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THE CELEBRATION OF SUFFERING

“USED BY GOD FOR OUR GOOD.”

WE SALUTE the Nazarene Publishing House for continuing to supply a steady stream of the finest Christian literature in a day when it is desperately needed. Not only is there a glut of trash coming out of the secular press; there is a flood of misleading “health and wealth” material being printed by religious publishers, which paints the Christian life as a bed of roses. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Augustine said, “God had one Son without sin: He has no sons without suffering.” George Whitefield wrote in *The Burning Bush*, “Our suffering times will be our best times. . . . Prosperity lulls the soul, and I fear Christians are spoiled by it.” God’s Word promises, “In the world ye shall have tribulation” (John 16:33). The apostle Peter even speaks of “those who suffer according to God’s will” (1 Peter 4:19, NIV).

But *suffering is not only inescapable—it serves several vital purposes*. The writer of the Epistle to

the Hebrews mentions two beneficial byproducts of adversity. Both were demonstrated in the life of the Lord Jesus. “Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered” (Hebrews 5:8, NIV). If our Savior found affliction to be the instructor which taught Him to obey, we should welcome this tutoring in our lives. Then in chapter 2, verse 10, we read, “It was fitting that God . . . should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering” (NIV). Even as the life and ministry of Christ were not complete without personal trials, so suffering will add a final dimension to our discipleship. Furthermore, St. Paul found that “tribulation worketh patience” (Romans 5:3b). Many of us can testify that under the blistering heat of fiery trials, this fruit of the Spirit ripened and matured in our lives.

Since suffering is such an essential element in our spiritual growth and development, it should be viewed as a friend—not an enemy. Rather than being endured, it should be enjoyed. “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But *rejoice* that you may participate in

the sufferings of Christ . . .” (1 Peter 4:12-13a, NIV, italics mine).

As we stand on the threshold of another year, none of us knows what it holds in store. We wish each other a “Happy New Year,” realizing that it may well bring sorrow. But the confident assurance of Scripture is that “in *all* things God works for the good of those who love him . . .” (Romans 8:28a, NIV, italics mine). Anything and everything that comes into our lives in 1983 will be used by God for our good. Seeming tragedies will be transformed into real triumphs.

In this light we can celebrate suffering when it comes. These words of Ella Wheeler Wilcox echo this glorious certainty:

*I will not doubt though all my ships
at sea*

*Come drifting home with broken
masts and sails;*

*I will believe the hand that never
fails*

*From seeming evil worketh good
for me.* □



by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe



H. Armstrong Roberts

CHANGING THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

by ROBERT E. MANER

THERE is an interesting statement in Acts 17:6. It says, "These that have turned the world upside down have come hither also." There seemed to be a note of alarm in the voices of those who made the statement, too. World changers are seldom popular.

While I was in a shopping mall with my wife and two daughters some time ago, I stopped by a bookstore. My wife and daughters were off someplace looking at dresses. While I was looking at the racks of books, my eyes fell on a book titled *How to Change the World in Twelve Days*. At that moment my family arrived. Since we were running late, I had to leave. I did not even get

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to pick up the book with the catchy title. But as I went on my way I began thinking about what might have been in the book. As a result, I wrote a little book on my own in my mind as we traveled home.

How can I change the world in 12 days? Or in a lifetime, for that matter? Certainly I can do little to change the international situation with all of its problems. What can I do about the terrorism that is so much in the news? What can I do about inflation, unemployment, and a host of domestic problems? Probably nothing. How then can I or anyone else change the world? And in 12 days?

The fact is, I can do some things to change the world. If anything I say from here on is in his book, I hope the author will forgive me. I haven't read his book—yet.

First, since it is not likely that I will have much immediate effect on the frightening world situation, I must begin at some other point. So I must begin with myself. I can turn my world upside down. If I can make some changes in myself, I am indeed changing the world—my world anyway. So I will have to begin at the only place I can begin. What can I do to change *my* world?

Second, I can change my attitude and acquire a better outlook on life. If I am negative, pessimistic, and sour, I can change that. This one fact will make my little world a better place for me to live. In fact, if I don't change my attitude, it is not likely that I will change anything else.

Third, I can change my life-style and habits. I can cultivate right habits and conduct. I can eliminate those things that are destructive to a good life. Now this will mean different things to each of us. Some will have to clean up their lives. All of us will have to take inventory. Am I headed in the right direction? Am I really the person I want to be? Am I the person people think I am or am I a sham? It will help us all to do some soul searching.

Fourth, I can change my world by making a place for God in my life. Those who had turned the world upside down were men of God. Paul and Silas of the Bible were known as men of God. Long before, they had met the Master and He had indeed changed their lives. They were then able to change the lives of others that they met. Their world had been changed when they met Christ. The Roman Empire was just as cruel after their life-changing meeting with the Lord. But since they were new men now, their world was forever changed. They were able to cope with life's situations.

In the final analysis, "I" am the only one I have any real control over. I can't make anyone else do anything. I can encourage, argue, and even threaten other people. But in the end they will do what they choose to do. The only person whose conduct I have complete control over is Bob Maner. The only world I can change is the little world I live in.

Actually, it will not take 12 days to change that world. I can do it today. Right now I can make up my mind that my world will no longer revolve around the destructive and negative things in life. I can make my little world revolve around Jesus Christ. When He becomes the center of my life, I have a bright new world.

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SUPER SUCCESS

If there is one excellent article in a magazine, to me it's a successful issue.

The July 15 *Herald* was a super-successful issue. Practically every article was an excellent piece of writing.

J. V. Langford
Bethany, Oklahoma

PICK UP

The *Herald of Holiness* picks me right up. There are so many stories that relate and help me to get back

into my proper Christlike perspective. A word of thanks to all the staff involved in compiling the *Herald*. I enjoy it very much.

Mark Bonillas
Grand Haven, Michigan

WONDERING

As one grateful for our evangelical heritage, as referred to by the author of "Evangelical Benefits" in the August 1 issue, I wish to raise a question as to whether we are not too often like Peter of old and not always ready to accept or adapt to

God's progressive dealings with mankind.

I too had no problem "separating" myself from the ways of many of my peers and without developing a complex at that. I too developed a great appreciation for the rich compositions of redemption and praise coming forth even to this day from the hearts of inspired writers and composers.

But I am wondering how many thousands who have sung "O for a

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by BILL M. SULLIVAN

CELEBRATION AS MISSION

GOD apparently loves celebration. Whenever He wanted His people to remember something significant, He told them to celebrate it. He instituted several festivals in Old Testament times.

But celebration is not frivolity. It is a display of unity in purpose and experience. It is a group of people demonstrating their corporate commitment to an important cause. It is intentional jubilation in victory. This means celebration can be mission oriented. It can help achieve the purposes of the church.

Simultaneous Revivals have been planned as a grand experience of church revitalization and the salvation of the lost. What a celebration it can be!

There is a stirring of revival all across the church. Outstanding reports of spiritual renewal and the conversion of sinners continually come to Evangelism Ministries' office. Pastors are redoubling their efforts in revivals. The number of revivals among our churches is on the increase. The time for a great revivalistic/evangelistic thrust is now.

There is tremendous value in all the churches of a given geographical area engaging in revival at the same time. It gets everyone working together for evangelism. High visibility for the churches in the area is possible through cooperative advertising. More than normal efforts are exerted in the primary mission of the church.

Simultaneous Revivals have been planned to capitalize on these possibilities. A theme—Possess the Promise with Us—has been chosen to tie our advertising together. TV and radio spots, newspaper display ads, posters, banners, bumper stickers, bulletin inserts, invitation folders, and attractive lapel pins have all been prepared to make possible a high visibility of these revivals.

However, the real secret of successful revivals is not in the advertising, but in the preparation for revival by local churches. The hundreds of reports that come to our office indicate that revival depends primarily on preparation. Evangelism Ministries has distributed a *Simultaneous Revival Instruction Manual* and produced through Nazarene Publishing House a series of *Revival Preparation Guidebooks*. Every local church has available the necessary resources for becoming effectively involved in this great evangelistic effort.

We can be thankful that in the Church of the Nazarene we still have a wonderful work force of God-called itinerant evangelists. More than 200 commissioned and 300 registered evangelists fulfill their ministry from week to week by proclaiming the Word of God across our church.

Think what it will mean when 500 evangelists and 5,000 pastors, along with 500,000 dedicated Nazarenes, give themselves to all-out revival in 1983. As we, in concerted effort, pay the price for spiritual renewal, revival fires will burn in hundreds of our churches. And thousands of people will be saved from sin and delivered from darkness into His glorious light.

What a way to celebrate 75 years of holiness evangelism! What better way to express our continuing commitment to the basic mission of our church—to preach full salvation across the land and around the world. □

A New Year's Prayer

*It's a new year, Lord.
We are standing on the threshold together.
It may be the last year I spend on this
planet.
That sends a shiver of anticipation up my
spine,
But the weight of responsibility engulfs me.
Lord Jesus, give me strength for the task.
Give me zeal for souls.
Make my life count for You this year.
I'm hanging on to Your promises, Lord . . .
I'm keeping on . . .
It's time to shake off the shackles that are
Slowing my pace and get down to business.
The final stretch is in sight.
What's really important, Lord?
What counts for eternity? . . .
Only the souls of men.*

—TRISH JACKSON
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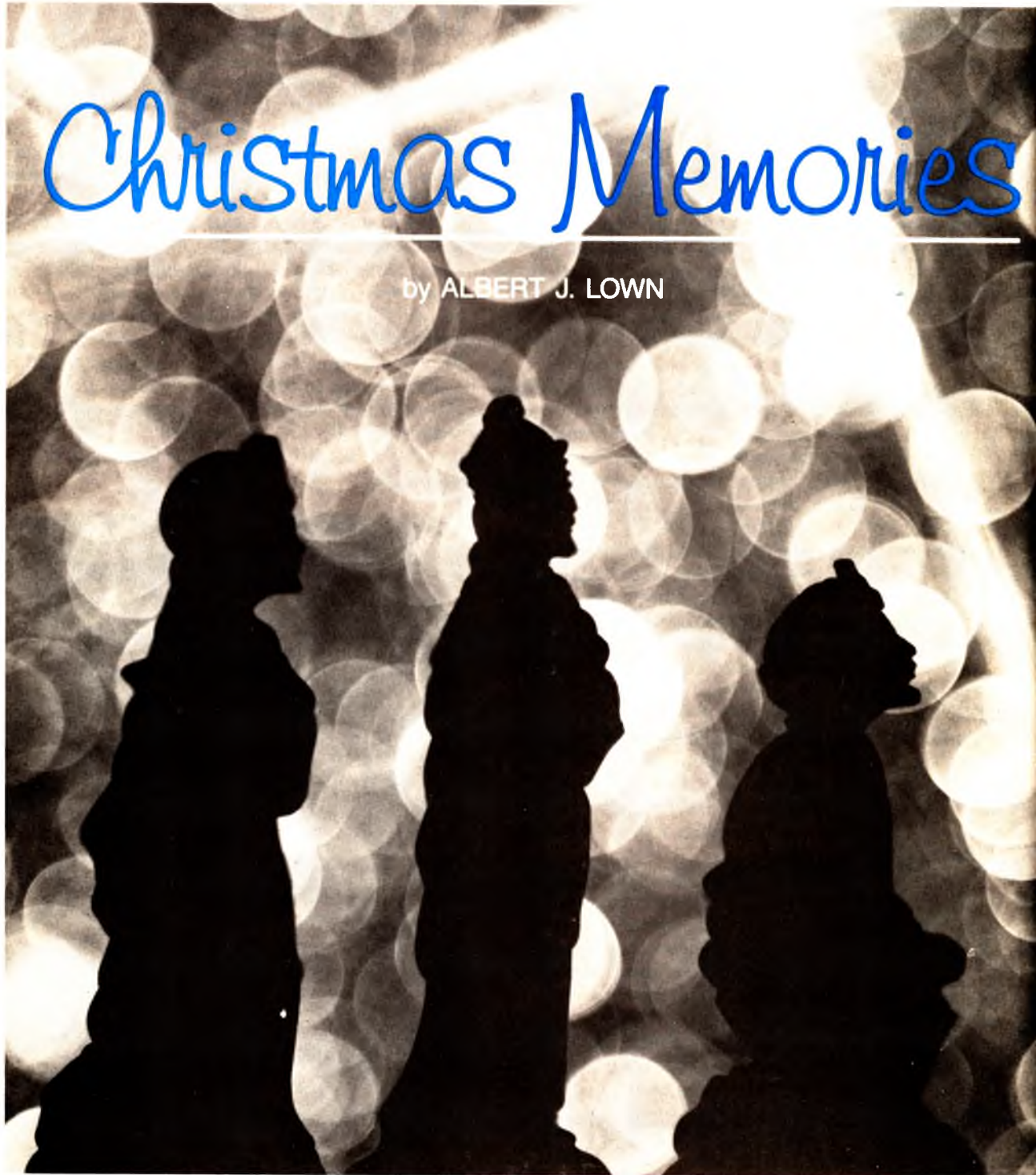
THE SHEPHERDS who came to Bethlehem when Jesus was born spoke of Him as “a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.” Mary heard and wondered but said nothing. She “kept all these things and pondered them in her heart” (Luke 2:19).

Mary’s reaction is reproduced in one of our best-loved carols, “Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn.” John Byrom’s poem, a Christmas morning gift to his daughter, includes the lines:

*Oh, may we keep and ponder in our minds,
God’s wondrous love in saving lost mankind.*
The shepherds gave a spontaneous, joyous witness

“concerning this Child,” causing those who heard them to “wonder.” Mary treasured the testimony in her heart, and often meditated upon its significance. Following her example, it is important to remember and rehearse the events and message of Christmas as, like the shepherds, we return to everyday routine and duties. Keeping and pondering the meaning of Christ’s birth will surely deepen the awareness of God’s faithfulness. Cherishing and caring for the Child, Mary would recall the salutation of the angel Gabriel and

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comforting words, "Fear not for thou hast found favour with God," a comfort followed by seven marvelous "shalls."

"Thou shalt *conceive*, and bring forth a son." The Virgin Birth is enshrined in all the historical creeds of the Christian faith, but its first pronouncement provoked the natural question, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" The impossibility of conception for a chaste virgin, engaged and awaiting honourable marriage, was answered by the assurance of the Holy Spirit's creative, brooding power.

"And shall *call* his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." Jesus is the New Testament equivalent of the familiar "Joshua"; a divine Redeemer and Liberator who gives deliverance and soulrest in the Canaan-kingdom of the twice-born.

"He shall be *great*"—greater than Abraham, Jacob, David, Solomon, Jonah and all others; greater in faith, in sonship, sovereignty, wisdom, and resurrection—a great Savior, Shepherd, Captain, High Priest, and Deliverer.

"And shall be *called* the Son of the Highest," a claim that antagonized His enemies, provoked an abortive attempt to stone Him to death, and eventually secured His crucifixion. The claim was finally vindicated by the Resurrection, proclaiming Him to be the Son of God with power.

"And the Lord God shall *give* unto him the throne of his father David"—an enthronement yet to be, and a prelude to His rule over the kingdoms of this world, transformed to become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ.

"And He shall *reign* over the house of Jacob for ever." The Old Testament prophets predicted Messiah's coming and role; but there was no kingly crown or throne in His lifetime, only a parody in Herod's barracks; thorns and a cross. But those who once "received him not" will one day acknowledge His kingship.

"And of his kingdom there shall be *no end*." Other kingdoms have risen and fallen, for they were founded upon fading earthly glory, and the sand of unregenerate human nature. Their pomp perishes, and history presents the bleached bones of successive civilizations, emperors, and kings. But His is "an everlasting kingdom that cannot be moved"; a universal, eternal reign of peace and righteousness in the Spirit.

Divine Providence cradled with Divine faithfulness in Mary's memories. General providence linked a star and census, a stable and house, men of the field and science, an innkeeper and a priest. Personal providence preserved Joseph's trust and marriage hopes, provided refuge with Elizabeth and Zacharias, gave strength for travel and travail, made available two doves for a christening offering and safeguarded the Holy family in refugee years. How marvelously God had linked Nazareth, the hill country of Judea, Bethlehem, Egypt, and Nazareth again—a mosaic of mercy in exile and ministering homes.

Memory and meditation inspired Mary's special devotion to the Son whose name was an abiding reminder of the trust God had placed in her, a trust of parenthood sacrificially shared by Joseph. Divine grace did not fail her after Christ's birth, or the Holy Spirit

THE REMAINDER

*Snowmen scattered in violent disarray;
Manger scenes neatly stored in boxes;
Brown trees dragged ruthlessly to the fire;
Bleak reminders all:*

Christmas is over.

The season is through.

*No more warm welcomes from friends
and loved ones since departed;*

No more carols blasting

over the department store loudspeaker;

No more last-minute rehearsals

for the church Christmas musical;

No more tradition . . . for this year, anyway.

What shall we do?

For the days are slower . . .

less merry . . .

less bright . . .

Shall we despair as some do?

Or shall we-recall

that the real traditions of Christmas—

Peace . . .

Joy . . .

Love . . .

Live on in the hearts of those

who bear His name?

His peace remains through all our days;

His joy decorates our lives each moment;

His love rules our hearts just now.

The trappings of Christmas

lie dormant for another year,

But the Spirit of Christmas remains.

—BUD REEDY

Hershey, Pennsylvania

withdraw after Christmas fulfillment. With her husband she so lived and ministered that Jesus grew in wisdom, and stature, and favour with God and man.

To a degree that Mary could not know, the passing phenomena of Holy Night—angels singing, glory shining, star leading, shepherds afraid and assured, wise men seeking and sacrificing—have become traditions of the centuries for us; a once-a-year festival, commemorative and commercial. But Christmas memories that keep fresh in our hearts the faithfulness, providence, dependence, and stooping grace of God are the abiding gold, frankincense, and myrrh of remembrance. They survive the taking down of decorations, the putting away of cards and carols, the ending of seasonal services and parties.

"O may we keep, and ponder in our minds . . ." as Mary did. □



Dave Anderson

RECOGNIZING REVIVAL

by G. STUART McWHIRTER

WHEN HISTORIC REVIVALS or “great awakenings” occur, in every age, certain repeated and strikingly similar phenomena accompany them. These recurring manifestations give us guidelines for recognizing genuine revival in our own day.

Revivals have been characterized by a remarkable degree of earnest, intense praying. This praying has often begun with an individual in private prayer and soon spread to ignite group praying. The praying has been passionate, persistent, and pervasive. It has been marked by much confession of human need and failure. Prominent in this contagion of prayer have been torrential admissions of total dependence on God, with a widespread mood of humility and obedience before God.

The Welsh revival at the beginning of the 20th century began as Evan Roberts, a young man of 26, prayed, “O Lord, bend me, bend me!” Roberts was attending a morning meeting in which he heard the evangelist pray, “O Lord, bend us.” The Spirit seemed to say to Roberts, “That’s what you need, to be bent.” And thus he describes his experience: “I felt a living force coming into my bosom. This grew and grew, and I was almost bursting. What boiled in me was that verse: ‘God commending His love.’ I fell on my knees with arms over the seat in front of me; the tears and perspiration flowed freely. I thought blood was gushing forth.” Friends approached him to wipe his face. He

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was crying out, “O Lord, bend me! Bend me!” Suddenly the glory broke and a revival began that swept and shook all of Wales.

The Church in revival has also been consistently struck by a dazzling sense of the holiness of God—an awesome and utterly heightened awareness of the holiness of God. This vision supreme is the crown of revival. It brings into focus the crux of revival which is God revealing and receiving glory. In that moment of matchless insight, when the beatific and formidable vision becomes unspeakably personal, there is a consuming desire to give glory to God alone. The Lordship of Christ becomes central to the whole event of revival. The Lord will only reveal His glory to His Church if He receives glory in His Church.

From the vision of holiness, there also follows a restoration of worship and recovery of reverence. Old Testament revivals often saw temples built or restored and altars repaired because revival renewed worship and reverence. This renewal brings a new quality, not only to private devotion, but also to every part of the public worship service.

As revival touches all areas of the worship service, new vigor and authority returns to preaching. The preacher becomes more biblical and more careful to be authentic in the proclamation of the Word of God. The preacher and the congregation share a powerful awareness that preaching is being done as in God’s sight. The miracle of revival makes preaching the extended miracle of the Word from beyond.

No part of corporate worship eludes the infusion of revival. Church music, hymns, and songs become more

richly meaningful. Egocentric and eroticized religious songs give way to godward hymns and truly gospel songs. When revival comes, the religious circus departs the sanctuary.

Another sure test of genuine revival has always been the effect of revival on personal and community morality. Revival simply cannot be revival without a great swell of godly conduct.

Concerning the Welsh revival, Dr. Oswald Smith tells us, "Nothing had ever come over Wales with such far-reaching results. Infidels were converted; drunkards, thieves, and gamblers saved; and thousands reclaimed to respectability. Confessions of awful sins were heard on every side. Old debts were paid. The theater had to leave for want of patronage. Mules in the coal mines refused to work, being unused to kindness!"

Within the last two years, the Church of the Nazarene in Hendersonville, N.C., has experienced two remarkable periods of spiritual stirring, with strong moral effect. Many young adults have been saved. These young converts recently gathered and burned several thousand dollars worth of their rock and roll records. Surely such an event gives hope for great revival. Similar things are happening in other churches across the land. Look for and rejoice in these harbingers of revival.

Revival morality moves on from personal to community interests. Dr. F. B. Meyer once said that "there has never been a great religious revival without social and political reforms." Dr. Stephen Olford has said,

In this regard we might point out that the abolition of slavery followed a revival. The end of child labor resulted from a revival. Indeed, before the Wesleys and Whitefield preached their flaming messages of revival and reform, people in England were working ninety hours a week. But as a direct consequence of this movement of the Spirit, sixty working hours became the standard, and the first trade unions, in all their purity, were organized.

Social reform was the child of revival long before modern social activism appeared.

Another related and often overlooked result of revival has been a new wave of great Christian thinking. Historic revivals have not only produced great evangelists, but they have also produced great apologists. Revival has been the catalyst for incisive, clear, bold Christian reasoning. Revival not only stirs us to outlive the world, it challenges us to outthink the world.

These are some major evidences of revival. Note them well. Beware of religious emotions and movements that manifest none of them. Yet look for true revival at any moment.

The God of revival has acted in history. He is still God. He desires to move again in revival. Cease to place revival in the future: expect it daily. Prepare and believe for revival now. We have solid historical and scriptural ground for believing that God in sovereignty and suddenness will visit us with a revival of such proportion as our generation or the entire century has never seen.

When God Says "YOU!"

by RICHARD H. LEFFEL

ONE HERO of the tragic plane crash in Washington, D.C., on January 13, 1982, was Lenny Skutnik. A 28-year-old government handyman, he stopped at the accident scene on his way home from work.

Standing on the river bank, he watched a helicopter rescue mission attempting to fish the few survivors from the frozen river. He saw a woman lose her grip on the pickup rope dangling from the helicopter and fall back into the icy water. She appeared to be drowning and Skutnik could stand no longer. He jerked off his boots and coat and jumped into the water, pulling the dazed woman to shore. Someone else helped get her on the bank.

Later, Skutnik's mother quoted her son: "When the girl needed saving, God had looked around and said, 'Eenie, meenie, miny, moe, AND YOU'RE MOE!' so I jumped in." The woman was saved.

When God says "You," what is your response?

There are people all about us in this world who are crying out for help. They may not be plane crash victims, drowning in a frigid river. They may be troubled teenagers, looking for somebody who will listen and care. Or a struggling neighbor who desperately needs a real friend. It could be a lonely senior citizen, needing a helping hand or a caring touch.

"I'm too busy!" you say. "Someone else can do it better than I can." But maybe there is nobody else at hand to do it. What then?

Jesus once faced a similar situation. And from Gethsemane's inner sanctum He cried, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matthew 26:39). Jesus seemed to be saying, "If there's any other way; anybody else . . ." but God said, "You're it," and Christ willingly plunged into the river of sin to redeem dying souls.

His followers are likewise called to service.

Samuel heard God's voice speak four times. Finally, he responded: "Speak; for thy servant heareth" (1 Samuel 3:10). Are you willing to listen to God? Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me" (6:8). Are you willing to be sent?

Paul answered, "What wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). Are you available to do what God wants?

When God says "You," what will you answer?

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Rick Day

GOD, TIME, AND MAN

by IVAN A. BEALS

TIME AND TIMEPIECES have always intrigued me. As a small child, I climbed on my Grandpa Smith's knee to listen to the vibrant ticking of his gold-cased, 17-jewel Elgin pocket watch. I also enjoyed hearing our striking Seth Thomas mantel clock.

Across the years, I have been time-conscious. The wedding gifts my wife and I received included a travel alarm and a variety of electric clocks. We eventually acquired an old striking clock of our own. I really wanted a grandfather clock, but the price tags I saw on them said, "Too much!"

Recently, my friend Milt Wienecke, who had built his own clock from scratch, showed me a catalog of grandfather clock kits. The price seemed reasonable enough. The kit contained the precut wood, hardware, and the clock works with moving moon dial and Westminster chimes.

Could I complete such a project in a satisfactory manner? Milt so much as said, "It'll be a piece of cake." He seemed to have more confidence in me than I did. I ordered a clock kit of cherry wood.

Milt's workshop had all the needed tools. With his guidance and encouragement, I put the clock cabinet together section by section. Using glue and screws, the base, the waist, and the hood took shape. When the wood sections were assembled, I applied cherry stain and toned it with walnut. The surface was given several coats of tung oil. Then, the works were installed.

Beginning in April, working evenings that totaled around 40 hours, the project was done just before

Thanksgiving. At last we proudly placed my grandfather clock in our home. We have a new sense of time. The Westminster chimes ring every 15 minutes, adding a bar of music each interval. When the hour is reached, four bars of music sound, and the gong strikes the hour.

The assembly instructions in the clock kit also gave the words and notes of the Westminster tune. I was surprised to find they had nothing to do with the "It's time to shine" version. Instead, the words and music were credited to George Frederick Handel, composer of the renowned "Messiah." The words to the four bars of the Westminster tune are:

*Lord, through this hour
Be Thou our guide;
So, by Thy power
No foot shall slide.*

I wonder if people who have clocks with Westminster chimes know God is invoked into their times.

The message of the music is precise. Without God, there would be no time. As someone said, "Time is God's accommodation to man." Unless God guides us through each hour, time is wasted and lost. And only divine power can keep us walking in His will.

Ralph Waldo Emerson declared, "One of the illusions is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. No man has learned anything rightly, until he knows that every day is Doomsday."

Such thought defines time as one of the basic quantities in life. But to the average person, time is most likely linked with dinner. The days of our lives have marked intervals between rising and going to bed. The span is filled with a sequence of events. Those passing

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moments are irretrievable—no matter how foolishly or carefully spent.

The Psalmist asserts, “The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away” (Psalm 90:10, NIV).

The average life expectancy in some nations has surpassed the 70-year mark. Even that time-length seems fleeting. Youth commonly views time as passing with slow and measured tread. But the truer and more mature concept of time is to think of its passing as a “flight.”

An artist named Crane once painted a picture titled “The Chariots of the Fleeting Hours.” He depicted the hours being drawn by four wild horses. They were driven by anxious youths, who urged the steeds on, whipping them to breakneck speed. Meanwhile, the sun is shown sinking, and the night falls to meet the rushing chariots.

Whether our days and hours seem drawn by wild horses or pulled by lumbering oxen, we should live by Christ’s words. He said, “As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work” (John 9:4, NIV). Only a sense of urgency will spur us to accomplish God’s purpose in our brief life span.

The Psalmist prayed, “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12, NIV).

Our times are used best when we submit every moment to God’s direction and care. This year, consecrate each month, week, day, hour, and minute to do the will of the Lord. Making our minutes holy unto God, our

hours and days become hallowed. From our dedicated, minute particles of time, God redeems our total lives. We may thus claim His eternal salvation.

The fleeting character of living in time is sketched by the familiar motto:

*’Tis only one life,
’Twill soon be past,
But only what’s done
For Christ will last.*

The time God allows us may be used for good or ill. No man knows when his heart will beat its last. We only engage time wisely as we live concerned with God’s presence. He instills our days with meaning and hope. When God is with us, no power can deter our way.

The pendulum of a grandfather clock swings regularly, back and forth. An old, ballad-type song is about a grandfather clock. It tells of a faithful, 90-year-old clock that “stopped short” when “the old man died.” In a sense, time does halt when we die. But that isn’t really the end of us.

Dare to leave your times in God’s hands and unto His care. Trust Him for the uncertain future, as well as during the harried present. Handel’s hymn encourages us to pray:

*Lord, through this hour—and every day of 1983,
Be Thou our guide—each step of the way;
So, by Thy power—supreme and eternal,
No foot shall slide—that’s left in His keeping.*

Some feel time is “on their hands” to dispose of as they please. God honors us only as we return the gift of time to His wise care. Both man and time are hopelessly lost without His divine presence. □

MY SOUL IS NOT FOR SALE

by FORREST W. NASH

IN CONTRADICTION to the well-worn accusation, “every man has his price,” the Bible contains a solid and dependable roster of those who refused to sell their soul for a “mess of pottage.”

Moses chose “rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.” Young Joseph, who was sold by his brothers

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into Egyptian slavery, would not yield to an immoral affair with his owner’s wife, though his refusal meant a prison sentence. Job, the righteous and rich man, when all his possessions were taken and his sons and daughters slain, merited this divine approbation—“in all this Job sinned not nor charged God foolishly.” Daniel, the prophetic statesman, continued to pray to his God three times a day though it meant being cast into the den of lions. And because they would not worship the golden image set up by the king, the three Hebrew children were thrown into the fiery furnace.

When imprisonment and death seemed to be their lot for preaching the gospel, Peter and John answered their rulers with these words, “Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

Saint Paul looked back over the trail of missionary activity and persecution and said, “I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.” Money, ambition, political immunity, pleasure, and ease were involved in these experiences. These involvements are still the experience of the race. We can be more than conquerors through Him who loved us and gave himself for us. Yet “it is not by might nor by power [meaning our own brilliant effort] but by my Spirit saith the Lord.” I dare you by the grace of God to follow the way—God’s way of deliverance. □



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WE HAVE SEEN MIRACLES

by LUCILLE M. LAW

GOD SAW POTENTIAL. I saw personal sacrifice.

On a lovely September morning in 1977, I made my way through the first prison gate, up the hill, through the second gate, and finally to our prison chapel. The warden of the all-male medium security prison permitted me to assist my chaplain husband in his chapel service. I scanned the crowd and looked into the face of a mature convict with hard, steely eyes. Behind those eyes were years of sin, hate, and crime. Later I learned that he had spent nearly 22 years in prisons and jails. At this time, he was serving a 42-year sentence for helping to kidnap a deputy sheriff, escaping from the Oklahoma state penitentiary, and carrying a firearm.

A former policeman in Tulsa, who was despised by the criminal world, was one who had been ordered to kill Frank Chase. He regarded this criminal as an “animal.” A former governor of Oklahoma referred to Frank as a “habitual criminal.”

On a Sunday in January, God instructed me to fast the following week for this hardened soul, this social outcast. “Why me, Lord?” I hardly knew him. To think of such personal sacrifice brought tears to my eyes. But I learned that fasting enables God to release power which He does not otherwise release.

Satan fought me fiercely as I fasted and prayed. The

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devil does not relinquish his slaves easily. By Friday, that hardened criminal was under deep, Holy Ghost conviction. He was miserable, but did not want to get saved. Therefore, he hoped to find a way to get rid of God’s pressure.

As I prayed, I asked God to save him, to take that look from his eyes, to break all of his sinful habits, to save him forever from false doctrine, and, if He could see fit, to make him a holiness preacher. The chaplain was praying too.

In about two weeks, Frank Chase made his way to our chapel altar, confessing his sins, and was gloriously saved. The warden was there to witness this miraculous conversion. Frank knew that God had saved him. When the chapel service was over, he went straight to the gambling table. He and another inmate had the biggest poker game going on the prison hill. He looked at those men and said, “The game is yours. I got saved this morning.” He was such a notorious criminal that news of his conversion covered the hill in about an hour.

Frank began to read his Bible and a good devotional book, was faithful to every service of the chaplain (three times per week), and walked in the light. The Lord took away hate and filled his heart with love for God and his fellowman. He received a call to preach shortly after his conversion. God delivered him from all his bad habits, and he was later sanctified as a second, definite work of grace. In fact, God answered every request that I had prayed during my long fast. Praise His wonderful name!

There followed many days of fasting. I fasted my Thanksgiving dinner, then nearly 10 consecutive days, before I went to the Pardon and Parole Board to testify for him. Christmas dinner was fasted, and then a fast of almost 12 consecutive days, for the governor to sign his parole. God wanted this convicted man released, in order that he might preach scriptural holiness.

I am a staunch believer in fasting. God brings results. Through this medium, chaplain and I have seen miracles, modern-day miracles. The Pardon and Parole Board changed an earlier decision, shortening Frank’s time to be incarcerated. Not many days later Governor Nigh signed Frank’s parole—66 days early!

As the chaplain and Frank came down the prison hill and through the last gate, the three of us bowed our heads and thanked God together. Since the afternoon of his release in 1979, the warden has allowed Frank to assist in our chapel services at will. This is the first time this has been done in the prison system in Oklahoma.

I am so thankful that I sacrificed, obeyed God, and fasted for this man. His is the outstanding conversion of our entire ministry.

Frank Chase is now an evangelist, a member of Bethany, Okla., First Church of the Nazarene, and slates every revival he can. He is an excellent preacher, a fervent soul winner, and a good singer. Our Nazarenes love this former five-time loser.

The cop who wanted to kill Frank is now a good friend of the evangelist. He recently had Frank and his family to his home for Sunday dinner. You see, he is now a Christian, too! □



“NO, IT’S BAD!”

by PAULINE E. SPRAY

PAULA was sitting on the floor, minding her own business, seemingly unaware of the commotion about her. Our children and grandchildren were home for Christmas and we had wall-to-wall people. But Paula, barely three, overheard someone suggest watching a certain television program. Immediately, her feathers ruffled like a banty hen’s. “No, it’s bad!” she said emphatically, shaking her little red head. And no amount of argument could change her mind.

“No, it’s bad,” she insisted.

Our little granddaughter’s adamant stance clearly revealed her home training. It also gave us food for thought.

With many Christians today, black and white increasingly becomes less and less distinct as far as right and wrong is concerned. Too often, what was once considered forbidden fruit has turned mottled gray as the world’s values stealthfully encroach upon the church.

For too long a time there has been a movement in our land which promotes the idea that “If everyone else is doing it, it is OK.”

Now there is another. Teenagers are being urged not to get involved with premarital sex. They’re being told, “It’s all right to say, ‘No, that is not for me!’ It’s all right to retain one’s virginity.”

Professionals tell us that people follow the crowd because of lack of self-esteem. Some will try anything—illicit sex, perversion, alcohol, drugs, you name it—to feel accepted by their peer group.

For that reason Christians certainly should be able to say, “No, it’s bad!” They have been accepted. They belong—to God’s family. They are heirs with Jesus. Born to an inheritance. Important. That confidence should give them the courage to be different from this world, to stand up against moral decline and worldly allurements. A child of God need not assent to everything offered him—or to succumb to the pressures of the moment—to strengthen his self-esteem. He simply needs to remember to Whom he belongs.

Paul wrote, “Be not *con*formed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye

may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2). The prefix “trans” means “across” or “counter.” The prefix “con” means “in agreement” or “with.”

It is true that man’s opinions concerning many superficial things do change from generation to generation. But God’s Word is absolute and unchangeable about many explicit evils. Therefore, we need to study it and “renew our minds” occasionally and, if need be, correct that which is amiss in our lives.

What does God say about many of today’s practices? A good place to start is the Ten Commandments. He says, “It’s bad” to put anything (pleasure, personal comfort, possessions) before our love for Him. “It’s bad” to take His name in vain, although it is being used today as common slang. “It’s bad” to commit adultery, even with another “consenting adult.” “It’s bad” to desecrate the Sabbath. “It’s bad” to kill (that includes abortion as a means of birth control). “It’s bad” to lie and steal and covet.

When we’ve searched God’s unchanging Word, let us pray for the courage to be different, to stand alone if necessary, to remain “unspotted from the world,” to take a lesson from Paula and say, “No, it’s bad!” when the occasion arises. □

LAST CHANCE

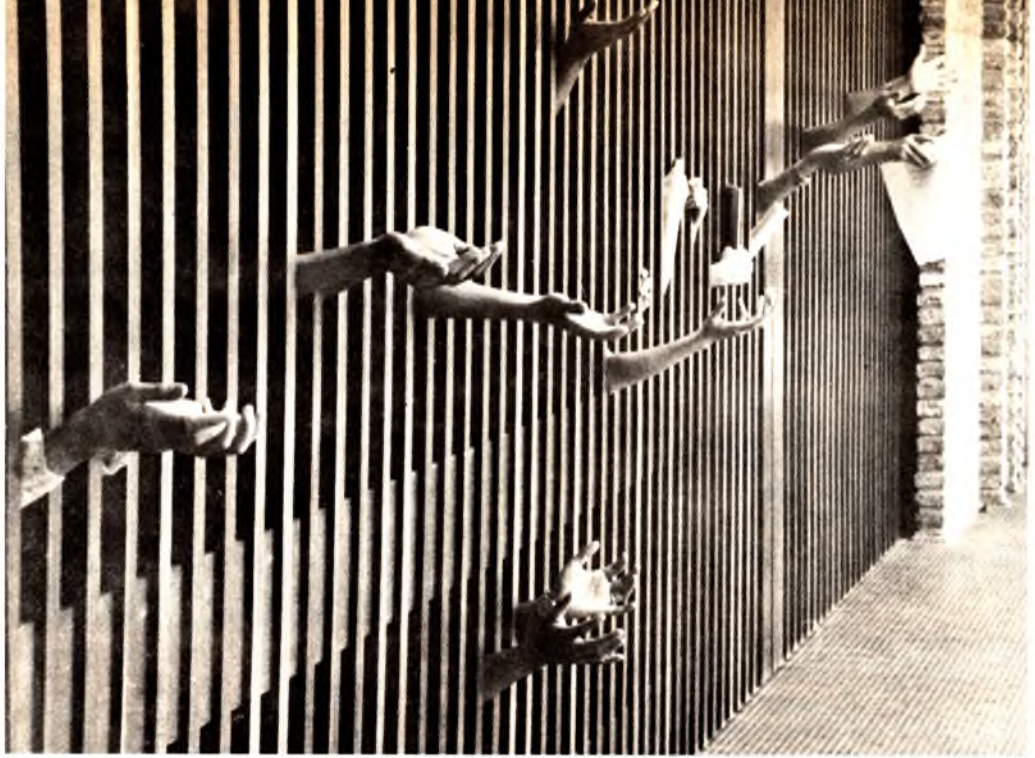
*Our world is sick, Lord,
dying with a hideous disease.
It’s been ailing for a long time
but men have refused to believe it,
preferring to swallow their placebos
and to cover eyes and ears to the warnings;
closing their nostrils to the putrid stench
and treating surface symptoms
instead of probing to the heart of the illness.*

*All over this world,
people are sinsick and dying.
Soothe their hurts, Lord,
with Your sweet ointment of grace;
care for them with tender compassion;
apply the balm of Gilead
through the comfort of Your Holy Spirit, and
pour the healing oil of salvation
into the leprous sores of sin.*

*You are the Great Physician.
You are our only hope. You alone
have the cure for our lost and dying world.
Come heal our land before it is forever
too late.*

—MABEL P. ADAMSON
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A FORGIVEN MURDERER

by WALTON HALL

IT IS NOT STRANGE or rare, now, to hear of Christians in prison. For, praise God, many have found the Lord in prison. How often, though, do you find a preacher from the Church of the Nazarene, who served as president of the local NYI, treasurer of local church, and many other offices, confined to prison for the murder of his wife? I am one such man.

I was introduced to Sunday School when I was only two years old by a dear old lady whom many call Aunt Eliza. My family are not churchgoers. I went to church also in my teen years because I desired to. I made my commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ in August 1962 at a memorial service for a dear friend of mine, when Pastor Weatherill preached on Isaiah 6:1-9. I answered as Isaiah had: "Here am I. Send me." He called me to preach the gospel, and not long afterwards I found myself in the pulpit of a neighboring church, preaching from the text "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross *daily* and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

I was sanctified the following year—at age 16. Such joy and blessing I had never known, despite the many family troubles I had to face. I was sustained and strengthened by the Lord Jesus.

I took part in many evangelistic enterprises, some with risks. On one such occasion, I was with two friends—one is now an elder in our church—and we were in the city center of Manchester. We saw a crowd. Curious, we took a look. A man was preaching from a fold-up stand. We introduced ourselves, and gave him some encouragement. He asked if any of us preached.

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My two friends immediately said, "He does." Five minutes later I was on the stand giving forth the gospel from my heart. I had no time for preparation, but God did not fail me.

As a teenager, I felt called to the mission field—to Nicaragua—and at once gave up my job to enter college. My dad reversed my decision in no uncertain terms. By the time I was 21 and free to choose my own path, I was engaged to be married to a Christian girl. She was an epileptic and I was advised that few countries would allow her in. I chose to stay home and look after the girl I believed God had led me to. We married and were happy. I was a loyal member of my church, holding various offices and duties.

Alas, I became proud of my walk with the Lord. I assumed a pharisaical attitude and would not hesitate to take to task any member or friend of the church if I saw the slightest failing. The pastor also was subjected to my judgments. I could—and did—pronounce guilt, stating chapter and verse of Scripture, rule and paragraph from the *Manual*. So gradual was my change that I never once noticed that my heart was growing cold and my joy rapidly dying. I thrilled at the rallies and assemblies we had when there was a mountaintop experience, but it was shallow emotion, not deep inward joy.

By the time I was 28, I was divorced from my church, I had threatened my pastor with violence, I had vilified offices of the church, and in anger and self-righteousness I issued my dear friend, District Superintendent T. W. Schofield, an ultimatum: "Get rid of the pastor or I resign." He challenged me not to touch one of God's anointed. I went away with the thought, How does *he* quote scripture to *me*? Oh, how puffed up

I was that I should set myself above such men as these! For many years the district superintendent had known me, and I had always respected him, but pride respects no relationships. I felt I was right and anyone who disagreed was wrong—anyone!

One night with great suspicion and terrible anger in my heart, after a violent row, I took my wife's life. Thus was the mighty cast down. Sin had devastated, debased, and destroyed my faith. I sat in the police cell, lonely, afraid, sad, and sorry—a multitude of emotions were mine that day.

I asked for a Bible. Because I knew the Scriptures so well, by memory often, I wouldn't read the Gospels or Epistles for I could not bear to read of Jesus' love. The law books were condemning. I could not "Praise the Lord" with the Psalms. The major prophets spoke to the Messiah. I decided that one of the lesser prophets was safer ground. I opened the Bible at Hosea 14. It told me that the Lord *still* loved me. I couldn't accept it—would not concede it. It was a coincidence, a mistake. Praise God, He never gave up. A few months later, a month or so before my trial and ultimate life sentence, I was asking the Lord to forgive *all* my sins. He did not hesitate. Hallelujah! He gave me peace and joy again. To this day He has been faithful through my hard experience.

My calling to preach is still valid and I am preparing myself for service in this ministry. I am being used of the Lord in here to bring others to Him. He is teaching me many valuable lessons which, had I learned them years ago, would have spared me from crime and prison. I love the Lord Jesus very much and know that I am not debarred from heaven, for I am a *forgiven* murderer and that forgiveness is tremendous. □

TURNING THE PAGE

The Old is marred . . . And the eraser of my mind cannot remove the errors from its page . . . I look at them, shamefaced that I have been so careless and blundering . . . They stare at me, and fill my heart with remorse and chagrin as I sit helplessly before them . . . The record is frightfully marred, I confess, and a tear stains the page as I silently weep. But wait! An unseen Hand is turning the page . . . the Old is disappearing, and in its place a bright New shining in purity . . . No scratch, no mar, no spot, no error, but faultlessly clean! . . . O God, I thank Thee for taking the Old and giving me the New. Help me, as I take my pen in hand, to write perfectly, line upon line, guided by Thee . . . And present to Thee a full page, beautifully correct and neatly ordered.

—REEFORD L. CHANEY
Richmond, Virginia

Book Brief

EACH YEAR IS A BOOK



AUDRE PITTS,
Author



*January is
A proud lady
With snowflake diamonds
in her hair . . .
Quietly, and overnight,
She transforms a scraggly landscape
Into a picture of breathtaking beauty,
Covering its scars
With a blanket of white . . .*

Thus, from the pen of Audre Pitts, begins another totally enjoyable reading experience. "As I wrote," she

tells us, "I seemed to feel others with me—my family—gathering around me, reading over my shoulder. (There always was a lot of togetherness in our family of 13, not counting Mama and Papa.)" Since they were there, seeming to look over her shoulder, she included their growing up escapades in this anthology, introducing various individuals as their birthday months rolled around and expressing thoughts that might be found in any happy family.

The book includes original verse, random thoughts, and nostalgic experiences sure to set the mind spinning and bound to bring laughs as the author's recollections are shared: "We never had a fireplace when we were children. It's probably just as well we didn't. It was bad enough to accidentally back up against a hot wood heater while dressing near its warmth on a cold morning. . . ."

You can't find a better book for wintertime pleasure reading. And if you have even the tiniest responsibility that involves public speaking or program planning, you'll treasure its contents and draw from them again and again. As a gift it has wide appeal, both for hospital and home. □

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the editor's STANDPOINT

A CALENDAR CHANGE

The Exodus was Israel's greatest experience during Old Testament times. After long, cruel bondage in Egypt, God freed them and led them to Canaan. The passage of Israel through the Sea of Reeds, where the waters were miraculously parted, was the birth of a nation.

As He prepared to rescue His people from slavery, God said, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you" (Exodus 12:2). The Lord's people were to have their own calendar, and their national life would begin with redemption.

The Christian can "dig" that arrangement. For those who have been saved from their sins by the grace of God, life begins with their exodus. At a camp meeting in Ohio this past summer, I heard a man testify in these words: "They say life begins at forty, but for me life began when Jesus saved me."

He was right. Until we are delivered from sin by Jesus Christ, we do not truly live. We merely exist. We are

physically alive and spiritually dead. To the Ephesians Paul wrote, "You has he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world . . . fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind" (2:1-3). The words describe people very active in doing wrong but utterly dead toward God. So were we all, until Jesus Christ redeemed us. We were walking, lusting, sinning and dying.

Life, real life, begins with Jesus. He brings us to new birth, to entrance into eternal life, which is fellowship with our forgiving, cleansing God. In that new life we discover the freedom and fulfillment we vainly sought in sin. "She that lives in pleasure," wrote Paul, "is dead while she lives" (1 Timothy 5:6). He was referring to "the pleasures of sin." What the world calls "living up" is just a way of dying by degrees. Life begins with Jesus Christ.

As we face a new calendar year, let's resolve to make every day count for the Lord. Let's get as far from Egypt, as close to Canaan, as we can.

A FAITH FOR LIFE AND DEATH

Few men ever prepared for their deaths as carefully as Daniel Webster did for his. Two weeks before he died, he dictated a statement of faith to be inscribed on his tombstone. The statement reads:

Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief. Philosophical argument, especially that drawn from the vastness of the universe in comparison with the apparent insignificance of this Globe, has sometimes shaken my reason for the faith that is in me; but my heart has assured, and reassured me, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be Divine Reality.

The Sermon on the Mount cannot be a merely human production. This belief enters into the very depth of my conscience. The whole history of man proves it.

Webster's sincerity has been debated. Biographer Irving H. Bartlett says, "He knew what he was doing." He suggests, however, that Webster, as always in his career, was conscious of his public: "Without going

through any kind of spiritual transformation the eminent authority on the American Constitution found it appropriate to say a few final words about religion . . . He knew that his words would be effective."

We leave Webster to his Judge and comment only on his act. Every man needs a statement of faith by which to live and die. The alternative to reasoned faith is a life of confusion and a death in darkness.

The gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ provide the only solid basis for living and dying. The trusting heart finds there a resting place, and the questing mind finds there a truth larger than its grasp, a truth eternally challenging and rewarding to those who pursue it.

When his death was approaching, John Calvin said, "I draw my breath with difficulty, and expect each moment to breathe my last. It is enough that I live and die for Jesus Christ, who is to all His followers a gain both in life and death."

Amen!

The Lord can so transform our hearts that we are able to love blind, bigoted, cruel hypocrites who do the devil's work in the Lord's name.

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Jesus Christ commands His followers to love each other as He has loved them all (John 13:34). That isn't easy when we consider how unlovely some of us are.

He also commands, "Love your enemies" (Matthew 5:44). If friends are sometimes hard to love, imagine how humanly impossible it is to love enemies. And He specifies *active* enemies—"those who persecute you."

What Christ commands He enables. According to Hebrews, Christ died to make it possible for God to write His law upon our hearts (10:14-18). He so renews and cleanses and possesses our hearts that we can love friends and foes alike.

In his *Journal*, the father of the Friends church, George Fox, tells of a time when he was beaten by an angry crowd with fists and clubs until he fell to the ground, stunned. When the power of God "refreshed" him, he got to his feet, stretched out his arms, and told them to strike again. A mason struck one of his hands so viciously with a stick that it was skinned, bloody and

paralyzed. The people exclaimed that it was crippled forever. Fox writes, "I looked at it in the love of God, and I was in the love of God to them all that had persecuted me."

After a while "the Lord's power" touched him. He recovered his strength and the use of his hand "in a minute" and "in the face and sight of them all." Not another blow was struck.

The healing of his hand was a miracle. A greater miracle had taken place earlier, the healing of his heart which enabled him to love his persecutors.

Like most persecutions he experienced, this one began in a "steeplehouse" and was instigated by preachers and leading church members. This was also true of most of the mobs that opposed and abused John Wesley. The Lord can so transform our hearts that we are able to love blind, bigoted, cruel hypocrites who do the devil's work in the Lord's name. So Christ loved His crucifiers and Stephen his murderers. So may we love those, however vicious and violent, who oppose us. □

A NEW YEAR'S CONCERN

Best regards for the New Year, which may see us all "paralyzed." That's how Edmund Wilson closed a letter to Mario Praz on January 2, 1955.

The concern felt then about possible nuclear holocaust diminished during the next two decades. Today it has become the leading social issue with many people.

Escalation of the arms race between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. served to heighten these fears. Continued stockpiling of nuclear weapons increased the tensions. Erection of nuclear plants and mishandling of radioactive wastes has added bulges to the boundaries of worry.

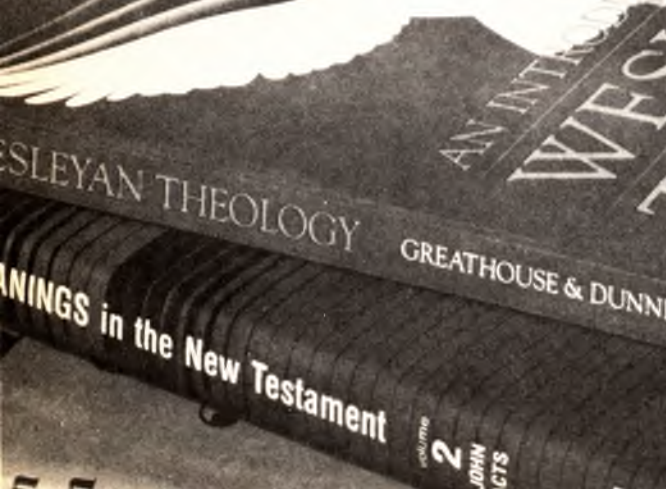
What should be the Christian's position in the face of such threats to human existence? Nuclear weapons are here, and it's unrealistic to expect them to be destroyed. Some have argued, with a degree of cogency, that such weapons have furnished a real deterrent to World War III. Those who so argue, however, seldom favor the continuing manufacture and stockpiling of

these apocalyptic weapons. More and more people are calling for freezes, limitations, and controls. This, it seems to me, is the least that children of God, called to be peacemakers, can advocate.

Some take the position that nuclear holocaust is inevitable. They would focus Christian hope entirely beyond the end, focus it upon the better world of heaven. The language of 2 Peter is often cited in support of a resigned despair for this world.

The logic of passive acceptance and noninvolvement in this issue escapes me. It can be shown from certain scriptures that poverty, hunger, disease, and sin will exist until the end of the world. Does this mean we are not to take action against them? Does not Christian conscience compel us to fight actively against them? Even so, we should do what we can to reduce or remove the threat of nuclear holocaust that overhangs the world. Politics have become too important to leave to politicians. □

THE MINISTRY OF BOOKS



GOOD BOOKS HAVE A MINISTRY! Who can measure the range of their influence? Instructing, inspiring, admonishing, motivating, informing—they explore the past, illuminate the present, and offer preparation for the future.

Books can bring us into contact with great minds and noble souls. Few of us are privileged by close association with such individuals, but through the printed page we can be inspired by their lives and can benefit from their example.

When calamity and misfortune strike, a book can comfort and give hope. We can read of others who have endured disaster, surmounted hardships, overcome defeat, and come out on top. In the face of tremendous adversity, courageous people have achieved worthwhile goals of accomplishment and made noteworthy contributions to the welfare of mankind. Such stories encourage us.

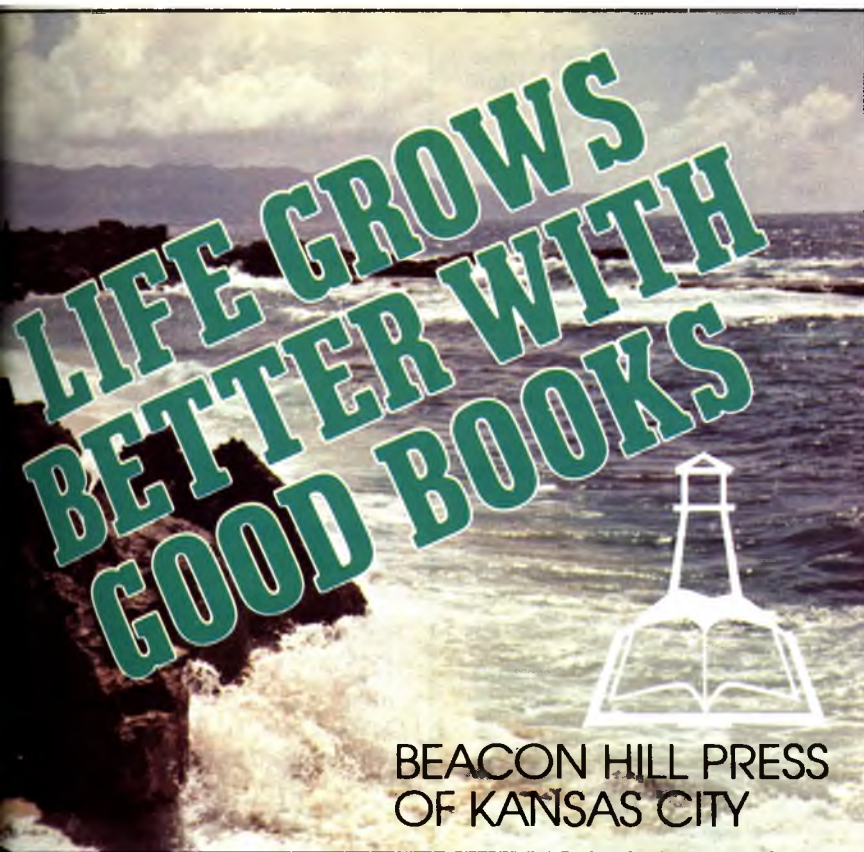
Books are readily available, so much so that we are inclined to take them for granted. In times of need a friend or loved one might not be accessible, but a prized book in its familiar place on the bookshelf is there waiting. And who hasn't suffered the pangs of loneliness, "the ultimate poverty," and turned to a treasured book for consolation and companionship?

It is axiomatic that the inner life must be nourished if it is to flourish. There is a warning in 2 Timothy 3:1: "In the last days perilous [difficult] times shall come." That day is here. We live in an era of hurry and harried schedules. We pray on the run, read our Bibles in snatches of time; meditation has become a lost art. The peril lies in the multiplicity of activity, most of which is legitimate. When so many good things beckon, how much we need the power of an indwelling Holy Spirit to activate our wills so we will choose the best!

Most importantly, a strong incentive for holy living is found in good books; books that challenge, probe, and encourage us to do our utmost to achieve the highest in spiritual attainment.

Thank God for good books, blessed books. What would we do without the ministry of books? □

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A PRINCE IN ISRAEL

By E. A. Girvin

At an age when many folks are dreaming about retirement, Phineas F. Bresee had his mind on winning a neighborhood to Christ. He was nearly 57 when he undertook the task of starting a church with only a handful of members. His down-to-earth holiness preaching, his compassion for the poor, and his enthusiasm which inspired followers exploded this small beginning into "a host of nearly 32,000" within 20 years.

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Church of the Nazarene seemed to be a most appropriate time to reprint the original 1916 edition of his biography.

Although it was written more than six decades back, the writing is fresh and moving. In addition to the author's personal knowledge of the man and his ministry, for the last three years of Bresee's life Girvin took down in shorthand his own account of events of the past.

The book is a handsomely bound classic, a volume that will endure, a deluxe gift for any occasion, and a once in a lifetime offer. 466 pp. Clothbound. **\$11.95**

E. A. Girvin was closely associated with Dr. Bresee for the 25 years preceding Bresee's death.



HOLINESS IN THE MARKETPLACE

By Gene Van Note

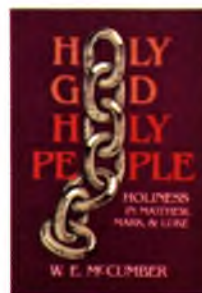
Here is the story of nine people who allowed their souls to be

bared to our gaze! Unknown Christians, they have faced persecution and hardship without flinching.

The subjects in these vignettes cover deviancy, suicide, divorce, and compassionate concern for others. The stories are full of heartache, but they are also filled with praise. The final chapter touches on the Great Commission and on intercessory prayer, so every reader is left with a challenge.

Within these pages lies the kind of inspiring reading one reaches for at the end of a busy day—under-the-dryer or waiting-at-the-barbershop pleasure reading. It's a good book for a church library. 84 pp. Paper. **\$2.95**

Gene Van Note, author of six books and many articles, is editor of the adult elective curriculum and general director of Young Adult Ministries for the Church of the Nazarene.



HOLY GOD—HOLY PEOPLE

By W. E. McCumber

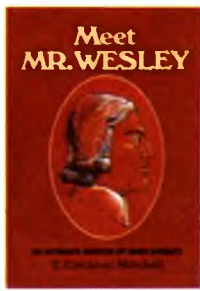
"Noblesse oblige," said A. B. Bruce, "God's sons must be God-like."

Although buried in the heart of Dr. McCumber's book, this quotation might well be called its theme, for it serves as an excellent platform from which to view this in-depth study in holiness.

These studies are drawn from the life and teachings of Jesus himself, from selected portions of the Synoptic Gospels. The author claims: "What is involved in holiness . . . is our moral resemblance to the Father who made us and the Redeemer who saved us."

Preachers will find abundant material for sermon building. Chapter titles include "Holiness Tested," "Holiness Triumphant," "Calling, Cleansing, and Continuation," and "Life of Love, Purity, and Service." Lay people will also discover that this is an enjoyable, helpful, and personally enriching book. 124 pp. Paper. **\$3.95**

W. E. McCumber is editor of the *Herald of Holiness*. Previous books include *A Little Book About Prayer* and *The Good News—Messages from Mark*.



MEET MR. WESLEY
An Intimate Sketch of John Wesley

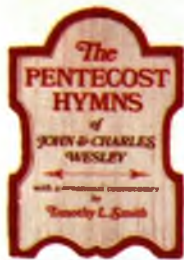
By T. Crichton Mitchell

"Best of all, God is with us!" The deathbed words of Rev. John Wesley, March 2, 1791, came less than a week after he preached his last sermon at the age of 88.

Why another book on Wesley? The author, as the subtitle indicates, has wrapped the whole man and his ministry in a new attractive package well-suited to our present generation. It is indeed "an intimate sketch," prepared by one who has studied the life of Wesley extensively and has refuted some previous biographical material as well as adding new.

The human side as well as the spiritual greatness of this giant of God is recorded: his fear of death, his bad marriage, his belief in ghosts, and his angry outburst at his father—all are included. It will be found entertaining, as well as inspiring. 206 pp. Paper. \$5.95

T. Crichton Mitchell, professor of History and Preaching at Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, has pastored in Scotland and England. He taught at British Isles Nazarene College prior to coming to NBC.



THE PENTECOST HYMNS OF JOHN AND CHARLES WESLEY

With a devotional commentary . . .

By Timothy L. Smith

Devotional thoughts about 32 old-time hymns of the Wesleys make up this book which was prepared especially for the Pentecost season but will be a blessing year-round.

The verses of the hymns chosen by the author are printed in full and are well-suited to reprinting in bulletins and newsletters, as well as for devotional reading. The book will be a handy instrument for the pastor, since it is full of both sermon ideas and strong illustration material. It is recommended for pastors, for devotional reading, for church libraries, and for gifts. 85 pp. Paper. \$2.95

Timothy L. Smith has been, since 1968, professor of History and director of the graduate program in American Religious History at The Johns Hopkins University. An ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, he is the author of *Revivalism and Social Reform, Called unto Holiness*, and edited *The Promise of the Spirit*, lectures by Charles G. Finney.



BEACON SMALL-GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Three new individual workbooks!

1 Corinthians: *Living as Responsible Christians*

Philippians/Colossians: *Experiencing His Peace*, by LeBron Fairbanks

Thessalonians: *The Distinguishing Marks of a Christian*, by Bill Nielson

These popular Bible study workbooks for small groups are now available for nine New Testament books.

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Philippians/Colossians is a versatile study book suited to neighborhood outreach as well as church discussion groups.

The studies in **1 and 2 Thessalonians** cover such practical subjects as recognizing a Christian and the importance of relationships. Ten to 14 lessons in each

workbook. 56-60 pp. (10 or more, \$1.95). Paper. \$2.25

LeBron Fairbanks is dean of European Nazarene Bible College; Bill Nielson serves as pastor to the Painesville, Ohio, Church of the Nazarene.



HIS SPIRIT IN YOU

By Merrill S. Williams

An expositional study of personalities from the Book of Acts, the study focuses on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in individual lives. The author's approach is appealing because it combines a homiletical framework of ideas with a fresh, forthright position on doctrinal issues.

In each of the eight chapters, Williams spotlights the life of someone with whom God is dealing. He clearly shows the Spirit at work in Acts and weaves in anecdotes to show how important principles that prevail there also apply in our lives today.

The book would be a pleasant addition to one's devotional studies in Acts. Pastors will certainly find it excellent background reading for sermon preparation and a source for illustration as well as inspiration. 68 pp. Paper. \$2.95

Merrill S. Williams, a former pastor, is a missionary with the Church of the Nazarene in the Philippines. He is author of *The Lord of Life*.



GETTING FROM PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK—SIMPLY

By Barbara Horak

With present-day high prices, who is not struggling to adjust living standards and stretch dollars? Inflation has made living from paycheck to paycheck a most timely subject, and the author, in

this practical book, has given special attention to the problem from the viewpoint of the Christian.

It is Mrs. Horak's belief that many financial struggles today are self-imposed; that we have fallen into the trap of overspending through easy credit; that we have overlooked God's promises to help us plan a budget and stick to it; and that we have mismanaged money in a variety of ways obvious to the reader when she points them out. Beginning with basics, she goes through a step-by-step process to help the reader get control of his/her finances, how to set up a workable budget, how to get out of debt, and how to stick to a "financial diet" long enough to save. 104 pp. Paper. **\$2.95**

Barbara Horak (Mrs. C. J.) is a certified public accountant in business with her husband. She is mother of three and lives in El Paso, Tex.



BORN AGAIN AND GROWING

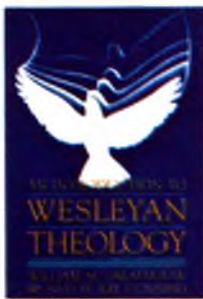
By *J. Kenneth Grider*

A book which calls the Bible "The Christian's How-to Book" (title of Chapter 3) holds promise of being a pleasurable reading experience. *Born Again and Growing* will not disappoint the reader. Some of the other chapter titles are as enticing to a Christian book-lover: "The Psalms Are Special," "Inching Taller in the Pinch," "Wonder in Our Worship," and "Things We Cannot Love Without."

The book is practical as well as readable. It's the kind of down-to-earth Christian growth material any pastor would be pleased to hand to a new convert; a complete coverage of all the basics wrapped in a package of good reading the mature believer will enjoy as well.

Anyone who is born again is still growing! Therefore we recommend this delightful book for general reading from young adulthood on up. 118 pp. Paper. **\$3.50**

J. Kenneth Grider is professor of theology at Nazarene Theological Seminary. His previous books include *Entire Sanctification: The Distinctive Doctrine of Wesleyanism: Repentance unto Life*; and *Taller, My Soul*.



AN INTRODUCTION TO WESLEYAN THEOLOGY

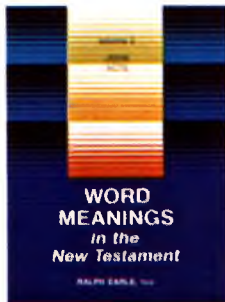
By *William M. Greathouse and H. Ray Dunning*

Two theologians have joined forces to prepare this excellent study book covering doctrines expressed in the Nazarene "Articles of Faith." Dr. Dunning explains in the preface, "The approach [we have] generally taken is to elucidate each belief biblically, historically, and systematically."

The book covers the Trinity, man, sin, grace, salvation, sanctification, the church, and sacraments. In the epilogue the return of Christ is discussed.

It's with high recommendation that the volume is presented as a study help for pastors, Sunday School teachers, and others "who attend God's Word in Scripture . . . silent and receptive . . . eager and responsive to what the Spirit would say to us in its pages . . ." The book clarifies the church's beliefs and it will certainly spark sermon ideas and provide illustrative material as well. 128 pp. Ki-var. **\$4.95**

William M. Greathouse, general superintendent, Church of the Nazarene, has contributed regularly to various commentaries as well as authoring his own books. **H. Ray Dunning** is chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Trevecca Nazarene College.



WORD MEANINGS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT Volume 2

By *Ralph Earle*

With the amazing advances in biblical language study and the explosion of Bible translations and paraphrases, the classic

Ralph Earle series, **WORD MEANINGS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**, assumes great importance for preachers, teachers, and the layperson who is serious about studying Scripture.

Here is the fifth of the projected six-volume set, the earlier releases being Matthew, Mark, and Luke; Romans; Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians; Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

In this volume, Dr. Earle covers John and Acts. The format is a chapter-by-chapter (often verse-by-verse) explanation of root meanings of key verses, and interpretation of various passages in this light. As in the other volumes, the work is scholarly and sound, but written in an illuminating and enjoyable style. 173 pp. Cloth. **\$9.95**

Ralph Earle served on the governing body for the NIV translation. He is Distinguished Professor of New Testament Emeritus at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, where he and Mrs. Earle make their home.



EXPLANATORY NOTES UPON THE NEW TESTAMENT

By *John Wesley*

Originally titled *Wesley's Notes upon the New Testament*, this deluxe two-volume set is a reprint of an undated edition published by The Wesleyan Methodist Bookroom, London. Volume I covers Matthew through Acts; Volume II, Romans through Revelation.

In the preface Wesley explains that he had wanted to prepare such study helps; he put it off first of all because he felt inadequate to do it, and later because he hoped to do it at the end of his career, "finishing his life and work together."

The set is a treasure any student of the Word would be proud to own, but especially helpful to preachers and teachers who will both use and cherish it. The publication of this deluxe edition is in response to continuing requests from people interested in Wesley's writings. Clothbound, boxed. **set, \$19.95**



FAITH AND FRIED POTATOES

By Grace Bonham Confer

Of this book one reviewer wrote, "The reader will laugh, gasp, scold—and his reading may be hampered by the need to dry his tears—but he will love this book!"

In the preface the author relates that she has recorded a series of episodes highlighting some of her parents' 50-year ministry in the pastorate. Starting out in an Oklahoma sod house, the up-and-down dustbowl victories and defeats soon captivate the reader. The babies came one after another, with one being crippled, and the last, Grayce, unwanted. There were hand-me-down clothes and empty cupboards, and the escapades of five lively children.

Mrs. Confer says, "Measured by the world's yardstick, my parents never achieved greatness; but, like many other 'little people' in all denominations, they contributed much to the spiritual growth of our nation." 184 pp. Paper. \$4.95

Grayce Confer, a native Kansan, graduated from the University of Illinois. A former teacher, she lives with her husband in Redlands, Calif.



BEACON BIBLE EXPOSITIONS Volume 8 Galatians/Ephesians

By Willard H. Taylor

The late Dr. Willard Taylor has made systematic study of Galatians and Ephesians both practical and appealing. His understanding of life brings to his writing an empathic quality which tends to transmit his insights to the reader. The volume is replete with anecdotes, illustra-

tions, and explanations, all excellent helps for the preacher, Bible teacher, and serious student of the Word.

Volume 8 completes 10 of the 12-volume set of this devotional resource on the New Testament. Volumes 1-8 cover Matthew through Ephesians. Volumes 10 and 11 cover Thessalonians through Peter. The two remaining volumes will be ready soon, with Vol. 12 scheduled for this fall and the final volume, No. 9, being published in 1983.

Under the subscription plan, you may order all the volumes at once with the final two being sent as published; or, you may place a standing order to receive one a month. In either case, you will receive the final volume free. 228 pp. Cloth. \$6.95

The late Willard H. Taylor was dean and professor of biblical theology at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He was a prolific contributor to periodicals, theological dictionaries, and scholarly journals, and co-editor with William M. Greathouse of *Beacon Bible Expositions*.



MORE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOTHER GOOSE

By Edmund Wells

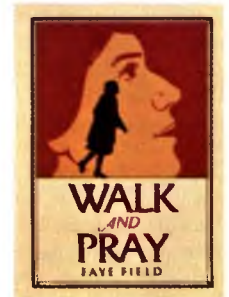
Contrary to what one might think, this is not a book for children, but a lighthearted book for adults which will provide excellent devotional reading.

Imagine what it must have been like to live in a shoe with a gang of children! That's the situation that causes Edmund Wells to call this nursery rhyme "The Parable of Frustration." The scripture parallel is found in the story of Martha, "cumbered about with much serving," struggling with both self-pity and a schedule far too full. Whether too much work, too many irritating people, too low a position (the old woman lived in a shoe, you recall), or too many obligations, the author reminds us that the old woman had the right idea: Put them to bed! He says, "Problems must be dealt with, but not all at the same time."

In this sequel to his 1969 book,

The Gospel According to Mother Goose, the author has found many such hidden truths! 159 pp. Paper. \$2.95

Edmund Wells has taught at Asbury College and is currently a leader in conservative Methodism in Ohio.



WALK AND PRAY

By Faye Field

Does the thought of intercessory prayer bog you down? "Walk and pray," declares this author.

Upon her retirement, Faye Field began to look for a meaningful activity. She found that by combining her daily walk with praying, she was personally blessed and was a help to others, as well. The author sees each person she meets as needing prayer. Many people she knows personally and can pray specifically for them. As to strangers of all ages, she analyzes their actions, their expressions, and what she overhears them say. She prays that God will meet the needs of their lives, whatever they may be.

Walk and Pray is the kind of inspirational book that requires buying two copies: one to keep, and another to give away. 111 pp. Paper. \$3.50

Faye Field, who holds an M.A. degree from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, has taught English and Bible at the college level. She has twice been selected to attend Guideposts workshops.



SHOW ME, LORD

By Evelyn M. Ramsey

The "pilgrimage of a dedicated disciple" is at the heart of Evelyn Ramsey's delightful look into the

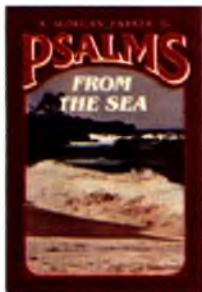
life of a missionary doctor. More than autobiographical, the book is a testimony of praise to God for His special care and a glimpse into two vast areas of Nazarene missionary work, as well.

Dr. Ramsey's first missionary appointment was to Swaziland. After 12 years, she transferred half a world away to Papua New Guinea. In whimsical fashion she has woven together personal reflections about life as a missionary doctor, furlough memories, and lessons God has taught her through the years. While entertaining the reader, the book provides good insight into both the life of faith (available to all) and life as a missionary.

The book is written in popular free verse style. 180 pp. Paper.

\$4.95

Evelyn Ramsey has since 1957 combined her medical training and translation ability. She is currently serving as a Nazarene missionary in Papua New Guinea.



PSALMS FROM THE SEA

By A. Morgan Parker, Jr.

Chaplain A. Morgan Parker served the men aboard the carrier USS Midway. The Psalms-based devotions found in this book are the result of this ministry.

As the author noted, "Those who sail the seven seas behold special wonders of the Lord!" Their perspective of His creation and reliance upon His providence is often an experience of reverence and faith unlike any known to those unfamiliar with the rolling deep.

Of the 12 psalms chosen for comment, 4 focus primarily on human struggles, 6 others lift the reader's heart to praise and worship, while 2 are motivational. All readers—sailors or landlubbers—will find blessing in the meditations. The format has retained the salty flavor, but the content has universal application. 53 pp. Paper.

\$1.95

A. Morgan Parker, Jr., is a retired navy chaplain residing currently at Millington, Tenn.



SUNSHINE ON A SHOESTRING

By Almena Smith Springer

Looking for a gift book? This one is properly titled and will intrigue anyone. While no deep theological truths or spiritual revelations are presented, the author brings sunshine into her readers' lives as she has done with her simple "on-a-shoestring" ministry down through the years.

The book is based on love gifts Mrs. Springer has shared with friends and neighbors: recipes, poems, little nothings that meant a great deal to the recipients because they were given with love.

Perhaps the book's greatest value lies as much in its ability to motivate, as to entertain. The reader, seeing the simplicity of this ministry of love, is bound to think, "I could do that, too." One gets the feeling that if that were to happen, the author would be extremely pleased. 64 pp. Paper.

\$1.95

Almena Smith Springer is a pastor's wife whose ministry has extended from quiet New England to six years in the inner city. The Springers are currently working with the Home Department of Bethany, Okla., First Church of the Nazarene.



CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

By Harold Ivan Smith

The author prepared this booklet thinking of it as a gift for pastors and others to give, and it is with mailing in a No. 10 envelope in mind that the slim-jim size was selected.

The poetic prose captures the humanity and mystery of the be-

loved season:

He was tired—
not from work
but from lack of sleep.
How many days
had passed
since Mary had told him?
He had lost track . . .
How could she believe
that he would believe
her explanation?

But what if . . . she were right
and the whole world wrong?

With a glossy red cover and title embossed in gold, *Christmas Reflections* is a quality gift for quantity distribution. 16 pp. Paper. Illustrated. **\$.95**

Harold Ivan Smith was the recipient of the 1979 Henrietta C. Mears Award for Excellence in Christian Literature. In addition to his other 1982 release *Pastoral Care for Single Parents*, he has written other books and poetic prose, some of it under the pen name Jason Towner.



I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW GOD

By A. F. Harper

The introduction of this unusual evangelistic tool is a personal letter that provides spaces for the recipient's name and signature of the concerned friend who gives the book. A variety of heart-searching readings follow, all intended to guide the reader in his or her search for God. Key questions include "Who is God? And who am I that I should feel responsible to Him?" and "What am I making of life?" There is an admonition to "start where you are," and a prayer, "Father, forgive my pride." The concluding meditation gives "five steps that lead to God," which is followed by a commitment prayer.

Slim-jim format makes the booklet easy to carry and mail. 62 pp. Paper. **\$1.50**

A. F. Harper, now an active retiree, was executive editor of church school publications and professor of Christian Education at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Other books include *Holiness and High Country* and *The Sunday School Teacher*.



THEY NEVER STOPPED TEACHING!

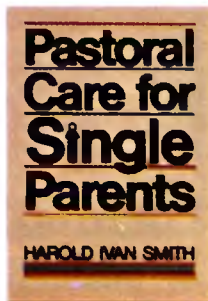
By Richard Lee Spindle

Here is a well-written text for the training of Sunday School teachers. While written to be studied in six 50-minute class sessions, this inspirational study can be easily handled in independent, personal study. Used in a class setting, with the Leader's Guide, the course will prove to be tremendously effective. Subjects covered are obedience, joy, communicating, taking risks, encouraging others by affirmation, and being examples.

The Leader's Guide is made up of three types of resources: lecture materials (with outlines and transparencies), discussion materials, and workshop materials. The outlines contain key thoughts to the lesson and are backed up by the transparencies. An opinionnaire sheet serves as discussion starter. Activity sheets are ready to be duplicated. Chapters 1 and 2 contain posters, as well. Text, 96 pp. Paper. \$2.50

S-1595 Leader's Guide, 3-ring notebook. \$15.95

Richard Lee Spindle is assistant academic dean and professor of Religious Education at Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kans. Prior to accepting this position, he served as executive coordinator of the Division of Christian Life for the Church of the Nazarene.



PASTORAL CARE FOR SINGLE PARENTS

By Harold Ivan Smith

In this candid book, written especially for a pastor's use, the author attacks the tough question of how to deal with the problem of divorced single parents in the

church.

The book takes an empathic viewpoint toward those divorced, while offering ample scriptural backing for providing a comfortable place of fellowship and service. Smith readily admits to the difficulties involved. He adds material not always found in such books, such as the importance of premarital counseling for second marriages and the need for adequate preventive teaching in the church to stem the tide of divorce among Christians.

The author's unusual insight and concrete advice make this a valuable handbook on the subject. 158 pp. Paper. \$3.95

Harold Ivan Smith served as first general director of Singles Ministries for the Church of the Nazarene. He has traveled across the nation speaking to singles on pertinent issues confronting the unmarried in American society.



ACTIVITIES FOR RAINY DAYS AND SUNDAYS

By Sharon Herington

Planned as an activity center resource, the book can be used by parents and baby-sitters for rainy-day or sickroom activity. The author has created a gold mine of simple activities for middlers: picture puzzles, quizzes, matching games, number hunts, and mind-bogglers to teach the Bible to children while they are being entertained.

Advance preparation is simple. Diagrams are included and directions can be copied from the book so the children can read and follow them with minimal guidance from an adult. All the activities are original.

Poster and activity ideas cover an entire year, so a versatile teacher could develop children's church lessons to go with them, following one theme a month. Reusable homemade games make the resource a lifesaver. 70 pp. Paper. \$3.50

Sharon Herington has taught in the public school system several years. She is co-director of Children's Ministries at the Mundelein, Ill., Church of the Nazarene.



LEADING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Volume 2

Donna Fillmore, Editor

Children's church leaders will be pleased that the second volume (third in release sequence) has been published. Following the same structure as the others, materials in the book support the quarterly theme of Aldersgate Sunday School lessons, year two of the cycle.

The books contain 52 one-hour plans for children's church, with guidance for the time between Sunday School and worship. Worship plans include the complete message, and there are special activities for life-response time. Each unit has theme song suggestions, memory selection, and helps for memorizing, and there are step-by-step instructions for the leader throughout.

Since the series is undated, the books allow for flexibility in session planning. Ample illustrations add interest and help the leader as he/she prepares. 216 pp. Paper. \$7.95

Donna Fillmore works with the Nazarene Children's Ministries, as director of Children's Church and Special Projects.



TWELVE FOR TWELVE

By Edward F. Cox

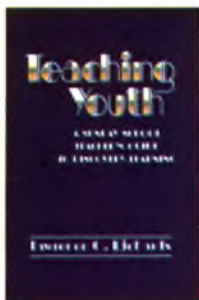
Youth leaders take note—this is a discipleship manual developed specifically for College/Careers!

Written in a question/answer discussion format, this concise course covers the basic areas of Christian living. It begins with four lessons in basic theology: God, Man, Sin, and the person and work of Jesus Christ. Following these well-rounded basic les-

sons is one on conversion. The remainder of the 12 lessons are: Maintenance of the Spiritual Life, Entire Sanctification, Faith Under Attack, The Temple of the Holy Spirit, Sex, Knowing and Doing the Will of God, and Sharing Our Faith.

The studies are excellent for use anywhere a group of young single adults are meeting for Bible study. Cartoons enhance the lessons and there are thought-provoking questions to answer either as part of the class session or in preparation at home. 64 pp. Paper. **\$3.50**

Edward F. Cox serves as chaplain at Mount Vernon Nazarene College and professor in the Religion Department. As pastor, Bible teacher, and popular family camp speaker, he is actively involved in discipling young adults.



TEACHING YOUTH: A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S GUIDE TO DISCOVERY LEARNING

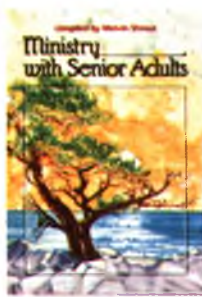
By *Larry Richards*

At the request of youth leaders and specialists, Dr. Larry Richards has brought his knowledge and experience to Sunday School teachers in this new text for teaching teens.

The book was designed to equip teen teachers for maximum efficiency. The author describes his own analyses of teenagers' perplexities as well as their unique characteristics, pointing out the differences between various age-groups. Best of all, he explains the Word-Action Series curriculum so thoroughly that the reader is able to transfer his new knowledge to his own classroom.

The teacher looking for answers in principles will find them, but ample methodology is covered as well. True to his skill, Dr. Richards has provided teachers of youth a useful and much-needed handbook. 155 pp. Paper. **\$4.95**

Larry Richards holds degrees from the University of Michigan, Dallas Theological Seminary, and Northwestern University, and has taught in the Wheaton graduate school. He is well known and appreciated for his contribution to Christian education through his books.



MINISTRY WITH SENIOR ADULTS

Compiled by *Melvin ShROUT*

Here is a practical how-to book that provides much, much more. It confronts new and experienced leaders alike with the significance, enthusiasm, and evangelism opportunities of senior adult ministries and provides new approaches to an already existing program.

The first chapter gives a history of the ministry to senior adults and covers basic need for and general principles of such an outreach. Other chapters cover organizing, fellowship and entertainment ideas, outreach through visitation, and group participation in ministering to others. Travel ideas are of course included.

The appendix is particularly useful. Songs, resources, and books for senior adults are listed, and there is an organizational chart showing a breakdown of staff responsibilities in a sizable church, which is helpful. 88 pp. Paper. **\$2.95**

Melvin ShROUT is director of Senior Adult Ministries, Division of Christian Life and Sunday School, Church of the Nazarene.



PRACTICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH PROMOTIONAL IDEAS

By *John Hay*

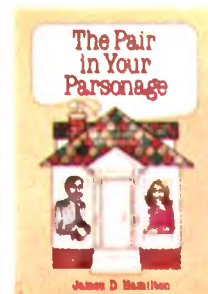
In the 12 years the author practiced these ideas in his own church, attendance swelled from 100 to 400!

Most of the promotions in the book center around direct mail contacts. While outreach is a natural result, the emphasis is on keeping members faithful in attendance through letting them

know you care. The ideas are flexible enough to be used in a church of any size. Although they are presented primarily for the pastor's use, they could be adapted for use by any enthusiastic worker.

One section covers miscellaneous ideas, such as a workable schedule for midweek church activity to group all meetings in one night. There are hints to adding new classes, and there is a form for the reappointment of Sunday School teachers. The book is motivational. Best of all, these practical and easy-to-use ideas have been tried, and they do work. 64 pp. Paper. **\$2.95**

John F. Hay is district superintendent of the Indianapolis District of the Church of the Nazarene. Prior to this appointment he pastored the Parkersburg, W.Va., Church, where the promotional ideas were used.



THE PAIR IN YOUR PARSONAGE

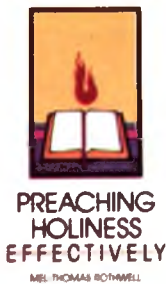
By *James D. Hamilton*

Want to understand your preacher and his wife? Here is your book!

A peek into any parsonage will reveal that clergy couples experience unique stresses. This book has been written to bring about the kind of mutual understanding needed for an all-around happy relationship which eliminates some of the strain. For smooth sailing: the preacher must know himself; his wife must understand herself; each must be in touch with the other's feelings—and both must know how their personal life affects the entire ministry. As to the congregation, they need to understand the pressures a preacher and his family face each day.

Both clergy and laity will appreciate Dr. Hamilton's treatment of handling roles, work schedules, communication, parsonage family togetherness, and the feelings of both pastor and spouse. 128 pp. Paper. **\$4.50**

James D. Hamilton is professor of pastoral ministry at the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City. His other books include *Directions*, *Harmony in the Home*, and *The Ministry of Pastoral Counseling*.



PREACHING HOLINESS EFFECTIVELY

By Mel-Thomas Rothwell

"God is the ultimate source of beauty," author Rothwell reminds us in defense of his section, "Preaching Holiness Attractively." Throughout the book this message is apparent, reflecting God's holiness in a winsome manner that is in itself convicting.

In eight strong chapters touching on all aspects of preaching holiness, God is shown in all His radiance. The book is divided into two parts. Part I, "Certification," shows the validity for preaching holiness (biblically, doctrinally, evangelistically, and pastorally). In Part II, "Characterization," the author uses an alliteration, covering preaching holiness affirmatively, attractively, ardently, and amiably.

The appeal is for the sanctified to accurately mirror the Holy One to those whose lives touch his. The reader will find heart-searching revitalization, nourishment, and reassurance. As to meat for holiness messages, the book contains both material and suggestions. 160 pp. Paper. **\$4.95**

Mel-Thomas Rothwell is Professor Emeritus in Philosophy at Bethany Nazarene College in Okla.



MAKING THE SMALL CHURCH GROW

By Robert E. Maner

Why should anyone attend your church? This is one provoking question this excellent how-to book raises.

In commending the book, Dr. William M. Greathouse says in the foreword, "It is a disarmingly simple but eminently helpful book written by a small-church pastor who has earned his right to speak." The author draws on nearly 30 years of pastoring small churches and three years as an evangelist, and has earned the right to deal with attitudes, structure, ministry, weekday ministries, discipling methods, organization, and what one reviewer has called "ministerial *Hints from Heloise*."

If you are a small-church pastor or involved in starting a new church, you will find the book encouraging and motivating, as well as practical. 101 pp. Paper. **\$2.95**

Robert E. Maner is pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Valdosta, Ga. He is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College. In addition to heavy pastoral responsibilities, he contributes regularly to various periodicals. This is his first book.



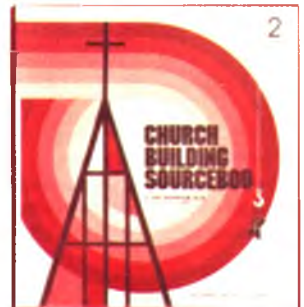
THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

By Jerald D. Johnson

Brotherhood—equal and worldwide—is a unique quality of the holiness message we preach. This book outlines the concept and goals which the Church of the Nazarene is following in its desire to bring the church-around-the-world in line with this biblical principle.

Understanding internationalization and developing acceptable and workable means to achieve it requires walking on new paths with Christian forbearance, love, and trust. Dr. Jerald D. Johnson addresses the subject forthrightly and gives his readers both understanding and food for thought. He points out that accepting each other as equal in spirituality, in understanding of the church and its doctrines, and in responsibility for the ongoing of the church is a vital key to a successful future. 72 pp. Paper. **\$1.95**

Jerald D. Johnson served as executive director of the Nazarene Department of World Mission before being elected as general superintendent. He and his family pioneered the opening of the Church of the Nazarene in West Germany and he was one of the founders of the European Nazarene Bible College. He has written six other books.



CHURCH BUILDING SOURCEBOOK 2 2nd Edition

Ray Bowman,
Editorial Coordinator

A revision of *Church Building Sourcebook*, the second edition has eight new sections plus material rewritten to keep up with the changing times.

The three-ring binder contains material covering all phases of a building program from the very first plans to the final task of keeping up the completed church and grounds. After considering the rationale for church building, it covers such general areas as planning committees, site selection, finance, contracts, architects, contractors, and architectural programming. Specifics are then covered: interior and exterior design, the sanctuary, acoustics, the organ, energy needs, security, administration and education facilities, construction procedures, and maintenance.

The book is extensively illustrated, containing information everyone who contemplates building a church should read. Anyone associated with a building program will save many times the cost of *Church Building Sourcebook 2*.

The book contains a list of contributors indicating profession and address. 264 pp. 3-ring binder. S2495 **\$39.95**

Ray Bowman is a church consultant now residing in Nampa, Ida. Formerly on staff at Bethany Nazarene College and an AIAI registered architect responsible for the designs of Bethany, Denver, and Nampa First Churches of the Nazarene.

THE CATALOG from the nursery fascinated me. Among the many pictures were some of beautifully colored, heavily laden fruit trees. Those aren't actual photos, I thought; merely the work of an artist! Did fruit really grow that large and perfect? One picture of a jumbo apple tree had a caption that said, "One apple will make a pie!"

The page that particularly absorbed my attention described espaliering. I was "hooked." I wanted to try it. If possible, I would duplicate that picture. "One apple will make a pie!" My mind was made up. I was going to try my luck at espaliering, and the

jumbo apple would be a good tree to experiment on. So I ordered one of those registered trees. When it arrived, the package contained registration papers, a pamphlet describing espaliering, and explicit planting directions. My husband and I chose a spot beside the patio and planted it.

The next spring, at the right time, we gathered the necessary tools, took the espaliering pamphlet containing explicit directions with illustrated pictures, and went to my tree. It looked so strong and healthy! The sturdy branches swayed in the breeze. The green leaves were healthy and waxy in the sun.

I took one long branch in my left hand, stretched it to its extremity, and was ready to sever it with my cutting instrument as the directions had instructed. Suddenly, it seemed I could hear it plead for its life in the words of the poet, "Woodman, spare that tree."

I lowered my arm and paused for a moment of meditation. Did I want large, healthy fruit in the fall? I read the page in the pamphlet again. Yes, it would take the sharp blade, the severing, the ignoring of my sympathy for the branch about to lose its life, if I wanted large, healthy apples—"one to make a pie!" I made the decision. Branch after branch was severed from the main trunk of the tree, while my husband gazed in amazement. When I had finished my task, my tree looked bare and denuded!

Next, I stretched out the few remaining branches to their fullest extremity, and tied them to the trellis my husband had erected for me; then I stood back to view our handiwork. The sight almost frightened me. My tree looked gaunt and stripped! What had I done to the poor thing? To add to my feelings of guilt and cruelty, my husband said, "Are you *sure* that's what you wanted to do? We paid a big price for this tree. I hope you haven't ruined it."



AN ESPALIERED HEART

by RUTH TEASDALE

espaliering—the cutting away of what otherwise would have been left to sap the strength and vitality of the tree, and would have produced smaller fruit.

For a long time, that picture was pinned to the wall over my desk, as a constant reminder to me of what I had to let God do with my heart and life. Jesus said "My Father is the Husbandman."

For over 50 years I have tried to let the Husbandman cut away, or trim from my heart, all that He considered unnecessary. Many times I've sung the words of a song to congregations, "that's what I'm willing to do." As far as I knew, I was willing for my heavenly Husbandman to stretch out my branches and sever whatever ones He thought necessary to remove so that I could grow and develop in the espaliered position chosen for me.

Not long ago, He stretched out a branch and severed it! It was an important one to me! The cutting hurt. He took from me the dearest thing I had on earth, my husband. The severing came so suddenly! The shock seemed more than I could bear. The spot from which He severed that branch is still bleeding profusely. But I've already felt the oil He is pouring in and each day He continues to bind up my wounded heart, to fold me close to His understanding, loving heart, and whisper to me in the lonely darkness.

I've read and reread in recent days a verse that a very dear friend brought to my attention: Isaiah 54:5. Perhaps a little out of its contextual setting, but nevertheless, mine.

I'm still His, *all* His, even though I feel like my tree looked—gaunt, denuded, alone! I've prayed that He who grew the 15-inch apple on my fruit tree, and He who taught me to be submissive to His will, will yet produce some fruit that will be of glory to Him. I'm praying that the remainder of my life, alone, may produce large, juicy, delicious, spiritual fruit that will help to swell the number in the kingdom of God. If I know my own heart, I've submitted to the will of the Husbandman in severing from my life *that which He thought best to take.* □

RUTH TEASDALE is a retired elder and evangelist. She resides in Elkhart, Indiana.

thousand tongues to sing" have used the one tongue we have to truly witness and praise God in the Spirit rather than in ritual, and thus influence a few more souls for eternity.

I am certain that thousands of marvels of redeeming grace have been evidenced in these latter days by those who have gotten "all excited" to "go tell everybody" and then in ecstasy have sung "we are blessed, we are blessed." They are blessed over seeing a drug-and-sin-ravaged generation respond in submission to a beckoning of the Spirit. Then at times they have rejoiced in melodies that have certainly not always suited my own ear for music.

But with Peter I am beginning to "perceive that God is no respecter of persons, rather in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

M. D. Thomas
Carmel, Indiana

COMPATIBLE CHANGE

There are many fine points in "Man—'Whence?' and 'Whither?'" in the July 15 issue. However, the author seems to overlook the large body of Christians I have met who feel that some form of evolution (change) is compatible with the Christian faith.

Max Reams, Chairman
Dept. Geological Sciences
Olivet Nazarene College
Kankakee, Illinois

HEALING

I attend the Nazarene Church in Rosemead, Calif. Rev. Robert Smith is our pastor. How we all love this pastor and his family! God is working in our church.

I'm 70 years old, and from cancer surgery in July 1980, I was left with a lame leg. It made walking very difficult and very tiring.

July 4, in the Sunday evening service, the pastor invited anyone with a physical need to the altar. I went

down to be anointed. As soon as pastor Rob laid his hand on my head, I felt a burning sensation in my leg. At that moment my leg was healed. Now I'm walking and talking, telling all what Jesus did for me.

Leona DeBoard
South San Gabriel, California

GROWING CHURCH

One Saturday afternoon on "Showers of Blessings," Gary Coulter touched a tender spot in my heart. He said, "Be Jesus to someone today." It made me weep.

A number of years ago wife and I, with a few others, began a new church in a needy part of this city. Today it has 488 members. The glory belongs to Jesus. He alone can give the increase.

We are going to another struggling church. Last Sunday we had 56 in Sunday School. Pray for us. I feel here is another growing church.

Bill Moser
Fort Wayne, Indiana

REACHED BY RADIO

by BESSIE ROBBINS

GO TO THE CHURCH where that man preaches." Those were the words that came forcefully to Winnis Jones as he listened to my husband's radio message one Sunday morning. To his own amazement, he obeyed!

Radio was not my husband's favorite type of ministry. He liked seeing the faces and feeling the response of his congregation. He had not had many responses from his listeners to the radio program; so few, in fact, that he wondered sometimes if there were listeners. Seeing this brand-new gentleman in the morning worship service, and learning that he was there as a result of that morning's program, were sources of real encouragement.

Winnis told us that he had not set foot inside a church since he was a very young man—not even for

weddings or funerals—and he was now well past middle age. He was so excited just to be in church!

My husband and I went to the little home the following Tuesday evening to get acquainted with Winnis and his family. It was obvious that the Holy Spirit had been there already, and had done His work. Winnis was ready to accept Christ as his Savior. We prayed with him, and he did just that. He was aglow!

Every time there was opportunity Winnis told anyone who would listen what Jesus had done for him. He studied the Word diligently. He would appear at the parsonage for help in understanding a passage that was just opening up to him. It was so refreshing to witness such eagerness and excitement as he grew in grace. His testimony in the public services was always vibrant and fresh.

Then came the day, a few months later, when my husband was called to the hospital. Winnis was still alert and left an up-to-date testimony; then he was gone. It was as if God had taken this lovely plant from the refuse of this world, planted it in a healthy environment, watched it develop and blossom, then plucked it to take to His house.

There are many, many Winnis Joneses out there waiting to be found, loved, transformed, and developed. May God help us get to them in time! □

BESSIE ROBBINS is the wife of a retired elder and lives in Kankakee, Illinois.

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

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Rev. Clarence Jacobs, pastor of the Brooklyn Miller Memorial Church, had an honorary degree conferred upon him by the Board of Trustees of Olivet Nazarene College during the 75th anniversary convocation in Chalfant Hall on October 6. □

METZ RESIGNS AS DEAN AT MANC—BELL ELECTED



Dr. Donald Metz resigned as academic dean at Mid-America Nazarene College at the fall Board of Trustees meeting. He has served the college since its beginning in 1967 with the exception of a brief term of service at the international headquarters. Dr. Metz will complete his services as academic dean on June 30, 1983.

Dr. Metz said, "My interests have shifted. My natural interests are in the classroom and in writing and preaching. For the past year I have felt a growing compulsion to transfer from the administrative arena to the classroom." He also said, "It appears to me that I may be able to make a greater contribution to God and the Church of the Nazarene by teaching theology, especially the doctrine of holiness, than I can make by remaining as academic dean."

Dr. Metz will become a master teacher in the Religion Department beginning next fall.



The Board of Trustees elected Dr. Keith Bell as academic dean. He has served as registrar and director of Institutional Research at MANC. Dr. Bell came to the college in 1968 to head the Division of Communication Service and as assistant professor of modern languages. He completed his Ph.D. in romance languages with a Spanish-American liter-

ature specialization at the University of Oklahoma in 1980.

Dr. Bell served as director of admissions from 1975 to 1977. He became registrar in 1977 and took the added responsibility of director of Institutional Research in 1978. He has been recognized in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* and is among the *Outstanding Young Men in America*. In addition to his administrative responsibilities he has continued his classroom work as an associate professor of modern languages. □



JONI EARECKSON TO SPEAK AT THE WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS

The General NYI Council and the staff of Youth Ministries announces the selection of Joni Eareckson as one of the evening speakers for WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83. The event is

scheduled for June 20-27 in Oaxtepec, Mexico.

In June 1967, at the age of 17, Joni Eareckson took a reckless dive into Chesapeake Bay that left her paralyzed from the shoulders down, without the use of her hands and legs. Hospitalized for the next two years, Joni began developing a latent artistic talent by sketching with a pen held between her teeth. Joni's story and artwork became the subject of many magazine articles.

In 1976 her autobiography, *Joni*, was released. A film version of the book was subsequently released, in which Joni played herself. A second film, *Reflections of His Love*, has been recently released and has received wide acclaim from churches who have viewed the film. Both films speak to such issues as suffering, healing, and building relationships between disabled and able-bodied people. They also speak loudly of the transforming power of Jesus Christ and the importance of faith and hope.

Joni has also published *A Step Further*, a book dealing with many of the questions people have raised regarding suffering during Joni's speaking tours. Three years ago, she founded JONI AND FRIENDS, a religious, nonprofit organization, responding to the opportunities of service to those who are disabled.

Joni recently married Ken Tada of Burbank, Calif. They reside in Woodland Hills, Calif.

Nazarene Youth International is excited about the ministry opportunity that awaits Nazarene youth at WYC. For more information concerning WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS, contact your district NYI president or Mike Estep, director of the event, at 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Watch for further WYC updates in future issues of the *Herald of Holiness*. □



The retired ministers and wives, and widows of retired ministers, of the Southwestern Ohio District enjoyed a luncheon together at their district assembly. Dr. Harold B. Graves, district superintendent, and Mrs. Graves were hosts for the occasion. Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent, and Mrs. Johnson were also in attendance and brought greetings to the retirees.



THE CHURCH AT WORK

1982 GENERAL STATISTICS

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

	<i>Africa</i>	<i>Asian</i>	
DISTRICTS	33	20	
CHURCHES	673	402	
MEMBERSHIP			
Full Members	23,985	23,610	
Probationary Members	12,232	19,436	
Total	36,217	43,046	
MINISTERS			
Ordained	221	267	
Licensed	287	182	
SUNDAY SCHOOLS	406	363	
Children—Enrollment	19,610	30,531	
Aver. Wkly. Attn.	11,008	19,131	
Cradle Roll	524	466	
Youth—Enrollment	15,830	11,009	
Aver. Wkly. Attn.	9,111	7,260	
Adult—Enrollment	18,631	4,579	
Aver. Wkly. Attn.	10,908	2,696	
Summary—Officers & Teachers	1,167	731	
Home Department			
Outreach	8,775	7,751	
Totals—Enrollment	55,762	47,316	
Aver. SS Attn.	31,027	29,087	
Aver. Outreach Attn.	5,738	5,135	
Aver. Total Attn.	36,765	34,222	
NYI SOCIETIES	228	258	
Membership	7,601	9,117	
NWMS SOCIETIES	253	293	
Membership	11,143	11,879	
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS	105	137	
Membership	16,222	13,654	
CLT CHURCHES	2		
Credits	723		
PROPERTY VALUES			
Local Churches	\$2,307,457	\$12,747,714	\$39,...
Local Parsonages	979,497	913,750	6,...
District Centers & Other	9,458	3,636	1,...
District Parsonages	88,801	26,667	
Educational Institutions			
Nazarene Publishing House			
International Center			
Total	\$3,385,213	\$13,691,767	\$47,...
PROPERTY INDEBTEDNESS			
Church & Parsonage Local	\$ 38,241	\$ 16,998	\$ 8,...
All District Property	17,794	1,212	2,...
Educational Institutions			
Total	\$ 56,035	\$ 18,210	\$ 8,...
CHURCH FINANCES (Paid)			
Local	\$ 751,597	\$ 2,859,344	\$ 6,...
District	139,588	243,117	4,...
Educational	10,423	8,865	2,...
General	74,141	23,634	7,...
Total	\$ 975,749	\$ 3,134,960	\$ 7,...
ANALYSIS OF TOTAL			
Paid by Church	\$ 975,749	\$ 3,134,960	\$ 6,...
Paid by Sunday School			2,...
Paid by NYI			
Paid by NWMS			2,...
Supplemental Giving			
PER CAPITA			
Local	\$ 20.75	\$ 66.43	\$
District	3.85	5.65	
Educational	.29	.21	
General	2.05	.54	
Total	\$ 26.94	\$ 72.83	\$

Europe & Middle East 11	Mexico, Cent. Amer., Caribbean 34	South America 17	South Pacific 9	United States 74	General Church	Total 203	Gain 17
161	818	349	95	4,902		7,547	102
5,939	55,138	16,842	3,498	497,261		635,758	
349	32,385	4,963	429	1,230		71,053	
6,288	87,523	21,805	3,927	498,491		706,811	19,827 (2.88%)
136	342	119	52	8,043		9,385	38
59	359	189	47	2,496		3,667	70
142	783	403	116	4,767		7,117	
4,342	38,565	10,299	3,005	254,236		368,046	
3,345	24,118	7,516	2,640	147,107		219,148	
509	1,908	659	175	10,070		14,607	
1,923	26,911	7,707	982	147,129		214,213	
1,318	17,731	5,179	1,135	72,311		115,561	
1,619	36,246	10,708	1,174	326,305		404,279	
1,003	25,985	7,586	2,445	191,244		244,963	
877	2,660	1,336	466	62,532		71,309	
245			171	11,166		11,804	
486	8,911	6,519	231	40,869		74,072	10,098
9,515	106,290	30,709	5,973	811,438		1,084,258	-33,972
5,666	67,834	20,281	6,220	410,662		579,672	
356	5,869	4,766	306	31,383		53,954	
6,022	73,703	25,047	6,526	442,045		633,626	
101	676	245	53	4,024		5,707	
2,002	22,396	7,970	1,012	159,928		213,402	8,302
128	685	245	51	4,591		6,379	
4,223	29,322	11,230	1,439	375,057		451,379	18,667
42	347	114	13	2,927		3,736	
2,426	27,233	7,509	765	255,078		326,718	-12,875
4	1		1	1,344		1,376	
186	7		36	40,512		42,000	-5,721
0,678	\$12,560,915	\$5,231,131	\$4,092,991	\$1,267,409,116		\$1,353,942,664	
0,951	2,463,884	821,551	1,711,130	203,186,924		218,366,661	
8,583	19,885	43,103	60,000	44,949,330		46,316,412	
	74,050	153,103	195,000	4,368,056		5,229,260	
					\$151,381,899	151,381,899	
					2,929,683	2,929,683	
					4,125,212	4,125,212	
0,212	\$15,118,734	\$6,248,888	\$6,059,121	\$1,519,913,426	\$158,436,794	\$1,782,291,791	
0,522	\$ 477,658	\$ 46,229	\$ 865,506	\$ 242,374,334		\$ 252,550,723	
4,447	16,049	5,000	262,196	7,327,666		8,300,922	
					\$ 58,700,105	58,700,105	
4,969	\$ 493,707	\$ 51,229	\$1,127,702	\$ 249,702,000	\$ 58,700,105	\$ 319,551,750	
0,349	\$ 2,754,214	\$ 502,424	\$ 580,910	\$ 221,947,940		\$ 236,940,065	
9,720	192,238	52,968	69,946	15,066,471		16,304,047	
5,590	23,552	3,998	10,140	8,163,006		8,448,245	
1,619	200,299	27,696	62,392	30,002,984	\$ 2,282,493	33,513,973	
7,278	\$ 3,170,303	\$ 587,086	\$ 723,388	\$ 275,180,401	\$ 2,282,493	\$ 295,206,330	\$25,814,730
2,221	\$ 3,170,303	\$ 587,086	\$ 643,665	\$ 242,438,228		\$ 259,407,261	
8,008			17,197	7,980,992		8,257,928	
2,177			3,967	1,343,773		1,401,592	
4,872			57,794	22,455,878		22,857,920	
			765	961,530	\$ 2,282,493	3,281,629	
2,747	\$ 31.47	\$ 23.04	\$ 147.93	\$ 445.24		\$ 335.22	
11.09	2.19	2.43	17.81	30.22		23.07	
4.07	.27	.18	2.58	16.38		11.95	
19.34	2.29	1.27	15.89	60.19		47.42	
61.97	\$ 36.22	\$ 26.92	\$ 184.21	\$ 552.03		\$ 417.66	



EVANGELIST'S SLATES

ADAMS, MICHAEL: Orlando, FL (Lockhart), Jan. 9-16; Orlando, FL (1st), Jan. 25-30

ARMSTRONG, CHARLES: Bartow, FL, Jan. 11-16

ARMSTRONG, LEON, LINDA & FAMILY: Kannapolis, NC, Jan. 2; Concert Tour in North Carolina, Jan. 4-14; Greensburg, NC (Groomtown United Meth.), Jan. 16; Nashville, TN (Vine Hill), Jan. 18-23; Concert Tour in Virginia and Tennessee, Jan. 25—Feb. 11

BEARDEN, LES: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Ashwood, SC (1st), Jan. 12-16; Sumter, SC, Jan. 18-23; Ellenwood, GA (Rehoboth) Jan. 25-30

BEATTY, BRYAN, TRIO & RANDY: Kosciusko, MS, Jan. 11-16; Bossier City, LA (South), Jan. 18-23; Georgetown, IL, Jan. 25-30

BELIEVERS (See Don Pfeifer)

BELL, JAMES & JEAN: Lufkin, TX (1st), Jan. 12-16; Reserved, Jan. 26-30

BLUE, DAVE & DANA: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; St. Louis, MO (Holiness Crusade), Jan. 31—Feb. 6

BLYTHE, ELLIS: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Largo, FL (1st), Jan. 11-16; Gainesville, FL (Trinity), Jan. 18-23; Englewood, FL (1st), Jan. 25-30

BOND, GARY & BETH: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Tampa, FL (1st), Jan. 11-16; Sikeston, MO (1st), Jan. 17-23; Denison, TX (1st), Jan. 25-30

BOONE, FORD: Alvin, TX (1st), Jan. 11-16; Lafayette, LA (1st), Jan. 18-23

BREWINGTON, JANE: Delano, CA (1st), Jan. 18-30

BROOKS, GERALD & JUNE: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Revivals in Texas, Jan. 15—Feb. 1

BROWNE, CHARLES: Reserved, Jan. 3-5

BUDD, JAY: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5

BURKHALTER, PAT: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Lake Charles, LA (College Park), Jan. 18-23; Athens, TX (1st), Jan. 25-30

CASTEEL, HOWARD: Plainview, TX (Trinity), Jan. 18-23

CAYTON, JOHN: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Aliquippa, PA, Jan. 11-16; Toledo, OH (Bethel), Jan. 18-23; Pleasantville, PA (Indep. Holiness), Jan. 25-30

CHAMBERS, LEON & MILDRED: Indianapolis, IN (Broad Ripple), Dec. 31—Jan. 2; Reserved, Jan. 3-31

CHAPMAN, W. EMERSON: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Simultaneous Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 6-17

CHASE, FRANK: Stringtown, OK (Correctional Center), Jan. 12

COBB, BILL & TERRI: Alta Loma, CA, Jan. 4-9; Conroe, TX, Jan. 11-16; Berne, MO (SE MO Crusade), Jan. 17-23

COLLINS, LUTHER: Bakersfield, CA (Brentwood), Jan. 16-22; Kansas City, MO (Church Planters' Conference), Jan. 24-28

COTTAM, DAVE: Ardmore, OK (1st), Dec. 31; Shreveport, LA (Huntington Park), Jan. 18-23

COY, JAMES & MARTHA: Minneapolis, MN (Ehlers Evang.), Jan. 5-9; Brooklyn Park, MN (Wes. Chapel), Jan. 12-16; Sumner, IA (Faith Evangelist), Jan. 26-30

CRANDALL, VERNON & BARBARA: Caruthers, CA, Jan. 4-9; Phoenix, AZ (Emmanuel), Jan. 18-23

CULBERTSON, BERNIE: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; El Sobrante, CA, Jan. 25-30

DARNELL, H. E.: Canton, OH (Indoor Camp), Jan. 7-16; East Moline, IL, Jan. 20-30

DELL, JIMMY: Coolidge, AZ, Jan. 2; Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Dallas, TX (Central), Jan. 9-12; Van Buren, AR, Jan. 13-16; Livermore, CA (1st), Jan. 23-26; Salinas, CA, Jan. 27-30

DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: Revivals on the North American Indian District, Month of January

DOROUGH, JIM & CAROL: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; San Angelo, TX (1st), Jan. 11-16; Pampa, TX (1st), Jan. 18-23; Mount Pleasant, TX, Jan. 25-30

DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: Logan, WV (1st), Jan. 4-9

DUNN, DON: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Simultaneous Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 6-24

ERICKSON, A. WILLIAM: Marshall, TX (1st), Jan. 4-9; Riviera Beach, FL (Faith), Jan. 11-16; North Charleston, SC (Sineath Mem.), Jan. 18-23; Fremont, CA (1st), Jan. 25-30

ESSELBURN, BUD (THE KING'S MESSENGERS): Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5

FILES, GLORIA, & ADAMS, DOROTHY: Reserved, Jan. 4-9 & 18-23

FISHER, WILLIAM: Coolidge, AZ, Jan. 11-16; Fullerton, CA (1st), Jan. 18-23; Oakdale, CA, Jan. 25-30

FLORENCE, ERNEST E.: Decherd, TN, Jan. 11-16

FORTNER, ROBERT: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Carmi, IL (1st), Jan. 9-30

FRANKLIN, DAVID: Sarcoxia, MO, Jan. 28-30

GORMAN, HUGH: Whitehorse, Yukon, Jan. 2-7; Fairbanks, AK (1st), Jan. 9-14; Eagle River, AK, Jan. 16-21; Anchor Point, AK, Jan. 23-27; Ketchikan, AK, Jan. 28-30

GRAY, BOB & BECKY: Cedar Rapids, IA (Oakland), Dec. 31 & Jan. 2 a.m.; Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Knoxville, IA, Jan. 9; Des Moines, IA (Southside), Jan. 24-30

GREEN, JIM & ROSEMARY: Caribbean Nazarene Theological College, Jan. 4-12; Jacksonville, FL (Orange Park), Jan. 12-16; Brunswick, GA, Jan. 18-23

GRINDLEY, GERALD & JANICE: Clermont, FL (1st), Jan. 11-16; Covington, GA, Jan. 25-30

HAINES, GARY: El Centro, CA (1st), Jan. 9-16; Texarkana, TX (1st), Jan. 20-23; Gainesville, FL (1st), Jan. 29—Feb. 2

HALL, CARL: Lima, Peru, Jan. 2-9; Santa Cruz, Bolivia, Jan. 11-16; La Paz, Bolivia, Jan. 18-23; Belize (Toledo District), Jan. 25-30

HANCOCK, BOYD: Harlingen, TX (1st), Jan. 4-9; Reserved, Jan. 11-16; Farmington, AR, Jan. 25-30

HANSON, BRIAN: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Effingham, IN, Jan. 5; Texarkana, AR, Jan. 7; Alvin, TX, Jan. 9; Lake Jackson, TX, Jan. 11-16

HAYNES, CHARLES & MYRT: Reserved, Jan. 4-9; High Springs, FL, Jan. 11-16; East Rockaway, NY, Jan. 18-23

HICKE, S. F.: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5

HISE, RON: Calumet City, IL (Bible), Jan. 8; DeMotte, IN (American Reform), Jan. 16

HOWARD, RICHARD: San Antonio, TX (Delview), Jan. 5-9

HUGHES, JOYCE: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Simultaneous Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 5-20

HUFFMAN, W. D.: San Antonio, TX (Community), Jan. 4-9

INGALLS, JAMES: Olympia, WA, Jan. 4-9; Sacramento, CA (Madison Ave.), Jan. 11-16; Fairfield, CA, Jan. 18-23; Red Bluff, CA, Jan. 25-30

JACKSON, CHUCK & MARY: Rossville, GA, Dec. 29—Jan. 2; Georgia Camp Meeting, Jan. 4-16; Mobile, AL (1st), Jan. 18-23; Pensacola, FL (1st), Jan. 26-30

JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Concerts in Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, & Colorado, Jan. 5-16; Reserved, Jan. 17-19

JAMES, RANDY & MARY JANE: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5

JANTZ, CALVIN & MARJORIE: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Simultaneous Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 6-16; Revivals in Hawaii, Jan. 18-26

JOHNSON, RON: Concerts in Oregon & Washington, Jan. 5-16; Concerts in Montana, Wyoming, S. Dakota, Iowa, & Illinois, Jan. 23-31

JONES, TERRY: Bryan, TX (LaGrange), Jan. 6-9; Pasadena, TX (Red Bluff), Jan. 12-16; Lake Charles, LA (1st), Jan. 18-23; Lanett, AL (1st), Jan. 26-30

KEENA, EARL: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Alturas, CA, Jan. 18-23; Reserved, Jan. 25-30

LASSELL, RAY & JAN: New Castle, IN (Indoor Camp), Jan. 4-9; Farmington, MO, Jan. 11-16; Jefferson City, MO, Jan. 18-23; Littleton, CO, Jan. 25-30

LAWSON, WAYNE: Yakima, WA (Bethel), Dec. 31—Jan. 2; Grandview, WA, Jan. 11-16; Royal City, WA, Jan. 23-30

LAXSON, WALLY & GINGER: Nashville, TN (Indoor Camp), Jan. 4-9; Sanford, FL (1st), Jan. 12-16; Shreveport, LA (1st), Jan. 18-23; Brandon, FL, Jan. 25-30

LECKRONE, LARRY: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Bluffton, IN (1st), Jan. 11-16; Concert Tour, Jan. 23-30

LECRONE, JON & BETH: Tulare, CA (Bethel Indep.), Dec. 31—Jan. 2; Southgate, CA, Jan. 4-9; Los Angeles, CA (Eaglerock), Jan. 11-16; San Leandro, CA, Jan. 18-23

LEIDY, ARNOLD: Wilmington, CA, Jan. 4-9; Bisbee, AZ, Jan. 11-16; Uvalde, TX, Jan. 18-23; Higgins, TX, Jan. 30—Feb. 6

LEONARD, J. C.: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5

LESTER, FRED R.: McKinney, TX (1st), Jan. 28—Feb. 6

LIDDELL, P. L.: Trinidad Bible College, Jan. 4-11; Orange Park, FL, Jan. 12-16; Jacksonville, FL (Oak Hill), Jan. 18-23; Butler, NJ, Jan. 25-30

LOTENORE, BOB: Odessa, TX (Faith), Jan. 11-16; Omaha, NE (Central), Jan. 18-23

LOWN, ALBERT: Orlando, FL (Central Camp), Jan. 17-23

MANLEY, STEPHEN: Newark, OK (1st), Jan. 6-9; Watsonville, CA, Jan. 11-16; Canyon Lake, CA (Community), Jan. 18-23; Phoenix, AZ (Biltmore), Jan. 25-30

MANN, L. THURL & MARY KAY: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Fayette, OH, Jan. 5-9; Crowley, LA (Ebenezer), Jan. 12-16; West Monroe, LA (1st), Jan. 19-23; Crowley, LA (1st), Jan. 26-30

MARTIN, LEON: Blossom, TX, Jan. 25-30

MARTIN, W. DALE: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Bellair, TX (Indoor Camp), Jan. 21-30

MATTER, DAN & ANN: Lakeland, FL, Jan. 2-6; Kissimmee, FL (Osceola & Academy), Jan. 11-16; Archer, FL, Jan. 24-30

MAYO, CLIFFORD: Gladewater, TX, Jan. 25-30

MCCUITION, MARK & PATRICIA: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Reserved, Jan. 6-21; Kerrville, TX, Jan. 25-30

McKELLIPS, DALLAS: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Leesburg, FL, Jan. 18-23; Bethany, OK (Calvary), Jan. 25-30

MELVIN, DOLORES: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5

MEREDITH, DWIGHT & NORMA JEAN: Red Oak, IA, Dec. 31—Jan. 2; Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; New Hampshire, OH, Jan. 17-23

MEYER, BOB & BARBARA, DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Reserved, Jan. 2-20; Phoenix, AZ (Maryvale), Jan. 23-27; Long Beach, CA (1st), Jan. 30—Feb. 3

MILLHUFF, CHUCK: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-4; New Castle, IN (Westview), Jan. 5-9; Oklahoma City, OK (Western Oaks), Jan. 11-13; Phoenix, AZ (Monte Vista), Jan. 19-23; Oklahoma City, OK (Trinity), Jan. 30—Feb. 6

MOSS, UDELL: Corpus Christi, TX (Flour Bluff), Jan. 4-9; Texas City, TX (1st), Jan. 11-16; Ocala, FL, Jan. 18-23; Orlando, FL (New Life), Jan. 25-30

MOYER, BRANCE: San Benito, TX (1st), Jan. 4-9

MURPHY, MARK: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Wellington, KS, Jan. 8; Wichita, KS (Linwood), Jan. 9, a.m.; Liberal, KS (Zone Conf.), Jan. 23-26; Liberal, KS (1st), Jan. 26-30

MYERS, HAROLD: Ocoee, FL, Jan. 11-16; Wauchula, FL, Jan. 18-23; Stuart, FL, Jan. 25-30

NEFF, LARRY & PAT: Kissimmee, FL (1st), Jan. 11-16

OYLER, CALVIN & VIRGINIA: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Simultaneous Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 6-16

PALMER, JAMES: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5

PASSMORE, EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5

PERDUE, NELSON, Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Bradford, OH, Jan. 11-16; New Hampshire, OH, Jan. 18-23; Masonstown, WV, Jan. 25-30

PFEIFER, DON: Columbus, OH (Veterans Memorial Crusade), Jan. 6-9; Shreveport, LA (1st), Jan. 19-23; Kilgore, TX (1st), Jan. 25-30

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RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Indianapolis, IN (Eagleland), Jan. 9

ROBINSON, TED: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Orlando, FL (Central), Jan. 11-16; Eustis, FL (Southeast Zone Revival), Jan. 17-23

ROSS, MICHAEL: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Fort Myers, FL (1st), Jan. 5-9; Lake Jackson, TX, Jan. 11-16; North Miami, FL, Jan. 18-23; Decatur, GA (1st), Jan. 30—Feb. 3

ROTH, RON: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5

RUNYAN, DAVID: Des Moines, IA (Eastside), Jan. 26-30

SANDERS, R. DON: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 6-16

SHANK, JOHN: Oakridge, OR, Jan. 18-23; Camas, WA, Jan. 25-30

SMITH, DUANE: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Simultaneous Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 6-16; Hurricane, WV (Teays Valley), Jan. 25-30

SMITH, OTTIS & MARGUERITE: Lakeland, FL (1st), Jan. 11-16; Plant City, FL, Jan. 26-30

STANTON, TED: Tampa, FL (Grace), Jan. 8-9

STEVENS, GEORGE: Logan, WV, Jan. 4-9; Kissimmee, FL (1st), Jan. 11-16; South Daytona, FL, Jan. 18-23; Covington, GA (1st), Jan. 25-30

STREET, DAVID: Simultaneous Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 6-16

SUTTON, VEL & ARLENE: Newport, KY, Jan. 9-11; Berthaud, CO (Garden Valley), Jan. 31—Feb. 6

TAYLOR, DAVID: Fern Park, FL, Jan. 11-16

TAYLOR, ROBERT: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 5-16; Manchester, OH, Jan. 18-23; Alpha, OH, Jan. 25-30

TRIPP, HOWARD: New Iberia, LA, Jan. 5-9; Kirbyville, TX, Jan. 11-16; Shreveport, LA (Werner Park), Jan. 18-23; Salsaw, OK, Jan. 30—Feb. 6

VARIAN, BILL: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Miami, FL (Central), Jan. 7-16; Lake Havasu City, AR (Wesley Chapel), Jan. 21-30

WADE, E. BRUCE: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Greenfield, IN (Stringtown), Jan. 5-9

WALKER, LAWRENCE: Brooksville, FL, Jan. 11-16

WELCH, W. B.: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Pelion, SC, Jan. 18-23

WELLS, LINARD: Greenfield, IN (Stringtown), Jan. 5-9; Pineyville, LA (Trout), Jan. 11-16; Jacksonville, FL (Grace), Jan. 18-23; Atlanta, TX (1st), Jan. 25-30

WHITLATCH, CRAIG: Reserved, Jan. 2-9

WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE: Bristow, OK, Jan. 2-9

WOODWARD, S. OREN & FAYE: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 5-17; Orlando, FL (Christian Life World), Jan. 19-30

WYRICK, DENNIS: Evangelism Conference, Jan. 3-5; Revivals in the Caribbean, Jan. 6-15

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The Chief Development officer, Roger Parrott, reported that \$2,551,394 was raised through gifts. The 1982 Autumn Auction raised over \$72,500 for scholarships. Tuition was increased a moderate \$6.28 per credit hour from \$76 to \$82.28.

The Board of Trustees is composed of 31 members from the eight districts of the North Central Educational Region of the Church of the Nazarene (Dakota, Iowa, Joplin, Kansas, Kansas City, Minnesota, Missouri, and Nebraska).

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The Board of Trustees also approved soccer as an intercollegiate sport. □

for the project. Other area Nazarene churches gave significant support. Crusade flyers were distributed to more than 1,000 homes with another thousand being placed in the grocery bags of customers at a leading supermarket.

Working directly with the Rogerses and the Keslers was Rev. Dennis Dilbeck, who assumed leadership of the group at the close of the crusade. He has been well received in the community and already has had opportunities for ministry.

Pastor Richardson, an experienced church planter, is coordinator of the Buffalo 20/20 Vision Program aimed at planting churches in Buffalo as rapidly as possible. □



The Glasgow, Scotland, Hart Memorial Church recently had a Remembrance Sunday. Among the special guests were the Rt. Hon. Roy Jenkins, leader of the Social Democratic Party; Rear Admiral George Vallings, commander of the Clyde submarine base; Commander Frederick Krafft, United States Navy; and Chaplain William Thompson, USN. Pictured (l. to r.) are Pastor Frederick Grossmith; Neil Innes; Anne Linstrum, guest soloist; and Victor Maddern, former film, stage, and TV actor. Groups and representatives from ex-servicemen's associations, serving officers and men of Her Majesty's Forces, and uniformed youth organizations were a part of the large congregation.



Pictured (l. to r.) are: Brigadier General Douglas S. Smith, U.S.A., Assistant Division Commander—Support, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart; Chaplain (Col.) Curtis R. Bowers, staff chaplain; and Chaplain LeRoy A. Bevan, Chaplaincy coordinator, Church of the Nazarene. This was an initial visit with Chaplain Bowers and one of the largest Infantry Units in the army, located near Savannah, Ga.

MANC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Curtis Smith, founding president of Mid-America Nazarene College, gave his 16th report to the Board of Trustees meeting mid-November. He is in the second year of a five-year contract.

President Smith cited the economic and demographic problems facing col-

ETHNIC WORK BEGUN IN BUFFALO

A Happy Life Crusade with Rev. and Mrs. Warren Rogers and a vacation Bible school with the James Kesler family marked the recent launching of an ethnic work in Buffalo, N.Y.

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President Homer J. Adams reports a campaign is underway to build a Student Life Center at Trevecca Nazarene College. The goal set for the churches of the Trevecca Region was \$665,000, half the amount of an annual educational budget. The remainder of \$2.2 million is to be raised outside the churches, from businesses, foundations, and individuals.

Rather than setting a goal of \$1 million, sending out teams from the college for a year, and spending one-third

of the income on campaign expenses, the Board of Trustees asked the pastors and district superintendents to raise the money at virtually no expense to the college. Pastors, district superintendents, and laypeople responded to the challenge. In seven glorious weeks, from September 19 to November 10, 1982, Nazarenes in the Southeast went over the top, pledging \$702,988 for the new building.

Efforts in the business community and with individuals has resulted in another \$421,275. Thus far the total is \$1,124,273. The campaign continues.

Construction is expected to begin September 1983. □

THE ASSOCIATION OF NAZARENES IN SOCIAL WORK (ANSW)

1983 will be the charter membership year for ANSW. On October 23, 1982, the ANSW Steering Committee again met, led by Raymond Hurn, director of Church Extension Ministries, to finalize plans for this new organization.

The background statement says:

The mission of ANSW is to provide opportunities through which Christians in social work may enrich their understanding of the dynamic relationship between life in Jesus Christ and the philosophy and practice of the social work profession. ANSW encourages awareness of contemporary human need in the community and of the social work profession as a means of ministering to this need.

A conference is planned for the summer of 1984 to bring the membership together. Addressing the integration of Nazarene faith and professional practice will be the prime focus as well as offering opportunities for support and fellowship.

Provisional officers for ANSW will be Michael Malloy, chairperson; Ben Sherrill, vice-chairperson, public relations and communications; Becky Morsch, vice-chairperson, recruitment and publicity; and Wayne Dunlop, secretary/treasurer. Jerry Appleby, Ethnic/Urban coordinator in Church Extension Ministries, is providing assistance in coordinating the efforts.

If you are interested or know of others who may be, write ANSW, c/o Church Extension Ministries, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □

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CORRECTION

The list of churches that appeared in the December 1, 1982, issue, and which have been 10 percent churches for 30 or more consecutive years, should have included Anderson, Ind., First Church. We regret that the information furnished to us did not contain the name of this church, which has been a 10 percent church for 35 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Owosso, Mich., First Church will climax its 50th anniversary celebration with a weekend of special events March 12-13, 1983. There will be a Saturday evening banquet featuring former pastors and two Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. C. Neil Strait, district

superintendent. Special music will be provided by the Speer Family in both Sunday services.

All former members and pastors are urged to attend. For further information, contact Rev. Clifford L. Walton, First Church of the Nazarene, 539 E. Williams St., Owosso, MI 48867.

The Chula Vista, Calif., church will celebrate its 40th anniversary March 19-20, 1983, with Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent emeritus, speaking on Sunday, March 20. All former pastors and their families, members, and friends are invited to attend. For further information contact Rev. Darrel K. Wiseman, 346 "L" St., Chula Vista, CA 92011, or call (619) 420-7145.

Announcements should reach us three months prior to the date of the event announced.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend REV. WALTER WILCOX, who is entering the field of evangelism, to our people everywhere. Brother Wilcox has served in the pastorate for over 30 years and has previously spent 2 years as a full-time evangelist. He plans to terminate his pastorate in Meaford, Ont., in June 1983. He may be reached there: Box 1359, Meaford, Ontario N0H

1Y0, Canada.—Lorne MacMillan, Canada Central district superintendent.

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

VITAL STATISTICS

EVANGELIST FLOYD P. SMITH DIES



Rev. Floyd P. Smith, 65, died Oct. 30, 1982. He was stricken with multi-myeloma cancer in July 1981. God's special healing touch extended his ministry over a year. His last revival meeting was in Page, Ariz., in Sept. 1982, with his son-in-law, Rev. Don Harrison. He preached his last sermon Oct. 3, 1982. He served in the Church of the Nazarene for over 40 years.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, assisted by Dr. Robert Scott, Dr. Paul Benefiel, Rev. Gordon Blacklock, Rev. W. E. Heizer, and Rev. Jack Nash, at the Church of Our Heritage, Forest Lawn Mortuary, Covina Hills, Calif.

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P. Smith of Alta Loma, Calif.; Patricia Ann Harrison of Page, Ariz.; Kathy Stowe of Alta Loma, and Richard D. Smith of San Gabriel, Calif.; and 12 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Brian Stowe.

DEATHS

MABEL LEE BURLISON, 74, died Nov. 11 in Pasadena, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Paul Benefiel and Rev. Don Hughes. Interment was in Whittier, Calif. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Orian G.; one son, Dr. Carlton L.; one daughter, Mrs. Lois Parker; six grandchildren; and two sisters.

BONNIE LERA MARTIN BURNETT, 73, died Nov. 4 in Nashville, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Millard Reed. Survivors include her husband, W. Evans, Jr.; one son, Paul B. Moore, Jr.; three daughters, Mrs. Vivian Highsmith, Mrs. Paula Brown, and Mrs. Bonnie Lee; one stepson, James Evans Burnett; nine grandchildren; and one sister.

REV. EVERETT H. DAVIS, 75, died Oct. 23 in Westland, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fred W. Bates, District Superintendent Don Gibson, Rev. William Scott, and Rev. H. L. Woods. Rev. Davis pastored churches in Michigan, West Virginia, and Alabama. Survivors include his wife, Nellie; 6 sons, Jack, Thomas, James, Everett, Jr., Richard, and Ronald; 2 daughters, Beverly and Patricia; 22 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

LORI EVANS, 23, died Oct. 4 in Oklahoma City. Memorial services were conducted by District Superintendent M. Bert Daniels and District Superintendent James Blankenship. Interment was in Austin, Tex. She is survived by her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Harry L. Evans; one brother, Lee; and one sister, Liz.

CARROL FORBES, 73, died Aug. 19 in Greeley, Colo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Roy Pederson and Rev. Clarence Jennings. He is survived by his wife, Vera; one son, Ken; one daughter, Mrs. Beverly Coffin; several grandchildren; and three sisters.

RUBY ISABELLE GARMIRE, 68, died Nov. 7 in Nampa, Ida. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles E. Higgins and Rev. Vernon L. Wilcox. She is survived by her husband, John H.; three sons, Lonnie, Stanley John, and Jerry; four grandchildren; one brother; and three sisters.

JOANNA A. GIFFORD, 91, died Sept. 22 in La Habra, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jim Tracy and Rev. W. D. Phillips. Interment was in Whittier, Calif. Survivors include her husband, Roy L.; two daughters, Mrs. W. D. (Ila) Phillips, and Mrs. Harley (Geraldine) Lintz; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

BIRTHS

to **PAUL AND DIANE (COPELAND) ANDERSON**, Moore, Okla., a girl, Jennifer Diane, Nov. 3

to **REV. JAMES AND MARJORIE BROWN**, New Haven, Ind., a boy, Christopher Ryan, Oct. 7

to **MARK AND LYNN (WILLIAMS) CARGILL**, Torrance, Calif., a girl, Emily Kay, Aug. 11

to **GARY AND MARILYN (SEXTON) CARLSON**, Sterling, Colo., a boy, Jeremy Robert, Nov. 15

THIRD WORLD POPULATION LIKELY TO TRIPLE IN NEXT CENTURY.

Current estimates suggest that the population of the Third World is likely to triple in the next century and then remain stable. The reason is that declining fertility does not compensate fully for reduced mortality. Past trends have already created a growth momentum that cannot easily be reversed, according to Missionary News Service.

The rate of population growth in developing countries has become increasingly insensitive to changes in the death rate. The most important influences on growth are future trends in fertility and the large numbers of young people now reaching childbearing age, mainly as a result of high fertility in the recent past. If population growth is to be kept to a minimum, attention to reducing the birthrate will be most important.

Life expectancy in the developing world as a whole reached 50 years around 1965. What had taken about 70 years in Western Europe in the 19th century was accomplished in the Third World in about 15 years. However, the improvement in life expectancy has slowed.

As a result, the gap between developing countries and the developed ones, now about 17 years, is not being closed as quickly as it was earlier. The reasons are a combination of medical, social, and economic factors. □

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In announcing the distribution program at the society's offices in New York, ABS National Distribution General Secretary Alice E. Ball stressed that all the Scriptures were received purely on a voluntary basis. Only if an inmate was willing to accept the New Testament did he or she receive one. Each inmate will be encouraged to keep the Scripture after being released from the institution.

By the close of the first week in November ABS had received requests to ship 1,064,604 Testaments to all parts of the country. □

ANNIVERSARY OF LUTHER'S BIRTH MEANS MORE EAST-WEST CONTACT.

In this year of celebrations to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, contacts between Protestant churches in East and West Germany will be increased for the first time since the Berlin Wall was built in 1961. This was disclosed by representatives of the Federation of Protestant Churches in the German Democratic Republic (GDR) and its West German counterpart, the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD), at a meeting in Berlin for editors dealing with church affairs.

According to the Luther committee of the Protestant Church in the GDR, the main emphasis of the planned celebrations will be on personal contacts. Rev. Gottfried Zollmann of East Berlin, a spokesman of the committee, stated that the East German churches are not really interested in "visits by church representatives from West Germany with official visas, or in bus-loads of people" being constantly swept from attraction to attraction. The press spokesman of the EKD, Dietrich Sattler, Hanover, made a similar statement. He said that although the EKD had left the GDR the limelight for the Luther celebrations because the main locations connected with Luther are in what is now the GDR, the interpretation of the reformer as a figure in German history should remain a joint task of all Germans. □

"Showers of Blessing"

PROGRAM SCHEDULE



January 9
"The March of Faith"

January 16
"Ancient City, Modern Sin"

by W. E. McCumber, speaker

to FRANK AND TERESA (HOLLIS) EIFERT, Winnsboro, S.C., a boy, Christopher Ryan, July 31
 to RANDY AND JOAN (HESS) EPPE, Dallas, Tex., a boy Adam Edward, Oct. 31
 to REV. ROBERT AND CHARLENE (GREENE) FLINT, Cleveland, Okla., a boy, Robert Eric, June 16
 to LLOYD AND BETTY (CRAGER) FOLTZ, Jones, Okla., a boy, Jason Dwane, Sept. 15
 to JOHN AND CELESTE (HUNT) GILLESPIE, Oklahoma City, Okla., a girl, Lauren Celeste, Oct. 28
 to REV. GARY AND TAMARA (HARPER) HUTCHESON, Miamisburg, Ohio, a girl, Heather Rachelle, Nov. 5
 to BILL AND JANICE (MATTINGLY) INGLE, Seattle, Wash., a boy, William Raymond II, Nov. 12
 to REV. JAMES N. AND SHEILLA (SPENCER) LEE, Paso Robles, Calif., a boy, Caleb Jonathan, Nov. 15
 to REV. ROB AND SUE (SHEARER) McDONALD, Mannford, Okla., a girl, Meagan Marie, Oct. 15
 to TERRY AND MARY (PEEK) MCNUTT, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Gary Allen, Nov. 18
 to GARY LOUIS AND PAULA (CHENG) MEDER, Oklahoma City, Okla., a boy, Daniel James, Aug. 17
 to GARY AND JODI (BROWN) POYNTER, St. Joseph, Mich., a girl, Kari Ann, Nov. 10
 to RICHARD AND JULIE (TAYLOR) REDDING, Mount Sterling, Ohio, a girl, Cortney Ann, Nov. 8

MARRIAGES

KRISTA KLINGER and PAUL DANIELS at Warren, Ohio, June 26
 KATHY A. DEISROTH and PAUL J. YACOVONE at Bel Air Md., Aug. 21
 TONI GISRIEL and RANDY HERBOLD at Honolulu, Hawaii, Oct. 16
 MELINDA SMITH and JEFF LANE at Olathe, Kans., Oct. 30

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE A. DeVORE celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the afternoon of November 14, 1982, with an open house at St. Paul, Minn., First Church. Their two children, Mrs. Ray Richardson of St. Paul and Glen DeVore of Clinton, Conn., hosted the event. Around 140 relatives and friends gathered to honor them. They have six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The DeVores have pastored a total of 27 years in Kansas, Oklahoma, Washington, and Minnesota. They have built three churches.

DR. AND MRS. OTTO STUCKI celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon November 14, in Nashville. The reception, attended by over 200 relatives and friends, was given by their children, Wendell and Anna Williams, William and Elizabeth Calkin, and Lloyd and Lois Whittaker. The

reception was held in the lounge of Trevecca Towers II. Prayer was offered by Rev. Luther S. Watson, pastor of Nashville College Hill Church. "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Mark Cargill, grandson-in-law from Torrance, Calif. They were married November 11, 1932, and pastored in Ohio and Alabama. For almost 30 years, Dr. Stucki served as superintendent of the Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina districts. He is now chaplain at Trevecca Health Care Center.

Dr. and Mrs. Stucki have three daughters; eight grandchildren: five boys and three girls; and two great-granddaughters, born this year.

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THE ANSWER CORNER

Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

What is the meaning of Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15:31, "I die daily"? Our Sunday School teacher interprets this to mean a daily death to sin. I thought Paul meant he fought with the beasts—bestly men—at Ephesus, jeopardizing his life daily for the gospel. I believe we can die out to sin, and a time comes when the carnal nature is crucified by the Holy Spirit, sanctifying and cleansing our hearts, and giving us power to live above sin as we walk with God. My heart hungers for people to obtain this glorious experience. What do you think?

In this passage Paul affirmed that he was exposed daily to the risk of being killed for proclaiming the gospel. His conflicts at Ephesus are a single illustration of this constant peril. He is arguing the reality of the resurrection, and he says, in effect, If there is no resurrection and eternal life, it would be foolish of me to risk death daily for the sake of Christ. It is the death of the body, not death to sin, that he is referring to.

Precisely because the dead will be raised, and final judgment will occur, and destiny is eternal, he goes on to exhort, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God" (v. 34). At Corinth false doctrine led to false practice. Some claimed a special knowledge of God, but it was coupled with immoral conduct. Paul says, "Sober up and stop sinning"—think straight and live straight.

Holy living springs from a cleansed heart. We can die to sin and live unto God, yielding ourselves to Him and receiving cleansing and strength from Him. This cleansing does occur in a moment, that moment in which faith forms a junction with God's promise to cleanse from all sin—inward and outward. Entire sanctification, wrought in a

moment, is lived out in daily rejection of the world's false life, in daily acceptance of God's revealed will (Romans 6:12-23; 1 John 1:5-10; 1 Peter 1:13-21, et al.).

I have been told that all children are made by God. What about illegitimate children? I thought that God's way was for children to be born in wedlock. I know that the Bible says that we're all born in sin, but does God look on both legitimate and illegitimate children in the same way?

All children are made by God in the sense that God is the source of all life—"He gives to all life, and breath, and all things" (Acts 17:25). It is true that God wills sex and conception and child-bearing within the context of marriage, but He does not withhold His love from children conceived or born outside wedlock. He loves "the world" (John 3:16)—all mankind. He loves the parents who sin against His will concerning marriage, and will graciously forgive and accept them if they repent and believe. The child born out of wedlock is not rejected by God because of the parents' sins, nor should the child be rejected or punished by society for the parents' wrongdoing.

When Nazarenes refer to dying out to self in order to be sanctified, where does the self go? How can one live without being a person? This is confusing to me.

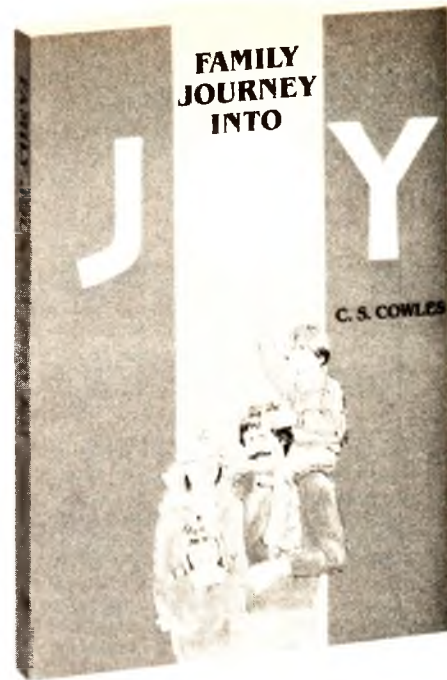
"Self" does not die or go anywhere, insofar as "self" refers to the person as an individual. What must die is self-centeredness, the self-will to be god over its own life. "Dying out to self" may not be the choicest of expressions, but it refers to a full surrender of our wills to God's will, a surrender made possible only by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, for it is natural for the fallen, unclean, sinful self to excuse sin and deceive itself about sin.

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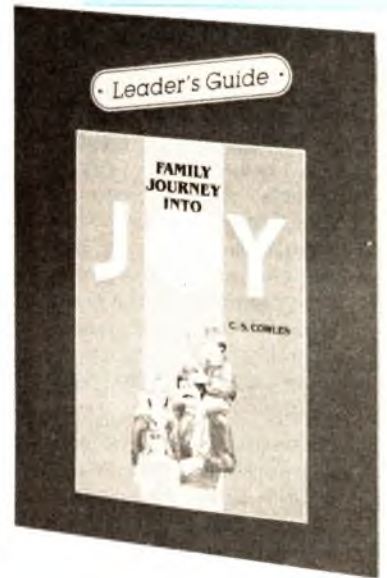
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THE CHURCH SCENE



Fairborn, Ohio: The Wright View Church burned its mortgage on October 31, four and a half years early. There were 632 people present for the mortgage-burning and homecoming. Dr. Harold Graves, district superintendent, was the special speaker. Rev. Ben Benson is the pastor. □

NINE DISTRICTS PAY 100 PERCENT OF PENSIONS FUND

For the 1981-82 assembly year, nine districts in the United States and Canada paid 100 percent or more of the Pensions and Benefits Fund.

Regular districts achieving this goal include Canada Pacific, Dallas, Maine, South Carolina, and Southwest Oklahoma. Mission districts achieving the 100 percent goal include Alaska, Hawaii Pacific, and North American Indian. The North American Indian

District led all districts this year with 101.35 percent. The Hawaii Pacific District has paid in full or overpaid their Pensions and Benefits Fund amount for 15 consecutive years! The Alaska District paid at least 100 percent for the 7th straight year. Also achieving the 100 percent goal was the Canada Quebec District, which is a pioneer district.

There were thirteen districts which paid at least 95 percent. They are: Central Florida, Dakota, Intermountain, Nebraska, New York, Northeast Oklahoma, Rocky Mountain, Sacramento, South Arkansas, Southeast Oklahoma, Southwest Indiana, and West Texas. Besides these regular districts, one mission district achieved the 95 percent level. It was the Western Latin American District.

Of the 79 United States and Canadian districts participating, all except 8 reached the 90 percent level.

The denominational average for payment of the Pensions and Benefits Fund during the 1981-82 assembly year was 90.67 percent. (The districts of the United States paid an average of 90.81 percent, and the districts of Canada

paid an average of 84.97 percent.) This denominational average is the lowest since the beginning of the "Basic" Pension plan.

While those districts which reached 100 percent payment of their Pensions and Benefits Fund are to be commended, their outstanding achievement was not sufficient to offset the impact of those districts not reaching the 90 percent level.

Full payment of the Pensions and Benefits Fund is vital since it currently provides the monthly pension for over 2,300 ministers and widows of ministers. Over one-quarter of a million dollars is mailed out *each month* to those qualifying for a monthly pension. Also depending upon the health of the Pensions and Benefits Fund are nearly 10,000 ministers who are expecting a pension in future years.

Since the fund receives no allocations from General Budget monies, Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions, reports that full payment of the fund by each church on every district is extremely important to the maintenance of the "Basic" Pension Program. □

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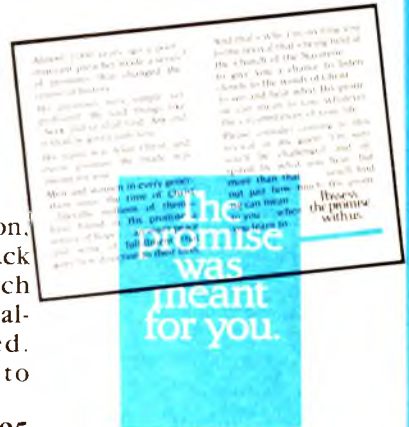


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The inspiring Far East Retreat for military personnel, sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene, was conducted September 24-26, 1982, at the

Eighth United States Army Religious Retreat Center, Seoul, Korea. The retreat theme was "Spiritual Renewal for our Journey."

Servicemen and their families, numbering about 50, came from many

places in Korea, Japan, and Okinawa. Chaplain (LTC) Lowel D. Foster, USAF, deputy command chaplain for the Eighth U.S. Army, was the coordinator for this event.

The staff included the able assistance of the missionaries from the Korea Nazarene Theological College, which included Rev. and Mrs. Bill Patch, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Stultz, and Rev. and Mrs. Tim Mercer, all of whom made valuable contributions to the retreat experience.






Chaplain LeRoy A. Bevan, the first person to fill the newly established position of chaplaincy coordinator, shared from the Word of God with relevant subjects relating to the overall theme as they apply to service personnel and their families.

The Saturday evening session included an impressive choral musicale presented by the second and third grade students from the Nam Seoul Church of the Nazarene.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout the entire weekend. The special music, singing, and fellowship included a warmth and togetherness in which everyone was energized by the presence of the Holy Spirit. □

SIMULTANEOUS REVIVALS SCHEDULE

Simultaneous Revivals will:

-  create a good evangelistic thrust throughout the church to reach those who are lost or perishing without Christ.
-  help us toward our goal of 10,414 or more New Nazarenes on October 16, 1983—Anniversary Membership Sunday.
-  provide for lay involvement in revival planning, and will strengthen evangelism and membership committees in the local church.
-  create district-wide enthusiasm for evangelism.
-  focus our attention more on our capable task force of evangelists and song evangelists who are dedicated to reaching the lost.

EVANGELISM MINISTRIES 1983 SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL SCHEDULE

DATE	DISTRICTS
January 4-9	Southern California, San Antonio, Southern Florida
January 11-16	Los Angeles, Houston, Central Florida, Guyana, Trinidad, Barbados, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Belize, Bahamas
January 18-23	Central California, Sacramento, Louisiana, North Florida, South Carolina
January 25-30	Northern California, Dallas
February 1-6	West Texas, Southeast Oklahoma, Georgia
February 8-13	Intermountain, Southwest Oklahoma, Alabama
February 15-20	Oregon Pacific, Northwest Oklahoma, Mississippi
February 22-27	Washington Pacific, North Arkansas
March 1-6	Northwest, Joplin, Kansas City, Kentucky, Washington
March 8-13	Rocky Mountain, East Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky
March 15-20	Dakota, Missouri, North Carolina, Virginia
March 22-27	Nebraska, Illinois, West Virginia, Philadelphia, Arizona
March 29—April 3	Kansas, Northeast Oklahoma, Southwest Indiana
April 5-10	Colorado, Indianapolis, Southwestern Ohio
April 12-17	New Mexico, Northeastern Indiana, Central Ohio
April 19-24	Eastern Michigan, Northwestern Ohio, North Central Ohio, Tennessee
April 26—May 1	Michigan, Akron
May 3-8	Northwestern Illinois, Northwest Indiana, Pittsburgh
May 10-15	Wisconsin, Chicago Central, Upstate New York
May 17-22	Minnesota, New York, New England, Maine
May 24-29	Iowa

All Canadian districts are scheduled for the month of March.

South Arkansas had previously scheduled Simultaneous Revivals for October.

Alaska, Hawaii, North American Indian, Eastern Latin American, and Western Latin American Districts, and any World Mission districts not mentioned above, will be at dates of their own choosing (Location does not require sequencing.)

Central Latin District has scheduled Simultaneous Revivals for June 5-12.

EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

THE TWENTY-FIVE LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR 1981-82 ASSEMBLY YEAR

Phil Riley, Christian Life and Sunday School division director, has released a list of the top 25 in Sunday School average attendance (under roof) for the 1981-82 assembly year. This includes only the United States and Canada Regions.

1. Denver First	2,075
2. Bethany, Okla., First	1,653
3. Pasadena, Calif., First	1,338
4. Olathe, Kans., College	1,240
5. Salem, Ore., First	1,190
6. Nashville First	870
7. Long Beach, Calif., First	860
8. Nampa, Ida., First	850
9. Wichita, Kans., First	840
10. Mount Vernon, Ohio, First	684
11. Nampa, Ida., College	678
12. Kankakee, Ill., College	638
13. Flint, Mich., Central	593
14. Richmond, Va., Southside	592
15. Oskaloosa, Ia.	573
16. Beaverton, Ore.	568
17. Calgary, Canada, First	561
18. Kankakee, Ill., First	545
19. Denver Lakewood	543
20. Portland, Ore., First	533
21. Canton, Ohio, First	526
22. Indianapolis Westside	508
23. Seymour, Ind., First	508
24. Portage, Ind., First	500
25. Bradenton, Fla., First	491

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ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents, and in consultation with the District Advisory Board of the Canada Atlantic District, I have appointed Rev. William E. Stewart (now pastor of the Toronto Main Street Church) as superintendent of the Canada Atlantic District effective December 31, 1982.

—Eugene L. Stowe
General Superintendent

BAHAN ACCEPTS PASTORATE

After nine years of superintendency of the Canada Atlantic District, Rev. William Bahan has accepted the pastorate of the church in Penticton, British Columbia. He came to the superintendency of the Canada Atlantic District from pastoring the First Church in Victoria, British Columbia. During his years of superintendency, the district has started several new churches and has shown consistent numerical growth.

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VENEZUELA REPORT

Bill Porter writes: "It is thrilling to sense an atmosphere of openness to the gospel in Venezuela. We foresee many good things happening as we work in each area that opens to us.

"A new Sunday School was started in Valencia yesterday in a friend's home. Last night we met a converted lawyer who lives in a prosperous section of Caracas and we will be holding a service in their home in two weeks.

"The widest door seems to be that of working with young men who feel a call to preach. We want to begin right away with training through our seminary in Costa Rica. Jerry Porter, the seminary president, will be through here in a few days and we will have meetings in several locations to discuss the study plan. I can count 10 prospective students. The number is increasing every week. Part of the study plan will be to help start new works. We are making initial plans for evangelistic campaigns in some of these areas early in 1983."

—World Mission

1982 THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE HEARS VIEWS ON HOLINESS

There were 105 conferees in attendance at the invitational 1982 Theological Conference that was held December 5-7, at the Regency Park Hotel in Kansas City.

College presidents, professors of theology and religion, general superintendents, general church officers, and headquarters division leaders heard General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe's opening address, "Higher Education and Our Holiness Mission."

At the first session on December 6, General Superintendent William M. Greathouse presented a paper, "Wesleyan-Nazarene Hermeneutic of Entire Sanctification." That afternoon Rev. Wilbur Brannon, Pastoral Ministries director, presented a paper, "Critical Issues in Pastoral Theology—Preparing Students for Various Minis-

tries." In the evening session, Dr. H. Ray Dunning, chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, Trevecca Nazarene College, presented a paper, "The Holiness Ethic in the Face of Cultural Pressures."

On December 7, Dr. Joseph F. Nielson, chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at Olivet, delivered a paper, "Survey of Nazarene College Students and Church Board Members on Attitudes Toward Holiness Ethics." Dr. Homer Adams, president of TNC, presented a paper, "Critical Issues on Moral Development—Our Holiness Life-style." At the final session, Dr. John A. Knight, president of Bethany Nazarene College, concluded with "Where Do We Go from Here?"

There was a panel of respondents at each session, sharing evaluations of the papers from major presenters.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents, and in consultation with the District Advisory Board of the Central Latin American District, I have appointed Rev. Jose Dimas (now pastor of the Oklahoma City church on that district) as superintendent of the Central Latin American District effective January 1, 1983.

—V. H. Lewis
General Superintendent

ESPINOZA ENTERS EVANGELISTIC FIELD

After serving seven and one-half years as district superintendent of the Central Latin American District, Rev. H. O. Espinoza resigned effective December 31, 1982, to enter the evangelistic field.

Rev. Jose Dimas, pastor of the Oklahoma City church on that district, has been appointed superintendent of the Central Latin American District by the Board of General Superintendents and in consultation with the District Advisory Board.

1983 DISTRICT CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

Alaska
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Canada West
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Kansas
Kansas City
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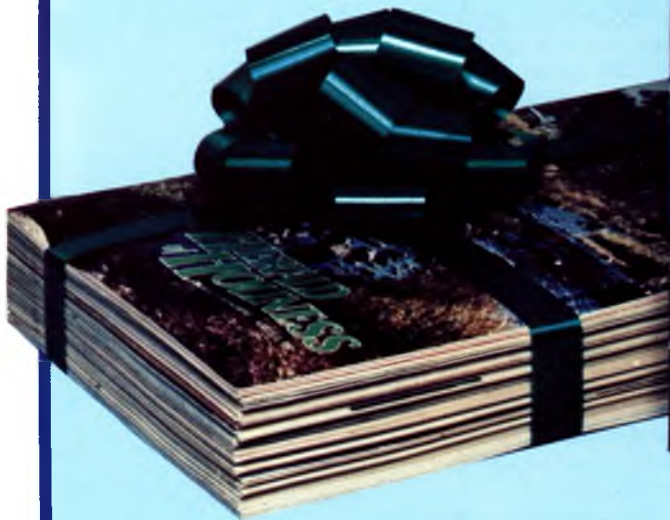
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