

I have found a thrilling parallel to that long-ago encounter in the "Song of Solomon" (2:10-12, TLB):

My beloved said to me, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers are springing up and the time of the singing of birds has come . . ."

Whether there be many years ahead or a few days left before my sun sets, I am assured my winter has passed, and my heart has learned to sing again because God is with me. □

WE HUMANS ARE NEVER QUITE SATISFIED, WE CONSTANTLY WANT MORE AND BETTER THINGS. HOWEVER, THE MAIN DRAWBACK WE ENCOUNTER, FROM CHILDHOOD TO OLD AGE, IS THAT HAUNTING QUESTION, . . .

CAN I AFFORD IT?

A baby asks itself, "Can I afford to lie here peacefully and quietly and enjoy my fingers and toes, or must I throw a tantrum in order to get the attention I crave?" A little boy in a store thinks, "Can I afford to sneak this candy bar with its delicious chocolate coating, or will the punishment be too great if Dad finds out?" The teen-age girl wonders, "Can I afford to say no and take the chance of losing my boyfriend?" The college student queries within, "Can I afford to fail this test, when just a little cheating would help me pass the course?" The adult is faced with, "Can I afford . . . Can I afford . . . Can I afford?"

How many, many times do we hear this said in reference to food, clothes, vacations, college education, house improvements, and an endless list of physical, social, or mental needs. Yet my mind and

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heart continue to reflect on the many things which I cannot afford as I travel from here to my heavenly home.

I cannot afford to let the pressures of daily living keep me from prayer and feasting on God's Word. The devil would gleefully keep me so busy doing the necessary chores that my communication with God would be severed. Then my lifeline would be gone and I would die spiritually.

I cannot afford to live a less than Christlike example before my children. Oh, how impressionable they are! How many times, when my children were growing up, I have overheard them say to others, "My

mom said that" or "That is the way my mom does it," or "My mom goes there all the time." Each time I heard those things, I would inwardly cringe and pray, "Oh God, don't let me lead them astray, but help them to follow me as I follow Christ."

I cannot afford to waste my God-given time on the world's pleasures "for a season." I am only traveling through this world and I must keep myself unspotted from the many things that would taint my life.

I cannot afford to be ashamed of Christ in any way. When I eat in a restaurant, I want to bow my head in thanks to God for my food, just as I would at home all alone. I want to witness to others of God's love, whether it be to the boss at work, to the man who fills my gas tank, or to the child who needs a friend.

Why are we here? Not just to mark time, but to show forth the love which sent Jesus to Calvary.

I cannot afford anything which will keep me from heaven! □

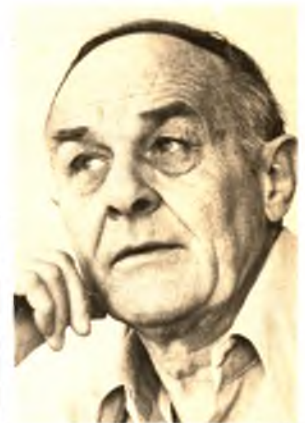
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based than their worshipers. Our God is holier, higher, purer, cleaner than man. To encounter Him is to immediately elevate our thoughts and deeds. To emulate Him is to immediately accept and endorse the ethics of holy living.

Holiness is also the activity of God with His people. He does nothing degrading to a holy relationship. Because His character is holy, His dealing with humanity is holy.

To love Him and follow Him in holy living brings perfect love, perfect power, and spiritually motivated living. This is His concept for all who will follow Him unreservedly.

I once heard holiness defined this way: sanctification is the act, holiness is the state. Certainly what the mind of God can conceive His will can achieve. The root meaning of the word "holy" is to be physically pure, morally blameless, and spiritually clean. This is not merely commendable but commanded. "As it is written," says Peter, Here is authority which is not debatable. Somewhere I found a sentence which has both haunted and helped me: "God says it; I believe it; that settles it." God conceived the idea of holiness and created the crisis to bring it about in daily living. It was bought by the blood of the Holy One who suffered outside the gate (Hebrews 13:12).

Without this provision, holiness would be a disappointment and seekers would fall into utter despair. To demand a holy life without making provision for it would make God a despot unworthy of our devotions. Bible commands and promises would become idealistic prattle, not applicable to daily living. Thank God this is not so, as thousands gladly and victoriously testify today. He who demands that we be holy delights in making us holy. The cost is not beyond His ability to pay. He calls, He commands, and He cleanses.

Behavior is the only meaningful measure of true holiness as far as others are concerned. No matter how holy or clean we may feel inside, they can only gauge our conduct. Even our testimonies fall short of convincing others unless

BEHAVIORAL HOLINESS

by JOHN W. MAY

WHEN PETER quoted and updated God's command, "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16), he brought the experience into an experiential framework. Holiness is more than a way of thought; it is a way of life.

Only in daily living may holiness really be proven. Words are cheap. It is not difficult to rise up in a Wednesday night prayer

meeting and rattle off, "I'm glad I'm saved and sanctified," but it requires day-by-day experience to prove it in the emergencies of life.

The concept of behavioral holiness did not originate with those whom we call old-fashioned holiness preachers. It originated in the mind and purpose of God for His people. God has always demanded a holy people, separated, consecrated, and committed to His will and His way. He has expected His people to be different than worldly-minded people. This was true in Leviticus, in 1 Peter, and it is true today.

Holiness is the character of God. Heathen idols are most often objects of debauchery and vileness, whose characters are more de-

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HOLY Living

they see holiness in action in our lives. It is in Peter's "all manner of conversation" that the full proof is found. It seems that he had a fixation on that phrase, using it eight times. In the sense in which he used it, however, conversation did not mean merely vocabulary and speech. In the original Greek it meant mode of conduct or life; general deportment or behavior.

From the negative standpoint, it is arriving at a place in holy living that abhors fashioning after or conforming to former lustful ways of life. A clear indication of a true experience of holiness is abstaining from the very appearance of evil. The questionable is not coddled or condoned, it is cut off. Old things having passed away, they are not resuscitated.

From the positive standpoint, we become enraptured with and excited about the new way. Holiness becomes an adventure in living, and exploration of new dimensions in life. We strive to imitate, not equal, God; a sanctified heart enables us to do His will, and behavioral holiness is the crowning point of personal victory and effective witnessing. □



The Sixth Alberta District Assembly (1916), held in Stettler, Alberta (*below*). Evangelist Thomas Bell preaching at the Alberta District Assembly (*l.*).



NAZARENE ROOTS

PIONEERING HOLINESS ON THE CANADIAN FRONTIER

"Finding a good place in what was once the bar in the hotel, we rented it, at a dollar a night, secured some chairs, an organ, and a stove, and again raised the flag. It was soon apparent that we were causing trouble in the city, and among the professors of religion in particular. One leading gentleman in the church remarked that the evangelist should be driven out with rotten eggs, although he had only been to hear him but once.

"This stirred up the baser sort whereupon they proceeded to give our building a good treatment of eggs, breaking them upon the doors, and in the windows . . . [They] now would be daunted by nothing,

(From "The Nazarene Work in Saskatchewan, Canada," by District Superintendent C. A. Thompson, and published in the *Other Sheep* June, 1917. The incident occurred in the town of Morse. Photographs are from the H. F. Reynolds papers.)

so they tried to break up our meetings by cutting holes through the doors, and injecting a very offensive acid, which made it well nigh impossible to breathe.

"We were determined, however, not to be moved by such things and swung the gospel ax right and left, cutting at civic sins, and every other kind of sin until the Devil began to get afraid, and changed his tactics.

"The constable came personally and took water and brush and cleaned off our meeting place, and the mayor thought it at least the best policy to give us protection, so we continued the meeting for a considerable time, and had the ears of many people from the surrounding country who had become interested because of the opposition." □

STEVE COOLEY, *director of Archives*



by MELVIN SHROUT

BEAUTY WRINKL

Underlying this reluctance is the fear of death. The negative and derisive images of life for senior citizens, some true and some false, also contribute to this fear. Unfortunately some church programs are structured in such a way that they are referred to as "glorified playpens." Again, the negative image.

With society moving inexorably toward maturity, gray hair and wrinkles included, it is only reasonable to ask: Are wrinkles and beauty compatible? Even possible?

A good many people with positive attitudes about themselves and their aging think so. God's Word lauds old age. And, for the masses today, under God it is the gift of our modern technology.

Beauty and wrinkles together are possible only as we see and accept the divine order of things. Human life moves from infancy to maturity. God intends for us to live our lives with our faces toward the sun and our shadows behind us. Senior adult life will always be dreaded and drear as long as it is lived looking back over the shoulder to days that were.

Most are familiar with Browning's lines—

"Grow old along with me!

The best is yet to be"

but the remainder of the verse is quotable too—

"Our times are in His hand

Who said, 'A whole I planned.'

Youth shows but half.

Trust God, see all, nor be afraid."

"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31).

Accept your aging. It is a fact of life! I am aging! Everyone is going the same direction at the same pace. Some get started earlier than others. In reporting statistics about aging, it would be more accurate to say, "There are 230,000,000 aging persons in this country" rather than the usual report of 23,000,000 aging persons.

Being old is a relative term which has to do with

BEAUTY with a wrinkle on it can hold its own any day with beauty with a dimple on it." So says Sam Reeves, author of *The Bright Years*.

Society doesn't buy that. It seems totally obsessed in its search for youthfulness. The TV encourages us to believe, "You're not getting older, you're getting better." Aging is denied. One lady reported her age as 70 going on 39. The search for the fountain of youth goes on.

The real barrier to the beauty and wrinkles combination is cultural and psychological; a general fear of aging and an unwillingness to see it in oneself. Most of us are like Bernard Baruch who said, "An old person is someone 15 years older than me."

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attitudes, behavior, physical condition, reduced activities, appearances, and the leisure status observed in others. Aging is a human process that happens daily for a period of time, determined by numerous factors including heredity, environment, health, life-style, financial status, education, and mental attitude. And it differs in each individual. Some seem old before their time. Others never do.

The beautiful old are those who admit their age and who set about to deny all the negative images by beautiful actions.

Beauty and wrinkles are possible for those who take advantage of the new frontiers. The frontiers of longevity are being pushed steadily ahead, so much so that the fastest-growing age-group at present is the age-group 75 and over.

Coupled with that is another frontier we could call expanded peak years. Peak years are no longer the sole province of those in their mid-40s and -50s. Congress recognized this by lifting the mandatory retirement age from 65 to 70. As the blind posture of age discrimination gives way to more enlightened understanding of older persons, the peak years will yield greater achievement and satisfaction. It will be easier to make peace with aging.

Senior adults and the public at large need to move off the dead centers of old stereotyped thoughts to the new thought systems and positive actions. Agile and alert minds, younger or older, which cut across ideas and patterns which no longer apply will see or possess beauty belying the wrinkles.

And it must always be remembered that "beauty with a wrinkle on it" blends well with "beauty with a dimple on it" when the Spirit of the Lord dominates and regulates one's activities and fellowship.

Older people can reflect beauty of mind, body, and soul, giving the feeling that this is the way it's meant to be. Younger people can learn to see beauty with the wrinkles when this is true. □

LESSONS I LEARNED IN MY SICKNESS

by GERALD GREEN

ON JANUARY 14, 1981, I learned that I had acute leukemia. After some very dark days, I was declared to be in remission on March 2, 1981. God's healing grace has been very beautifully manifested and I praise His name! I deeply appreciate my many friends who have prayed, in faith, for my healing.

I am listing 10 very valuable lessons I learned in my 93-day hospital experience.

1. I learned that God is reliable and trustworthy.
2. I learned that my family is essential in life's crises.
3. I learned that my Christian friends who pray and believe are causes of miracles.
4. I learned that my church is more than just a human affiliation.
5. I learned that "Living by Faith" is a life-style and not just a hymn we sing.
6. I learned that no night is too dark for God (Psalm 139:12).
7. I learned that "coping" with a crisis involves (a) complete submission to God; (b) resisting that dark "inevitable"; (c) living one day at a time.
8. I learned that the very best Christian can expect a fight with Satan until his last breath is drawn.
9. I learned the rich value of "pleading the blood" and "claiming the promises" of God (2 Peter 1:4).
10. I learned we human beings limit or extend God's miracle-working activity on earth.

My promises: Jeremiah 30:17: "I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord." Isaiah 41:9-10: "Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast away. Fear thou not: for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee." □

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WHEN THE ROOF CAVES IN

by RAY LEACH

ON AUGUST 31, 1980, Portland First Church of the Nazarene celebrated Hallelujah Sunday. On this historic day, the church moved from its downtown location in the inner city of Portland to its new, spacious, 19-acre campus on the beautiful sylvan hillside immediately west of the city. One year later, having worshiped in the new facility for 52 Sundays, First Church was the subject of national news coverage because of the collapse of the main roof structure. The building, easily seen from the freeway, was in apparent death and agony, with tons of rubble cascading down onto the main sanctuary floor.

Just two years before this catastrophic event, the community stood in awe as two giant cranes lifted each of the massive 20-ton main support beams into place high over the rapidly rising structure. These beams, each 130' long, with a massive top-to-bottom chord of 8', appeared indestructible. They were designed to span 118' over the sanctuary floor. During the year after they were lifted into place, while the building was being completed, each of these beams were supported by additional trusses and support girders. If the beams themselves were indestructible,

the network structure being completed looked "as strong as the Rock of Gibraltar."

Yet there were problems in this structure that were never revealed until that terrifying moment when one of the two beams began to sag, and it became apparent that the structure could not stand.

Moments after the automatic alarm was sounded by the breaking of the sprinkler system pipes, the Portland Fire Department appeared on the scene with four units. The battalion chief, upon arriving, saw that the west side of the roof was dishing in. Racing into the building, he noted that it had already dropped from 8' to 10' from its alignment and the ceiling structure underneath was rapidly crumbling, with its main support giving way. Wisely, he ordered the evacuation of the building.

In some 20 minutes the building, which had appeared to be so strong that only an explosion could have harmed it, now appeared to be in death agony. Moments after the evacuation of the building, the broken beam collapsed, dragging its twin with it.

A head count revealed that the entire staff was safe. As the three major television networks converged on the scene, and the newspaper photographers prepared their pictures for the Friday afternoon and Saturday morning editions, First Church was

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confronted by the combined attention of hundreds of thousands of people across the Northwest and across the nation.

Staff members were assigned to handle the press of media inquiries, and throughout Friday evening and into the long holiday weekend, a number of interviews were granted; while newsroom helicopters hovered overhead, armchair engineers were pressed into service to answer the unanswerable questions: Why? How?

The staff began the task of pulling together our resources so that the ministry might continue to function. Within an hour, offers of auditorium facilities began to pour in and soon it was agreed that we would use the building facilities of the nearby Portland First Assembly of God to hold a 2 p.m. meeting on Sunday.

Pastor Alan Rodda, arriving from his summer's vacation, called an emergency meeting of the board's Steering Committee for 7 a.m. Saturday to map out strategy. Legal and insurance experts from the congregation met with the Steering Committee to review coverage and to determine first steps. How thankful we were to hear their opinion that our coverage was more than adequate and that we could anticipate the full resources of our insurance carrier as we began to contemplate the rebuilding task. Later Saturday, the first of a score of engineers' meetings was held at

the building as the technical questions were addressed.

On Sunday morning, staff and lay members appeared at services around the metropolitan area in scores of churches, both within and without the denomination, where Portland First Church was lifted to God in their morning pastoral prayers. At 2 p.m., some 500 of our people gathered in the borrowed facility to worship. Just as we had told the media 36 hours earlier, we were now giving evidence to the fact that God's Church is not a building built with hands and cannot be destroyed through the failure of brick, mortar, steel and wood.

With news cameras filming the arrival of our people, the testimony began to take on reality. The Church is the people, God's people, meeting together expectantly with faces upturned, knowing that our Father in His providence is meeting with us. In the time of our shock and loss, even before the numbness has worn away, we may worship together in the beauty of His presence.

Our thanks go out to our brothers and sisters across North America and throughout the world, as you continue to hold us up in prayer during these months in which we will be without our worship facility. We have made our statement to the world; the Church is not a building. We must now continue to give evidence to the ability of the Church to function without the usual support facilities. □

Book Brief

KEEP THE WONDER: Meditations for the Advent Season



PAUL M. BASSETT,
author



ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, most of the Christian world begins the celebration of Advent. In more liturgical churches, from that Sunday until Christmas, every sermon, hymn, prayer, and scripture reading will remind worshipers of Jesus' first coming into our world.

For us in the Free Church tradition, the four Sundays of Advent have been as neglected as the season of Epiphany or even Lent.

While not making a hard case for a strict observance of Advent, Paul M. Bassett, in *Keep the Wonder*, reminds the reader that evangelicals are increasingly sensing the value to faith in giving some

attention to this great season of preparation. Bassett accomplishes this in six devotionals that bear the titles: "A Word to the Pros," "Watch," "The Great Christmastime Debate," "When Bugged, Lift!" "What Do You See and Hear?" "Do the Titles Fit the Facts?"

The book will be valuable to the lay person for devotional reading, and will provide the minister with excellent preaching resources.

Commenting on *Keep the Wonder*, author Bassett writes: "Most of us do rather well at Christmastime remembering what it is all about, even Whom it is all about. In fact, maybe we do too well. We get the ideas straight, set the priorities right, and even feel a bit of the true 'merry' in Merry Christmas. But somehow the really deep-down personal element may be missing.

"That's what these meditations are about. There's a hope in them that you'll see Christmastime as a Person-to-person time—catch again the joyous wonder of people like yourselves upon whom total surprise and delight has fallen.

"And there's the hope too, that by the grace of that Surprise and Delight, you'll be caught in it too.

"Originally, these were sermons preached to a congregation, and one was preached to students. They did not need to hear 'Keep the Faith,' but it may have helped to hear 'Keep the Wonder.'" □

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the editor's STANDPOINT

I AM THANKFUL

I am thankful for the day I met Jesus Christ. He pardoned my sins and turned my life around. From that day until this day He has been a faithful Lord and Savior to me. He has never let me go. He has never let me down, and He never will. I have His word on that, and He keeps every promise He makes.

Our meeting took place one Friday night when I was 16. I stood on a street corner, all alone with a good God and a bad conscience, the best and worst of company. Tired of sin and hungry for peace, I prayed to be forgiven and remade. In a moment, at the junction where my faith and His promise intersected, He answered that prayer.

I did not know where His claiming and saving grace would lead. Long years have stretched over strange miles. Never have I regretted that first step or the subsequent events of my pilgrimage with Christ. Life has been good, and my heart is glad. Some of His choices for me have been puzzling, and some of the assignments have been costly. But I am sure that

what He plans is far better than anything I could devise for myself.

I am thankful for the day I met Doris. She was the one who led me to Jesus. Her love and faith and prayers and example shamed me for my sins and made me want to be different.

Across the years of my ministry her counsel, prayers, and understanding have been my constant support. God's love has been channeled to me through her life. When I found her Christ, I joined her church—the Church of the Nazarene. I am thankful for our church. I know it isn't perfect, for I am part of it, but it has been a wonderful family. To serve the Lord in, with, and through this church is a privilege and joy that I cannot measure.

As Thanksgiving Day comes round again, my heart is full of profound gratitude for these priceless blessings. I am thankful for Jesus Christ, my living, saving Lord. I am thankful for Doris, my wife and friend. I am thankful for the church, my spiritual family. □

FAITHFUL IN DEATH

Miguel Dadpaas died on May 7, 1981, at the age of 83. He was a faithful servant of Christ, and a member of our church in the remote rural barrio of Loos in the northern Philippines.

Mr. Dadpaas was the first person in his community to write, tape-record, and have legally notarized the instructions for his funeral. He was a loyal witness in life, and did not want that witness marred by any pagan elements after his death.

The prevailing custom in that area is to “smoke” the dead. The corpse is placed on an improvised high chair, a fire is built underneath, and the body is smoked for several days. During these days, pigs and other animals are sacrificed to the ancestral spirits. This is called a “canao.” Similar canaos are required by pagan priests in times of illness and at celebrations of marriage.

These practices drain the resources of the people. As a result, their children are often prevented from pursuing higher education and developing career skills.

Mr. Dadpaas has several children who went through school and became professionals.

The gospel reached the mountainous area where Mr. Dadpaas lived back in 1952. Missionary John Pattee and some of his Bible school students, “armed with the Word of God and an accordion,” trudged the narrow, winding, dusty roads and proclaimed Christ. One of the first converts was a schoolteacher, Valentin Lumiqued. He was buried as a Christian some years later. Mr. Dadpaas expressed, on tape, a desire to be buried in this same way.

The account of this faithful witness was furnished by Valentin's son, Severino Lumiqued, a public schools supervisor. It reached me through another son, Gregorio, who lives in California.

Gregorio's final words are especially pertinent as we face the Thanksgiving offering for missions: “It is hoped that this fruit of the sacrifices of our missionaries will be an example of what each Nazarene's dollars can do in the mission field.” Amen! □

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AN ACID TEST

What do you love most in life? Three men were discussing this question. One of them was Joseph Stalin, before he became Russia's supreme leader. Stalin said, "The greatest delight is to mark one's enemy, prepare everything, avenge oneself thoroughly, and then go to sleep." One of his biographers wrote, "From childhood on, the realization of his thoughts of revenge became the aim to which everything was subordinated." No wonder Stalin, as a Soviet dictator, carried out the ruthless, bloody "purges" that wiped out, through murder or prison, his real and suspected opponents.

In sharp contrast to Stalin's theory of "sweet revenge," consider the death of Jesus. Hanging in agony on the Cross, mocked by a heartless crowd, Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Earlier He had taught His disciples, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." Now, in His death, He practiced what He had preached.

Vengeance is God's, not ours. This is the clear teaching of the New Testament. To brood over the wrongs you have suffered, and to seek revenge against those who have injured you, is demonic, not Christian. The acid test of our profession of Christianity comes at the point of our attitudes toward those who oppose and hurt us. Unless we love, pray, and forgive, we are unlike Christ and unworthy to bear His name.

I have rarely been in a church, as a pastor or evangelist, where there were not some people who poison themselves and sabotage our mission by holding grudges and desiring vengeance. Until such godless feelings and desires are cleansed from the heart, revival is hindered, witness is crippled, and progress is limited. The Lord who forgives us commands us to forgive one another. Failing to do so, we repudiate His lordship and imperil our souls.

A quest for vengeance or an act of forgiveness? The difference between them is the essence of Christianity. □

A BELOVED PASTOR

I get letters I wish nobody could read, but I also get letters I wish everybody could read. Here is one from a woman in Georgia about her pastor.

Pastor Hilton Gillespie is leaving our church after more than 10 years of faithfully carrying out his duties.

I find it hard to describe him, but I suppose faithful and loving are the words that come most often to mind.

He has always been faithful to the needs of our congregation.

Once he traveled many miles out of his way to visit my sister in an intensive care unit and to pray with her. She had shot herself, and doctors gave us no hope. It seemed a different matter when we heard Preacher Gillespie pray. My sister survived and is well today. She never forgot his loving act.

Preacher Gillespie conducted my wedding ceremony, and he dedicated my daughter to the Lord.

A year ago this past January, he came to pray for my husband who was in intensive care. Due to a rare allergic reaction to medicine, my husband almost died. Brother Gillespie was there to pray for him and to comfort my family. He always has the right words so desperately needed in such serious circumstances.

Preacher Gillespie has never said a word in my hearing that was not Christlike. He always showed concern for everyone without partiality. All his congregation were special to him. We were blessed to have such a pastor.

Our prayers go with him as he leaves to do God's will in another place. I pray that my church will not wither but continue strong and prosperous as he intended it to remain.

Well, Rebecca Skinner, I'm glad you feel that way about Pastor Gillespie. Give the same cooperation and love to your next pastor, and let the work of God go forward! □

that I'm trying to start up a correspondence with other Christian people who may want to correspond with Christian brothers within these walls. Many Christians here would like to have Christian people correspond with them. Your publishing this letter will be highly appreciated.

William Blackburn
Pendleton, Indiana

GREAT MINDS DIFFER

I've never written to you before but your article entitled "The Mail Bag" was just too good to pass up. You sure have a wonderful sense of humor to put up with such crank letters as you seem to get. I enjoy everything about the *Herald*, though I don't always agree with all that some of the writers say, nor do I always agree with you, but that's the way it goes—great minds are bound to differ!

I live alone, will be 81 next December, and love life and live it to the full. I drive my own car to

church three times a week, and do my own shopping. I have a little garden, and can a few vegetables. I have some trouble mowing the yard; rather hard for me to walk with a bum leg, but I manage.

My one desire is that the Lord will let me live to be 100 years old or go up in the Rapture, whichever comes first.

Jerry Prather
Momence, Illinois

TERMINOLOGY DEPLORED

I am deeply disturbed by the use of such terms as chairperson in our church literature. I know where all this originated, and it alarms me that we are using the language of such an anti-God movement. I have studied the history of the feminist movement under Betty Friedan, Gloria Stienem, and Eleanor Smeale. Do we have to pattern ourselves after these maladjusted females? I for one resent it, and I trust we will go back to the Bible where it says, "Male and female created he them." What is wrong with

using the terms chairman or chairwoman, as the case may be? Are we so anxious for acceptance that we will do anything to project a good image? The Early Church certainly was not. Let's go back to the terminology of the Bible.

Rev. Bill Mack
Lake Station, Indiana

"GOOD MAN" APPRECIATED

I want to compliment you on the excellent editorial, "A Good Book by a Good Man," in the September 15 issue.

Since returning to New England, I have come to appreciate and respect Cecil Paul more than ever. His contributions to my life have been most helpful and caring. You said it best . . . "I regard him as one of the most genuine Christians I've ever worked with."

In my opinion, Cecil models the kind of people-centeredness that we desperately need in leadership roles in our church, colleges, and community.

Rev. Paul A. Pierce
South Weymouth, Massachusetts

A Family Reached by Radio

by BETTY HAMM



BILL, LETTICIA, and their daughters, Valerie Lynn, now 19, and Velicia Lane, now 17, attended a little country church for years. In fact, Bill and Tish grew up and married there. About three years ago, our community was having a Thanksgiving Service in which several churches joined, including the Nazarenes. That year, the Nazarene pastor, Richard Wagoner, was the speaker.

Bill, Tish, and the girls were on the way home from their church and heard the Community Service on the radio. Our pastor brought a beautiful message, and this couple commented to each other on its

warmth and feeling. Tish called Rev. Wagoner the next day and told him how much she and her family appreciated the message.

A couple of months went by, and one Sunday morning this family walked into our Nazarene church. Their church had no heat, so services were dismissed. They decided to visit our little Nazarene church because they knew the preacher was a good speaker. That morning this family of four were all at the altar. Their hearts were hungry for the things of God.

They went back to their church, but nothing would satisfy them now, for they had tasted something that was so much better. Tish said to me later, "I knew I wanted more but didn't know what to do." Like so many people, all they had ever known were formal, dry services. This family joined our church, and they're very active in its work. They love God with all their hearts and want all He has for them.

Our church family has come to love them so much, and watching them grow in the Lord has been fantastic. □

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

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Dr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Reed of the Nazarene Theological Seminary arrived home the first of September from an eight-month sabbatical in South America, South Africa, and Europe. Dr. Reed was involved in pastors' conventions and retreats, holiness conventions, lectures, revivals and teaching at Nazarene colleges in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Port Elizabeth and Johannesburg in South Africa, and Siteki in Swaziland. Mrs. Reed assisted in speech and music. □



Rev. Neal Dirkse, pastor emeritus with the Corvallis, Ore., church, has spent 51 years in the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. He graduated from Pasadena College with an M.A. in religion and pastored in North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas City, California, Washington, and Oregon. He served 27 years as army chaplain, active and active-reserve, in England, Germany, France, Belgium, and Luxemburg during World War II. He retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Rev. Dirkse is presently acting as

director of sales for Hillside Manor, McMinnville, Ore., a Christian retirement center for senior adults. He and his wife, Eva, have three sons: Mervin, Ventura County, Calif.; Jerry, Leavenworth, Wash.; and David, Sacramento, Calif. □

CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL GROUP TO SPEARHEAD A NEW LATIN WORK

Seven young professionals in the Los Angeles District committed to cross-cultural ministries have volunteered to spearhead the launching of a new Spanish work in Azusa. They are led by Dr. and Mrs. Ron Benefiel, professors at Azusa College. Dr. Benefiel's Ph.D. is in sociology. His wife, Janet, has her master's degree in nutrition and as a nutritionist works with Latin pregnant mothers. Other team members include Ruth Morse, college librarian; Ruth Bullock, college professor in social work; Bob Howard, college coach and specialist in community recreation; Debbie Seif, secretary and specialist in culinary arts; and Joanna McCaleb, lyric soprano and accomplished pianist.

This team has worked previously together in cross-cultural ministries in Los Angeles and volunteered as a core group and began work the middle of September.

District Superintendent Paul Benefiel is looking for a Spanish pastor at this time. □

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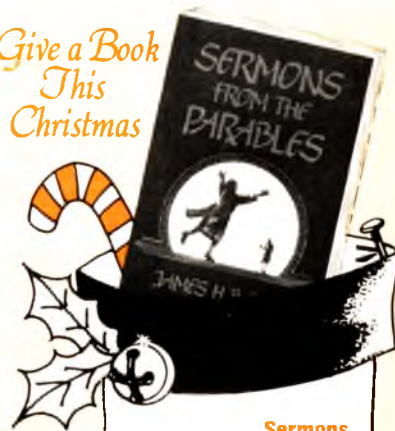


At the Eastern Michigan District Preachers' and Wives' Retreat at Petoskey, Mich., September 21-23, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, who had another speaking engagement in the area, brought greetings to the pastors and wives during the Tuesday evening banquet. In this greeting, he said he was going back to Marble Collegiate Church in New York to begin his 51st year as pastor. Dr. Peale also said he was thrilled to see the spiritual enthusiasm of the Church of the Nazarene and admonished Nazarenes to be faithful to their cause of glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. Don Gibson (r.), district superintendent, and General Superintendent and Mrs. Jerald Johnson (l.), speakers for the retreat, presented Dr. and Mrs. Peale with a copy of the new reprint of *Phineas F. Bresee: A Prince in Israel*. As the Peales left the banquet hall, the Eastern Michigan preachers and wives spontaneously sang, "God be with you 'til we meet again."



Pictured is the group at the Far East Servicemen's Retreat at the Eighth Army Religious Retreat Center in Seoul, Korea, September 10-13. Dr. William M. Great-house, general superintendent, and Dr. Don Owens, regional director for Asia and the South Pacific, were the special speakers. The retreat featured a day-camp program for the children and outstanding special music by missionaries and servicemen. Small-group discussions, recreation, and sightseeing tours also inspired close fellowship.

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MANC FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES COMPLETE

Dr. Donald Metz, academic dean and executive vice-president of Mid-America Nazarene College, has released a complete list of new faculty members for the 1981-82 academic year. Ten new faculty members were hired, while five individuals teaching during the 1980-81 year left MANC for other assignments.

Joining the faculty this fall is Curt Ammons as assistant professor of physical education. He serves as an assistant football coach, along with carrying teaching responsibilities. Ammons holds a Master of Education degree.

William Morrison, a zoology lab coordinator at the University of Iowa,

Iowa City, Ia., will be teaching biology. He has earned a Master of Science degree and joins the faculty with the rank of instructor.

Robert Norton, Ph.D., has moved to MANC from Quincy, Mass. He was the chairman of the Department of Education at Eastern Nazarene College. Norton has the rank of professor.

Mary Lou Parrott, assistant professor of English/Literature, has just completed a Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland. Mary Lou's husband, Roger, is director of financial development at MANC.

Le Anna Wilson will divide teaching responsibilities between business and home economics. She holds two Master of Science degrees, one in business education and one in home economics.

Joining the nursing faculty are Charlotte Evans, instructor, and Charlene (Douglas) Mantock, assistant professor. Mrs. Mantock taught part-time at MANC last year and has assumed full-time teaching responsibilities. Both Evans and Mantock hold Master of Science in nursing degrees.

Steve Forsythe, Ph.D., recently graduated from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. He received his doctorate in agricultural education and was a teaching assistant at OSU. Forsythe is an assistant professor of agriculture education and agriculture engineering.

Lee Frisbee, assistant professor of business, has been added to MANC's largest area of academic concentration. He has served on a part-time

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basis for several years at MANC. Frisbee holds a master's degree.

Paul Williams, instructor of history, holds two master's degrees. He has served in the pastorate, with his most recent assignment being in Emporia, Kans.

Five faculty members left MANC upon completing the past academic year. Dr. and Mrs. Ray Reglin moved to Stockton, Calif. Dr. Reglin, a counseling psychologist, has established his own practice. Reglin's wife, Anita, was assistant professor of modern languages, and is teaching in the Stockton public schools. Reglin was head of the Psychology Department at MANC.

Dr. Robert Copeland, former acting chairperson of the Fine Arts Division and professor of music, accepted the chairmanship of the Division of Music at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa. Copeland had taught at MANC since 1971.

James Ackerson, Sr., served at MANC for five years. He was the business manager of the college for two years and most recently was the chairman of the Division of Business Administration. He accepted an administrative position at Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kans.

Maylou Cook, assistant professor of education, moved to Phoenix, Ariz. Her husband, Franklin, was previously employed at the International

Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene.

In addition to faculty changes, there has been a major administrative change. Dr. Bob Drummond, director of admissions and student financial services for the past three years, has accepted a new job as director of counseling on the MANC campus. Dr. Barth Smith, professor of practical theology, accepted the post vacated by Drummond.

Rev. Hiram Sanders, pastor of Kent, Wash., First Church, has been appointed assistant to the president at MANC. He will coordinate admissions, student financial aid, student recruitment, financial development, and public/church relations. □

CHAPLAIN SWIM PROMOTED

Recently Nazarene Chaplain Vernon G. Swim was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States

Army. Chaplain Swim is the director of the Religious Retreat House at the Armed Forces Recreation Center in Berchtesgaden, West Germany.


Chaplain and Mrs. Swim and family live in Berchtesgaden where the Nazarene European Military Personnel Retreat is held each October. They are active participants in the retreat each year.

The promotion orders read as follows: "The President of the United States has reposed special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity, and abilities of Vernon G. Swim. In view of these qualities and his demonstrated potential for increased responsibility he is, therefore, promoted in the Army of the United States from Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel. Promotion is effective 1 September 1981, with a date of rank of 10 August 1981." □

—Earl C. Wolf
Chaplaincy Services



The promotion ceremony of Chaplain Swim was held at the Armed Forces Recreation Area Center Headquarters, Berchtesgaden, on September 1. Pictured (l. to r.) are: USAREUE Chaplain (Colonel) Charles J. McDonnell; Chaplain Swim and his wife Shirley; and his daughter and son, Verna and Bradley.



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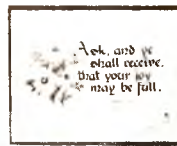
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The 28th assembly of the Cape Verde District met in Praia, Santiago, August 25-30. District Superintendent Gilberto Evora gave an encouraging report, and was reelected with a near-unanimous vote.

For the first time in its history, the Cape Verde District was privileged to have a general superintendent, Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, presiding. Also Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trimble were welcome guests.

Dr. Jenkins ordained Pastors Eugenio Duarte, Manuel Sança Gomes, Jorge Maia Lopes, and Daniel Monteiro.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Alvaro Andrade and Antonio Barbosa and laymen Sabino Evoro and Lourenço Lima.

Pastor David Tavares and Rev. Mario Lima were reelected NWMS president and NYI president, respectively. Rev. Jorge Maia Lopes was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life. □

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

PITTSBURGH

The 74th annual assembly of the Pittsburgh District met in Butler, Pa., at the Mount Chestnut District Center. District Superintendent Jerry D. Lambert, currently serving by appointment, was elected for a four-year term.

Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Paul Willette, Chris Sutherland, and Wesley Huffman.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Mayne Minich, Luther Watson, and Glenn Eagle; and laymen Lauren Cousins, Ron Rieder, and Willis Whiting.

Verla Lambert was elected NWMS president; Terry Sowden was reelected NYI president; and Deane Hardy was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

MINNESOTA

The 42nd annual assembly of the Minnesota District convened at the Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds. District Superintendent Virgil K. Grover, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Rex F. Douglas, Merv Kelley, Charles L. Sheridan, Donald L. Leming, and Milton S. Wilson, Jr.

Elders Charles D. Roberts and Kenneth R. Wood and laymen Elmer Nelson and Phillip Nelson were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Mildred Rooney was reelected NWMS president; Rev. David L. Ringhiser was elected NYI president; and Rev. John H. Wright was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

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perintendent Wendell O. Paris was reelected for a four-year term. He reported a new church in Roland, Okla.

Dr. V. H. Lewis, presiding general superintendent, ordained Billy W. Apple, Michael D. Buettner, and Samuel C. Lever.

Elders elected to the Advisory Board were Harold Blankenship and Clifford R. Joines. Laymen were Bob Ketchum and Lenard Stubbs.

Mrs. Wendell O. Paris was reelected NWMS president; Rev. Kenneth M. Brown was reelected NYI president; and Rev. Harold Blankenship was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

MISSOURI

The 71st annual assembly of the Missouri District met at St. Louis Trinity Church. District Superintendent Arthur E. Mottram was reelected for a four-year term. He reported the organization of a new church, St. Louis Calvary.

General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained Larry H. South and Michael A. Suits.

Elders elected to the Advisory Board were Douglas Clem, Daniel Ketchum, and William Sunberg. Laymen elected were Al Bain, Don Cork, and Jack Whaley.

Reelected to their respective positions were Arlene Mottram, NWMS president; Robert A. Wade, NYI president; and Wayne LaForce, chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

JOPLIN

The 24th annual assembly of the Joplin District met at the Carthage, Mo., First Church. District Superintendent James C. Hester, completing the first year of an extended term, reported two new churches: Nixa, Mo., and Joplin, Mo., Westside.

Presiding General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained Bob E. Huskey, Timothy M. Lytle, and Chris D. Manbeck; and recognized the credentials of Gary D. Garrett.

Elders John Moles, B. J. Garber, and Tom Daniels; and laymen Marvin Cherry, A. R. Motley, and John Van Dyne were elected to the Advisory Board.



The Pittsburgh District ordinands and their wives are pictured (l. to r.) with District Superintendent Jerry D. Lambert; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Willette, Rev. and Mrs. Chris Sutherland, Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Huffman; and General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe.

Mrs. James C. Hester, NWMS president; Dr. Thomas Tinker, NYI president; and Rev. Ark Noel, Jr., chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were reelected to their respective positions.

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA

The 33rd annual assembly of the Southwest Oklahoma District was held in Oklahoma City. District Superintendent M. Bert Daniels was reelected for a four-year term.

Dr. William M. Greathouse was the presiding general superintendent.

Elders elected to the Advisory Board were

Carl Summer and Bill Johnson; laymen elected were James Emmert and Ken Hughen.

Mrs. Lola Daniels was reelected NWMS president; Bruce Johnson was elected NYI president; and Rev. Garland Wallace was reelected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

NORTH CAROLINA

The 54th annual assembly of the North Carolina District convened in Greensboro, N.C. District Superintendent Oval L. Stone, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

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Elders Paul E. Pearson and William W. Sever and laymen Odie Page and Bill Tate were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Paul (Joyce) Pearson was reelected NWMS president; Michael D. Jackson was elected NYI president; and Dan Boone was reelected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

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 MICHAEL D. BEARDEN from Joelton, Tenn., to Pine Mountain, Ga.
 JOHN B. BRYAN to Spokane (Wash.) Shadle Park
 JAMES T. DUNN to St. John, Ga.
 HILTON H. GILLESPIE from Augusta (Ga.) First to Albany (Ga.) First
 EUGENE N. HOSKINSON from Moore, Okla., to Walters, Okla.
 DARRELL E. KEITH from Okemah, Okla., to Erick, Okla.
 WILLIAM A. KELLY to Revenna (Ohio) First
 CHARLES LAMBERT to Oklahoma City Southside
 SIEGELL LAWSON to Quitman, Ga.
 ROBERT L. LEAL to Lumberton, Tx. (mission)
 GUY McPHERSON to associate, Victoria (B.C., Can.) First
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 GAREY A. MILLER from Effingham, Ill., to Springfield (Ill.) South Side
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 PAUL E. MYERS from Rockwood, Tenn., to Chattanooga Valley, Ga.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Broadview, N.M., church will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on November 29. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend. For further information, contact Pastor Tom Crider at 505-456-8491.

Berkeley, Calif., First Church, will celebrate its 85th anniversary January 23-24, 1982. Dr. Ted Martin, a former pastor of the church, will be the speaker at the banquet on the 23rd. Other former pastors will share highlights of their ministries here. If you were a former member or know of someone that was, please send name and address to: First Church of the Nazarene, 85th Anniversary, P.O. Box 280, Berkeley, CA 94701; or call 415-843-8033. The church would like any interesting information or copies of any pictures, etc. All previous members and friends are invited to the celebration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I am happy to recommend for revival services, REV. AND MRS. MEL JUSTICE, 1618 Chapel St., Dayton, OH 45404. Rev. and Mrs. Justice are excellent singers and musicians. Rev. Justice is a good preacher.—Harold B. Graves, Southwestern Ohio district superintendent.

REV. ROSS HAYSLIP has just announced that he plans to enter the field of evangelism in the fall of 1983 and is now in the process of slating meetings for 1983-84. His 37 years of very successful pastoral ministry, his clear biblical preaching, and his strong emphasis on holiness well qualify him for any church. I have only the highest regard for Rev. Hayslip and his ministry. Write him: Ross Hayslip, 3940 E. Timrod, No.

REV. JAMES H. INGALLS, pastor of the Pasadena, Calif., Bresee Church, is entering the field of evangelism. Rev. Ingalls has served the church as a home mission pastor, has organized ethnic ministries, supervised building programs, and served on many district boards. He is now accepting dates and may be reached at 1126 Fairview, No. 107, Arcadia, CA 91006, telephone 213-446-9675.—Paul Benefiel, Los Angeles district superintendent.

Evangelists may be reached through Evangelism Ministries' toll-free number, 800-821-2154.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

GEORGE BIRDSELL, 92, died Sept. 5 in Fulton, N.Y. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Frank Heberle. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

RUTH TUBBS COX, 90, died Sept. 5 in Show Low, Ariz. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Masters and Rev. Loren W. Gould in Norfolk, Va. She is survived by 3 daughters, Eleanor Mars, Elizabeth Gray, and Catherine Brasher; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

RAY DALSON, 81, died Sept. 6 at Salem, Ore. Funeral services were conducted at Portland, Ore., by Rev. Ray Leach. Survivors include his wife, Peggie; 3 daughters, Marilyn Austin, Gladys Boone, and Norma Molans; 22 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

REV. HARRY N. DICKERSON, 90, died Aug. 14 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Rev. Dickerson was an evangelist for many years. Funeral services were in Pompano Beach, conducted by District Superintendent Robert Spear and Rev. Fred Shepard. He is survived by two sons, Cline and Harry.

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ELIZABETH KLENCK EMERY, 88, died Sept. 2 in Edwardsville, Kans. Funeral services were in Warren, Pa., and were conducted by her son-in-law, Dr. Robert G. Nielson and Rev. Luther Watson. Surviving are 4 daughters, Rachel Fisk, Lois Nielson, Eleanor Akers, and Marilyn Oddo; 10 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

GLENN L. FERGUSON, 73, died Aug. 7 in Fort Myers, Fla. Rev. D. Paul Ray officiated at the funeral services. He is survived by his wife, Bessie; and two sons, David and Roger.

LYNN FULPER, 75, died July 9 in Kent, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ronald Whittenberger; Rev. Roy Carnahan, district superintendent of the Washington District; and Rev. Dennis Yingling. Survivors include his wife, Edna; two sons, Michael and Bruce; seven grandchildren; and several brothers and sisters.

MRS. LULA MAE HUMPHRIES, 82, died Sept. 18 in San Bernardino, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul W. Urschel. Surviving are 2 sons; 3 daughters; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers; and 2 sisters.

GLADYS LIVINGSTON JOHNSON, 78, died Sept. 14 in Milwaukie, Ore. Services were conducted by Rev. Robert D. Jackson and Rev. Fred Stiles. She is survived by her husband, Arthur; 2 sons, Edwin and Robert; 3 daughters, Mrs. Jeanne Chirico, Carol Johnson, and Mrs. Phyllis Shafer; 11 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

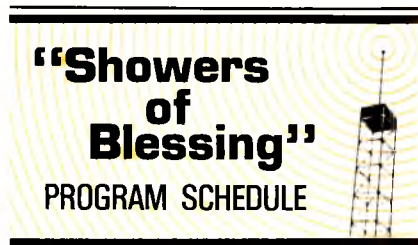
HERBERT LINDSTROM, 82, died Aug. 14 at Bayshore, N.Y. Rev. Clifton T. Matthews conducted services in Bayshore. Interment was in Calverton, N.Y., National Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Victoria; 1 daughter, Elna; 4 sons, Richard, Herbert, George, and Robert; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

MARY LOUISE SMITH died Aug. 9 in Lakeland, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. R. C. Johnson and Rodger Devore and District Superintendent J. V. Morsch. She is survived by her husband, Charles F.; three daughters, Mrs. Charles (Charlene) Acheson, Mrs. Fred (Bonnie) Hastie, and Mrs. Roy (Sue) Stults; eight grandchildren; and one brother.

AVIS STEVENSON, 80, died Sept. 16 at Cuba, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mark Ryan and Rev. Carl Sevanson. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Sherman (Gertrude) Hunter; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS

to TERRY AND CARLA (TRUPP) ALGRIM, Garden City, Kans., a boy, Derek Wade, Aug. 22
to JOSEPH AND JEAN (BUTLER) APPLE, San Diego, Calif., a girl, Jennifer Jo, Sept. 10
to CURTIS AND JENNY (HILLIKER) BYRD, Winslow, Ind., a girl, Lindsey Rae, Aug. 17



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MOST AMERICANS BELIEVE IN GOD, BUT DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HIM. Americans overwhelmingly believe in God, judging from surveys that show 93 percent have a religious preference and 70 percent belong to a church or synagogue. Most of them pray regularly. Forty percent attend church and 86 percent say religion is fairly important in their lives. Almost every home in the United States has at least one Bible. But only 12 percent read it daily.

These are among the findings in surveys during the past year as summed up in the 1981 "Religion in America" report of the Princeton Religion Research Center. A variety of different measurements "attest to the remarkable stability of religion in America," says George Gallup, Jr., executive director of the center, which is linked to his polling organization.

In regard to the sharp controversy over abortion, the surveys find people about evenly divided, with 46 percent opposing the 1973 Supreme Court decision allowing abortion and 45 percent supporting it. The remaining 9 percent were undecided.

Despite the outward signs of religious vitality, Mr. Gallup reports there are some negative indications beneath the surface. For example, biblical illiteracy was found to be widespread. Fewer than half the adult respondents could name four or more of the Ten Commandments. A fourth of the teen-agers have never read the Bible.

While Americans say they believe in God, they show "little evidence of having pondered a basis for this faith." While most of them pray, he says findings indicate they "do so in an unstructured and superficial manner. Prayers are usually prayers of petition rather than prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, or seeking forgiveness. God for some is viewed as a 'divine Santa Claus.'"

Nevertheless, the surveys find the country's religious life to be notably broad and steady, including these factors:

Ninety-three percent of the people state a religious preference: 61 percent Protestant, 28 percent Catholic, 2 percent Jewish, 1 percent Eastern Orthodox, and 1 percent other religions.

Americans have a higher degree of confidence in organized religion than in any other of 10 major institutions in society, such as government, banking, the news media, business, education, and the military. Sixty-five percent believe religion is able to answer all or most of today's problems. □

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ACCUSED OF TAXING GOD. "Australia now has the dubious distinction of being the only country in the English-speaking world to tax God." The Australian Book Publishers' Association made the claim in an attack on the decision to impose a 2.5 percent sales tax on books.

Association director Sandra Forbes said the tax would apply to all books—including the Bible. Mr. Bruce Upton, a spokesman for the Australian Bible Society, said the tax applies to all religious publications. □

PRAYER IN SCHOOL. Bill Murray, son of Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the woman whose lawsuit ended school prayers, has found a way to return prayer and Bible reading to the classroom in a limited way. He and a Missouri pastor have raised \$20,000 for 40,000 notebooks that have the Ten Commandments printed on the front cover and the Lord's Prayer on the back. They will be given to church groups for distribution to schoolchildren.

Because the notebooks are personal property, there will be no problem of violation of the issue of separation of church and state. □

to MARVIN AND THERESA CABLE, Plainfield, Ill., a girl, Brittany Ellen, Aug. 19
 to REV. WES AND SHIRLEY COBURN, Brantford, Ontario, a boy, Nicholas Wesley, Aug. 22
 to REV. ALAN AND SHERRY (BYRD) DICER, Tipp City, Ohio, a boy, Andrew Alan, Sept. 1
 to AL AND BARBARA (SNOWDEN) FLEMING, Bourbonnais, Ill., a boy, Andrew Christopher, Aug. 31
 to STEPHEN AND REBECCA (HENNING) FREESE, Clinton, Md., a boy, Stephen Paul, Jr., Aug. 25
 to CHUCK AND TRISH FROSLAND, Eugene, Ore., a boy, Chad Michael, Aug. 18
 to JERRY AND DONNA (NAJARIAN) GREEN, Nashville, Tenn., a boy, Paul Richard, Sept. 6
 to DR. RICHARD AND JUNELLA (FINKBEINER) HAGOOD, Moscow, Ida., a boy, Lincoln Andrew Bollinger, Aug. 27
 to MARK AND ROVINA (RETTET) HATCHER, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Jay Mark, June 7
 to FRED AND DINAH (LEE) HUFF, Manukau City, New Zealand, a girl, Jaime Lee, Aug. 31
 to JOHN AND LINDA (STOVER) JACKSON, St. Joseph, Mo., a boy, Bartholomew Griffith, Aug. 28
 to TIM AND MARGARET (McGUIRE) LEMONT, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Jonathan Ernest, Sept. 27

to DAVID AND DELLINDA (LANHAM) McCASKELL, Nashville, Tenn., a girl, Geneva Dignity, Aug. 18
 to REV. LARRY AND JOYCE (SHEPHERD) SCHMIDT, Great Bend, Kans., a boy, Darin James, Aug. 23
 to RONALD AND LYNDA SCHWADA, Eugene, Ore., a boy, Philip Scot, July 20
 to MARK AND JOAN SMITH, Tampa, Fla., a girl, Michele Beth, Sept. 9
 to PHIL AND CAROL (POSEY) STOUT, Goshen, Ind., a girl, Rebekah Lauren, Sept. 4
 to LOU AND DONNA RHAHE (PATTERSON) WALTERS, Folsom, N.J., a girl, Vanessa Leigh, Sept. 9

MARRIAGES

PATRICIA ELAINE DONSON and MICHAEL RAY BRINKMAN at Lakeland, Fla., June 27
 DONNA LOUISE ROBERTS and BARRY LEE MYERS at Westminster, Colo., Aug. 15
 DIAN ADAMS and JERRY HURD at Amelia, Ohio, Sept. 5
 CHRISTINE JANET DAVIS and WILLIAM ARTHUR LIGHTHALL at Fulton, N.Y., Sept. 19

ANNIVERSARIES

A golden wedding anniversary ceremony for MR. AND MRS. ZENO SMOKER was held in the

Yorktown, Ind., church. After the service, the church had a meal together in the fellowship building and gifts were given to the couple. The Smokers have been members of the Church of the Nazarene since 1916.

JEFF AND LORA YARBROUGH, SR., were honored Oct. 4 on their golden wedding anniversary in a reception at the North Sacramento, Calif., church. The couple repeated their wedding vows in the presence of guests and family. They were married in Waurika, Okla., Oct. 7, 1931, and moved to California 46 years ago.

The reception was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Yarbrough, Jr., their children of San Rafael, Calif.; their grandchildren, Jeff and Debbi Yarbrough III, of Rohnent Park, Calif.; Wesley Yarbrough of Cotati, Calif.; Lillian and Jon Moody, Sr., of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and their two great-grandchildren, Jon, Jr., and Jason Moody of Santa Rosa.

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THE ANSWER CORNER

Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

Approximately one board meeting every two years, we spend most of the meeting on the value of Christian films shown on Sunday nights, displacing the regular preaching service.

I will not go into the positives and negatives of the issue, but we seem to be greatly divided on this.

Some Christian films *preach*—they bear in dramatic form the message of the gospel and compel a viewer to decision. Others *teach*, instructing the church in visual, interesting ways, concerning doctrinal and ethical matters. Such films, it seems to me, can be used legitimately and helpfully on Sunday nights.

And that is a hard admission for me to make, preferring as I do the more customary methods of preaching.

An issue that has been debated at length, and without resolution, by devout and intelligent people, will likely continue to be controversial. I hope all parties to the discussion will allow mutual love and respect to triumph over divided opinion. □

Is playing cards considered a personal conviction in the Church of the Nazarene? I see our ministers and lay people playing Uno, Rummy, and Euchre. I'm confused at this point. The Word says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

Ever since I've been in the church, this has been a matter of personal conviction and divided opinion. So long as no gambling is involved, many consider such card games to be innocent diversions. 1 Thessalonians 5:22 is better translated, "Abstain from every *form* of evil." The Greek word refers to external appearance, not to

possible misinterpretation. It completes the thought of verse 21. All things are to be tested, the good embraced, the evil avoided. The verse refers to what *is* evil, not to what may *seem* evil to an onlooker. □

In my devotions, I again came across the verse in Mark 2:27 where it says, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath." What is the exact meaning behind that statement of Christ's? I have checked it in every one of my resources, and somehow get the feeling that they are all ducking the main thing, whatever it is, that Christ was pointing out. All of them jump immediately to the need of observing the sabbath, which I have always and do agree with, but somehow that explanation doesn't seem to fit this scripture, unless I'm reading more into it than is intended. I understand the reasons why man needs the Sabbath. But here Christ and the disciples plucked some kernels of corn, were criticized, and then Christ said this. It just seems to me to be saying more than that we need the Sabbath.

Could you explain?

That "the sabbath was made for man" does mean that man needs this day for physical rest and spiritual growth.

That man was not made for the sabbath means that sabbath observance should not become bound by rules that would defeat its purpose. The critics of Jesus interpreted the act of plucking and eating grain as a violation of the sabbath law prohibiting work. Jesus challenges, not the law, but their added rules of interpretation, for under those rules the day became more important than the people. Human need was made subservient to abstract law, and it should have been the other way around, as the example from history showed (vv. 25-26), and as the example of Jesus proved (v. 28; 3:6). □

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

Batesville, Ark.: First Church recently had a good revival with *Evangelist Don Ballard* of Memphis, Tenn. The work of the Holy Spirit was evidenced each night, with no barren altar service. A Christlike spirit of unity prevails among the people. □

—Orville Mobley, pastor

Shelbyville, Tenn.: First Church had a revival with *Evangelist Don Ballard*. A gracious visitation of the Holy Spirit accompanied this effort, with seekers each service, either to be reclaimed, saved, or sanctified. Some said this was the best revival they had attended in many years. There were eight to be baptized, and seven joined the church. □

—Robert J. Wilson, pastor

Pineville, W.Va.: The church had a revival with *Evangelist Don Pfeifer*. The revival was very effective as the Holy Spirit moved. There were 10

saved, several gained much ground spiritually, and 2 were delivered from smoking. The whole church is rejoicing as some are being saved in their homes as a result of the revival. Several new people have also been drawn to the church. □

—V. N. Radcliffe, pastor

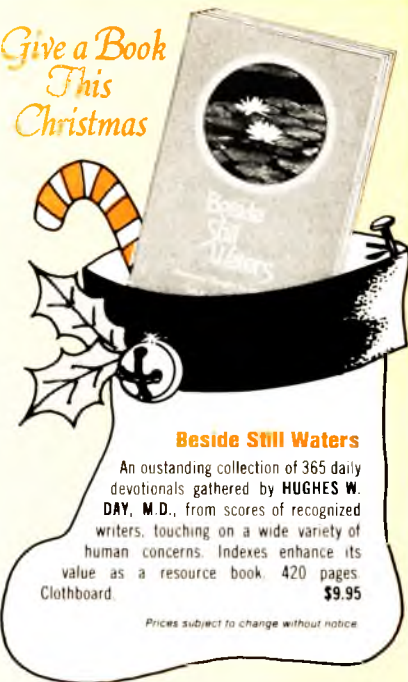
LaMoore, N.D.: The church was blessed with a wonderful revival through the anointed ministry of *Jerry and June Brooks*. Five people were sanctified wholly and no less than 35 received help around an altar of prayer. Many children, as well, received Christ into their hearts, thanks to June's special ministry among them. □

—Robert J. Reter, Jr., pastor

Hannibal, Mo.: The Riverview Church had a wonderful revival with evangelists *Gerald and June Brooks*. The Holy Spirit came and used them as messengers of God. The church people had prayed and had all-night prayer meetings for this revival for months before it was known who the evangelist would be. □

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THE CHURCH SCENE

Rev. Hiram Sanders, pastor of the **Kent, Wash., church** which launched three new churches this last summer at district assembly, reports their Faith-Promise giving hit \$60,000 this year, a \$20,000 increase over anything they had ever done before. Rev. Sanders attributes the big increase directly to their launching of the church planters. At the same time, the parent church continues to grow. The last Sunday of August, they had 500 in the morning worship service and 1,847 on Sunday night, when D. Paul Thomas gave his portrayal of the life of Phineas F. Bresee, "The Sun Never Sets in the Morning." □

CHURCH HOMECOMING ATTRACTS OVERFLOW CROWDS

A Homecoming Week, planned by Dr. Archie Williams, pastor of Orlando, Fla., Gorman Memorial Church, was a new thrust toward the vision which lies ahead for the call of God to evangelize Blacks of the Florida Central District.

Through the leadership of Dr. Williams, more than 26 preachers and 6 churches have resulted from his ministry in Orlando. These preachers are active in various ministries across the



After five years of pioneering a new church, meeting in his home and in a kindergarten school, Rev. Jim Dunkley and his Polynesian congregation of about 50 persons will have a church building. Mr. Wallace Nolan, layman of Fort Smith, Ark., and his family, committed themselves to a \$40,000 gift to help the church construct a building when they visited New Zealand, June 28—July 8, 1981. The congregation is negotiating for a loan of about \$30,000. After securing the loan, the building will be completed in about 90 days on a lovely Alabaster property in Mangere, New Zealand, near the Auckland International Airport. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Tupu Tupuanga, church treasurer; Danny Nolan; Wallace Nolan; Richard Nolan; and Pastor Jim Dunkley, looking over the architect's drawings.

United States and six of them are successful pastors of the other Black churches in the Orlando area. In recent months, the vision under District

Superintendent J. V. Morsch and Dr. Williams has escalated. A ministerial training school has been established for the training of pastors, and goals

have been set for two churches each year in the Black community.

Parking and seating space was scarce at the Gorman Memorial Church during Homecoming Week. Pastors and people who were saved and called to preach under the leadership of Dr. Archie Williams's ministry returned for the celebration with nightly services August 9 through 16.

Rev. Warren A. Rogers, Sr., church planter, was scheduled as the main speaker. The other speakers were sons in the ministry of Dr. Archie Williams—Rev. Robert Hires, pastor of Orlando Evangel Temple; Rev. Elonza Pugh, pastor of Apopka Spring Hill; Rev. Fessor Hargrove from Houston, Tex.; Rev. Leonard Adams of San Antonio, Tex.; and Rev. Charles Johnson of Meridian, Miss.

Mr. Earl Gorman, Mr. C. R. Smith, and Rev. R. R. Pickering took part by reading scripture, praying, and recalling history of the beginning of the church and Black ministry in Florida.

Holiness was the theme of the Homecoming Week by all speakers, except Rev. Warren Rogers in the final

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to church board members:



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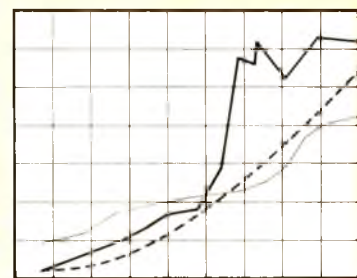
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service. He spoke on faith. His subject was, "We've come this far by faith, but where do we go from here?" The text was Mark 9:23, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

The choir of Gorman Memorial Church, under the direction of Rev. Edward Thomas, provided the special music.

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The Pittsburgh District dedicated its new tabernacle, located on the Mount Chestnut District Center, Butler, Pa., on Sunday, July 26, with Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, preaching the dedication message. The new structure seats 2,500 people, and was constructed with volunteer labor at a cost of \$230,000, and valued at \$750,000. The concrete foundation formerly supported a tent top, erected in 1972 in memory of Rev. Robert F. Heinlein, former district superintendent 1942-57. The present district superintendent is Rev. Jerry D. Lambert.



On May 31, under the leadership of Rev. Darrel Slack, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District, Gillette, Wyo., First Church was organized. The charter was closed August 2 with 40 charter members, and 25 are new Nazarenes. Pastor Maynard A. Mahler had been trained in church planting on the Oregon Pacific District. After helping start the newly organized church in Central Point, Ore., he felt God's leading to Gillette, and the first service was held Sunday morning, October 5, 1980.

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DOANE RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP SERVICES



Mr. Leon Doane, director of Stewardship Services, has resigned from that position effective December 31, 1981. He has accepted a position as vice-president

with Idaho First National Bank, Boise, Ida.

In a letter to the Board of General Superintendents, Doane wrote, "I have appreciated my time and enjoyed my assignment and the many friends I have made during my time in Kansas City."

Doane came to Kansas City in 1977 as director of the Department of Stewardship from a position with Idaho First National Bank. He is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College and the Pacific Coast Banking School, University of Washington in Seattle. His wife, Doris, works in the Division of Christian Life. They have three children: Craig, who is married; Cheri, 20; and Mark, 16, living at home. □

—NCN

WEST VIRGINIA LAUNCHES SIX CTMs

Six church-type missions have become operational in the West Virginia District this year, according to District Superintendent M. E. Clay.

Some 15-20 people are attending Thursday night Bible studies and Sunday evening services in Shinnston. Pastor Harold Clay and Fairmont First Church have been actively sponsoring this new work with vital support from the Fairmont Central, Mannington, and Clarksburg churches.

Five families are worshipping in a storefront building in Terra Alta, where a Bible study is being conducted by Pastor David Penn of the Kingwood church. Support is also being received from the Masontown and Little Sandy churches.

Havenswood pastor Robert Schmidt and layman Steve Ashworth are working together to launch a Bible study in Cottageville; up to 37 persons have attended services conducted by church planter Gary Monk in the Indian Meadows Community building in Ona.

In Pinch, W. Va., a nucleus of people

is meeting together for Bible study. Pastor Harold Smith and the congregation of Charleston First have expressed interest in nurturing this new work. The sixth CTM will be launched in the Clay area under the supervision of Pastor Allen Midcap of Clendenin. □

—NCN

THEOLOGY CONFERENCE POSTPONED

The Theology Conference scheduled for December 6-8, 1981, has been postponed until December, 1982.

The conference is a joint effort of the Nazarene colleges, Nazarene Publishing House, Education Services, and the Board of General Superintendents.

Postponement will allow for a more thorough presentation of topics by participating faculty members, presidents, and general superintendents. □

SCHUBERT FEATURED IN NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PERIODICAL



Dr. Richard Schubert, vice-chairman of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, was featured in the October issue of the *Christian Herald*. The article, "Gentle Man of Steel,"

focused on the Christian influences in Schubert's early life and career.

Schubert joined Bethlehem Steel, America's second largest steel company, in 1961 as a corporate lawyer, and has served in increasingly responsible posts in labor relations and as vice-president for public affairs. He has also done two stints in Washington at the Department of Labor, culminating in service as undersecretary of labor.

Last year Schubert was a member of the Reagan transition team for the Labor Department and mentioned as a possibility for secretary of labor.

Schubert is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College and a member of the Easton, Pa., church. □

—NCN

MISSIONARY, WORK AND WITNESS TEAM MEMBERS INJURED

Two Work and Witness team members from the Northwest Oklahoma

District sustained injuries on October 22 while working on a project in Paris, France. Walter Crow, mission director, was also injured.

Malcolm Blakely and Bill Sipes fell to the floor when the 30-foot-high scaffolding on which they were working collapsed. Blakely suffered multiple fractures of the left leg. Sipes was in serious, but not critical, condition with a fractured collarbone and possible internal injuries. Crow was working below the men and was knocked unconscious. He regained consciousness sometime later but remained hospitalized for tests.

The Oklahoma team had been renovating a downtown Paris theatre for use as a Nazarene church. □

—NCN

SMITH RESIGNS SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES POST



Harold Ivan Smith has resigned as general director of Single Adult Ministries, effective November 8, in order to devote full time to writing and speaking. Smith,

who is the author of five books, has spoken in many churches across the country.

Smith, who came to Kansas City from Point Loma College where he was associate director of admissions, has served since April, 1979. Under his leadership, the Church of the Nazarene became one of two denominations in the United States to develop programs for ministry with single adults. SoloCon, a gathering of single adults, was organized. A variety of monographs have been released and his *One Parent Families: Healing the Hurts*, a CST course, has been highly praised. Smith also participated in all the PALCONS, including those in England and Switzerland.

In a letter to Dr. Kenneth Rice, Smith noted, "I wish to be relieved of administrative duties to give myself more fully to speaking and writing on the needs of single adults and single parents. I am available to assist in this ministry with our Nazarenes as I am needed."

Smith, who is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College and has graduate degrees from Scarritt College and Vanderbilt University, will continue to reside in Kansas City.

Plans are now in process to select a new general director of Single Adult Ministries. □

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