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“THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL”

by General Superintendent William M. Greathouse

Years ago a sainted old holiness preacher shared with me what he called his “dry winter.” For months the only time he sensed God’s presence was while he preached. As soon as he stepped out of the pulpit he returned to “a dry and thirsty land” where there was no water for his soul.

An active and exemplary church member confided in me that he was walking in spiritual darkness, not from sin but from a strange withdrawal of God’s presence. “I know I have not broken with God,” he said, “but my prayers do not seem to get beyond the ceiling, and the Bible no longer speaks to me.”

For this absence of God’s felt presence medieval mystics coined a term, “the dark night of the soul.”

The Psalmist wrote:

“My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?
Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer;
And by night, but I have no rest” (Psalm 22:1-2, NASB).

Fénelon reminds us that if we always enjoyed the bright tokens of God’s presence, “we would be tempted to follow Christ for these loaves and fishes.” So he believes Christ at times withholds these “to test the mettle of our devotion.”

The patriarch Job is an instructive example of a saint experiencing the “dark night.” Perplexed by trials, suffering disease, and being falsely accused by his “friends,” Job cries out in anguish, “Oh that I knew where I might find Him, . . .”

“Behold, I go forward but He is not there,
And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
When He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him;
He turns on the right, I cannot see Him.

But He knows the way that I take;
When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”
This is not the confession of a backslider but the cry of an obedient servant of God—for Job goes on:
“My foot has held fast to His path;
I have kept His way and not turned aside.
I have not departed from the command of His lips;
I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food” (Job 23:3, 8-12, NASB).

There is, of course, a darkness that is the result of sin. In that case, the only release is to face one’s disobedience or failure, repent without despair, make such amends as are possible, and trust God’s mercies in Christ. But is there a word for the faithful soul oppressed with false darkness? Consider this counsel of Isaiah: “Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God” (Isaiah 50:10).

*For feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving.
My warrant is the word of God,
Naught else is worth believing.*

*Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
I know One greater than my heart,
Whose word cannot be broken.*

*I’ll trust in God’s unchanging word
Till soul and body sever.
The words of men will pass away,
God’s word abides forever!*

—Martin Luther

“Blessed are those whose strength is in thee, . . . Who passing through the Valley of Weeping make it a spring” (Psalm 84:5-6, literal translation). □

Commitment in the Mud

by DAN PARKER

In June 1975, my battalion was training in Grafenwohr, Germany, for three weeks. We were in for a long haul and would have to spend an additional three weeks in Hohenfels, Germany, before going home. Most of the soldiers are glad for this change in routine from the harassment of garrison living.

This annual, extended training period gives soldiers plenty of time to think while waiting for their turn on the firing range. It also gives most chaplains the opportunity to visit troops more frequently and to

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U.S. Army photo



speak with a larger number of them one-on-one, on a deeper, personal level.

During this time at Grafenwohr, a soldier I had spoken to often told me he needed to talk about an urgent matter. The earliest we could talk would be that same evening while he was walking guard around the area where our vehicles were parked.

The infantry uses tracked vehicles to transport troops and equipment to the battlefield. Mounted on these vehicles are .50 caliber machine guns, mortars, and missiles. Inside are M60 machine guns, tracking systems, and other field gear.

We were living in "tent city" and our tracked vehicles were parked in a mud hole or a dust bowl, depending on the rain. Since it had rained for at least three days, the track park was almost a swimming pool.

When evening came I put on my wet-weather gear and slogged my way into the mud-filled track park. I could see a solitary figure in the distance with his weapon. As I approached he called out, "Chaplain, is that you?" He was expecting me.

We walked around the perimeter of the park for some time talking about miscellaneous subjects. Later, in the twilight, I could see his face take on a more sober expression. He said, "Chaplain, as you know, my company is planning to put me out of the army for disciplinary reasons, and I'm beginning to think about the rest of my life. When I leave the army, I plan to get married as soon as I get home. But I don't want my marriage to turn out like my brother's did. The two of them fought all the time, and they are divorced now."

I explained to him that issues of conflict occur in every marriage. Resolving them depends upon developing a sys-

tem that helps each person reach out in love with genuine concern for the other's desires and well-being. Also, when he married, he would become the spiritual head of the family under God. Without Jesus as the Lord of his life and the center of his marriage, it would be almost impossible to resolve some of the issues that create conflict. There is a kind of caring for each other that is just not possible without the Lord in your life.

This concerned him, because he felt the Lord would not forgive him for some of the things he had done. He knew right from wrong but had ignored it. He had known what it meant to be close to the Lord, yet he had allowed other things to slowly take priority in his life.

It was time for this young man to turn back to the Lord. If his sorrow for what he had done made him turn away from those things that hurt him so much, that is what the Bible calls "repentance." To confess those wrongs as sin, ask for forgiveness, and trust God for that forgiveness would bring reconciliation. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

"God sent Jesus into the world to die on a cross, so that He could forgive repentant sinners. The Creator of the universe would not send Jesus into the world for that purpose and then be unable or unwilling to forgive the sins of a truly repentant person, even if that person had been forgiven before." As we stood there in the mud this young man understood what I was saying and committed his life to Jesus.

That soldier returned home to civilian life in a small town in Wyoming. The Nazarene pastor of that town happened to be a friend of mine. I wrote the pastor and told him of this soldier's homecoming. The pastor had visited his family before, but received a cool reception. But who knows what the Holy Spirit will do in their lives? Because of this young man and because the Church of the Nazarene has allowed me to be her missionary, carrying the gospel to soldiers and their families in the United States Army, another household may be "taken" for Christ. □



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NEED LOVE

We are Nazarene Christians and married heterosexuals, but we feel compelled to respond to the misconceptions perpetuated in "An AIDS Victim Saved" (July 1 issue). The 10% of the population that is gay or lesbian does not choose to be homosexual any more than heterosexuals choose to be attracted to the opposite sex.

Scientific research is repeatedly verifying that sexual orientation is a lifelong, unchosen state of being, probably due to prenatal brain imprinting (e.g., Money, 1986; Gladue et al., 1984; Dorner, 1976; and others). We Christians must distinguish between an unchosen biologic variation and one's decision to sin. Jesus himself found the sin of prejudice as scornful as sinful sexual acts.

We suggest that articles be pub-

lished to encourage and support Christians who happen to be homosexual instead. They need special assistance facing lifelong "thorn in the flesh" sexual temptations. They need our love, not our contempt.

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CLAIMING PROMISES

The Lord drew me to Him and blessed me time and again through the many wonderful articles in the *Herald*.

But I am somewhat concerned about an article in the July 15 issue titled "Blessed Assurance."

I believe the Lord gives assurance that we are His, but in my life it was three or more years before I had that assurance. During that time and since I claimed God's Word as a promise that, if I confess, He would forgive. It was a promise I could

trust in and not a contract. I could believe because God promised it in His Word. And taking God at His word should not be classified as a contract, but instead, claimed as a promise.

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ENJOYED WELLMAN

I want you to know how much I have enjoyed Wendell Wellman's articles on the modern "Tongues" movement.

I find no place where the Church was to "seek" a "prayer language." In Acts 2:8 they heard the apostles speaking and every man heard in his own tongue he was born in. So this was not an "unknown" tongue that needed to be "interpreted."

Whether the apostles spoke in this native tongue, and the Holy Spirit touched the ear of the hearer, so they heard in their own native

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TIME TO CHECK INTO THE NET

by CURT BOWERS

On a balmy night before Good Friday, the telephone jangled, awakening an aviator at midnight with these words, "Joe, it's time to check into the net." Joe knew what *that* meant in military parlance. It was time to report that the radio was operational, and he was ready to receive and transmit messages. This time, however, the aviator jargon, "check into the net," had a new dimension. It now meant it's time to get on your knees and let God know that you are ready to receive transmissions from the celestial net. It also conveyed the thought that it was time for Joe to be ready to "transmit" prayer requests to the throne of grace.

What brought such an urgent phone call at midnight? It was the confidence of the Blackhorse Chapel congregation at Fort Hood, Tex., that God would give revival if His people would check into His network of prayer and trust Him for the results.

An all-night prayer chain was inaugurated in half-hour increments on that evening before the chaplain was to speak for revival services. An unbroken chain of prayer bombarded the airways, petitioning God to send a real and profound awakening.

I was serving as chaplain during that time, and asked the aviators and families of that air cavalry brigade to fast a meal and to pray during the day the speaker was to arrive. They did, and the results were miraculous! God came down and revived our people in a beautiful way.

The chapel was already a spiritual beacon to Fort

Hood, the largest military post in the free world. We had a dynamic and growing youth group that reached out to the entire post. One Sunday's offering a month was given to missions.

When Chaplain H. J. Van Vorce came to Fort Hood to preach, he found a congregation prepared and eagerly anticipating some fresh word from God. It was easy for him to preach, and he felt right at home. After all, he had not been retired from the army scene too long himself when God came down in supernatural power to save men and women in his own military congregation. Included among those saved and sanctified were my wife and myself while I was serving as an enlisted man in Bamberg, Germany.

I prayed for God to do it again! He did and now Chaplain Van Vorce has not only a spiritual son and daughter in the ministry, but a grandson as well, for my own son is now studying for the ministry at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Other people were profoundly influenced through this extraordinary display of eagerness to please God. Because of their faithfulness in checking into God's net, a young woman dedicated her life and went to Point Loma College. She is now serving as a nurse and is a member of one of our Nazarene churches in Texas. A captain, who was a Cobra pilot, and his wife, also a captain, serving as a physical therapist, both felt compelled to leave the army after serving 12 and 7 years respectively, to minister with jungle aviation and radio service in Papua New Guinea.

A major who was part of that prayer chain trusted Christ to be his Savior. He wrote me this Christmas and said, "The seed you planted at Fort Hood has grown into a great love for the Lord. We are members

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of the First Church of the Nazarene and have found it to be the most exciting church we ever attended. We are retiring from the army next summer and plan to develop a Christian youth camp. We just purchased 130 acres in the Cascade Mountains, and we are really excited about the future. Praise the Lord! He has blessed us so much. God bless you and thanks."

In Korea, civilian churches of all denominations are reaping the benefits of a spiritual revival sweeping through the Korean army. In fact, they are receiving people by the droves into their churches because of this mighty spiritual awakening.

A leader of the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church states, "More people come into the church through the military than any other single source." Perhaps it's time that we as a church check into the net and look on the harvest fields of the military, already ripe unto harvest. Who knows the profound impact our dedicated Nazarene chaplains and faithful military service members can make for the kingdom of God?

During a Christmas service I conducted in Vietnam in 1965, some Christian Vietnamese mountain people, from the Radai tribe, came to my unit and sang for us. They put to music the words of Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." These folks are now under communist rule. The men and women who now serve in our military could be called at a moment's notice to defend our freedom and the home they love. They need to be under God's rule. Will you be willing to pray and support our military men and women? Let us as a church check into the net and call upon Almighty God, who alone can not only give us 1 million members by 1995 but also bring a worldwide awakening, perhaps through the military. □



AT LAST

Do you hear it?

*The whispering of His coming
in the wind . . .*

*Rhythmically it softly sings,
"Be ready. Be ready!"*

Do you see it?

*The sunset glow that beckons
wistful glances heavenward . . .*

*As a magnet we are drawn,
Watching with expectancy.*

Do you feel it?

*The hush before the bugle blast
heralding His return . . .*

*The "Victory Celebration,"
At last! At last!*

—GERALDINE NICHOLAS
Abbotsford, British Columbia

A DAY AT THE V.A. MED CENTER

by JOHN M. POWER III

Bless me, Chaplain, bless me to be Martin Luther King."

Henry was almost the first person I met last summer when I began my chaplaincy ministry. He appeared many times each day asking to be blessed. In a staff meeting, I was informed that Henry asked everyone he met to bless him "to be" a variety of people, including an astronaut or his current favorite.

"We've tried, Chaplain, but we really can't help Henry much. We just try to keep him busy and out of trouble."

Everywhere I went, there was Henry wanting another blessing. I soon trained him to wait until I was finished with a conversation before interrupting. We then worked on only one blessing a day. But, instead of blessing Henry "to be" someone else, I consistently offered to pray with him in the chapel each morning. After six months of love and concern, Henry has learned what is acceptable behavior and how his chaplain will help him each day.

Henry is now one of the first people in my office each morning. He says, "Chaplain, can we pray?" On the days when Henry's drug-induced schizophrenia is least apparent, we spend time discussing the Lord and how He can help us in our everyday lives.

One of our surgeons recently was hospitalized with a heart problem. We had spent several coffee breaks talking "theology" and his long-ago holiness background. I visited him in the intensive care unit and asked if I could pray with him before leaving. His response, "It's been a long time since someone prayed for me, but go ahead," nearly broke my heart. His recovery includes a date to go fishing with the chaplain next week.

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Harold M. Lambert

business and had three employees. He needed to find peace in his life but had little use for any "religion." I let him talk of all the bad things he had experienced in the church he attended. He said he still believed in a God. I witnessed to the love and joy that knowing Jesus personally meant to me and said, "You will be face-to-face with Him before long; wouldn't it be wise to know Him personally?" It was then he began his quest for peace. We prayed together in simple confession to our loving Lord, and Jesus met him there.

He began to settle old accounts, cancel old debts, and get things in order. He even picked out his grave site and found his employees new jobs with com-

panies who had been his competitors. When he said, "All is well with me," he really meant it. I prayed that the Lord would meet his needs and help him during this time in his life. After a little while he dozed off. I slowly laid his hand down and left his room, closing the door behind me. Later in the day I was notified of Ted's death.

It's my night for "ON CALL" again. That means I may not get much sleep. The phone rings about 11:30. An emergency surgery is scheduled, and I'm needed to stay with the family. About 1:30, the family is allowed to see the patient briefly, but the prognosis is not good. We have prayer and then go back to the waiting room to discuss alternatives. As we talk about the probable death, I relate my last visit with the patient. We had discussed his spiritual condition, his serious illness, and his need for salvation. He indicated that he needed to pray, and we did so together. He seemed satisfied and said, "Thank you, Chaplain."

The wife was especially thankful and talked of her own long-ago salvation, which needed to be reaffirmed. We prayed and were soon called to say good-bye. The Lord was very present as we spent a few moments with a dying man. He was unable to speak but indicated that he wanted me to pray. He was gone very quickly. As usual, I spent a few minutes with the family remembering good times, sharing expressions of love, and saying good-bye.

Funeral arrangements are discussed and I indicate that there will be a memorial service on the ward for friends who have spent the past weeks with the loved one. The family is invited to attend if they wish. My last duty for the night is to check on the staff after the family has gone. We talk about the patient, do a little "grief work" of our own, and say good night. □

(The names in this document are changed to protect the privacy of the patients.)

As I walk down the hall in the nursing home care unit, I hear someone call, "Chaplain." I turn to see my friend Bob. Bob is legally blind, has no use of his legs and very little use of his arms, but he still has a keen mind and a deep faith in the Lord. He has a little music background, so I have tried to challenge him to write songs. He sings them for me and when he has one complete, I type the lyrics for him. He sings his latest for me, and I encourage, "That sounds like it is pretty close to being finished." He makes some gestures indicating that it's not quite right. We pause for prayer, and he wheels away to work on his song.

As I approach two nurses, I see one is having a difficult time. The other says, "Why don't you talk to him about it?" I indicate that I have a minute. If she wishes to talk, I'll be glad to listen. She takes my arm and says, "Let's go in here (the staff room)." She pours her heart out. I listen to her strong belief in God; but in the midst of financial problems her load seems unbearable. I ask her permission to redirect her prayer life—not toward changing her husband but toward helping him find a job. Once again the Lord gave us the answer, and His light led her to peace and comfort.

I entered Ted's room as I had on so many other occasions. He was approaching the end of his suffering with lung cancer. He said to me, "All is well with me. My business is all in order. I have seen to it that my employees are working elsewhere. I really have nothing else to say."

I told him that words were so meaningless during these times. "I just wish to sit with you for a while." We sat hand-in-hand. I remembered my first visit with Ted. He was anxious and could hardly breathe. He had just been told he had inoperable cancer. The cancer was fast-growing in its later stages.

He had a lot of unfinished business. He owned a

When the Son Warmed the Arctic

by DAVID G. GROSSE

The sun was shining brilliantly over Søndre Strømfjord on that “warm” 30-degree August day in 1976. There was no hint of the ominous tragedy about to break upon that normally serene and remote communications outpost in the arctic north of Greenland.

The “garbage run” aircraft, as the chow resupply C-141 was affectionately called, was on final approach for landing. Twenty-seven passengers and crew were aboard. Most had been to the States on short temporary duty assignments; a few were returning from mid-tour leaves after visiting with their families.

Four thousand feet down the runway the pilot suddenly pressed to full throttle in a desperate attempt to go around for a second landing try. Ten tons of fuel unloaded at Thule and a sudden wind gust frustrated the attempt. The left wing

tilted downward, broke off on contact with the runway, and the plane crashed in a huge fireball.

In the gruesome aftermath of gathering up 21 dead and 6 survivors, I made my way along the runway apron saying a prayer over each of my dead arctic comrades, tearfully commending them to the love and mercy of an all-knowing God.

Lt. Raymond Trostle, young Casualty Affairs officer, was there with me, along with Danish fire fighters and various rescue personnel. A call came to Raymond from the Command Post. Colonel Turner, Base commander, was on the other end.

“Lieutenant Trostle,” he said directly, “I want you to identify those bodies down there. People are already calling from the States for news of their loved ones. We’ve got to positively identify as many as we can right away.”

Lieutenant Trostle turned ashen. His voice quivered as he spoke. “Chaplain Grosse, I just can’t do it. I took this job as an additional duty, never thinking it would come to anything up here.

There’s no way I can do what Colonel Turner wants,” he said fearfully.

“I can’t either, Ray,” I said—“not alone anyhow. But maybe we could do it together with God’s help, and for the sake of their families.”

Four nights later, bone weary from assisting medical personnel and families of the crash victims, I was getting my first decent night’s sleep. A knock interrupted my rest; it was 3:30 A.M. Lieutenant Trostle stood outside my door, his eyes streaming tears. “I’ve just got to talk to you,” he said.

I invited him in and sat down to listen. His story was one of the saddest I had ever heard. He had been reared in a godless, profane home, his parents having bitterly divorced when he was a boy. His unloving father, a lawyer, was at that very moment on the base, not to see and support his son, but to obtain his help in identifying potential clients for his firm.

Ray said he had noticed that many of those helping at the crash site had been the same chapel-goers he and his friends had ridiculed every Sunday morning during our ser-

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vice broadcast. Then, through tears of desperation, he said in a way I will never forget: "Chaplain, will you pray for me? I've been living in hell all my life. I've never felt more forsaken and alone—without family, real friends, and especially without God. Please, will you help me?"

Needless to say, Lieutenant Trostle and I had an early morning camp meeting, as we cried and prayed our way through to spiritual victory.

Some may say that it was all the emotional trauma of the plane crash. Not so, if changed lives are the truest measure of spiritual re-

birth. For Ray was in chapel, on the front seat, the next Sunday. He was the first to show up at our Tuesday night Bible Class; at the Thursday "Theological Issues" discussion group; at the Friday choir rehearsal. Since he cannot carry a tune in a bucket, by this time we were thinking his new enthusiasm was getting a bit out of control! Two months later, Ray did the unthinkable. He extended for another year at Søndre Strømfjord. My chaplain replacement later told me why: Ray felt led of the Lord to share his newfound faith with the 200 or so Danish contract people stationed there. A year later Ray transferred

to Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., where, I learned, he was excitedly teaching a Sunday School class of junior boys.

In the 12 long months of that arctic remote assignment, and especially through the desperate loneliness of the aircraft disaster, I clung to a familiar verse from Psalm 23: "He prepares a table for us . . . right in the presence of what threatens us." To miss that table and all the good things it contains—"bread from heaven that gives life," says the Psalmist—would be the real tragedy. No one knows that better than my friend and Christian brother, Lt. Ray Trostle! □

CHAPLAINS AND CHANGED LIVES

Joan's Story

by STEPHEN W. SEELIG

Joan's story begins like that of many other young adults today. She grew up in a liberal church that was cold and lifeless. She attended church and was baptized to please her parents. Upon leaving home she decided she had no use for God in her life. She joined the navy to see the world, but instead found herself going through the culture shock of Boot Camp. To help her survive the mental and physical rigors of "Boot," she attended chapel services. She never gave God another thought after completing Boot Camp, since she now was safe and didn't need Him any longer.

At her first duty station she drifted into the wrong crowd and began experiencing the highs of drugs. The great feeling soon left her empty and full of guilt. She continued the habit, though, rationalizing that no one cared. Deep inside she knew she was trapped.

She was transferred overseas to Japan. There she met Chaplain Hathaway, a Nazarene navy chaplain. Through his family's loving concern, Joan found new hope, and a short time later received Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior.

With new orders, Joan was transferred to Camp Pendleton, a large marine base in the San Diego area. Sensing the loss of the warm influence of a committed Nazarene chaplain, her first thought upon relocating was to find a nearby Church of the Nazarene.

I met Joan following a worship service. She indicated she was looking for a church home, and I shared with her my interest in military personnel and how we desired to be her home away from home. She was particularly pleased when she discovered I had just become a navy reserve chaplain to help me better understand the special problems of military people.

Joan is now out of the navy, having served her country well for nine years. She has decided to remain in our area and continue to be a part of her new church family. Her life now is quite different from the way it used to be. Many individuals in our church have had a part in the discipling of Joan. She has gone through our class for new Christians, has joined our church, and is making a significant contribution to our church ministry. She is coleader of our singles group and heads up our drama club.

Recently, I had the privilege of baptizing Joan. This time baptism was her free choice. As she shared a warm, glowing testimony, I rejoiced in the influence of the Church of the Nazarene upon her life. Where once she served self through drugs, Joan now serves her Lord in many redemptive ways.

Because of one of our "missionaries in uniform," a friendly, loving congregation, and a pastor who cared, Joan is now a changed person, rapidly progressing to maturity in Christ.

"And just think," she told me recently, "it all began in the navy." □

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*Joan's name has been changed to protect her privacy.



ON THE INSIDE AGAIN

by DARREL W. PURDY

I was at sea, returning from a six-month deployment overseas, when God began to speak to me about my need to become involved in a church. I knew I needed a church home but was a little sour about the way many churches had treated my wife and me during my nine years in the military. We were made to feel like “temporary” members, and in some cases we were treated as visitors rather than as part of the church. I especially resented those who seemed to look down on us because we couldn’t be

there when I had duty or was at sea. We more or less cut church out of our lives.

On returning to Charleston, S.C., however, I was surprised to learn that God had also talked to my wife about finding a church, and she insisted we should attend the small Nazarene church just down the road. Although I had been raised a Nazarene, I had always attended large churches and couldn’t imagine how we could be used in a small church, let alone feel a part of it.

But we did start attending Charleston Calvary Church of the Nazarene, and we were surprised when a church member visited us in our home the very first week.

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Several weeks later we decided to join their choir and were again surprised at the welcome given us by the choir members. We soon felt we were a part of this church and enjoyed the way people really cared about each other. They were especially appreciative of our musical gifts as we offered them to God in instrumental or vocal numbers.

When I was asked to start leading the congregational singing I decided to try it, though I had never done it before. I was surprised at how much I enjoyed it. The spiritual blessing I received in serving God prompted me to completely dedicate my life to Christ.

All too soon it was time to be transferred across the country. We decided to request an extension of service in Charleston. The people of the church prayed with us that this might happen. When I received final word from my detailer that an extension was impossible and we would have to leave Charleston as scheduled, I told the people of the church they could stop praying for our delayed transfer. Instead, they stated they had petitioned God to have the orders changed and they would continue to pray.

My faith wasn’t that strong, and we began to prepare for transfer. One month before our scheduled transfer I received a call from my detailer. “I’m sorry,” he said, “but I am going to have to extend you at present position for three months.” I then requested a six-months’ extension instead of three, and, to my astonishment, he said he could arrange it.

Two weeks later we were still rejoicing in our extension when the pastor called us into his office. He informed us that the music director had resigned and the church was asking us to be directors of music and for me to direct the choir.

God’s plan seemed clear to us now in spite of my nagging doubts. But my background was in instrumental music, not choral, and besides, how would I possibly have the time? Though I was presently on shore duty, my position called for me to travel often, and I was sometimes gone on weekends.

But we accepted God’s call, and because the church was willing to take a chance on military members

taking active part in service, not only were we blessed, but the choir and church were blessed as well.

Being a military church, the main section of the choir would change drastically from week to week, but strangely I didn't have to travel nearly as often as I had expected. My wife rehearsed the choir on the Wednesdays I did have to travel, and I missed only one Sunday during the entire six months. The choir loft was full as we entered our new sanctuary for the Christmas cantata that year, and large crowds attended the two presentations.

Finally the sad day came to leave our church for my new assignment as a student at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif.

In Monterey we started attending the small but growing Monterey Peninsula Church of the Nazarene. Again, we received a visit in our home the first week after attending, and it was made clear to us that we were welcome to become an active part of the church. We had already observed military members serving as Sunday School teachers, ushers, leaders of congregational singing, and workers with children and youth.

Only two weeks after we had arrived, my wife became the church pianist. We were happy for this new opportunity for her to serve God. There was one thing still missing in this church, however: a church choir. It seemed clear to us that God wanted us to continue in what He had called us to do. I had

learned by now that I could trust God to provide the time, even with my studies. God had already prepared the hearts and minds of the people for a choir.

We started with 2 persons, and three months later 26 sang in the Christmas cantata. Praise God! My greatest thrill came when a man and his wife surrendered their lives to Christ as a direct result of the Christmas cantata that first year.

It has been exciting to watch the Monterey church grow this past year, and we would like to think the music has contributed in a small way. I praise God for the people of these churches who were willing not only to minister to a military family but to give them a place to serve, no matter how temporary. □

God at Work Again

by GERALD BOHALL

It was the fourth service of the Frankfurt Nazarene Fellowship. All the regulars were present, and some new faces were there, too, as the Sunday School class began. I surveyed the group after the opening prayer, studying their faces, looking for some signal that might be revealing. In the eyes of one person I perceived a new sparkle.

I didn't know much about Bob. He had, of course, related the usual surface information about himself and his family in casual conversation. The few times we had opportunity to talk were limited to before and after church services. He had married a German girl, remaining in her country after retiring from the military. He was employed by the government, working as athletic director at one of the military bases near Frankfurt. His father was a Nazarene pastor. He had grown up in the church, knowing all about life in Jesus Christ.

Bob had gone to considerable trouble to find the fellowship in Frankfurt and was unusually glad to attend services at an English-speaking Nazarene church. He told us he had called the base chapel, one of the German pastors, and finally the district superintendent, inquiring about services. That final call brought him to our services, and he was among the group when we held the official organization.

As Sunday School came to a close, and the worship service began, I could not help noticing that particular sparkle in Bob's eyes. Something new was taking place

in his life. Of this I was sure. As I brought the morning message he was all aglow with an unexplained aura of peace and contentment I had not seen in him before. I wondered if he would tell me about it.

After the closing prayer, Bob approached me. The conversation went something like this:

"Hi, Bob," I said, "how are things with you today?"

"I'm glad you asked that," came his quick reply. "I have to tell you that my life has been pretty mixed up these last few years. As you know, I was raised in the Nazarene church, but I have not been faithful to the church or to God."

I listened intently as Bob went on. "I began thinking about my family, and particularly about the welfare and future of my two boys. Well, that led to my asking myself, 'What kind of father are you, anyway?' This week I realized that I had to get my life straightened out, and let God be King, so He could have full control in my life and in the lives of my family. So, I asked God to forgive me and help me live for Him. It's all clear now, the Lord has forgiven the past. The old habits are gone, and Jesus Christ is Lord over all."

Now I knew why the sparkle was in Bob's eyes. God had been at work again. □

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Faith, hope and love” is the beautiful set of ideas that closes Paul’s great Love Chapter (1 Corinthians 13). My, how he makes the concept of Christian love come to life!

And how excited we become when we start investigating the idea of faith in God.

But don’t forget hope!

Hope is often treated as the weak sister of the threesome. It’s a kind of dreamy, last-chance attempt to fight off disaster, defeat, and depression.

Not so. Hope has a tremendous ministry to the human soul, especially when we see it in Christian terms. Hope is that heartfelt attitude that keeps us from dying when all around us seems dead. It keeps our heads above water when everything within us says, “Relax and drown.”

Remember the old standard in the Christian music world, “Whispering Hope”? There’s a key line that says it all: “Making the heart in its sorrow rejoice.”

There it is. Hope does not change the facts. It changes our response to the facts. Hope says that in the midst of the worst situations of human existence there is a set of mind that will see the good, the happy, the possibilities for the future.

Our Christian faith sees this most clearly at death. The ultimate human tragedy, death, is not changed by our Christian hope. Pain, suffering, wasting away of the body still come to us. Christian hope says that in the dying experience we can expect an existence in the

next life that is planned by, inhabited by, and supervised by our Lord Jesus Christ. Death is a transition to new life. That’s the ultimate hope.

But there are here-and-now experiences where hope gets us through.

Ever fear going to the dentist? I do.

Do you know how I make it through? As I approach the dentist’s office, I note where my car is parked. I say to myself, “In an hour I will be coming back to that car, the terrifying experience of the dentist’s chair all behind me. I can make it.”

My hope does not change the fact of the visit with the dentist. It changes my attitude toward it. My response to the terror of his work is to see beyond it.

Now apply this to the life you lead.

Long, hard day ahead of you? Probably filled with tough work, no-win decisions, people of unsympathetic nature? Look beyond it. Ask God for grace to see you through the tough moments and then keep your mind on the grilled steak that awaits you in the evening. Or the laughter of the child who will greet you.

The vast majority of the working world gets through each week by this same mental strategy. “So many days till Saturday.” “So many days till payday.” “So many days till I get that vacation.” Unpleasant work is endured as we hope for the brighter future we are sure is on the way.

Christians, too, live this way if they are wise and mature. “There may be no response to my appeal for help in this ministry, but God has something in mind anyhow.”

“How weary I am of carrying the load in this minis-

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DON'T FORGET

HOPE

by DAN HARMAN

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...as God sees into my heart right now.
...There are three things that remain—
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others, then strive to use them as if they

try; how I wish for a change of scene!" God has some encouragement, some relief in store. We look beyond the "now" to God's "tomorrow."

Disappointed in your performance as a Christian? "Rejoice in your sorrow," for God has some plans, even now unfolding, to make you a more perfect reflection of His Son. Hope for the future of your own soul in this life. You will be more Christlike soon (Romans 5:1-2).

Teachers thrive on hope. Few church-related educators reap a great harvest from their teaching. Few pupils burst out in brilliant Christian living while the teacher watches. The teacher invests in the pupil, buoyed by hope that one day that pupil will flourish as a mature Christian.

Wading through tough times? Paul says, "Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble, and prayerful always" (Romans 12:12, TLB).

Are family, friends, loved ones living far below their potential? Take heart. Invest all the good, all the Christian love, in them you can—and hope. Paul expresses this phase of hope in 1 Thessalonians 2:19: What gives us hope? "It is you! Yes, you will bring us much joy as we stand together before our Lord Jesus Christ" (TLB).

The bottom line is also expressed by Paul: "For you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever wasted" (1 Corinthians 15:58, TLB).

For yourself, and for those you love, the Christian way is the way to live. No matter what the indicators are, no matter how you evaluate people and situations, God is in charge. Have hope. Take heart. Look beyond the facts to the promises of God.

Hope does not change the facts. Hope changes your response to those facts. Don't forget hope! □

SUDDEN CHANGE

by EMILY MORAN



My husband and I had been Christians for several years. With our two small children, we attended the Church of the Nazarene in Philippi, W.Va. I loved the Lord, but churchgoing was such a chore! We got up every Sunday at 6:30 to get everyone dressed and fed, the diaper bag packed, and the dog walked. We had to leave the house at nine o'clock, for we picked up several other people along the way. This aggravated me. Why us? Why didn't they ask people without little ones, car seats, and diaper bags? We were already full.

Going to church was an inconvenience, but revivals were a disaster. Hurried suppers, long services, cranky children, and late bedtimes! We were into our third night of a revival when I felt I could take no more. I was tired and cranky, the children were tired and cranky, and that night I had spent most of the service in the nursery. After the service my husband came back all smiles because a lady we had been praying for went to the altar. I gave him a mean look because he was so happy and I wanted to go home.

On Thursday night he sat with the children to give me a chance to be in the service. During the altar call I went forward and asked Jesus to help me. I went home expecting better things, but Friday was an awful day. I was in tears most of the evening. Saturday was the same. In my exasperation I was hoping one of the children would get sick (just a little bit) so I would have

a good excuse to stay home Sunday. But everyone was well, and we went as usual. I was thankful it was Sunday and revival would be over for another six months!

And then it was time for the special. The E. G. Wright family began singing "It Will Be Worth it All." A tap came on my shoulder and one of my very dear friends asked *me* to go pray with her. I went and we prayed, but in the back of my mind I felt uncomfortable asking God to meet her need when I couldn't rise above my own frustrations.

After a few minutes she raised her head, eyes shining, face glowing, and said, "I've got it!" At that very moment it was like "something" bounced off of her and landed on me. I was suddenly and completely filled with joy like I had never known before. The phrases, "like sparks from smitten steel" and "how the fire fell" became real to me. It was so exciting! We laughed and we cried. We got blessed. The evangelist got blessed. It was a service to remember.

Just thinking about it fills my soul today to overflowing. That happened 13 years ago. Many things have changed since then. Not long afterwards, we added another daughter to our family, then we moved to another state. The problems did not change, but I did. Since that day I have never lost my desire to serve the Lord or my desire to be in His services. No matter how difficult the effort, He always meets me there.

My friend still lives in Philippi—still faithful, still true, still serving Jesus. It was an exciting visitation of the Holy Spirit and has never lost its power! Praise His blessed name! □

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NOT MY SISTER



Dottie, age 30, as Senator Talmadge's secretary.

by ANN E. GAINES

On a beautiful sunny day in California I was en route to my sister's apartment to take her to lunch. I knocked, but there was no answer, so I opened the door. As I looked in the room, I was shocked to see her lying on the couch, blood-stains all over her clothes and razor cuts on her wrists oozing blood. I

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ran over to her—she was conscious, though nearly gone. Somehow I got her in my car and rushed her to the nearest hospital emergency room. My heart cried out, “O God, not my sister!”

She was my only sister. As we grew up we were entirely different. Dottie was very smart; she never misspelled a word in her life. She loved to stay indoors and read. She learned to cook and enjoyed older people. Dottie never learned to swim, roller-skate, or ride a bicycle, and screamed if she was put on a horse. Well, I have never learned to spell, can't keep my checkbook straight, or write so others can read it. I spent my childhood days skating, swimming, and bicycling. My greatest hour was in the third grade. Jim, our chauffeur, put me on the back of the most beautiful pony in the world. That pony was my first love, which started a chain of horses in my life. I even had a gorgeous white Arab named Princess when I was 60. Some of us never grow up.

We had a wonderful childhood, though we never went to church and didn't know what a Christian was. I don't remember my parents ever arguing, much less fighting.

Our childhood flashed by and we were living in Knoxville, Tenn., and were in high school. The handsome six-foot-five football star asked me for a date. When he arrived he gave my beautiful red-haired sister one look as she stood there in a lovely black velvet evening dress and decided he had the wrong girl. While I went into another room to get a jacket he asked her for a date. Sometime later he asked me to marry him, though she told him he was making a terrible mistake, that I would never settle down. Time proved her wrong!

Time passed; we were married and to my surprise the football star

became a holiness preacher. My sister became the personal secretary to the governor of Georgia, Herman Talmadge. I seldom saw her. One time I visited her home and was shocked to see her drinking beer and smoking as she was doing some work for Herman. By this time those things were alien to the life that I now enjoyed as the pastor's wife of a small holiness church.

In a few years Herman became Senator Talmadge, and Dottie moved to Washington. She lived in a hotel across from the Senate office building. I rarely saw her. Her friends were the press people and government employees. They would sit in the bar or restaurant drinking all evening. Dottie was now drinking Scotch straight, one right after the other, and smoking incessantly. She was still beautiful and had reached the top in her career.

After one visit, I went home to our little parsonage in Norwood, N.Y., and knelt by our old, black, pot-bellied stove, crying out from the depths of my heart in burden for her soul. As I was praying for her, the Holy Spirit spoke peace to my heart and assured me Dottie would make heaven. The burden lifted and never returned through the 20 years she was in Washington.

In those years many exciting, wonderful things happened in my life. It would take a book to tell of all God had done. My father came to California for the last eight years of his life and went to church with us all of those years. Praise God, the day of miracles is not past.

Dottie was all I had left. Our lives were so far apart that it looked like we would never be close again. Not only did thousands of miles separate us, but her sins left us little in common but our family tie.

One day the telephone rang and

it was a long-distance call from Washington. In a small, weak voice Dottie told me she had been very sick. (I found out later it was cirrhosis of the liver.) She was going to have to retire on full disability and was only 58 years old. She wanted to know if she could come to California and live with us. I, of course, told her to come. I was in shock. I always thought I was the last person on earth she would want to be around because of the difference in our lives.

Dottie arrived and I found the years had not dimmed my love for her. I felt that God was working out His will and the promise He had made me by the old wood stove 30 years before. To my astonishment, when we went out to lunch she still drank straight Scotch. She did respect our home and smoked outdoors. After six months she decided to get her own apartment where she could drink and smoke. I visited her every day and took her to lunch.

Her craving for alcohol and cigarettes grew worse. It got so bad she finally consented to go to a rehabilitation center. She returned and was fine for a few weeks, then the

old habits returned. Then that day came when my heart almost stopped as I opened the door and found her, wrists running with blood, after attempting suicide. My heart cried out, "O God, not my beautiful sister!"

Thanks to the unending mercy of God, she did recover. She lived a few more years, but at last she was ravished with lung cancer and given a year to live. Still no sign of repentance, but God's word is true and He had promised to save my sister. In the hospital one day as our pastor and I prayed with her, a great peace came over me.

My daughter Susie arrived. Dottie loved Susie—she was the daughter Dottie never had, having never married. Susie talked and prayed with her and I believe in those moments God reached her and all her sins were forgiven and forgotten. Praise the Lord! I believe she is in heaven now.

I am telling this story for one reason. Today nearly every family is brokenhearted over children or loved ones who have become addicted to dope or alcohol. Don't give up on them. Love them, let them

know you love them, whatever state they are in. Include them in family gatherings. Don't disown them; make them know they are a part of your family and always will be.

Jesus can deliver them instantly, but many need the help of a center where they can get medication and special support through the days of withdrawal.

My family is all gone now. They are buried together in Ohio. I am spending my retired years lovingly working to help the men on death rows in America. Most have gotten there because of drugs and alcohol. Many of their families have deserted them in shame and never write or visit. So my husband and I are Mom and Pop to many who have become outstanding Christians, who are now standing tall for Jesus as they live out their lives on Death Row—or Life Row as we call it when Jesus saves them.

Mom, dad, brother, sister, don't give up. Pray through for your loved ones. Be faithful in love and prayer, and Jesus will do all you cannot do. When you get to heaven, what glory it will be to have an unbroken family circle around His throne! □

Book Brief

THERE'S A SHEEP IN MY MIRROR



SUSIE SHELLENBERGER
author



The title of this book gave such a wrong impression to this reviewer that aside from required reading, I never would have cracked the cover. Sheep are timid, so I supposed that some youth director named Susie, struggling with her own self-image, was lamenting her fate as a weak leader of a small, unruly gang. You know the type.

On the contrary, Susie's strong as a lion, on top of things, and perfectly capable of not only developing a mighty fine youth group but also directing others to a more positive, Christ-honoring ministry to teens.

Sticking to one literary form would have helped this aging reader immensely. The rebellion of the 60s missed me, and anyone like me will find the mélange of no capitalization (but proper punctuation), free verse, prose, and mixed type styles, totally unnecessary. But it's not distracting because right on the first page, the powerful message begins to flow.

Now, the content.

The book is entertaining. Susie's sense of humor is so appealing, and her writing skill displays her heart and mind. You immediately admire her. Introducing a cross-section of teens, she shows how to gather them in and nurture them. She pulls no punches in showing the serious side of her business, touching even on the awful prospect of hell. As to activities, she describes one GROSS ME OUT (that does), and lists several good ideas other leaders can follow. And she includes one important chapter on BURNOUT.

What can I say? Pastors, parents, and adult church leaders have no business reading this terrific book. But no one will notice if you sneak a peek when it arrives in the mail as a gift for your youth director. Don't let your teens see it—they'll take it away from you! □

—Evelyn Stenbock Ditty

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the editor's STANDPOINT

THE UNSUNG FAITHFUL

Typographical errors often make interesting reading. John Hancock, our ebullient superintendent of the Illinois District, sent me a copy of one that featured him: "Our guest speaker this Sunday comes to us with unusual qualifications. Internationally *renounced* for his ministry to youth . . ." (italics added.)

Indeed, it is unusual to be renounced so widely for attempting such a good work. John thinks they meant to say "renowned," but one can never be sure.

To strike a more serious note, a man is blessed indeed of God who can minister on an international scale. In addition to the multitudes of people he helps, think of the intellectual, cultural, and spiritual benefits that accrue to him in traveling through various countries. That would be an enriching and exciting ministry.

But many will never have opportunities or responsibilities for so broad a ministry. Many laypersons faithfully work and witness within the narrow confines of a

local church in a small community. Many pastors spend their lives in small charges and quiet places. As they labor for God and souls, they are achieving more than they can know.

In their restricted situations they reach men and women for Christ who will have conspicuous and fruitful ministries of national or international scope. The Sunday School teacher who won D. L. Moody to Christ could not have guessed that Moody would be used by God to kindle revival fires on several continents.

We salute Christians who are serving loyally in unsung roles and uncelebrated places. The Bible makes it clear that their reward will be equal to that of workmen who toiled in publicized roles and famous spots.

The one criterion by which God judges our stewardship is faithfulness. Where He chooses to employ us is His business. Our business is to be as faithful as possible, not envying others, not disparaging ourselves, just being faithful. □

GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS

"By His power," wrote Jorge de Barros, "we have guaranteed reservations in heaven." I read these words in a daily devotion for May 10, 1986, at 4:30 in the morning. They blessed me as much as if it had been 7:30.

I had just returned from three days of travel with two nights on the road. When I am driving across country I like to have guaranteed reservations at the motels where I wish to stay.

To come to a desired stopover after a long day's travel, with bones aching and eyes burning, and discover that a convention or sports event has all the rooms tied up is a "bummer"—especially when the next available lodging is a hundred miles down the highway. To reserve ahead—guaranteed—is a big comfort.

It's a comfort, too, when unexpected problems—or blessings—delay the trip and extend the schedule. To know your room awaits and won't be given to another keeps your spirit encouraged. "No Vacancy" signs are

like a slap in the face to an exhausted traveler who seeks a few hours refuge and rest.

I am a pilgrim. My destination is heaven. There I am enrolled as a citizen. My Savior has a room prepared for me in the Father's house. His Spirit within me, providing incentive and power for the journey, is the guarantee of my reservation. At the end of the road I won't be refused or disappointed.

When Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, "there was no room for them in the inn." Consequently, Jesus was born in a cattle stall. The babe of the manger is "the Lord from heaven" who has promised, "I go to prepare a place for you . . . I will come again and receive you . . ."

I have a guaranteed reservation for that place where He will gather and house His people. On long stretches of road, through dark and weary hours of travel, when storms are blowing and troubles arise, that guaranteed reservation powerfully consoles and heartens me. □

Compression is a priceless gift. To say much in a few words insures another hearing. To spread thin soup over a large plate will not whet the appetite for another meal. Try a little more shortening in the recipe for sermons.

A VITAL INGREDIENT

A cryptogram solved read, “The number one ingredient in speeches is shortening.”

If not number one, at least it’s a vital ingredient. Much of what we hear—or read—would be better if briefer, including sermons. Often, the longer we talk the less we say.

Long-winded preaching results from careless habit, inadequate preparation, or the mistaken assumption that the listeners’ interest in the subject equals the speaker’s. I’ve found that even those who preach lengthy sermons do not like to hear them from others!

Time is relative, I know. W. D. Howells once remarked, “Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week.” That applies to preaching also. A sermon is not measured by clock-time only. The interest-quotient can make a sermon seem long when the clock says it’s short. Conversely, some preaching seems much shorter than it really is because it’s so rich, alive, and helpful.

Shallow vessels fill quickly. People with a deep love for God’s Word can absorb longer messages than those who do not cherish the Bible. Of course, I am assuming that preaching expounds the Word. If not, it isn’t really preaching, and any amount is too much.

Like it or not, people today have short attention spans, conditioned as they are by television programs and digest magazines. If a preacher wants to be heard, he had best be brief. He can talk to himself at home in the comfort of his recliner.

Verbosity is not a fruit of the Spirit. Those who preach, like those who pray, are not heard “for their much speaking.” “He who has knowledge,” says Proverbs, “spares his words” (17:27, NKJV)—a bit of wisdom as applicable to public speech as to private debate.

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MORTAR AND PESTLE WON’T EDUCATE

When I was a boy my father occasionally threatened to “beat some sense” into me. He had a short fuse, and I probably did lots of dumb things, even ornery things, that aggravated him.

Being young and ignorant I assumed that he really could beat sense into me, though I was quite willing to forego any education that might be received that way.

When I got acquainted with the Bible I discovered that Dad was wrong. The author of Proverbs says, “Crush a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, yet his folly will not depart from him” (27:22, RSV).

The fact is, a parent’s anger, by sharply increasing a child’s anxiety level sharply decreases his ability to learn quickly and respond correctly. What he learns most in that atmosphere is to duck and run.

Let me say, to keep the record straight, that my dad rarely ever carried out his threats. On the few occasions when he whipped me in anger, it made me sullen and resentful, but it didn’t reduce my folly.

There’s a better way to “learn sense.” God says, “If any

of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him” (James 1:5, RSV). We can be comfortable in asking God precisely because He doesn’t “blow His stack” when we do something foolish. He is patient with our infirmities. He does not tower over us in rage, an intimidating, wrathful figure.

This does not mean that our follies never grieve God. His sorrow, though, is for us and for those who are damaged by our stupid actions. No selfishness mars His reaction to our folly.

You can’t educate a fellow by knocking His block off, however tempting that method might be at times. But there is hope for a fool who becomes aware of God’s love and believes God’s promises. God will patiently teach him, enabling him to live more usefully and happily.

The mortar and pestle for grain, but the Bible and prayer for persons. This is the way of effective education. □

tongue, I do not know. It was a language and not a gibberish.

Harley K. Mitchell
St. Clair Shores, Michigan

JUDGMENT AHEAD

Read Exodus 13:2, Numbers 8:17, Deuteronomy 7:13, Luke 1:41.

Fetuses may not talk, but statistics talk for them. They shout, "We are being murdered—4,000 every day in the U.S.A." We call this black cloud hanging over our moral culture "Abortion." The Supreme Court says, "It's legal. Go ahead."

The truth is that there are several murderers for every abortion: the parents, the doctor who does the actual abortion, and the accomplices—family and friends who encourage it. But the abortion is not the basic sin. The basic sin is the conception of the unwanted child, and only the parents are responsible for that. They have their reasons.

The end is not the death of the innocent, aborted victim. That one is now in the eternal care of the compassionate God. But what of the

murderers? They face final judgment, with God as the judge, and an eternity ahead. Most of our grieving is for the aborted victims, but they are safe in God's care. But the murderers leave the judgment seat condemned!

C. H. Wiman
Bethany, Oklahoma

WHAT IF

I was interested in your answer to the inquiry, "What if Eve only had eaten the forbidden fruit and Adam had refused it?"

I hadn't considered that, but I have thought many times, what if they had not sinned, and then what if one (or some) of Adam and Eve's children or grandchildren had. Down the line, one of the godly children would have wanted to marry one of the ungodly ones, or vice versa, so essentially the godly—or Adamic perfect—line would have died out. It seems inevitable that one or more would have disobeyed God if the probation had continued.

Also, I really believe that Eve grew to regret her disobedience when she saw the results—death, thorns, hard physical labor, tears, etc.

I have read the commentaries somewhere that one preacher, at least, thought Adam had eaten the forbidden fruit because he loved Eve and didn't want her to be punished alone.

Eileen Schumaker
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

CARING CHURCH

It is wonderful to see our church moving into the big cities once again. The need is great for the gospel to be carried into these mission fields.

Some of the most "unlovely" people are found in the big cities, but God has laid it on the hearts of a group of Christians to go to these people and share the gospel.

Those who don't feel led to minister in the big cities should realize the same task. Whether in a smaller city, town, or country, lost souls are our mission field.

The Church of the Nazarene has realized a twofold task: bring the people to the gospel, and take the gospel to the people. Praise the Lord for a caring church!

Jeffrey D. Collins
Indianapolis, Indiana

MY MOTHER'S PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED

by GRACE L. FORSTER

I had been trying to reach my brother, Jack, by telephone all week at his new apartment, but there had been no response. Finally I called the manager, but she did not know where he was. She called a reference number he had given her, that of a friend, and found out he was in the hospital. He did not want to worry us, but he had been operated on for lung cancer and had nearly died.

We called the hospital for information and then went to see him. He was still critical and in intensive care. Sitting up in a chair for the first time, he recognized my husband and me but could not talk as tubes were in his nose and throat. He was able to smile and tried to write messages to us.

We told him we were praying for him, and he seemed

glad. We asked him if it would be all right for our pastor to visit him, and he shook his head in agreement.

We called our pastor, and he said he would make time to see him. It was a busy week for the pastor, as our church was getting ready for its first Sunday in our new building. We called the hospital every day, but Jack wasn't doing too well. In fact, he was giving them trouble by trying to get out of there. Our pastor went to see him, which helped to calm him down. He then prayed the "sinner's prayer" and Jack accepted Christ.

The next day we went to see him and he was doing better. Before we left, I said, "We heard the Lord saved you, and I would like to pray for you before we leave." But you know, I could not pray. The glory of the Lord was all around us; it was beautiful! Jack took hold of our hands and smiled; it made us feel so good. But that night he went into a coma and passed away a few days later.

We are so thankful for God's last-minute saving power, and for a faithful pastor, and for the answering of our mother's prayers of many years. She always said she had the assurance that all five of her children would be saved. □

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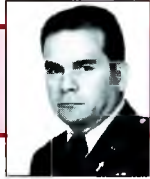
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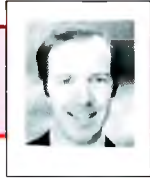
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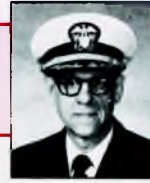
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The Church of the Nazarene has designated November 9, 1986. *Military Personnel Appreciation Day* (MILPAD). We proudly pay tribute to all Nazarenes in the United States as well as in other countries where they serve, and have served, honorably in the military.

Our military leaders recognize that moral character and faith in God are bulwarks of democracy. Therefore, they have entrusted to chaplains the responsibility to help build these character traits in our service personnel. The Church of the Nazarene has responded by sending 41 clergy to minister to those serving active duty, 23 to minister to the reserves, and 9 to those in veterans' hospitals. These men and women must pass not only the criteria set by their respective branches of the armed services, but by those set by the Church of the Nazarene, as well. To borrow from the greeting card company, the Church of the Nazarene cares enough to send the very best.

Today's chaplain is a new breed of clergy, blending mission and ministry to touch military lives at the crisis points of pain, suffering, temptation, and loneliness. He is engaged in innovative ministry—pushing to new frontiers; serving in unusual places. He prepares men and women to live and die, fulfilling the Great Commission, "that the world may know."

Nearly three-quarters of the armed forces personnel are under 25 years of age. They live a transient, lonely life-style. Many have left home with deep-felt beliefs and values that need to be encouraged and nurtured. They have too frequently been overlooked, their service and sacrifice taken for granted by an ungrateful society and a sometimes neglectful church.

MILPAD. MILITARY Personnel Appreciation Day. Join with us on November 9 as we set apart this day to honor those among us who are helping to preserve the flame and spirit of liberty. They deserve our thanks and gratitude.

—CH (COL) Curt Bowers, USA (Ret)
Director, Chaplaincy Ministries
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THE MILITARY AND MINISTRY

The following information was taken from the spring 1986 "Listening Post," a representative survey of Nazarene leaders across the United States.

MILITARY SERVICE

Three out of 10 (30.77%) Nazarene leaders have served in the armed forces. This includes one-third (34.56%) of the pastors, and one-fourth (27.88%) of the lay leaders. Of these leaders:

SAVED IN THE MILITARY

One in 10 (11.01%) leaders were saved while serving in the military. More than 1 in 6 pastors (17.59%) were saved during their tour of duty.

While most leaders (55.5%) were second-generation Nazarenes, two-thirds (66.7%) of those saved while in the military were not from Nazarene homes.

INFLUENCED TOWARD COLLEGE/SEMINARY

Over one-fourth (26.21%) of the pastors, and 1 out of 10 (10%) of the lay leaders who served in the military, were "influenced to go to college and/or seminary while serving in the military."

MILITARY PERSONNEL AND MISSIONS

One out of 10 (10.8%) leaders assisted with a "Nazarene missionary endeavor while serving in the military."

The Church of the Nazarene has an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 members currently serving in the armed forces. We appreciate our Nazarene service personnel. Continue to support them. Encourage them to be sensitive to how God can use them in the military. Above all, pray for them. What tremendous potential they possess to impact the military for Christ!

—Compiled by the Church Growth Division's Statistical Research Center

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Jeff Lane, a former Nazarene Publishing House employee, graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas in August 1986, receiving his M.A. degree in biomedical communication. While a student at UTHSCD he was ranked number two in the nation by the Association of Medical Illustrators. In addition to the artwork he did at NPH, Jeff's illustrations have been published by the Arizona Heart Institute and the National Geographic Society.

A 1980 graduate of Mid-America Nazarene College, Jeff received bachelor of arts degrees in both art and biology.

Jeff is the son of Revs. Ray and Norma Lane who copastor Spokane, Wash., Crestline. He and his wife, Melinda, attend the Richardson, Tex., church. □

NAZARENE VET'S LETTER FOUND 42 YEARS LATER

William C. Croft of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., wrote his mother as an army private steaming toward Algiers in a military convoy, May 1944. That letter was among 235 that were recently found stashed in someone's attic in Raleigh, N.C. They were supposed to have been mailed by a soldier (now deceased) whose ship had returned to the United States in 1944.

A pest exterminator discovered the sack of letters, which were turned over to him by that soldier's aunt, on condition her identity and that of her nephew would remain secret. The letters were given to the U.S. Postal Service, which endeavored to return them to their writers. William's mother had been dead for 25 years. His letter to his mother was delivered to his wife eight days after his death. He died from a heart attack while he was talking on the phone with an old war buddy.

Juanita Croft, William's wife, said they had attended Suwannee Camp Meeting just the week before he passed away. □

ALABAMA NORTH DISTRICT PLANTS FOUR NEW CHURCHES

District superintendent B. J. Garber reports four new churches in 15 months.

The Sumiton Community Church was organized at a district assembly Home Missions service May 2, 1985, with 22 charter members, starting in a city where there was no Church of the Nazarene. This new congregation, with Rev. Bob Corley as pastor, received 32 new members by profession of faith in its first year, increasing its membership to 54.

The Huntsville St. John Church, the first new Black congregation, with Rev.

Frank Crutcher as pastor, was organized November 24, 1985, with 15 charter members. It is self-supporting and has a choice nucleus of new Nazarenes.

The Fayette Church was organized May 1, 1986, with 29 charter members, starting in a city where there was no Church of the Nazarene. This new congregation with Rev. Jimmy Earnest as pastor has averaged 32 in attendance its first three months.

The Bessemer St. Paul Church, the second new Black congregation, was organized July 13, 1986, with 44 new Nazarenes. Dr. Charles Johnson and a Crusade Team from Meridian, Miss., and Rev. and Mrs. Gary Houston, first pastors of the new church, canvassed Bessemer and enrolled 150 teens and children for a Vacation Bible School. Several adults prayed through in homes. The VBS had an average of 120 teens and children daily, with 60 conversions. A two-week crusade revival followed the VBS with an average of 80 every night. The altar was lined with seekers in every service. □



Following weeks of discipling new Christians, the Bessemer St. Paul Church began with 44 charter members, all new Nazarenes.



PRAYER PARTNERS

Would you lift a prayer of praise to God for our missionary successes? We are growing so fast in non-U.S. territories that one-third of our members reside outside the U.S.A. The members of the Board of General Superintendents conduct district assemblies throughout the world as they would do in any U.S. district. November is a month of non-U.S.A. assemblies. In many places our growth is explosive. In some countries, 80 percent of the pastors are lay pastors without clergy training. Our General Budget has made this possible.

We have a real need for overpayment of the General Budget. We could go far to achieve this if we reach the goal of \$9 million in the thank offering for missions. Specials giving is fine and is greatly helpful, but the real lifeline to our work around the world is the General Budget. A worldwide revival could occur in this decade through our God-called missionary force. Please pray for them and the Thanksgiving Offering, 1986.

Raymond W. Hum, Secretary
BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS



Pictured (l. to r.): Rev. Keith Bottles is joined by Illinois Deputy Governor Jerry Blakemore and Rev. Michael Estep, Thrust to the Cities director, at the open house.

GRAND OPENING AT CHICAGO THRUST HEADQUARTERS

Representatives of state and local government joined Nazarenes for the grand opening and open house of the Chicago Thrust headquarters, Sunday afternoon, July 27.

Thrust to the Cities Director Michael Estep represented the Board of

General Superintendents at the event where he pledged the denomination's prayerful and financial support to the Chicago Thrust.

"It's not that we're saying that Chicago can't help itself as much as we want to say to Chicago that we want to join you in meeting the needs of the people in this great city," Rev. Estep told the crowd of more than 100 at the open house.

"Our purpose in coming is also to prepare a model for other cities. Some of the things we have learned here are already being applied as we prepare to begin the Thrust to Mexico City next year. Our desire in this time and day is to learn what it really means to be Christ to the city, and as a church, we are committed to just that."

"It's sort of a fulfillment of a dream that I have had for four years," said Rev. Keith Bottles, Chicago Central district superintendent. "We have around 8,000 Nazarenes scattered over this area, and I believe that with our

8,000 and almost a million more Nazarenes scattered throughout the world, we can really impact Chicago for Jesus Christ and the message of holiness."

"What's really important is the good that this Thrust campaign is bringing to the people of Chicago," said Alderman Percy Giles, who serves the ward where the Chicago Thrust office is located. "We look forward to a long and a great working relationship with the Church of the Nazarene to bring about good for the people of Chicago."

"Chicago Thrust is seeking to strengthen existing churches and to extend the church to new locations," said Rev. Bob Brunson, Chicago Thrust coordinator. "Thirty areas in Chicago have been targeted for establishment of new congregations within the next two years. Already this year eight churches have been begun or are in the process of being started."

He added that Chicago Thrust is seeking to minister to the total person by offering social as well as spiritual

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The ribbon is cut, officially opening the Chicago Thrust office. Shown (l. to r.) are Chicago Thrust Coordinator Bob Brunson, District Superintendent Keith Bottles and Mrs. Bottles, Mrs. Bob Brunson, and Mrs. Gilbert Leigh.



Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent (with microphone) had a special commissioning service for the new church planters participating in Chicago Thrust at the 1986 Chicago Central district assembly.



Dr. Eugene L. Stowe (r.) presented Rev. Bottles with one of the bronze castings designed specially for the Thrust program at the Chicago Central district assembly. Based on Matthew 10:42, the bronze shows two hands offering a cup of cold water to a pair of upreached hands.

services. He said the first of three planned compassionate ministry centers will soon be opening in the Thomas Aquinas Building in the Southshore area of the city. Other centers are planned for the north side and west side.

Jerry Blakemore, deputy governor of Illinois, represented the state of Illinois at the meeting. He also thanked the Church of the Nazarene for its involvement in working with government and social agencies to improve the lives of people in Chicago.

The Chicago Thrust office is located in an apartment above New World Christian Ministries (NWCN) at 5008 West Chicago in the Southshore community. Nazarene elder, Rev. Gilbert O.

Leigh, founder and president of NWCN, is providing the space to the denomination rent-free. NWCN provides social services to children and adults across the Chicago area and has ministered to more than 31,000 Chicagoans since its beginning in 1971.

Those currently planting churches as part of Chicago Thrust include: Rev. Victor Philip, Englewood; Rev. Alfred Archer, Austin; Rev. Suleiman Rihani, Oak Lawn Arabic; Rev. Jeff Brodsky, Portage Park; Rev. Phil Troutman, Aurora Spanish; Rev. Brian Wilson, Blue Island Spanish; Rev. José Alfaro, South Lawndale Spanish; Rev. Jerónimo Gutiérrez, Humboldt Park Spanish.

"We have found that the Thrust to the Cities program is not only helping us to catch a new vision of the city and its needs here in Chicago, but it's also touching the hearts of literally thousands of people around the world on behalf of Chicago," Rev. Estep told the crowd.

Rev. Estep said Nazarenes on the West Virginia South District have pledged to send at least three tractor-trailer loads of clothing and furniture for distribution through the compassionate ministry centers of Chicago Thrust during the coming months.

Rev. Estep thanked the officials from the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois for their assistance to the church.

Persons interested in planting a church in Chicago may phone the Chicago Thrust office at 312-261-0141. □

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Over two decades ago, this press was first manned by Jim Spruill and Gordon Dawn. In 1966, Jim was struck by lightning and killed while on vacation with his family in Tennessee. When his son, Ron, grew up, he wanted to follow in his dad's footsteps and applied for work at the publishing house. He is pictured (r.) with Gordon as they worked together on the final run of this venerable press. During its last days, the big press was run on an around-the-clock

(24 hours) schedule to prepare for the time it would take to dismantle the old and erect the new press. In the years of smooth running, the press was always on a 50-hour week schedule, which translates into thousands of man-hours.

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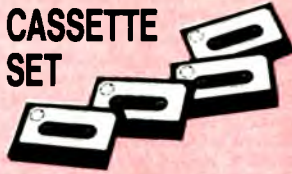
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A tax advantage can still be realized for contributing to an Individual Retirement Annuity (IRA) during the 1986 tax year.

Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions and Benefits USA, states that new legislation affecting retirement savings plans, such as IRAs, will not take effect until after April 15, 1987. "Contributions made up to and including this date for the 1986 tax year will continue to result in a tax savings for the contributor."

Individuals participating in the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program are receiving 10 percent annual effective interest on all "new monies" contributed through December 31, 1986, with a minimum guarantee on those funds of no less than 8 percent for the following four years.

A booklet describing the new tax law and its impact on ministers' taxes is being prepared and will be distributed to all active Nazarene ministers when available.

TAX REFORM BILL OVERRULES REVENUE RULING 83-3

The tax reform bill passed by the United States Senate has overruled Revenue Ruling 83-3.

This ruling disallowed interest and property deductions for ministers who have parsonage allowances. Although the application had been postponed for most ministers until January 1, 1987, the ruling continued to apply to ministers who purchased homes after January 2, 1983.

Conrad Teitell, author of the annual *Minister's Guide for Income Tax*, states that those ministers who did not take their interest and property tax deductions because of the ruling should be able to file amended tax returns and claim refunds. Amended returns for


the 1983 tax year must be filed by April 15, 1987.

Each minister should discuss with a personal tax adviser all the rami-

fications of filing an amended return. Any questions regarding the repeal of Revenue Ruling 83-3 may be directed to the Pensions office.



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ARCHER, DREX: Concerts in North and South Dakota, Nebraska, and Canada, November 2-28

AREY, DONALD I.: Brentwood, NY, November 18-23

ARMSTRONG, LEON, LINDA & FAMILY: Roanoke, VA (Garden City), November 4-9; Colara, MD (Rising Sun), November 11-16; Avon Park, FL, November 18-23

● **BAGGETT, DALLAS W.:** Reserved, November 4-9; Pulaski, TN, November 14-16

BAKER, RICHARD C.: Ripley, WV, November 4-9; Grafton, OH (Midview), November 11-16; Lehighton, PA (Wesleyan), November 18-23

● **BALLARD, DON:** Jonesboro, AR (Forest Home), November 12-16; Reserved, November 18-30

BEATY, BRYAN & FAMILY: Wichita, KS (West Side), November 1-6; Emporia, KS, November 8-13; Taylorville, IL (First), November 16-23

BEELER, LOWELL E.: Morganton, NC, November 4-9; Coatesville, MO (Southern Baptist), November 11-16

BELZER, DAVID A.: Rawlins, WY, November 4-9; Spencer, SD, November 11-16; Grafton, ND, November 18-23; New Rockford, ND, November 25—December 1

BLUE, DAVE & DANA: Bradenton, FL (The Breakfast Club; Concerts), November 1-30

BLTYHE, ELLIS G., SR.: Concord, NC (First), November 4-9; Lawrence, KS (First), November 11-16; Port Charlotte, FL, November 18-23

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BOICOURT, MARLA J.: Duncan, OK (Oak Avenue), November 4-9

BOND, GARY & BETH: Fort Recovery, OH, November 4-9; Newark, OH (First), November 12-16; Grove City, OH, November 18-23

BOONE, FORD L.: Owensville, IN, November 4-9; Bloomington, IN (Eastside), November 11-16

BOQUIST, DOUG & DEB: Peoria, IL (Christian High School), November 3-6; Jeffersonville, IN (First), November 7-9; Loudonville, OH, November 12-16; Reserved, November 17-30

BOSHELL, T. JAMES: Sistersville, WV, November 4-9

BOWDEN, ALFRED V.: Tilden, IL, November 5-16

BOYNTON, RICHARD C.: Shelbyville, IN (First), November 11-16; Indianapolis, IN (Central), November 21-23

BREWINGTON, JANE A.: Massapequa Park, NY, November 11-23

BRISCOE, JOHN B.: Reserved, November 23-30

BROWN, FRED D.: Youngstown, OH (First), November 4-9; Eaton, OH (First), November 11-16

BROWN, ROGER N.: Mifflinburg, PA, November 12-16; Northfield, NJ, November 19-23

BUDD, JAY B.: Kane, PA, November 2-7; Williamsport, OH (Darbyville), November 11-16; Reserved, November 18-23

BUNNELLE, DANNY: Raleigh, NC (North), November 4-9; Ocala, FL, November 12-16; Decatur, IL (West Side), November 18-23

BURKE, OWEN M.: Parma, ID, November 5-9; New Plymouth, ID, November 11-16; Nyssa, OR, November 18-23

BURKHALTER, G. PAT: Brighton, TN (Tipton County), November 4-9; Neodesha, KS, November 11-16; Osceola, AR, November 18-23

BYERS, CHARLES & MILDRED: Monticello, IA, November 4-9; Lincoln, NE (Northside), November 11-16; Falls City, NE, November 18-23

CANEN, DAVID L.: Rockledge, GA (Wilkes), November 4-9; Dublin, GA (First), November 11-16; Lafayette, GA (First), November 18-23; Summerville, GA (Harrisburg), November 24-30

CANFIELD, DAVID B.: Corbin, KY, November 4-9; Ashland, KY (Plaza), November 13-16; Reserved, November 17-30

CASTEEL, HOWARD H.: Cuba, IL, November 11-16

CAYTON, JOHN: Reserved, November 1-30

CHAMBERS, LEON & MILDRED: Reserved, November 3-30

● **CHAPMAN, W. EMERSON:** Cimarron, KS, November 18-23

CHASE, FRANK: Mannford, OK, November 4-9; Clovis, NM (Fairview), November 11-16

CHRISTNER, JACK M.: Payne, OH, November 4-9; Pittsburgh, PA (Lincoln Place), November 11-16; Independence, KY (Florence Community), November 18-23

● **CLAY, M. E.:** Weston, WV, November 4-9; Orbisonia, PA, November 11-16

COFFEY, REV. & MRS. RUSSELL: Berne, IN, November 4-9; Farm-land, IN, November 11-16; Muskegon, MI (Eastwood), November 18-23; Reserved, November 24-30

COVINGTON, NATHAN A.: Collinsville, OK, November 4-9; Oklahoma City, OK (Oakcliff), November 11-16; Reserved, November 24-30; Borger, TX (Trinity), November 30—December 7

● **COX, CURTIS B.:** Florian, LA (Cenchrea), November 11-16

CRABTREE, JAMES C.: Columbus, OH (West Broad), November 4-9; Fort Wayne, IN (Fairfield Avenue), November 11-16; Reserved, November 19-30

CRANDALL, VERNON & BARBARA: Montpelier, OH, November 4-9; Delta, OH, November 11-16; Nappanee, IN, November 18-23

CRANE, BILLY D.: West Point, OH, November 4-9; New Matamoras, OH, November 11-16; Greensboro, PA, November 18-23; Elwood City, PA (Free Methodist), November 30—December 7

● **CULBERTSON, BERNARD W.:** Willows, CA, November 4-9

DALE, R. TOM: Medford, OR (First), November 2-6; Hermiston, OR, November 30—December 5

● **DARNELL, H. E.:** Hagerstown, MD (Calvary Holiness), November 4-9; Graham, NC (Wesleyan Chapel), November 13-23; Ashboro, NC (B.M.), November 25-30

DAVIS, HAROLD: Reserved, November 4-6

● **DEBOLT, TED & DOROTHY:** St. Simons Island, GA (NIROGA), November 2-8; Evansville, IN (Victory Chapel), November 11-16

DELL, JIMMY: Ruston, LA, November 1-5; Baton Rouge, LA (First), November 6-9; Sharon Springs, KS (Wesleyan), November 15-19; Belleville, KS (Wesleyan), November 20-23; St. Maries, ID, November 30—December 3

DENNISON, MARVIN E.: Hamilton, OH (Tuley Road), November 11-16; Reserved, November 24-30

DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: Gilmer, TX, November 12-16; Reserved, November 19—January 11

DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: Marietta, GA (First), November 4-9; Jamestown, TN (Pine Haven), November 11-16

DUTTON, BARRY & TAVIA: Malden, MO (First), November 4-9; Meade, KS, November 11-16; Holdenville, OK, November 18-23; Perryville, AR (Immanuel), November 28-30

● **ECKLEY, LYLE E.:** Kempton, IL, November 4-9; Irving, TX (Faith), November 11-16

ESSELBURN, BUD—THE KING'S MESSENGERS: Edinburg, IN, November 4-9; Princeton, WV, November 11-16; Weedville, PA (Wesleyan), November 18-23

FADER, WES & MARY: Pawtucket, RI, November 4-9; Melrose, MA, November 12; Cambridge, MA, November 14-16; State College, PA (Bethel), November 19-23; Fort Washington, MD (Washington Trinity), November 30

FISHER, CLAIR H.: Philadelphia, PA (First), November 9-13

● **FISHER, C. WILLIAM:** Richardson, TX, November 4-9; Amarillo, TX (First), November 11-16; Guymon, OK, November 18-23

FORTNER, ROBERT E.: Cadillac, MI, November 4-9; Kimundy, IL (Keens Chapel Independent), November 11-16; Paducah, KY, November 18-23; Reserved, November 25-30

FOSTER, A. D.: Cedar Rapids, IA (Oakland), November 1—December 31

FRANK, RICHARD A.: Reserved, November 3-8; Victoria, VA, November 12; Newport News, VA, November 16

FREELAND, RONALD E.: Odon, IN, November 4-9; Crothersville, IN, November 11-16; Clinton, IN, November 18-23

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● **GRAY, C. PAUL:** Many, LA (Friendship), November 4-9

GREEN, JAMES & ROSEMARY: South Portland, ME (Zone Crusade), November 5-9; Durant, OK, November 12-16

GROVES, C. WILLIAM: Columbus, OH (Brown Road Community Independent), November 4-9

HAINES, GARY W.: Kingfisher, OK, November 1-5; El Reno, OK, November 6-9; Edmond, OK (Waterloo), November 15-19; Oklahoma City, OK (Warr Acres First), November 20-23; Duncanville, TX (Trinity), November 29—December 3

HALL, CARL N.: Danville, IL (Oaklawn), November 4-9

● **HANCE, S. RAY:** Arnett, OK (Harmon), November 5-9

HAYES, ALVIN B.: Arkansas City, KS, November 4-9; McEwen, TN (Pine Hill), November 18-23; Reserved, November 24-30

HAYNES, CHARLES & MYRT: Greensboro, NC (First), November 4-9; Tullahoma, TN (Mount Vernon), November 11-16; Salem, IN, November 18-23

HELMS, MIKE & GLORIA: Muncie, IN (Emmanuel), November 4-9; Irvine, KY, November 11-23; Rock Hill, SC (Oakdale), November 25-30

● **HENDERSON, LATTIE V.:** Barnesville, OH (Independent), November 10-22

HIGGINS, CHARLES E.: Freeport, NY, November 2-6; Silver Spring, MD (Free Methodist), November 9-13; Gallatin, TN, November 16-20; Dixons Mill, AL (Baptist), November 30—December 3

HILL, BEN E.: Peru, IL, November 4-9; Fairbury, IL, November 11-16; Rockford, IL (Auburn Road), November 18-23

HOOTS, BOB: Reserved, November 1-30

● **HOWARD, RICHARD E.:** Winnipeg, Man. (Elmwood), November 4-9; Bristol, PA, November 16-19

HUGHES, A. JOYCE: Sedgwick, Alta. (Sedgwick), November 4-9; Waverly, TN, November 11-16

JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Mount Vernon, OH (MVNC), November 12; Fort Wayne, IN (Lake Avenue), November 16; Reserved, November 21-29

● **JANTZ, CALVIN & MARJORIE:** Selma, IN, November 4-9

JEFFRIES, JEFF & JAN: Dorris, CA (Dorris, a.m.), November 2; Klamath Falls, OR (p.m.), November 2; Sun Valley, CA, November 16

JOHNSON, BOB R.: Seattle, WA (Wesleyan Theological Mtg.), November 7-8; Colorado Springs, CO (Trinity), November 12; Visalia, CA (Walnut Grove), November 19-23

JOHNSON, RONALD E.: Concerts in southern Idaho, November 2; concerts in central California, November 9-14; Angels Camp, CA, November 16-21; Concerts in California, November 23; Concerts in southern Idaho, November 30

JONES, ROBERT A., JR.: Reserved, November 23

JONES, TERRY L.: Elkhart, KS, November 5-9; Plainview, TX (First), November 12-16; Ada, OK (First), November 18-23; Farmington, AR, November 30

JUSTICE, MEL & DONNA: Blanchester, OH, November 4-9; Modoc, IN, November 11-16

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● **KNIGHT, JOHN L.:** Duncan, OK (Oak Avenue), November 4-9; Ocoee, FL, November 11-16; Clermont, FL (First), November 18-23; Homestead, FL, November 25-30

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● **KRATZER, RAYMOND C.:** Ellensburg, WA, November 4-9

LASSELL, RAY: Pittsburg, KS (Church of God), November 4-9; Fairmont, WV (Central), November 11-16; Chillicothe, OH (First), November 18-23; Reserved, November 25-30

LAWSON, WAYNE T.: Evanston, WY, November 9-14; Sheridan, WY, November 16-21; Fallon, NV, November 30—December 5

LECKRONE, LARRY D.: Huntington, IN (First), November 4-9; Cadillac, MI, November 11-16; Monroeville, IN, November 18-23; Tecumseh, MI, November 25-30

LEPTER, J. DOUGLAS: Uxbridge, MA, November 4-9; West Jefferson, NC (Mount Jefferson), November 11-16; Chattanooga, TN (Look-out Valley), November 18-23; Allison, PA, November 25-30

LESTER, FRED R.: Rapid City, SD, November 4-9
 LIDDELL, R. L.: Eureka, IL, November 11-16; Annapolis, MD, November 18-23; Cardington, OH, November 25-30
 LOETSCHER, O'NEAL & LINDA: Kansas City, KS (Victory Hills), November 4-9; Clarence, MO, November 11-16; Conneaut, OH (Kelloggsville), November 18-23; Reserved, November 25-30
 LOHR, DONALD A.: Paden City, WV, November 4-9; South Charleston, WV (First), November 11-16
 LYFF, CLAUD: Terre Haute, IN (East Side), November 4-9
 LUBARGER, O. EVERETT, JR.: Elendale, ND, November 4-9
 MANER, ROBERT E., JR.: Dover, TN (First), November 4-9; Cordova, AL, November 11-16; Orlando, FL (Lockhart), November 18-23
 MANLEY, STEPHEN L.: Republic of South Africa, November 3-23; Reserved, November 24-30
 ●MARTIN, E. LEON: Reserved, November 4-6; Sequim, WA (Valley), November 11-16
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 McGEE, JERRY: Fort Lauderdale, FL (Faith), November 4-9; Bishopville, SC (Ashwood), November 11-16; Gastonia, NC (First), November 18-23
 MEENACH, CHRIS F.: Reserved, November 6-9
 MEHR, BETHANY: Allen Park, MI (Veterans Memorial Hosp. Chapel), November 12
 MELVIN, L. DOLORES: Vancleve, KY (Kentucky Mountain Holiness Assoc.), November 16-23
 MEYER, BOB & BARBARA: Reserved, November 1-30
 MICKEY, BOB: Gridley, CA, November 11-16
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 MILLHUFF, CHARLES R.: Bradenton, FL (First), November 9-16; Topeka, KS (Wanamaker Woods), November 23-26
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 PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARATY: Bowie, MD, November 4-9; Philipsburg, PA, November 11-16; Hawthorn, PA, November 18-23; Reserved, November 25-30
 PERDUE, NELSON S.: Oak Hill, WV, November 5-9; Ironton, OH (First), November 11-16; Decatur, IL (West Side), November 18-23
 PFEIFER, DON, EVANGELISTIC TEAM: Dayton, OH (Concert), November 2; Canton, OH (Malone College), November 4; Salem, VA, November 6; Reserved, November 9; Circleville, OH (Church of Christ/Christian Union), November 10-16; West Columbia, SC (Central), November 16-23; Hendersonville, NC (First), November 30—December 3
 PFEIFER, MARK: Chillicothe, OH (Wilson Run CCCU), November 5-9; Springfield, OH (Woodside CCCU), November 14-16; Cincinnati, OH (Madisonville Wesleyan), November 20-23
 ●PIERCE, BOYCE & CATHERINE: Villa Grove, IL, November 4-9
 QUALLS, PAUL M.: Orlando, FL, November 11-16
 RICHARDSON, BARNEY T.: Elkhart, IN (Bressee), November 4-9
 RICHARDSON, KENNETH L.: De Kalb, IL, November 4-9; Peoria, IL (El-Bethel), November 11-16
 RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS: Odon, IN, November 8-9; Bloomington, IN (Eastside), November 11-16; Bloomington, IN (Zion), November 23; Reserved, November 26-30
 RICKEY, HOWARD L.: Dayton, OH (Huber Heights), November 2-5; Littlefield, TX (First), November 9-12; Roseburg, OR (First), November 16-30
 ROBINSON, TED L.: Wauseon, OH, November 4-9; Meadville, PA,

November 11-16; Youngstown, OH (Boardman), November 18-23; Syracuse, OH, November 25-30
 ROTH, RONALD W.: Spencer, IN, November 4-9; Waltersburg, PA, November 11-16; Hernshaw, WV (Lens Creek), November 18-23
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 STREET, A. DAVID: Kankakee, IL (Eastridge), November 4-9; Clarion, IA, November 11-16; Lexington, KY (Calvary), November 18-23
 SWANSON, ROBERT L.: Sayre, OK, November 11-16
 TAYLOR, DAVID & NORMA: Niles, MI, November 4-9; Reserved, November 25-30
 ●TAYLOR, MENDELL L.: Del City, OK, November 5-9

TAYLOR, RONNIE F.: Albany, KY (Highway), November 4-9; Tullahoma, TN (Wesleyan), November 11-16; Reserved, November 17—December 1
 TAYLOR, ROBERT W.: Richland Center, WI, November 4-9; Germantown, OH, November 11-16; Dolton, IL, November 18-23; Elgin, IL, November 29-30
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 TINSLEY, MARVIN & DENISE: Indianapolis District SAM Retreat, November 7; Greenfield, IN (Stringtown), November 18-23
 TRIPP, HOWARD M.: Indianapolis, IN (Northside), November 4-9; Mount Sterling, KY, November 11-16
 TUCKER, RALPH W., JR.: Mount Pleasant, MI (Indian Methodist), November 23-27
 ●ULMET, ALECK G.: Albany, KY (First), November 4-9; Louisville, KY (Jeff Freeway), November 11-16; Louisville, KY (Westside), November 19-23
 WALKER, BRIAN & DEBB: Reserved, November 19-23
 ●WALKER, LAWRENCE C.: Vero Beach, FL (First), November 2-9; San Mateo, FL (First), November 18-23
 ●WATSON, LOY L.: Helena, OK, November 14-16
 WELLS, LINARD O.: Coffeyville, KS (First), November 4-9; Washington, IN, November 18-23; Reserved, November 24-30
 WHITWORTH, ARTIE H.: Kountze, TX (Lumberton), November 11-16
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 WILLIAMS, E. VERBAL: Lake Wales, FL, November 4-16
 WILSON, J. BARRY: Highland, IN, November 16-23
 WOODWARD FAMILY EVANGELISM: Orlando, FL (Colonial), November 5-9; Reserved, November 10—December 31
 WOOTEN, D. J.: Wheeling, WV (Mar-Win), November 5-9; Millflint, PA, November 12-16; Northfield, NJ, November 19-23
 WRIGHT, E. GUY: Denver, NC (Evangelical Methodist), November 4-9; Clark, OH (Community), November 11-16; Orrville, OH, November 18-23; Goshen, OH, November 25-30
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Pictured at the Northwest district assembly (l. to r.) are the pastors who led their churches to Great Commission Fellowship Award status: Rev. Orville Swanson of Kennewick, Wash.; Rev. Paul Barber of Lewiston, Idaho; Rev. Ronald Kearns of Yakima, Wash., West Valley; Rev. Paul Gray of Hermiston, Oreg.; Rev. Gary Nelson of Cheney, Wash.; Rev. Joe Farrow of Spokane, Wash., Bethel; Rev. Gerald Bell, Yakima, Wash., Trinity; Rev. Jim Clifton of Republic, Wash.; Rev. Joe Simmons of Dayton, Wash.; and Rev. John Kell of Yakima, Wash., Bethel (not pictured). The three Great Commission Award winners were Rev. Paul Barber of Lewiston, Idaho, First; Rev. Gary Nelson of Cheney, Wash.; and Rev. Gerald Bell of Yakima, Wash., Trinity. Dr. Walter E. Lanman (back, l.), district superintendent, is serving on an extended term. Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent, ordained elders J. Scott Shaw, Michael N. Myers, Scott St. Mary, Gary H. Curtis, and recognized the orders of Nelson A. Vance. Mark D. Van Bebbber was ordained deacon.



At the Northwest Oklahoma district assembly, Rev. Jesse C. Middendorf was re-elected district superintendent for a four-year term. Dr. Raymond W. Hurn ordained Ira F. Brown, Jr., Richard Green, Barbara Jones, Kevin C. Rodgers, and Delvin D. Wiles. Pictured, A. B. (Bud) LeCrone, district CL/SS chairman, presented the Great Commission Leaders Award, Category I, to Robert Shephard, of Piedmont; Category II, Jack B. Lowe, Alva; and Category III, Michael E. Page, Warr Acres First.



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Pictured at the 1986 Minnesota district assembly are the Great Commission Leaders Award winners. Shown (l. to r.) are Rev. David L. Frisbie, Minneapolis Faith, Category I; Rev. Ronald J. McGilvra, Osseo, Category II; Rev. Russell Human, district superintendent; and Dr. John A. Knight, general superintendent. Dr. Knight ordained David L. Frisbie. Rev. Russell Human was elected district superintendent for a four-year term. A Church Planting Rally was held on Tuesday evening with Dr. Carl Clendenen speaking. An offering of nearly \$7,500 was spontaneously raised to plant a new church in Park Rapids, Minn. Rev. Mark Shuey has been appointed as church planter for the project.

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS TENNESSEE

At the Tennessee district assembly, Dr. W. Talmadge Johnson, district superintendent, reported a net gain of 357 per Sunday in Sunday School, and a



Pictured at the West Virginia North district assembly (front row, l. to r.) are Rev. Daniel B. Kunselman, Parkersburg Broadway, Great Commission Leaders Award, Category III; Rev. Donnell R. Armstrong, Weston, Leaders Award, Category I; Rev. Rodney P. Kuhn, Sistersville, Leaders Award, Category II; and District Superintendent John W. Dennis; (back row, l. to r.) are General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland; Great Commission Fellowship Award winners, Rev. J. L. Wright, Spencer; Rev. Keith Hostutler, Morgantown Pierpont; and Rev. Archie Fetty, Colliers.



At the West Virginia South district assembly, Rev. John Hayes (second from r.), pastor at Pineville, received the Great Commission Leaders Award in Category III (the third consecutive year) with a 7.79% increase in membership and a 22.76% increase in Sunday School attendance. Rev. Gary Hayes (center), pastor at Charleston North Side, received the Leaders Award in Category II with a 7.76% increase in membership and a 7.9% increase in Sunday School attendance. Rev. Richard Morrison (second from l.), pastor at Quick, received the award in Category I with a 7.76% increase in membership and a 9.09% increase in Sunday School attendance. Shown with the award winners are General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe (l.) and District Superintendent Harold Smith (r.). There were 25 churches that gave 10% or more for world evangelism; 23 churches with all budget paid in full; 9 churches on the Evangelistic Honor Roll; 14 churches on the Stewardship Honor Roll. The district showed a gain of \$126,004 paid for all purposes. General Superintendent Stowe ordained Joseph Beha, James Bess, Gary Joy, and Richard Morrison.

gain of 305 in church membership. New churches were planted in Milan and Martin. Dr. Jerald D. Johnson presided over the assembly.

The Great Commission Award was presented to: Category I, Pastor Bernie Delfinger, Fairview; Category II, Pastor Homer Nabors Memphis Berclair; and Category III, Pastor Ron Jordan, Memphis Calvary. Included in the Great Commission Fellowship were Pastor Rufus Sanders, Memphis Friendship; Pastor William Dever, Memphis Eastside; Pastor Greg Wiser, Jason Chapel; Pastor William Allen, Nashville New Metropolitan; Pastor Carroll Smith, Savannah; Pastor Walter F. Meadows, Pine Hill; Pastor Jerry Costa, Nashville Blakemore; Pastor Larry Jones, Jackson First; Pastor John Ferraro, Nashville Dale's Chapel; Pastor J. T. Andrews, Elmore; Pastor Harvey Hendershot, Hermitage; Pastor Jerry Smith, Franklin;

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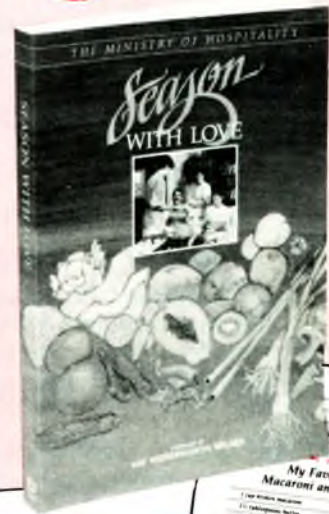
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At the *Southwestern Ohio district assembly*, Dr. Charles H. Strickland (l.), general superintendent, presented the Great Commission Leaders Awards to Rev. Robert Allen, Aberdeen, Category I; Rev. Victor Kidd, Mason, Category II; and Dr. Stephen Green, Cincinnati Springdale, Category III. General Superintendent Strickland ordained Patricia June Caraway, Stanley Ray Ellingson, David Maurice Frauenknecht, James Wendell Hampton, Douglas Ray Manson, David Robert Plunkett, Robert Larry Winegarden, and Joseph Madden. Dr. Harold B. Graves, district superintendent, presented a retirement plaque to Rev. and Mrs. Wesley K. Poole. Rev. Poole served as district secretary for 27 years. A retirement plaque was also presented to Rev. and Mrs. Roy Wells.

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The **Tucson, Ariz., Northside Church** will be celebrating 40 years at its present location and 45 years as a Church of the Nazarene January 12-18, 1987. Former pastors will preach each night of the week, and a gospel concert will be presented following a banquet on Saturday, January 17. Former members and friends of the church are encouraged to contact Pastor Martin D. Micale, 3367 N. Geronimo, Tucson, AZ 85705, for more information.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend **DR. REEFORD L. CHANEY** for revivals, retreats, and seminars. He has had many successful years, both as a pastor and as a district superintendent. Contact him at 4070 Monza Dr., Richmond, VA 23234.—*Charles L. Thompson, Virginia district superintendent.*

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At the *Upstate New York district assembly*, District Superintendent George E. Teague was reelected to a four-year term. He reported a new church organized at Angola. Great Commission Leaders Awards were presented to Rev. Donald Schink (*r.*), Watkins Glen, Group I; Jamestown (no pastor at present), Group II; and Rev. John Shank (*l.*), Rochester Calvary, Group III. Eleven churches received the Great Commission Fellowship Award: Angola, Buffalo First, Buffalo Mount Zion, Endicott, Jamestown, Rochester Calvary, Saratoga Springs, Springwater, Vermontville, Watertown, and Watkins Glen. There were 37 churches that reported a net gain in membership; 20 showed an increase of 5% or more in Sunday School; and 26 qualified for the Stewardship Honor Roll through 10% giving for missions. General Superintendent Charles W. Strickland ordained Steven L. Johnson, Dennis L. King, and Douglas W. Peck.



At the *Kansas district assembly*, District Superintendent Robert J. Cerrato reported Newton Calvary Church as newly organized. Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, ordained (elders) David Smith, Bruce Davis, and Charles Hayes; (deacons) Michael R. Cork and Vernon C. Haller. Pictured (*l. to r.*) are the winners of the Great Commission Award: Dr. Phillip Bolerjack of Hays, Category II; Rev. Jay Dick of Paradise, Category I; and Dr. Gene Williams of Wichita First, Category III.

REV. JOHN DAVID HICKS, elder on the Oregon Pacific District, has been pastor at the McMinnville, Oreg., church for the past eight years. His strong pastorate will end the first of the year as he feels God's leading into full-time evangelism. I am happy to recommend him for evangelism and know that he will provide a vital ministry. He can be contacted at 240 Daniels St., McMinnville, OR 97128; phone 503-472-2220.—Gerald E. Manker, Oregon Pacific district superintendent.

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VITAL STATISTICS

FORMER DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT DIES

Rev. J. C. Albright, 90, of Winter Garden, Fla., died July 30. Interment was in Zephyrhills, Fla. Survivors are: a son, Howard E.; a daughter, Eileen Lockhart; three granddaughters; two brothers; one sister.

His ministry spanned 44 years, 41 in the Church of the Nazarene. Pastorates were in Virginia, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts. He served as superintendent of the New York District for 6 years and of the New England District for 16 years. He organized 41 new churches during his ministry and served as trustee of Eastern Nazarene College for 30 years.

DEATHS

LAURA A. BURRIS, 95, May 26, Ottumwa, Iowa. Survivors: daughter Marion; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter.

HAROLD M. CORY, 80, Aug. 29, Weslaco, Tex. Survivors: wife Rosa; sons Donald B., Alex Ramirez, and Arnold Ramirez; daughters Barbara Huddleston and Sue Cory; 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers; 3 sisters.

MARION RICHARD CULLEN, 68, Aug. 3, Paenonian Springs, Va. Interment: Hillsboro, Va. Survivors: wife Easter Potts Cullen; son Leroy Elwood; daughter Doris Lorraine Hoffman; six grandchildren; four brothers.

JOHN P. DAME, 90, May 21, Turlock, Calif. Survivors: foster son Glen K. Clifton; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

PHYLLIS DeBOOY, 72, Nov. 19, 1985, Ottumwa, Iowa. Survivors: husband Leonard; daughters Joyce and Nancy; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

EUGENE TALBOTT ECKEL, May 10, Montclair, Calif. Survivors: wife Elizabeth; son Gary; daughter Susanne; a twin brother; one sister.

REV. BRUCE FOLEY, 60, July 26, Lexington, Ky. Survivors: wife Betty; daughters Mrs. Kenneth (Bevely) Laymon, Mrs. Stephen (Bonnie) Laymon, Mrs. Garon (Barbara) Slusher; son Bryon L.; seven grandchildren; his mother; one brother; one sister. Ministry: Lexington Bethel, Ky.

EVANGELINE MILLER HALE, 92, Aug. 6, Houston, Tex. Survivors: daughters Mary Ruth McClary, Evangeline Vickers, and Elizabeth Cross.

MRS. GERTRUDE PAULINE HASTIE, 70, Aug. 2, New Philadelphia, Ohio. Interment: Meadville, Pa. Survivors: husband Rev. Lawrence V.; sons Carl and Paul; three grandchildren.

PEARL HIGHT, 79, Aug. 3, Wichita, Kans. Interment: Heavener, Okla. Survivors: daughters Lavern McKenzie, Lorene Milligan, Jewel Bullard, Mary Doggett, and Anita Pand; sons Fred and Ralph; 20 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

REV. MISS NINA V. JOHNSON, 85, Sept. 4, El Monte, Calif. Interment: Whittier, Calif. Survivor: sister Lucille Johnson. Ministry: 35 years in evangelism.

JAMES E. MCGEE, 74, Aug. 13, Inkster, Mich. Survivors: wife Eileen; son Jack; daughter Jill Perc; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM McNEE, 91, July 11, Somerville, Mass. Survivors: daughter Betty; son Bill; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister.

VIRGINIA J. MIDDLESWART, 89, Apr. 25, San Diego, Calif. Survivors: son Jim; daughter Juanita Downing; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

VERNA PARKER, 93, Apr. 20, Graceville, Fla. Survivors: wife Lucille Ball Parker, one sister.

TIFFANY AZALIA EDDY PARMELEE of Turpin, Okla., Aug. 11, Liberal, Kans. (car accident). Survivors: mother Charlotte, father Earl Eddy; sister Janalyn; maternal grandparents.

REV. VERNON C. SHAFER, 82, May 23, Hamden, Ohio. Survivors: son John; daughters Phyllis Perry,

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MARK D. SLATTERY, 21, Apr. 26, St. Louis, Mo. Survivors: parents Mr. and Mrs. William Slattery; brother William, Jr.; his grandmother.

BERTHA G. SMITH, 85, June 22, Las Vegas, Nev. Interment: Kingman, Ariz. Survivors: niece and nephew.

BRYAN STAPLES, Aug. 17, Overland Park, Kans. Interment: Kirksey, Ky. Survivors: son Rob L.; two granddaughters; two great-grandchildren.

REV. LEWIE L. WATTERS, 76, May 14, Ottumwa, Iowa. Survivors: wife Irene; daughter Miriam; sons Joseph and Obed; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren. Ministry: Ottumwa, Sigourney, Bloomfield, Albia, Glenwood, Montrose, Des Moines, Leon, Washington, and Boone, Iowa.

BIRTHS

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to RANDY AND CINDY EHRlich, Wichita, Kans., a girl, Kelli Dione, Aug. 15

to REV. PHILLIP AND JAN (WALKER) GUNTER, Minden, Nev., a boy, Austin Wallis, Aug. 29

to PATRICK AND PAMELA (NEWMAN) GUY, Magnolia, Miss., a girl, Stephanie Reena, Aug. 26

to JEFFREY D. AND LORI (COBURN) HAWKINS, Leominster, Mass., a girl, Lauren Marie, June 20

to GARY AND CATHY MORGAN, Oxnard, Calif., a boy, Gary Dana, Jr., Aug. 12

to REV. MARK AND SHARON (SNEAD) POWELL, Brighton, Mich., a boy, Stephen Wesley, Sept. 7

to PAUL AND DEBBIE SHILLING, Hubbard, Ohio, a boy, Justin James, May 16

to TIM AND DORIS SMITH, Vienna, Ohio, a girl, Jillian Rachel, June 11

to DONALD "DON" AND MARCIE SNYDER, Hubbard, Ohio, a boy, Brian Matthew, Sept. 4

to MICHAEL AND BETH (GREATHOUSE) SYKES, Roswell, Ga., a girl, Julie Elizabeth, Aug. 15

to JIM AND JOAN (ALLISON) WELLMAN, Yukon, Okla., a boy, David James, Aug. 20

to REV. DAVID C. AND JAN WRIGHT, Morton, Ill., a girl, Amanda Jayne, Sept. 20

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by CARL AND SHIRLEY SHENEFIELD, Los Lunas, N.Mex., a Spanish/American Indian girl, Reinie Gayle Bonnie, born Sept. 14, 1980, adopted July 21

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KOOP SAYS CHURCHES CAN HELP IN FIGHTING AIDS.

Churches can play a strategic role in combating AIDS, according to U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. He recently told seven Southern Baptist leaders that churches can help the U.S. win the battle against Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), a virus that attacks the body's immune system, leaving the victim defenseless against other infections.

Dr. Koop said that while AIDS is often misidentified as a homosexual problem, health officials are concerned over the spread of the AIDS virus into the heterosexual community. While gay males are still a high risk group for AIDS, a recent study in New York found that 45 percent of those testing positive for AIDS were females.

Current predictions forecast 275,000 persons hospitalized with AIDS in 1991, and 70,000 deaths from the disease in that year alone. Health care costs for AIDS patients in 1991 is expected to reach \$16 billion.

Churches, Koop said, have a tremendous obligation to educate children and young people about sexual behavior, and other practices that can spread AIDS, such as shared needles during drug use. "We must approach our young people with education on sexual matters on a level of frankness we've never had before," he said. "The qualitative difference with AIDS is that one mistake can kill you." □

WENDY ANN WITBECK and STEVEN WILSON TATE at Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 23

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. RAYMOND V. (WILMA) BRIDGES celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary recently at their home near Chattanooga, Tenn. They were married July 31, 1921, in Charlotte, N.C.

The celebration was planned by their four surviving children: James A. of Atlanta; Doris (Rowe) and Jo (Stewart) of Chattanooga; and William H., associate pastor at Bedford, Ohio. About 60 family members came from various parts of the country for the occasion. Congratulatory messages were received from many, including President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.

Rev. Bridges began his ministry in the Episcopal church, attended a Methodist college, and joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1927. Ordained by General Superintendent J. W. Goodwin, he served as a Nazarene pastor until his retirement in 1964, later concluding his ministry as visitation minister at Pine-

ville, N.C., a church he had organized over 50 years earlier.

Retired REV. LOWELL PAUL AND ELLA (SHANDS) DRAKE, who reside in Shelton, Wash., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 5 with their 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren, relatives, and friends. Rev. and Mrs. Drake pastored at various Nazarene churches throughout California, Nevada, Utah, and New Mexico for 37 years.

REV. AND MRS. J. ERBEN MOORE celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 9 with a reception given by family in Mesa, Ariz.

Rev. Moore held pastorates in California, Texas, and Arizona and served as a chaplain in the army for 53 years. The Moores are now retired and live in Mesa.

DEWEY AND LONETA WORTHINGTON celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 12 with their family at Yellowstone Park and on the Washington coast. Their children presented them with a trip to Hawaii.

They have three children: Janice Fish of Billings, Mont.; Joyce Stephens of Longview, Wash.; and Ron Worthington of Longview, Wash. They also have eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Worthington are charter members of the Ridgefield, Wash., Pleasant View Church.

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THE ANSWER CORNER

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A trend in our church bothers me. While ministers are praying, or while people are testifying, someone plays the organ or piano or both. This is very distracting, especially to those with hearing problems. I think it's out of place and adds nothing to a spiritual atmosphere. Your comment?

I think you should consult the pastor and voice your objection to this practice, explaining why you think it should be discontinued. I've found musicians very cooperative and quite willing to refrain from playing at times when—for whatever reasons—music is undesired.

In many churches no objection is made to organ or piano "background" at such times. This is a local matter and should not require a general rule to have or not have this background music.

In what way did Moses trespass against God? Deuteronomy 32:51 says "because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel." I could not find the previous scripture, which explained what Moses did wrong. I thank you for the answer.

You will find your answer in Numbers 20:1-13. God told Moses to speak to the rock and it would yield water. Instead, Moses struck the rock twice with his rod. Though he disobeyed, God in His mercy to Israel allowed the water to flow anyhow, but the incident resulted in Moses being barred from entering the Promised Land with the people.

Note also Moses' words, "Must we bring forth water . . ." A moment of foolish pride, triggered by his frustration with Israel, marred the behavior of this normally meek man. God provided the water, not God and Moses.

The rock should have been smitten but once, for it symbolized Christ (1 Corinthians 10:4) whose

once-for-all death on Calvary provides eternal life, symbolized by the water (see Hebrews 9:25-26).

Compare Exodus 17:1-7 with Numbers 20:1-13, and you see why Moses provoked God's displeasure.

I am in the adult class of our Nazarene church and have been a Nazarene for two and a half years.

After our lesson Sunday we read the Apostle's Creed. I have never seen it printed as in the back page of our book, which includes the words, "I believe in . . . the holy catholic church."

Is this the belief of the Nazarene church or is it a misprint?

No, it isn't a misprint. You are probably confusing "the holy catholic church" with "the Roman Catholic church." The word *catholic*, in the Apostle's Creed, simply means universal—the church everywhere it exists.

To avoid such confusion we have often "edited" the creed, substituting *universal*—or an equivalent term—for *catholic*.

"Roman" is a qualifier that actually reduces and distorts the meaning of "Catholic."

I recently read a statement by one of our Nazarene writers and preachers that we are not considered Fundamentalists. There has been quite a bit of controversy about Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism of late, and I wish to make this statement and get your answer.

We are fundamentalists in that we believe in basing all that we teach and preach on the authority of God's Word. We are Evangelical in that we believe in ardently proclaiming the message of the gospel of Christ to every person on the face of the globe.

This has always been my belief as to these two points of view. Am I right or am I wrong?

Your statement, as far as it goes, is agreeable to me. I'm not sure it covers adequately the sense in which we are fundamentalists and evangelicals, but it gives the gist of it.

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MELT WIENECKE RETIRES



Rev. Melton Wienecke recently retired after 19 years at the International Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene and 14 years in the pastorate.

Wienecke, an ordained elder, served as editor of *Resource* and as a promotion coordinator for the Division of Christian Life and Sunday School. He began editing the magazine, then called *Edge*, in 1976.

Before that, Wienecke had served nine years as general director of Vacation Bible Schools and Christian Day Schools.

During his time at headquarters, Wienecke also taught an annual VBS course at the Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Before coming to headquarters in 1967, Rev. Wienecke pastored 10 years in Asheville, N.C., and 5 years in eastern Kentucky. He also has taught adult Sunday School classes for 41 years.

He is author of the book *Tools That Teach* and plans to write more after his retirement. He also plans to devote more time to preaching revivals and speaking at seminars and conventions.

At home, he will continue teaching sculpture, wood carving, clock making, and painting.

Retirement also may give him more time with his wife, Jeannette, his four children, and eight grandchildren.

Other spare time will be spent in travel and in hunting and fishing. □

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES WELCOMES NEW EDITOR



Cheryl Turner, a Tucson, Ariz., native, is the new middler editor. She moved to Kansas City from Waycross, Ga., where she served as a children's minister. She

holds a bachelor's degree in Christian education/church music from Mid-America Nazarene College.

Her new duties will include editing *Middler Teacher*, *Bible Explorers*, and the *Middler Teaching Resources* packet.

She replaces Bill Rolfe and Sheila Boggess, who shared middler curriculum responsibilities on a part-time basis.

Rolfe's duties as video coordinator for the Division of Christian Life and Sunday School (CL/SS) have been expanded to include some marketing and promotional projects.

Boggess will continue editing *Adult Teaching Resources* packet and *Standard* and will assume new responsibilities as managing editor of *Resource* magazine and as CL/SS editor of newsletters and special projects. □

FIRST MEXICO '87 CHURCH ORGANIZED

The first Nazarene church to be organized as part of Mexico '87 is in Cua-



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hutepec, an area of 500,000 in Mexico City. The announcement of the organization was made by Rev. Jose Palacios, Mexico Central district superintendent, during a recent monthly meeting of the Mexico '87 Steering Committee.

The new church was started by En-eas Alegria and was organized under Pastor Aner Ruiz. Both are students at Seminario Nazareno Mexicano, A. C. With 15 charter members, the young congregation is currently meeting in a rented place.

Mexico '87 is the name given to the Thrust to the Cities program for Mexico City, which officially begins next year and runs through 1991. Plans are being made to organize 100 new churches in the city of 18 million during the first year of the evangelistic campaign. □

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ENROLLMENT AT NAZARENE COLLEGES

At least 11,561 students are enrolled in the 12 Council of Education schools of the denomination this fall, according to preliminary figures compiled by Education Services.

Trevecca Nazarene College showed the greatest increase in fall enrollment with an increase of 323 students. Olivet Nazarene University had the second highest increase with 316 more students than in fall 1985. The comparative figures are listed in the chart below. Asterisks indicate graduate students are included.

College	1985	1986	Increase/ Decrease
BINC	48	46	-2
CNC	116	117	+1
ENC*	903	881	-22
MANC	1040	1008	-32
MVNC	1056	1030	-26
NBC	436	421	-15
NNC*	1101	1075	-26
NTS	422	424	+2
ONU*	1634	1950	+316
PLNC*	1930	1932	+2
SNU*	1175	1296	+121
TNC*	1058	1381	+323

Of the 424 students enrolled at NTS this fall, 56 are women, the largest number in the seminary's 41-year history. There are 120 new seminarians; the average age is 29 and the average load is 10 hours. Ninety percent are Nazarenes and 72% are graduates of Nazarene schools. The Wesleyan Church is the denomination with the next highest number of students enrolled. Pastoral ministry is the goal for 245 (57.5%), while 69 students (16%) plan a career in missions. Thirty-two students (7.5%) plan a career in education. □

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ONC BOARD ADOPTS UNIVERSITY STATUS

The Olivet Nazarene College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to change the name of the institution to Olivet Nazarene University, October 1. The name change became official at a celebration during homecoming chapel, October 24.

At the annual meeting the board established a steering committee of administrative and faculty representatives to chart a course for possible

structural changes within the school that would result from the change of status. At the same time the board reaffirmed the mission, nature, and purpose of the institution as well as the liberal arts approach to the educational requirements for every graduate of the university.

"Olivet Nazarene University clarifies who we are and what we are trying to do," said Dr. Leslie Parrott, ONU president. "It meets the hopes and expectations of those who support this institution; it improves our own self-image as an achieving comprehensive institution; it will be understood abroad in the international Church of the Nazarene and beyond; and it will reflect the achievements we have made in the last 50 years in the growth of quality education."

ONC was founded in 1907 in Georgetown, Ill. It moved to a location three miles south of Georgetown in 1908. In 1909 the school was chartered by the state of Illinois as a liberal arts college known as Illinois Holiness University.

The trustees of IHU gave the school to the Church of the Nazarene, October 8, 1912, and the name was changed to Olivet University in 1915. The university title was changed to college in 1921 and became Olivet Nazarene College in 1940 at the time of the move from Olivet, Ill., to the present campus in Bourbonnais, 60 miles south of Chicago.

The idea of seeking university status was originally proposed during the 1974-75 school year by then president Harold W. Reed but was postponed. The name change was contained in a series of recommendations made by Dr. Parrott in last year's fall meeting with the board of trustees. At that time the board established a commission to study the proposal. □

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MAIL FORWARDING FOR EVANGELISTS THROUGH EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

Persons seeking to reach evangelists by mail should use the address listed in the Evangelist's Directory in the *Herald* or the Update section of *Preacher's Magazine*, according to Dr. Bill Sullivan, Evangelism Ministries director. For evangelists on-the-road, Evangelism Ministries provides a mail forwarding service. Such mail may be sent to the evangelist in care of Evangelism Ministries, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

In the past some mail for evangelists has been delayed due to the failure to



Cheryl Whitt, secretary for Evangelism Ministries, handles the mail forwarding service for evangelists and song evangelists.

include Evangelism Ministries in the address. Dr. Sullivan said he hopes sending the mail via Evangelism Ministries exclusively will expedite the mail to those for whom it is intended.

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CRITICAL NEED IN MOZAMBIQUE

The World Mission Division Office of Compassionate Ministries recently received word from Africa that the food shortage among Nazarenes in Mozambique is growing worse. Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, and Dr. Richard Zanner, regional director, have visited the country and report the situation to be critical.

Nazarene Hunger and Disaster funds will soon provide 1,000,000 pounds of emergency food to meet this need, according to Dr. Steve Weber, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries coordinator. Distribution will be to Nazarenes and to other needy families.

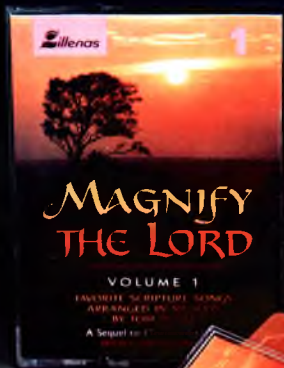
Those wishing to contribute to assist in this effort may send contributions to the Nazarene Hunger and Disaster Fund, designating the money for the Mozambique Emergency Feeding Program. Checks should be payable to Dr. Norman O. Miller, general treasurer. Ten percent credit is available if desired, and if the church name and address are included with the contribution. □

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