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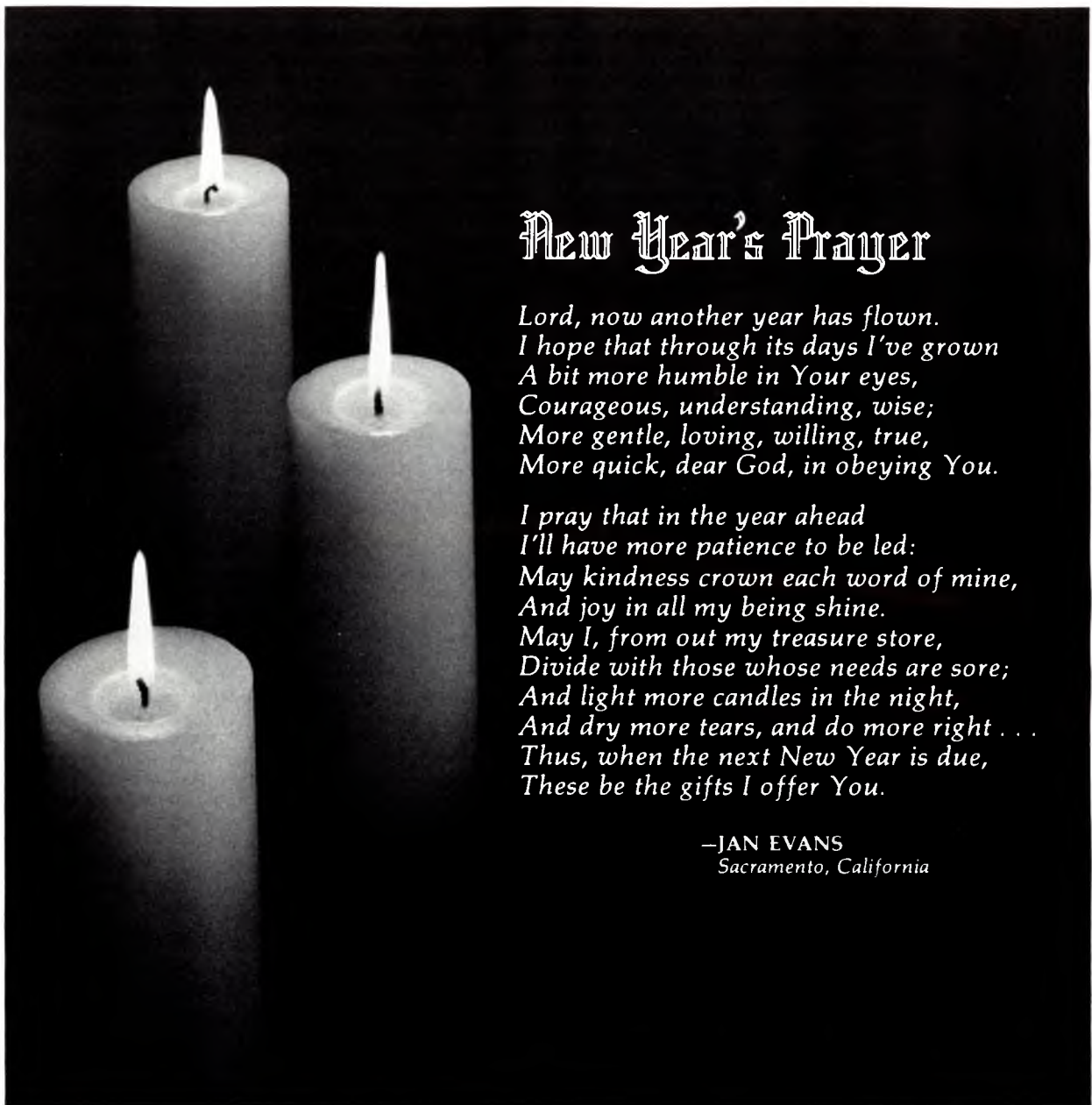
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## New Year's Prayer

*Lord, now another year has flown.  
I hope that through its days I've grown  
A bit more humble in Your eyes,  
Courageous, understanding, wise;  
More gentle, loving, willing, true,  
More quick, dear God, in obeying You.*

*I pray that in the year ahead  
I'll have more patience to be led:  
May kindness crown each word of mine,  
And joy in all my being shine.  
May I, from out my treasure store,  
Divide with those whose needs are sore;  
And light more candles in the night,  
And dry more tears, and do more right . . .  
Thus, when the next New Year is due,  
These be the gifts I offer You.*

—JAN EVANS  
Sacramento, California

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## About the Cover



The Board of General Superintendents is composed of six men who hold the highest elected office in the Church of the Nazarene. Selected at the church's 20th Quadrennial General Assembly last June are (seated l. to r.) Dr. William M. Greathouse and Dr. Charles H. Strickland; (standing l. to r.) Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, and Dr. V. H. Lewis.

*Herald of Holiness* readers are well acquainted with the editorial

concerns of each general superintendent from the on going series that has appeared in every issue of the magazine since its inception in 1912.

Officers for the board have been elected for a two-year term. They are, chairman, Dr. William M. Greathouse; vice-chairman, Dr. Orville W. Jenkins; secretary, Dr. Jerald D. Johnson. This is Dr. Johnson's first term of office. He succeeded Dr. George Coulter, who retired in June.

**H**ER FACE was glowing and her whole countenance radiant as she stood and said, "Pastor, I just can't sit still."

My pastor-husband had asked if anyone wanted to testify on this first Sunday night of the new year.

Nancy went on, "This year I didn't have much Christmas spirit. Oh, it was all right, but the week after Christmas was something else. Children can really show you the love of Jesus."

Most everyone in the congregation knew what she was talking about. It began on the Sunday night after Thanksgiving when four blond, smiling children, ages 6 through 12, came bounding in the side door of the church. I happened to be the first to greet them. They said, "We just moved into the neighborhood and we wanted to come to church." We welcomed them, took them to the proper classrooms, and assured them we were glad they were there. They were eager to participate and you could tell they had been in church before.

They hardly missed a service in the next few weeks. When we learned the parents were divorcing, a number of our people brought clothes for the children. On Christmas Day, our family prepared a box of canned food, goodies, and toys and took it to them. Otherwise Christmas passed rather uneventfully for this family as far as our church was concerned.

Then, the day after Christmas we learned the mother was to have surgery on New Year's Eve. Her 22-year-old sister, who lived with them, needed help with the children. Would someone in the church be willing to keep four children over the New Year's holiday? They said they would split up (two girls and two boys) if necessary. My husband stretched his faith and assured the mother he would do his best to find someone, but with the holidays he couldn't promise.

He presented the need to our whole congregation, asking God to lay it upon someone's heart. After the service, Nancy and Charles, with three boys of their own, willingly offered to take all four of the children. Instead of a couple of days, upon their insistence, they had them a week.

During that week our church really got involved in helping this family. When it was discovered they were sleeping on mattresses on the floor, we gathered up beds and chests, sheets, blankets, towels, clothing, food, etc., and took them to them. A love offering was taken on New Year's Eve to buy butane to heat their home.

So on that Sunday night it's no wonder Nancy just "couldn't sit still." She had to praise God. Her pantry was empty, but her heart was full!

The true Christmas spirit of love, caring, giving, sharing can go on all year. Our congregation didn't have the "after-Christmas blahs." We didn't have time!

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). □

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# THE after- CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

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### MORAL CONCERN

Most all *serious* church people today are deeply concerned about the looseness of morals in our present world—*worst is*, in church world also?

May it not stem from freedom of physical contact from cradle to grave? Boys were taught "be gentle and respect girls" in my youth!

Two divorcees were disgraced. Fornication seldom heard of. "Hurry up" marriages happened occasionally—and were frowned upon.

In all my courtship, *no* contact was allowed before engagement except handshakes or an arm at mud puddles or obstacles. Today there is much kissing in church, too often between opposite sexes.

Puritanical? God give us more!

God bless U.S.A.! May righteousness increase! My deep concern for PALCON and for all God's family.

*Ira Bray  
Topeka, Kansas*

### SABBATH CONTROVERSY

I am writing about your article in the August 15, 1980, *Herald of Holiness*, entitled "A Holy Day."

I am sure every word of the first three paragraphs is absolutely true, but your fourth one is very misleading. I believe you will have to agree that the apostle Paul had a great deal to do with the Church and its beginning, and in Acts 17:2, Paul kept the seventh-day Sabbath and never taught anything about changing the day to the first day, Sunday, because Christ arose on Sunday. He also

reasoned in the synagogue *every* Sabbath (seventh day) and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks and never anywhere told them to go to church on Sunday (Acts 18:4). In fact, the Book of Acts records 84 Sabbaths (seventh day) on which Paul and his associates held religious services; so that does not seem likely that he was worshiping on Sunday.

Jesus did not teach anywhere about changing the Sabbath to the first day of the week before or after His resurrection, neither did God or the apostle Paul or any of the disciples.

You and many others seem to think that calling Sunday the Lord's Day makes it a Holy Day. Matthew 12:8 and Exodus 20:8 tell us which is the Lord's Day.

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## AN EDITORIAL

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best . . ." (Philippians 1:9-10, NIV).

The answer to Paul's prayer requires, among other things, a careful and consistent reading diet.

For my love to grow in knowledge, insight, and discernment, I must provide proper means. Only as I furnish my mind with truth does the Spirit have opportunity to expand and sensitize my spiritual understanding. To neglect the enrichment of my understanding is to consign myself to dullness; but to expose my mind to the great minds of the ages is to be enlarged and deepened in the love of God.

The fount of all spiritual truth is the mind of God. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" (Romans 11:33). I cannot expect to grow in the grace of God and knowledge of Christ if I do not expose my inner self to God in Scripture on a regular basis. But consistently to read and prayerfully "attend" the word of God in Scripture is a sure path to growing, insightful love. A minister friend for several years has followed a practice I highly recommend to myself and you—to read the Bible through annually in a different version. The familiar truth clothed in fresh language thereby may frequently take new life in the Spirit.

But John Wesley decried the reading of the Bible which neglects other books. He referred to himself as "a man of one Book," yet insisted that to read *only* the Bible is to mistake *it*. The great saints and scholars of the Church have left a legacy of Christian literature we can ill afford to neglect. What an incalculable debt I personally owe to St. Augustine, Martin Luther, John Wesley, Oswald Chambers, E. Stanley Jones, H. Orton Wiley, to name but a few.

A man who himself drank deeply from the thought of great teachers of the Church universal, Dr. Wiley, observed:

Truth seen and realized through the Spirit brings the glow of emotion; but that same truth, even though it be fully incorporated into the spiritual life of the individual, may become familiar and hence lose its emotional glow. The essential

# THE ENRICHMENT OF GOOD BOOKS



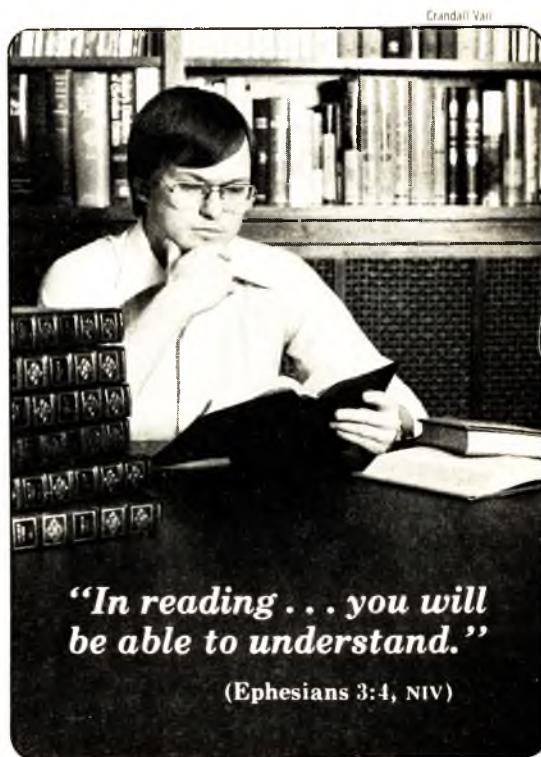
thing, then, in the development of the emotional life is to search the Word for new truth, or to plead the Spirit's guidance into the deeper aspects of truths already known. Feeling apart from truth leads into dangerous fanaticism; truth which gives rise to strong emotion becomes a supreme power in the life of holiness.

John Wesley edited and published a Christian library of 30 volumes for "the people called Methodists." He knew a reading people would be a glowing and growing people. What Wesley did for his societies Nazarene Publishing House now does for the Church of the Nazarene and multiplied thousands outside our church as well.

The ministry of NPH is to proclaim the whole gospel throughout the world by the printed page. Just to thumb through this issue and peruse its book advertisements is to glimpse this ministry. Thank God for M. A. (Bud) Lunn; his editors, writers, and staff; and all the people who work at the Publishing House! God only knows how many lives have been affected by the dedicated ministry of this great institution. And thank God for the availability of fine Christian literature for the enrichment of our lives in God's worship and service! □



by General Superintendent  
William M. Greathouse





# THE ANNUAL MEETING

by MARK R. MOORE

**T**HE MEETING will come to order!" "Thanks, son, for your devotional reading and prayer. The Rose Parade and games will start within a short time. We have begun a New Year today. How we plan it and live it will be of great importance."

Thus began another of the Mark R. Moore family meetings. We started these meetings when the boys were 9 and 12 years old. We realized that within another decade they would be involved in college or a job away from home.

Against this background, the immediate purposes of the meeting were to set the annual allowance, detail the job descriptions for each, agree on future vacation plans, share our circumstances, and deal with other concerns of mutual interest.

It was no surprise that a T-shirted nine-year-old initiated the first item of business. "I make a motion that I get a raise in my allowance." A second to the motion came quickly. But before I permitted the allowance legislation to be voted on, we had a discussion about how our sharing in the family income related to each person's share of the family responsibilities. It took some time to review past assignments, how well each had performed, and to look at the fairness of additional ones. The year my wife began teaching, the decisions became more complicated. With the extra income, we all agreed to do more household tasks, to double our tithe, to give extra offerings for missions, and to adopt a college investment program, among other financial considerations.

Vacation planning became a joyful agenda item.

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There was give and take in all the decisions. We agreed that family fishing and travel trips would best serve all. Our budget of time and money did not allow for both family and personal vacations. Therefore, I gave up big game hunting for the decade and my wife endured boating, rain, sleet, wiggling minnows, cleaning fish, the inconvenience of roughing it on cookouts, and sleeping under the stars. Perhaps the most spectacular vacation was our drive across Canada to Alaska. It took two years of planning, for we had to buy a station wagon and equip it with sleeping bags, cooking utensils, etc.

The results of our meetings were surprising. The interest was so great, the decisions so numerous, that we held quarterly and specially called meetings. We were welded together into a close family unit and became a working team. Among the many things we did together was to write a song. We sang it as we left for various vacations:

*Today is a great day, we start vacation fun.  
Riding on the water, playing in the sun,  
Family's all together, our hearts beat as one.  
Today is a great day, we start vacation fun.*

One of the toughest and best lessons the boys learned was how to manage money. Their allowance included lunch money, haircut money, rewards for achievements and a set amount of spending money for each year of their age. The boys learned to tithe their allowances and give offerings. Often they also gave generously out of their accumulations to missionaries and other special projects. They gave so

liberally from their meager allowance that we couldn't help but find ways of sharing extra financial support with them.

Another result of the meeting was to share social and family values. Many opportunities were provided to talk about the needy of the church, our community, and the world. Our responsibility to them found expression in prayers and tangible material gifts.

Most families told us they had a difficult time communicating with their teens. However, our annual, quarterly, and special meetings built a method of communication as well as establishing mutual confidence and trust. When TV ads were praising the "virtues" of smoking a certain brand because it had less nicotine, we pointed out that by not smoking at all, one would not receive any nicotine. And to give the boys a concrete reason to reject the offer to smoke by their peers, we promised 100 new one-dollar bills on their 21st birthday if they did not smoke. Among the thrills of our lives were the times I got 100 new

bills from the bank and gave them to the boys. During this time, one son told of an offer to smoke and his rejection. When pressed, he told the friend that if he did not smoke until he was 21, he would receive \$100. The boy's response was, "I wish my parents cared that much for me." We never did make the boys "prove" that they had not smoked; we took their word for it.

Many other major benefits resulted. We talked about college education, life's work, friend selection, and the type of mate one should choose. Both refused my offer, made in jest, to help them select the exact person. Goal setting, ethic selection, principles of fair play and life-styles were also discussed and formed during these years.

Today, both boys have their own family unit. They are many miles from us. But occasionally they will say, "Let's talk, Dad! Let's talk, Mother." And though my wife and I know they have their own family concerns, we stand ready and willing to make whatever contribution we can. □

by HOMER PASCHALL

## A WELCOME TO MY NEW PASTOR

**P**ASTOR, welcome to our church. I am excited about the possibilities of what God can do for us under your leadership.

Pastor, I am sure that your desire is to lead us into a deeper walk with Christ and to minister to the needs of the people.

I cannot speak for all the laymen of our church, but as one layman I would welcome you with my pledge of cooperation and support in at least the following ways:

1. I will be faithful in my attendance to the services of this church regardless of what special service may be in another nearby church, even if it is another Church of the Nazarene. You won't have to wonder if I will be in church, for I plan to be present.

2. To help me carry out my faithful-attendance pledge, I will not use Sunday service time for visiting friends and relatives except during regular annual vacations or on very rare special occasions. Even in planning my vacation I will figure out the minimum number of Sundays to be gone rather than the maximum. I will not use Sundays for recreational purposes with the excuse that I have to get away from the pressures of daily living.

3. I will not only be faithful in attendance to all the services but will attend with a positive and uplifting spirit.

4. I will support the work of the church with my tithes and offerings—even if you did step on my toes last week and I don't like your sermon topic for this week.

5. I will love you and support you and pray for you even after you have done something or said something with which I did not agree. No one other than you will ever know about it.

6. I will cooperate with you and the board in carrying out a program that was selected even though I think my plan is better, for I want us all to work in harmony. I will not tell anyone else that I think I have a better idea than you or the board.

7. If I ever have a question or disagreement about anything, I will talk to you about it in confidence and leave it at that point. I will not talk to anyone else concerning this, for I do not want to do anything or say anything that might cause friction or reduce harmony in the Body of Christ.

8. I will allow God to work in my life so that when you leave the pastorate of this church you can say that this layman is more like Christ than he was when you started your pastorate here.

9. I want you to still be my pastor when I retire, which is still several years away, and at that time I will give more time in helping you with the work of the church.

Again I say, "Welcome," and I am looking forward to working with you to extend the kingdom of God through the work of the local church. □



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**I**F WE DID NOT ALREADY KNOW it before we arrived in Kansas City, the massive logo on the platform backcloth at General Assembly left us in no doubt; the Church of the Nazarene is marching into the 80s with this watchword: "CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN HOLINESS." I returned to the United Kingdom after General Assembly to watch on TV the exciting scenes of a week of celebration—in London, in honour of the Queen Mother's 80th birthday; and in Detroit, to mark the official adoption of the GOP candidate for the forthcoming presidential election. I turned to my dictionary for a definition of *celebrate* and found this: "to perform publicly, to honour with rites and festivities." Ah, I thought, this definition certainly fits these spectacular events; but it hardly fits in with the thought of celebrating Christian holiness. Then I found another definition: "to publish abroad, to praise, to extol . . ." That's it! That's what we are planning to do with this distinctive doctrine of our Wesleyan evangelical faith; to publish it abroad, to praise it, to extol it. Such emphasis is timely, even overdue; for in the face of misunderstanding we have sometimes allowed ourselves to become reticent, even apologetic, about "the second blessing, properly so called." But now we're going to celebrate it; and, I hope, proclaim it in such a way as will show it to be scriptural, reasonable, and attractive.

But now let us face the question, Why? Why should we celebrate Christian holiness? We will do so because holiness is **THE UNCHANGING REALITY IN A WORLD OF FADING ILLUSIONS**. When we speak of holiness, we get right back to the very nature of God himself. Isaiah discovered this when the great King Uzziah died. Uzziah's reign had brought stability and prosperity to Judah. But now the good king was dead, and the nation's enemies were already hatching their plots to take advantage of the situation. Isaiah was understandably apprehensive. But then there came to him that wonderful vision of the Lord, high and lifted up, surrounded by the seraphim crying, "Holy, holy, holy," In a matter of moments, Isaiah's whole outlook was transformed.

We desperately need such a transforming vision. All around us lie the withered leaves of faded illusions; the United Nations, the Four Freedoms, the Welfare State, Full Employment, the Common Market, Detente, Diplomatic Immunity—all lofty con-

by DAVID J. TARRANT

cepts either dead or grossly devalued. Instead we have hijackings, hostages, dole queues, butter mountains, Cruise missiles. Is there no answer to man's fruitless strivings? "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh . . . Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion" (Psalm 2:4a, 6). Fellow Nazarenes, we can celebrate Christian holiness today because God is on His throne; because the glorified Christ is at His right hand; and God has said to Him, "Sit thou at my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool." The Epistle to the Hebrews speaks of "the removing of those things that may be shaken, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Holiness cannot be shaken!

And we will celebrate it because holiness is **THE UNWAVERING STANDARD IN A WORLD OF COLLAPSING MORAL VALUES**. The God who



## WHY CELEBRATE CHRISTIAN HOLINESS?



himself is holy has said, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Our world has been desperately trying to rid itself of absolute moral standards. Encouraged by the widespread acceptance of an evolutionary dogma which claims to have removed God from His heaven, revealed standards of right and wrong have been traded for situation ethics. Self-expression and self-fulfillment have become the criteria for behaviour: "If it feels good, do it!" To clear up the debris, we have an army of psychiatrists and social workers, with divorce courts and children's panels working overtime. Sad to say, Christians too have been swept off their feet by the spirit of this godless age, and have made shipwreck of their lives. So it is time to raise the standard high; to celebrate Christian holiness; to proclaim from our pulpits the message, "As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." The Psalmist found a firm rock amidst the quicksands: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Let's celebrate a nonsinning pattern of living!

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But Christian holiness is much more; it is the UNFAILING REMEDY IN A WORLD OF DISAPPOINTED HOPES. It is more than a standard; it is a work of grace! It is God doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves. "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly . . . Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." What will He do? Why, make us holy through and through! By nature, man is very reluctant to seek God's help. "I am the master of my fate," he cries with Henley. "I am the captain of my soul." If I am to be saved, I will save myself. This attitude is not entirely lost when a person is born again, as may be seen from Paul's enquiry: "Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" The Galatians were looking for a do-it-yourself sanctification. And so are many Christians today. But God offers a new covenant, under which He takes the initiative: ". . . I will put my laws in their hearts, and in their minds I will write them . . ." The Holy Spirit does the writing, bestowing what Charles Wesley calls "a heart in every thought renewed, and full of love divine." With such a heart, we can cry with the Psalmist, "O God, my heart is fixed!"; and with Philip Doddridge, the hymn writer:

*Now rest my long divided heart,  
Fixed on this blissful centre, rest;  
Nor ever from Thy Lord depart,  
With Him of every good possessed.*

Do-it-yourself holiness leads to disappointed hopes; for it lets us down at the critical moment, when the pressure is on. But the holiness wrought in the heart by the God of peace is a miracle!

But our celebrations will also have an eye to the future; for holiness is going to be THE UNENDING GLORY OF THE WORLD OF NEW BEGINNINGS. The bankrupt, sin-sick society of the 80s is clearly on its last legs. It cannot totter much farther through time. Soon God's trumpet will sound, and an angel herald will announce, "The kingdoms of the world are become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ." On that day will be seen a great multitude of people, of all races, nations, and languages, standing before God's throne, "clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands." The apostle John had a vision of them, and was asked, "[Who] are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" When John could not find an answer, he was told, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." So we see that the most noteworthy feature about the redeemed in heaven is their experience of holiness. Nothing but holiness can adequately prepare us for the joys of heaven. Is not this the best reason, then, for us to celebrate Christian holiness? So that we, and others, can begin today to enjoy a heaven that will never end?

*I rise to walk in heaven's own light  
Above the world and sin;  
With heart made pure, and garments white,  
And Christ enthroned within.*

Are these not also good reasons why YOU should seek the Giver and His wonderful gift, today? □



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## *Eternal Treasure*

*Seek not the treasures on the earth,  
But seek until you find  
The treasures of eternal worth,  
The great and noble kind;  
The beauty of a loving heart,  
Compassion flowing free  
For those whose lives are torn apart  
By sin and misery;  
The sweetness of a holy life,  
A conscience void of shame,  
The quiet place amidst the strife,  
A good and favoured name;  
The saving of immortal souls—  
"Who winneth souls is wise"—  
Such treasures and such lofty goals  
The Lord will not despise.  
Though much that glitters pleases men,  
What happens when you're dead?  
"You cannot take it with you then,  
So send it on ahead!"*

—JOHN R. P. BARKER  
Toronto, Ontario

**P**AUL'S COMMITMENT and concern for the Gentiles was evidenced in his prayer for the Ephesian church, which is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago. He called himself a prisoner of Christ for them and a minister to bring the "unsearchable riches of Christ" to their attention and possession. He spoke of the position of prayer ("I bow my knees"), the purpose of prayer ("that," which means "for the purpose of"), and his special petitions in the third chapter.

One petition was for *power* (v. 16). They needed power to witness, work, and win. The word *might* here is the same word interpreted "power" in the words of Jesus, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

The needs of today's church have not changed. A proclaiming church needs power to proclaim. A praying church needs more than eloquence; it needs power. A professing church needs strength in the inner man to live the kind of holy life required in the Scripture for successful living. According to Paul, this is available through the "riches of his glory" and "by his Spirit." Sanctification is nothing if it is not power. This is abundantly available to consecrated believers through the eternal resources of Christ.

Fanny Crosby wrote,

*Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ,  
Wealth that can never be told!  
Riches exhaustless of mercy and grace,  
Precious, more precious than gold!"*

Another petition was for *possession*.

There is much publicity given today to Spirit-possession, but the kind about which Paul prays results in happy and successful Christian living. He spoke of Christ indwelling the heart by faith (v. 17). As Christ takes up permanent residence in the heart He permeates the entire person so that Christian principles emanate from Him in daily living. This relationship makes Christ always present in every crisis or emergency, in attributes and attitudes, transactions and transitions, in good

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times and bad. Many wonderful scriptural promises are brought into focus relating to this indwelling relationship. One, which is my wife's favorite, says, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). In reality, such compatible abiding asks only for His will in all things.

A third petition is for *permanence*.

Paul used mixed metaphors to describe consistent holy living in verse 17. The sanctified are "rooted" (agricultural term) and "grounded" (architectural term). There is no need for anyone to live an up-and-down, in-and-out experience. There is no need to give in or give up to the undermining erosion of false doctrine or to changes caused by the winds of adversity. Temptations, testings, and trials need not overwhelm us. We can get our feet down spiritually.

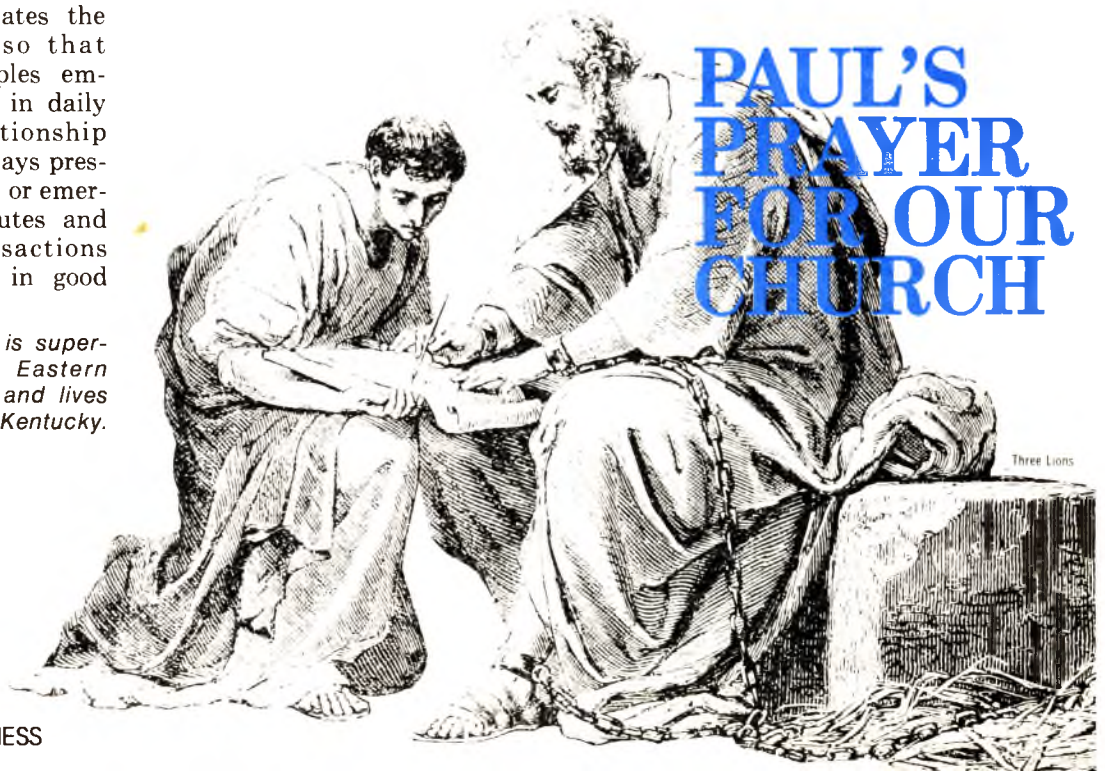
Not only may we know but "comprehend" ("grasp") the breadth, length, depth, and height of the love of Christ to us. Connected with the two earlier "thats," the purpose of Christ expressed here is to bring us into a consistent, day-by-day love relationship. Like the tree planted by living waters, we may get our roots down and flourish. Like the man who builds upon a rock we are able to withstand the storms of life.

A final petition is for *purity*.

The prayer culminates in the request that they might be filled; completely, not partially. "That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God," (v. 19). This allows no mixture or alloy. It pertains to filled containers and not the immensity of God.

On one of my first trips to the Atlantic Ocean, I found a small bottle on the beach, dipped it into the

by JOHN W. MAY





by FRANCES SIMPSON

# I HAVE BEEN THERE

**I**HAVE BEEN THERE . . . I have been there in the valley of depression, not just for a day, but for weeks and months. God was there too. I didn't see Him. I hardly ever felt Him. But His unseen hand held me on course, kept me from the awful detours that prey on weakened emotions. He was there to cleanse my mind, to help me think logically. He was there when it was all over, arms outstretched, saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). And He did. I basked in the sunshine of His presence. I dipped my weary spirit in the fountain of His love, and set out stronger. "You've been there," said God, "now lead someone else through."

I've rushed my child to the emergency room. I've called the ambulance to take my husband to an unknown doctor in a strange hospital, in an unfamiliar town. I've heard the words, "Take time off," with no place to go, no money to get there. But God was there. I was too numb, at times, to sense His nearness. I was too afraid to say, "I believe." But He lingered anyway. He bathed my wounded spirit in the 23rd Psalm and John 3:16. He reached out ever so

lovingly and said, "Give this to Me." As I reluctantly committed, peace trickled in until it became a pool of hope, a reservoir of faith.

I've been there when the work load stretched far beyond my strength or abilities. I've stood to speak or sing or teach when my knees shook, my voice trembled, my mind went blank. I've cooked dinners, cleaned bathrooms, worked in offices, swept churches, raked lawns. I've gone to church when my most urgent need was to sink into a pew. I've lain down too weary to sleep. I've lain awake all night, not one, but two or more. But God was there. He didn't take away the responsibilities. He didn't close my eyes in hypnotic sleep. But He did whisper, "My strength is sufficient for you. My strength is made perfect in your weakness." I didn't see Him do it, but it seemed that when I acknowledged His presence, He shouldered the load and my part became so much lighter. He provided peace in the busy midstream of life. I could sing as I worked. I could find satisfaction in a job well done. I could hear music above the clatter of dishes. I could look up into the night sky and say, "Thank You, God, for a job to do."

I've been a mother too. I still am. We all know the rosy-tinted moments, the damp curl bit, the first

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water, corked it, and carried the Atlantic Ocean away with me. No, not the immensity of the Atlantic but the quality. So in the infilling, sanctifying experience we may contain all of God's presence that man can hold, leaving no corner or secret chamber untouched or unlighted by His holy presence. Only on this basis of possessing the fullness of God in a positive crisis experience can we live holy lives in a polluted world.

The ability of God is triumphantly attested to in Paul's benediction. He gave glory to the One who is the mighty supplier of every heart hunger and need. God is able "to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" through His power which is at work in us (v. 20).

Best of all, Paul's prayer is as relevant, and the sanctifying experience as available and powerful today, as when the Ephesian church flourished. □

## Discipline

*Close the door upon the noise  
of clocks reminding you the hour.  
Withdraw a while with open ear  
and see what I will answer you.  
You called upon Me yesterday  
so brief a time before you hurried off  
with busy plans to carry out  
without My help—and failed again.  
How can you pass the daily test,  
a truant from the school of prayer?*

—ANNIE STEVENS  
Rochester, New York

## I HAVE BEEN THERE

word, the teachable, wonderful, rewarding times. But I, like you, have been there when the children were cranky, when they poured cereal all over the floor. I've been through those teenage years that pull at the heartstrings and cause secret groans and guilt-laden thoughts. I, like you, have been tense and irritable when I should have been patient and kind. But God has been there too. He has been there as I knelt in the empty bedrooms and committed my children to God. He's been there in the late hours when my prayers crossed the city and lingered "I didn't know where." He's been there when they asked questions I could not answer, when I tried to build confidence in someone they felt had wronged them. He's been there telling me I could do better, while the devil just wagged his finger at what I had done wrong. He's shown me what real love is. He loves me, says His Word, far more than I love my children. Can that be so, Lord?

I've been there when there wasn't enough money to go around. I've stretched a chicken to make three meals for four people. I've patched and repatched my children's clothes. I've remade dresses in order to have something different for district assembly. I've turned collars, changed lapels on my husband's suits when the styles changed. I've given to church causes, helped build buildings, made pledges, had board dinners and showers without remuneration. But God has been there. He's smiled as the tithe was put in each week. When needed, He has sent in poundings, garden produce, hand-me-down clothes, remnants for little girls' dresses and little boys' pants. He has given the capacity to budget, spend wisely, want less, enjoy giving more. In recent years He has given lovely parsonages, fine congregations, and a good salary. He has helped me experience the truth of Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

What methods? I don't know. How firm to be with the children? I really can't say. How much time for this or that? I'm still confused at this point. Are you successful in your role as homemaker, mother, minister's wife? I'm not sure. But I can say God has been with me. There is a way . . . not out but through our circumstances. Reach up, when you can. His hand is there to guide you. Reach out, He'll walk beside you, even step ahead at times to make the road easier. But, if at times, you can do neither, just wait. Close your eyes, if you need to, to all circumstances and people . . . and wait. As you wait, do the necessary, what you know to be right. Pray, attend the means of grace. Gradually you'll feel your spiritual muscles strengthen. Your spiritual eyelids will begin to flutter as you see the possibilities of real life in Christ. Your heart will expand, your mind begin to explore, and suddenly the mountaintop will loom ahead. God is faithful! I know—I've been there. □

**H**OW MUCH PEOPLE are losing who are not Christians! How infinitely better off the unsaved millions on earth would be if only they would take the decisive step and establish a right relationship with God!

Our problem is: How can we influence them to take it? Is it by trying to catch the spirit of the world and becoming as much like it as possible? Ought we to avoid accentuating the differences between Christians and the world? It is only when we do this that the world will listen to us, some people tell us.

One figure Jesus Christ used of His followers gives us our guidelines as it shows us that He regarded His followers as priceless. "Ye are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), He told them. The purpose of salt is to influence beneficially what it makes contact with. It is rubbed into meat and then it begins its work. As salt, we can have a pervasive influence on others, for although no word is said, its presence is felt and it makes silent changes in others. One person who stayed with the godly Archbishop Fenelon was so deeply convicted by his piety and virtue that he exclaimed on parting: "If I stayed here any longer, I should become a Christian."

Salt does its work most effectively because it is distinct and different in quality from what it touches. While it is essential that we meet people who are not Christians, we have to be sure that we influence them and are not influenced by them. The values, motives, and ambitions of Christians are heavenly and spiritual while the values, motives, and ambitions of non-Christians are earthly and materialistic and can be selfish. This is a distinction which we should never blur.

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by VIRGINIA THOMPSON

### THE WORDS OF THE DOCTOR

collided with my preconceived notions. "Listen to your body, and get away alone on a regular basis." It seemed an absurd order for one as busy as I. I have a family to keep, a fourth grade class to teach, and responsibilities at church. Certainly God will give me the strength that I need. After all, I am working for Him.

I ignored the order and continued my normal time schedules, household responsibilities, and caring for people. Before long my body stopped—it refused to budge. I had no choice but to go away. "What is this?" I cried to myself and to God. This retreating doesn't exactly fit with my theological concepts.

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by G. WEATHERLEY

# Influencing OTHERS TO SEEK JESUS CHRIST

We retain our influence with those around us when the way that we live is different from theirs. As Christians we are to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11). It is only as we maintain this distinctiveness that we shall be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation" (Philippians 2:15).

Bob Smith was a quiet office worker who was known as a fine Christian man. A young man who worked beside him noticed that Bob's life was very different from his own. Bob, he saw, had amazing peace and joy which were most conspicuous when his circumstances were most trying. The young man found that Bob's peace and joy were not dependent upon the sort of stimulants he would have required.

The young man was so interested in Bob's life that one day he asked him the reason for this enviable quality of living. Bob replied, "God is my Father and Jesus Christ is my Savior. All the peace and joy I have come to me from them because I trust them fully."

The young man was deeply moved both by Bob's detached sort of life and also by the simple explanation he gave for it. "How can I live like that?" he asked Bob. Having received Bob's explanation, he became a Christian. Later he gave up his job, entered a seminary, and became one of God's outstanding ministers. Bob's life of walking with God had had a great influence in another person's coming to know the joys of being a Christian.

Certainly that is what we are seeking to do. How does it come about? The traveler Mandall gives us an interesting fact about some salt that he found. He says: "I took a piece of it, of that part that was exposed to the rain, sun and air. Though it had particles of salt yet it had completely lost its savour." The salt which was most exposed to the world was least effective. While we keep our contact with the Rock Christ Jesus we can maintain our purity and not lose our effective influence.

This contact with Jesus Christ is our fellowship with Him. This fellowship is a vital, living experience with Him day by day. Through this experience we share the very life of God. It is this fellowship that enables us to fulfill our function in the world and to influence others to accept the way of the Lord. Fellowship with the Lord will help us maintain our separation from the world and enable us to live in a way which will show the world that Jesus is alive today, alive in us.

It is not by compromise of ideals or sharing the spirit of the world that we shall most influence others to accept Jesus Christ. Becoming popular with the world is not the best method of evangelizing those we meet. By our fellowship with the Lord we shall carry around with us a savor of heaven. Only then can we fulfill our function in the world and influence others to seek Jesus Christ and His way of life.

What joy we shall know when we realize that someone has become a Christian because God's grace enabled us to live a powerfully influential life! □

## ... and JESUS went away

I began my search. Just what concepts am I thinking of? On what basis do I claim the possession of endless physical strength? My question sent me back to a study of the life of Jesus. Often before I had outlined His life to find my position on a particular idea or concept. I had found Him to be the one example of everything good and worthwhile.

In John, I read that before teaching, Jesus went unto the Mount of Olives . . . He hid himself from the threats of the people . . . He withdrew himself . . . He departed to Galilee . . . He went forth into a garden . . . Thirteen different times John records that Jesus went away, with His disciples or alone, to pray.

He was so strong, yet was so dependent upon the Father. He didn't remain with the crowds when He needed strength. He withdrew to the Father. He

didn't battle His temptations out while in the presence of others. He went away where He could hear the instruction of His Father without outside interference.

Who do I think that I am? If Jesus needed to go away 13 times in His three-year ministry, how do I expect to meet the demands of 20th century living, with its pitfalls and temptations, without retreating to my Heavenly Father for concentrated periods of renewal? If Jesus needed it, how much greater my need must be.

*Lord, teach me to listen well. Nudge me when I am operating on my own strength, and call me away. Rid me of the guilt that would accompany my retreat, and let me be smothered in Your love and Your strength.* □

# THE *Sure* SIGN

Tom Steiber



**A**CHANGED LIFE is a necessary proof to God and man of an experience of salvation. The churches of Judea, for instance, were convinced that Saul of Tarsus was truly converted by the fact that he was preaching the faith he had hitherto sought to de-

stroy. The church at Jerusalem required similar proof, plus the advocacy of Barnabas, before they would accept Paul as a genuine Christian. Divine and human logic give rightful place to the truth, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

But God has a further test by which He judges that a new life in Christ has begun: "Behold he prayeth!" Not the formal, self-centered, insurance prayers of unconverted days; but prayer born out of a new relationship and offered in a new name, the name of Jesus. The final seal of salvation in the eyes of God is not the passing of old habits, or the beginning of Christian activity—it is the fact a soul begins to pray, as Saul of Tarsus did. The commencement of a life of real prayer is the greatest proof and crowning miracle of converting grace.

It was the proof given by God to troubled, skeptical Ananias as a final argument that an arch-persecutor had been saved: "Behold he prayeth."

The desire for prayer, inseparable from true conversion, will lead a newborn soul into the school of prayer with the plea, "Lord, teach me to pray." A natural outcome of new life in Christ is a longing to be more ardent in personal prayer and fellowship intercession. If the devil can hinder the cultivation of the spirit and practice of prayer, he need do little else in a life or church, for,

*Restraining prayer we cease to fight,  
Prayer keeps the Christian's armour bright;  
For Satan trembles when he sees,  
The weakest saint upon his knees.*

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The common obstacles that deter Christian praying can be faced and overcome. *Ignorance* is a handicap we face with Paul, for "we know not what we should pray for as we ought." It is not a crime to feel ignorant and impotent in the place of prayer, but it is a mistake not to claim the enlightening, enabling ministry of the Holy Spirit "who helpeth our infirmities," so that prayer goes out beyond the compass of words alone.

*Prayer is the burden of a sigh,  
The falling of a tear;  
The upward glancing of an eye  
When none but God is near.*

Lack of *solitude*, either by situation or choice, can wither the roots of prayer. "Enter into thy closet"—probably the small storeroom between living room and sleeping place in an eastern dwelling—Jesus advised. God understands the lack of privacy, but where there is a will there are a thousand ways. A tame submission to difficulties, carnal complacency,

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*I often come to Jesus  
With a tale of grief and woe;  
I tell Him all the little things  
That irritate me so.*

*No matter what I tell Him,  
How dark the story told,  
When I have finished telling,  
The burden's from me rolled.*

*For though I tell the darker side,  
Woeful, sad, and drear,  
He shows me there's a brighter side,  
And speaks a word of cheer.*

*And when I've shut bright heaven out  
With waverings and fears,  
He lets His blessed sunshine paint  
A rainbow in my tears.*

—CHARSTEN CHRISTENSEN  
Calgary, Alberta

a lack of hunger for holiness and power, and an unwillingness to be "alone with God" can sabotage effective communion.

An overwhelming multitude of *business* may imperil private devotions. Family obligations, business concerns, and church duties are not faced spiritually and with prayerful dependence. Due priorities, with determination, are essential in the busiest life. Daniel, as a minister of state, exemplified both at a possible cost to career and life. The apostles, in a success-crisis of church fellowship and community

by ALBERT J. LOWN

witness, rededicated themselves to prayer, and delegated other duties (Acts 6).

*Physical weariness* can undermine the most willing spirit. Sheer tiredness surely contributed to the disciples' sleeping instead of watching in Gethsemane. Kneeling is conducive at times to overpowering drowsiness—hence the need for a change of posture, praying aloud, the use of Bible and hymnbook, "direction" lists and themes, symbols and "starters" if need be.

Deeper hindrances are discerned and exposed by the plain-speaking, fearless apostle James: "Ye have not, because ye ask not," and "because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." Slackness and selfishness alike can veto answers from heaven. An unforgiving spirit also forfeits any right to divine grace; ". . . if ye do not forgive [men their trespasses] neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:26). Deliberately retained sin equally cancels any audience with the Lord whose ear is not heavy, but who will not hear when sin is cherished in the heart.

There is power to cleanse from every spiritual evil that combats prayer, and grace available to overcome common human frailties that hinder prayers. The school of prayer, however, still offers lessons that will test all that its students bring to their learning; delays and denials that teach perseverance, and

seasons of watching that intensify vigilance until an awaited answer comes.

*Prayer is the simplest form of speech*

*That infant lips can try;*

*Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach*

*The majesty on high.*

Prayer is a simple, childlike exercise, though never intended to be deceptively simple. Even its Supreme Teacher "prayed with strong crying and tears" at times. And from the moment God could say of Paul, "Behold he prayeth," to the maturity of life when the apostle wrote, "Praying with all prayer and perseverance," he prevailingly graduated in the art of prayer. His doxologies, benedictions, and ascriptions reveal the heights and depths of his unselfish and universal prayers for the Church and all men.

John Bunyan followed Paul. In his description of Christian's conflict with Apollyon in the Valley of Humiliation, it was the weapon of All-prayer that enabled Pilgrim to triumph when human energies were drained.

The lengthening cords of personal experience and church growth will always need the stronger stakes of private and public prayer. "Behold he prayeth" brings delight in heaven, discouragement in hell, and the daily dynamic of grace that took Paul from a house in Straight Street to a martyr's crown and mansion. □

## Book Brief

### COME ON IN



HELEN TEMPLE,  
Author



HELEN TEMPLE is no stranger to readers of the missionary periodical, *World Mission*, of which she is managing editor. For some time her prose poems have appeared on the inside front cover. Selections of these poems are presented in this 80-page, pocket-size book.

COME ON IN is an invitation to rewarding reading; an open door to deepening devotion, to the challenge of complete commitment, to self-forgetful service, to importunate prayer, to an unlimited circle of concern.

Here's a bit of a sample:

#### Spring Cleaning

*In my small corner of the world  
March winds sweep lawns  
And streets  
Free from winter's dust and leaves,  
And push white clouds across the sky  
Like ships across a sky-blue sea  
With full sails cracking.  
Ice melts  
And brooks run laughing down  
Under the warming sun.*

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*Let the Holy Spirit,  
Like the clean winds of heaven,  
Sweep through and through  
Till every part has been refreshed,  
Revived, made ready to grow in Him.  
Spring is a splendid time  
For spiritual housecleaning.  
Why not? The growing season is just  
ahead.*

There are 21 full-length poems in this beautiful collection. □

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City  
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# the editor's STANDPOINT

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## OUR PUBLISHER

In this issue, we salute our publisher, Nazarene Publishing House.

We at the *Herald of Holiness* office, of course, regard the publishing of this magazine as the most significant role of NPH. But NPH produces tons of other Christian literature, both for our church and for other denominations. They have placed an endless stream of reading matter into the hands of our still young movement. For this immense service we are grateful.

Some of the choicest and most dedicated people I've ever known work at NPH. Nearly everyone who works there could have chosen better paying careers with secular firms. They regard their work as more than a way to earn bread and butter and pay gas bills. They look upon their work as a ministry, and rightly so. Through the labor of their minds and hands the Lord is honored and the church is served.

NPH is strictly a servant of the Lord and the church. It does no commercial printing for business firms. God has honored this commitment to Kingdom prior-

ities, and NPH has functioned "in the black" with no need to publish non-Christian materials.

Our publisher is a nonprofit organization. Every dollar earned above actual expenses is ploughed back into the church. From first to last, it is the publishing house of the Church of the Nazarene.

NPH produces many books. You will find some of its more recent output advertised in this issue. Permit me to mention one. The title is *A Little Book on Prayer*, and I wrote it. Doris read it and said it helped her. One of my sons read it and said it helped him. I read it and it helped me. I honestly think it will help you if you read it. However, I'm not plugging the book because I know and respect the author. It's just that I'm anxious for NPH to recover its investment as the book's publisher.

NPH, we salute you. You serve us loyally and well. Your ministry enriches our minds and equips our lives. May the Lord grant you the best year ever in 1981. □

## A NEW YEAR

Many people did not expect 1981. They thought the world would end, or Jesus would come, or an earlier date would be carved on their tombstones. To tell the truth, I had some doubts myself. But here it is, a new year, and once again I am sharing my resolutions.

This year I resolve to live, as our fathers put it, under the aspect of eternity. This is not a new resolve, but as I get older it gains a fresh intensity. I've already lived longer than I thought I would, but that doesn't deceive me about the fragility of life. My hold on life is tenuous. Accident or disease could break it at any time. So I want to keep myself reminded that my citizenship is in heaven. Whatever I am and whatever I do needs to be set in the light of another, better world.

In 1981 I resolve to be easier to work with. My ministry of preaching, writing, and editing involves me with people to whom I must give, and from whom I must receive, cooperation. We are all different and we are all flawed, but as much as possible, I want to keep my idiosyncrasies from making it difficult or un-

pleasant for others to work with me. I want to be patient under authority and kind in exercising authority.

In 1981 I resolve to be nicer to Doris. For over 38 years she has made the journey with me, and no man ever had a better wife. Her uncomplaining spirit, perceptive humor, and quiet faith have been a constant challenge and encouragement to me. I hope to make this year, for her, the happiest thus far of our married life.

This year, too, I resolve to enjoy my grandchildren more. My children grew up too fast! And I made too many blunders as a parent—they deserved a better father than they had. I can't reverse the flow of time and undo those mistakes, but I think the years have taught me wisdom that will make me a better grandpa.

1981! I look forward to it. It's a good year to be alive and in the service of the Lord, the church, and the gospel. □



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## A NEW PRESIDENT

With the new year comes a new president in the United States. I will ask our readers in other areas to indulge me while I address a few lines to my fellow citizens.

When Mr. Reagan is inducted into office on January 20, the honeymoon will soon end and the marriage will begin. Before long, there will be a shift of attitude toward the president. The presidency exerts a gravitational pull toward the center. A right-winger moves left, a left-winger moves right. Only from the middle can a president function in this country. The extreme left will begin to speak hopefully of Mr. Reagan. The extreme right will begin to cry betrayal. Soon both will be disenchanted and howl for his scalp.

Mr. Reagan, like all presidents before him, will become a man beleaguered, threatened, pressured. But he will be president, for good or ill, and great issues and events will hinge upon the decisions he makes and the influence he exerts. From the Oval Office, he will affect the whole round world. He needs

our prayers, therefore, and Scripture makes it clear that we should intercede for him (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

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According to Scripture, it is God who raises up and puts down authorities (Daniel 5:28-37; Romans 13:1-2). Divine sovereignty draws a line across human authority. Prayer for those in places of leadership is a confession of this truth.

This does not mean that Christians should accept all presidential decisions and actions uncritically. It does mean that when we disagree with them, we should resort to rational, peaceful protest, and to constant, believing prayer, not to insult, slander, or abuse.

Pray for the president. □

## EXTENDED PROBATION

There is a sense in which a new year represents extended probation.

In Jesus' story, the owner of a barren fig tree ordered, "Cut it down." The vineyard keeper pled for the tree: "Lord, let it alone this year also," and promised to give it special attention. If it bore fruit, well and good. If not, after the year's probation, it would be destroyed (Luke 13:6-9).

"This year also"—the words could apply to the world. The new year is an opportunity for reform. People of good will and broad vision should seek ways to preserve peace, to promote righteousness, and to provide for the welfare of all mankind. This calls for clear-eyed strategies to curb inflation, to deter crime, to halt the arms race, to provide jobs, to overcome poverty, and to create genuine brotherhood among all people. Failing this, we may be marching our selfishness, greed, and lust to Armageddon, with starvation, pestilence, and warfare on a global scale.

"This year also"—the words could apply to the church. The new year is opportunity for revival.

Those who call themselves by the name of Christ should repent of their sins, worldliness, and barrenness, and seek the restoration of spiritual freedom, power, and life which marked the Church in its beginnings. Nothing short of earnest prayer, honest confession, and complete obedience to God will turn churches around and save them from the graveyard of decadent religious institutions.

"This year also"—the words could apply to our individual lives. No one of us can change the whole world or the whole church. If enough of us got serious about personal renewal and growth, however, changes could spread through large segments of society. Each of us is responsible for his personal spiritual condition. If we have grown cold and dead, or have become lukewarm and indifferent, we are in danger of spiritual collapse and divine judgment. It is time to kindle anew the fires of love for Christ, until we are wholehearted Christians.

What if "this year also" is the last year of probation? □

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# YOURS

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## *to Serve*

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**O**F THE THOUSANDS of letters mailed monthly from Nazarene Publishing House, many bear the significant closing words, "Yours to serve." This is not a casual, offhanded phrase, but rather an expression of the philosophy, the principle, underlying the entire operation of your Publishing House.

Let's look more closely at those words . . .

**YOURS**—The thought is of possession, of belonging. That's quite fitting, for the Publishing House is not an adjunct, not an agent; it's not something apart. *Related* to the church is not enough. Nazarene Publishing House is integral and essential to the outreach, as well as nurturing program, of the church. The Church of the Nazarene would not be complete without its Publishing House. By simple deduction, it is obvious that NPH belongs to every man, woman, and child who has membership in the church.

**TO SERVE**—That's the statement of intention, of purpose. It's our whole reason for existence: to assist, to help, to care for. Responsibility, commitment, and obligation naturally follow.

A big order? Yes, but we sincerely plan never to forget our responsibility. Serving has always been the identifying characteristic of Christian commitment. Christ himself set the example for His disciples and for us. The bowl and towel might well be adopted as an emblem of the Christian faith.

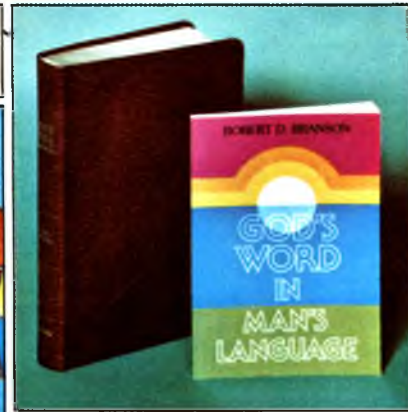
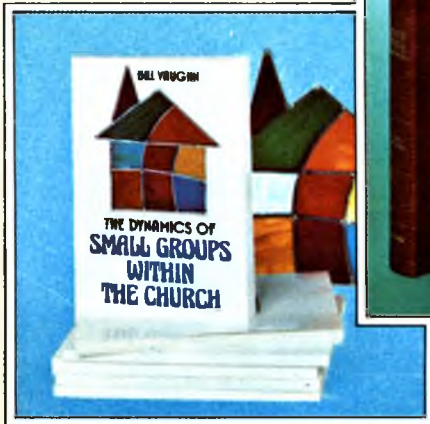
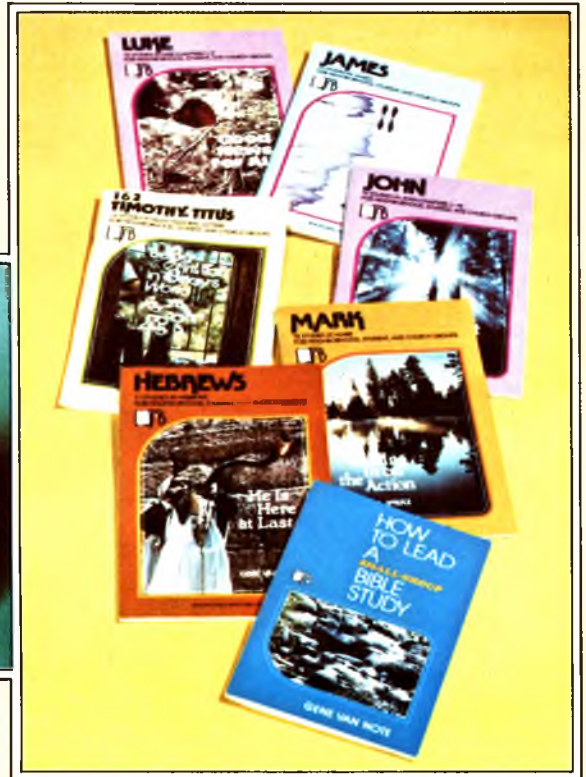
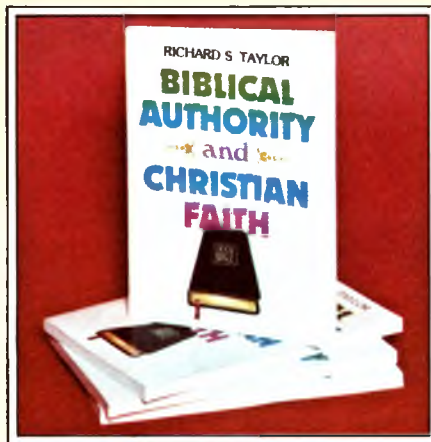
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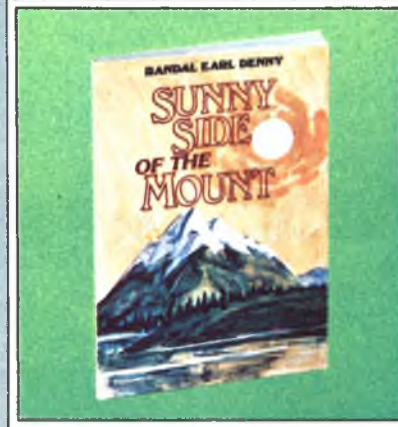
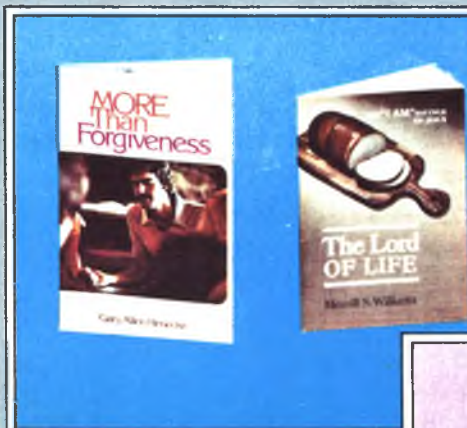
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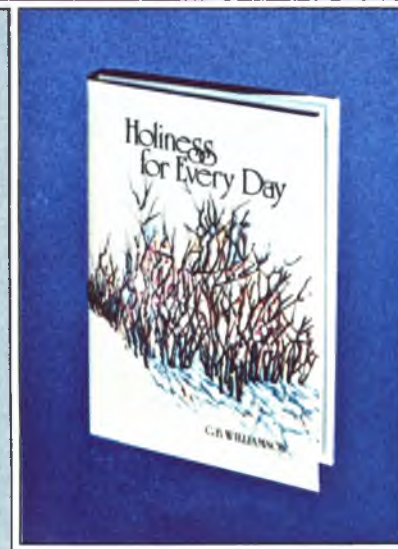
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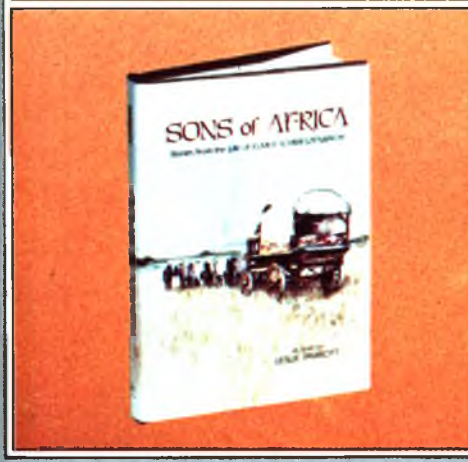
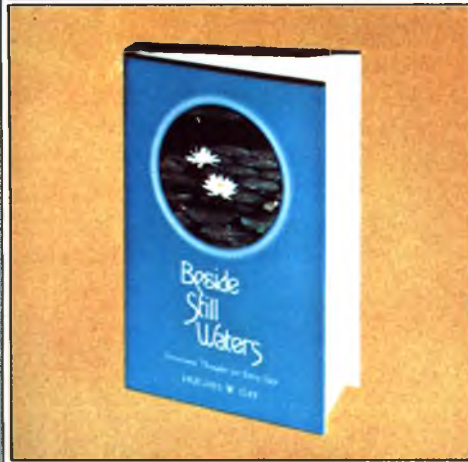
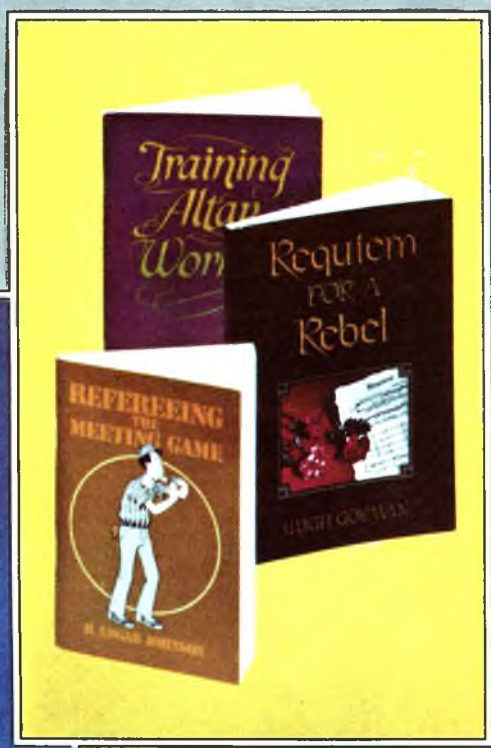
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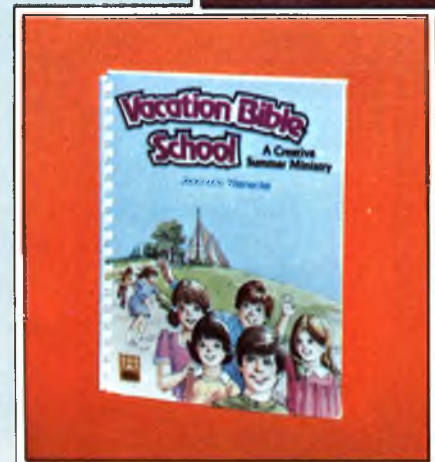
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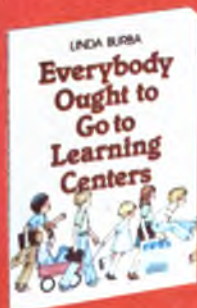
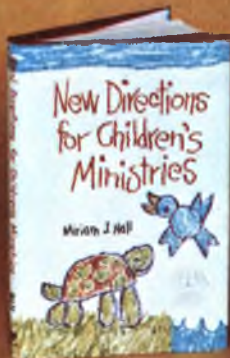
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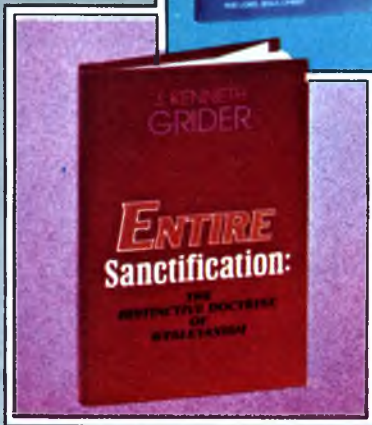
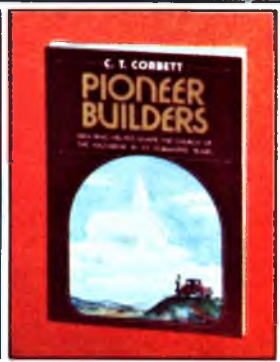
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I COULD BE EXCITED about life if it weren't for all of my problems," the lady said in my study one day. She was starting at the wrong point. Her basic assumption was that if somehow all of her burdens and problems could be miraculously removed, all would be peaches and cream, and excitement would mysteriously envelop her life. The real need was a change of attitude, not circumstances. She needed to develop the right attitude toward adversity which would make it a blessing rather than a curse.

How do you view adversity? As friend or foe? The apostle Paul developed a healthy outlook on the problems and adverse cir-

cumstances of his eventful life. In 2 Corinthians 11, Paul enumerates the many things that had happened to him: the stripes, the beatings, the shipwrecks, the perils, and the close calls with death. Then, in the next chapter, he spells out his formula for facing life's setbacks. Hear him testify: "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

What an attitude! Paul looked at infirmities and setbacks as stepping-stones instead of fearsome forces. Adversity actually made Paul the great man that he was; rather, his attitude toward the inevitable adversity decided his greatness. And our problems can either make or break us as well. Our attitude toward our adversity decides for us which it will be.

The attitude that accepts adversity as a friend in disguise instead of a foe brings victory instead of defeat and allows God's real purpose for adversity to be fulfilled in the life of the believer. There is tremendous value in adversity.

In 1904 Henry Royce made his first car. Actually, he was a manufacturer of cranes, but his hobby was cars. So he made a car and got a young sportsdriver by the name of Charles Rolls to test drive it. In those

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days the car was new and you were lucky if you took a 10-mile trip without the car breaking down. In light of that fact Mr. Royce decided to make a car that would last for the lifetime of its owner, an exceptional goal. Cars were then tested by driving them 10 to 15 miles over a bumpy country road. But Royce decided that a car needed more adversity in the testing process to bring out its hidden weaknesses. He therefore manufactured what he called a "bumping machine." It consisted of large cogwheels submerged in the floor, six feet apart. The rear wheels of the car were chained to the floor, a cog under each wheel. When the cogwheel

was turned and the engine of the car put in motion, the effect was equivalent to driving over railroad tracks at 60 miles per hour and hitting every tie. Royce was looking for adversity and he found it. The test had hardly started when the radiator broke down. Over a period of time, the frame bent, the gear box broke, clutch trouble developed, the springs collapsed, and the body separated from the chassis.

As these weaknesses were revealed, one by one, Royce needed all of his ingenuity and engineering skills to make corrections. It was a tedious, expensive procedure. But results came. Finally the great day came, the day when the car was able to run 95 hours over railroad tracks at 60 miles per hour, hitting every tie. Rolls and Royce estimated that this was the equivalent of 250,000 miles of normal driving without failure of a single part.

So, with the help of adversity, the goal of building a car to last the lifetime of the owner had been achieved.

Now, you and I get our bumping free of charge. It is given to us by life. But that is God's way of showing love to us, for out of it, bathed in tears, bearing scars, having sorrow and pain and difficulty, we become what God wants us to be.

How do you view adversity and problems in your life? Do adverse circumstances overwhelm and defeat you? Or do they cause you to look for the hidden lesson while turning them over to God for a solution? God will then use our circumstances to polish us to a brilliance impossible without the aid of adversity. □

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# IN THE NEWS

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**PVT Mark N. Pelliotti** of the Birdsboro, Pa., church received special commendation for his service at the Parris Island, S.C., Military Base as a "Trained Protestant Layleader." Officers of the base presented Mark with a certificate of commendation for assisting chaplains of the base in the Sunday services, as well as evening devotions each night in the platoon squadbay. He has received promotion to PFC and is now studying at the Marine Corps Engineer School at Camp Lejeune, N.C. □



**Mr. William F. Duffy** of Treasure Island, Fla., was one of six individuals inducted this year into Gamma Beta Epsilon, an organization honoring outstanding sales representatives of Graybar Electric Company. He has been with the company for 33 years and has been the Number One Salesman for the entire state of Florida for the past 2 years. Mr. Duffy serves on the church board of the St. Petersburg, Fla., Kenneth City Church, where he is an assistant teacher in one of the senior adult classes. □



### JAN SAWYER BECOMES NEW EDITOR OF NURSERY CURRICULUM

Mrs. Miriam Hall, executive director of the Department of Children's Ministries, announces that Mrs. Janet Sawyer is the new editor of the nursery curriculum. She will be responsible for the *Nursery Teacher*, *Nursery Teaching Resources*, *Nursery Activities*, and *Nursery Bible Stories for Twos and Threes*. Janet will be the representative on the Aldersgate Graded Curriculum Committee for nursery materials. She will conduct preschool workshops in the Teaching Learning Conference program of the Division of



Christian Life. Janet has been assistant editor of nursery curriculum since 1979.

Jan graduated from high school in Duarte, Calif., and has done college work at Azusa Pacific College; Allan Hancock Community College, Santa Maria, Calif.; and Ketchikan Community College, University of Alaska, from which she received the Associate of Arts degree in social sciences. In her college work, she specialized in the field of education, with an emphasis on early childhood education.

Being married to a pastor, Wayne E. Sawyer, now a student at Nazarene Theological Seminary, has given Janet many opportunities to practice what she learned in the classroom. She has been teaching preschool Sunday School classes, has worked in vacation Bible school, served on the NWMS council, and filled in as church musician and church secretary.

From time to time, Jan has worked outside the home, including two years as a teacher aide in Ketchikan, Alaska. Here she assisted the correspondence teacher for the school district, taking materials to and instructing students who lived in outlying areas

too far for them to attend regular school. She also helped to develop and publish a weekly enrichment newspaper for the students, and developed a library checkout system for them.

The Sawyers—Jan, Wayne, and their two daughters, Julie and Joy—are members of the Shawnee, Kans., church. Jan teaches a toddler (one-year-old) class in Sunday School and sings in the choir.

Mrs. Lynda Boardman, the former editor of nursery curriculum, has been named the director of Preschool Ministries. In this position, Lynda will be assessing the total ministry needs of the preschool child and developing resources to meet those needs. One of her first assignments is the development of a weekday program for this age-group.

A graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, Lynda has an additional 30 hours of study in elementary education. She taught school for 10 years in kindergarten, second, and fourth grades. She spent six additional years in preschool education, teaching and writing curriculum. For five years, she was employed as curriculum coordinator and associate director of Kiddie-Prep School, Fort Wayne, Ind., Lake Avenue Church. After moving to Kansas City, she was director of The Mustard Seed Preschool and Day Care. She served as nursery editor since November, 1977.

These changes in assignment are to enable the Department of Children's Ministries to help workers more effectively meet the needs of the preschool child. □



A group of Olivet College Ministerial Fellowship students, led by Dr. C. William Ellwanger (l.), toured the seminary, International Church Headquarters, and the Nazarene Publishing House October 28. A number of the students will be entering the Nazarene Theological Seminary for studies in 1981 and 1982.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS OFFERS LONG-TERM DISABILITY INCOME PROTECTION**

The Department of Pensions and Benefits announces that a Group Long-Term Disability Income Protection Plan will become available February 1, 1981. This plan has been developed for full-time Nazarene ministers and district-licensed laymen who are working 30 hours or more as the paid employee of a Nazarene Church or church agency. Full-time evangelists and song evangelists may also apply for coverage. The Long-Term Disability Income Protection Plan is available for qualified individuals under age 64.

The purpose of this protection is to provide a monthly benefit to partially replace income lost during periods of total disability due to accident, injury, or sickness extending beyond a qualifying period. The monthly benefit is \$500 and is not reduced by any other benefit that the insured might be receiving through Social Security, Workmen's Compensation, Disability "Basic" Pension, or other plans. The coverage will give the insured an option of either a one-month or three-month qualifying period before benefits begin, with different premium levels for each.

The Department of Pensions and Benefits has negotiated this plan in order to combine sound insurance protection with low-cost group premiums. Many church boards will want to provide this protection for their employees as a tax-free benefit. Detailed information along with applications may be secured by writing the Department of Pensions and Benefits, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □



**Sheri Gilliland singing**

Almost 75 single adults attended, coming from as far away as New York and Canada.

Featured speakers were Dr. Earl Lee, pastor of Pasadena, Calif., First Church, and Dr. Reuben Welch, chaplain of Point Loma College, San Diego. Ron Salsbury, minister to singles at Los Angeles First Church, and Sheri Gilliland of Bethany, Okla., were special musicians.

Mornings were devoted to sessions with Dr. Lee and Dr. Welch; afternoons were free for sightseeing. In the evening, group singing, special music, and speakers Lee and Welch attracted a few curious visitors.

Plans are already under way for next year's event, YSARI VII, to be at Vail, Colo. □



**Dr. Reuben Welch speaking**

**BETHANY FIRST CHURCH HOLDS SINGLES RETREAT**

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## TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL EUROPEAN NAZARENE MILITARY PERSONNEL RETREAT

The 1980 European Military Personnel Retreat, sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene, was conducted October 13-17 at the Berchtesgaden Hof in Berchtesgaden, West Germany. The retreat was the largest in recent years with 220 persons attending.

This retreat not only ministered to the military and their families, but to others as well. Four pastors of English-speaking congregations attended. Three missionary families were present: the Russell Lovetts (Italy), the Howard Culbertsons (Italy), and the Douglas Terrys (Denmark). Five members of the staff of the European Bible College participated in the retreat: Dr. Bennett Dudney (president of the college and chairman of the retreat committee), Dr. Lebron Fairbanks, Dr. James Main, Miss Joy Leverett, and Miss Jeanne Orjala. Attending also was Rev. Hugo Danker, district superintendent of the Middle European District.

The ministry of Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, was uplifting. The presence of Mrs. Strickland contributed also to the retreat. The military and missionary families enjoyed the fellowship with their leaders and with other Naza-



1980 European Nazarene Military Personnel Retreat



**Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, congratulates Chaplain (Cpt.) Donald Hannah for his leadership as project director of the 1980 retreat.**

renes. Dr. and Mrs. Earl C. Wolf were also guests at the 1980 retreat.

Five chaplains and families participated and gave leadership to the retreat: the Donald Hannahs, the Lowell Moores, the David Bons, the Rick Needhams, and the Vernon Swims.

This annual retreat serves a special function in the life of the military and missionary families in Europe. One of the chaplains wrote, "When you receive this, the Nazarene Military Personnel Retreat will be one month gone, but I want you to know that I gained spiritually because of it, and like Paul, I'm pressing on. . . . We had the feeling of a real 'back home camp meeting,' an experience we will never forget."

The 1981 European Nazarene Military Personnel Retreat is scheduled to be held October 12-16, 1981, at Berchtesgaden, West Germany. Those who have relatives and friends in Europe should let them know about the time and place of next year's retreat. Army Chaplain (Cpt.) David K. Bon is the project officer for the 1981 retreat. □

—Earl C. Wolf, *Chaplaincy Services*  
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## SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTION RATES INCREASE

All employees who have earnings covered by Social Security will be affected by the new contribution rates the IRS has announced for 1981. Employers (including many local church employers) will also be affected.

For most employees, the Social Security tax rate will change from 6.13% to 6.65% on the first \$29,700 of income. This tax is withheld from the employee's pay and is matched by the employer for a total paid to the IRS of 13.3% for 1981. Churches who have signed Form SS-15, waiving their exemption from Social Security tax, are required to withhold for FICA at the new employee rate from their church-employed laymen's wages that are subject to Social Security tax. Such

churches are also required to match that amount with an equal amount from their own church fund. This total sum is then paid to the government for the individual.

The *ministerial* employees of the local church face a different situation. Although the pastor and ministerial staff are "employees" of the local church, they are treated for Social Security purposes as self-employed. They, therefore, pay the self-employed rate which has been 8.1% for 1980, and increases to 9.3% for the new year. Social Security tax is paid on the first \$29,700 of income, including parsonage rental value and utilities provided.


In a sense, the minister gets Social Security credit at a "discount" (a

total contribution of 9.3% as opposed to a total contribution of 13.3%). However, the minister must report and pay the *full* Social Security tax. It must be paid quarterly, and in advance. The local church employer *does not* withhold Social Security tax from the ministerial employee's wages.

If there was not the separation of the Church and State provision, a church would have to be paying 6.65% as an employer, by law, like other employers. This is only 2.65% less than the total tax a minister must pay, therefore, most church boards are reimbursing the minister with all of the Social Security tax on a quarterly basis. This benefits the minister, even though the reimbursement must be reported as taxable income. □



**The Iowa District ordination group is pictured (l. to r.): Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent; Rev. Burnie Burnside; Rev. Willard P. Casto; Rev. Gregory Neer; Rev. Donn McBride; Rev. E. Dale Keith; and Dr. Forrest Whitlatch, district superintendent.**



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**BEARDEN, LES:** Man, WV (First), Jan. 2-4  
**BERTOLETS, THE MUSICAL:** West Palm Beach, FL, Jan. 14-18  
**BLUE, DAVE & DANA, ETC.:** Nashville, TN (Recording), Jan. 9; Zone Youth Concert Tour, month of January  
**BLTYHE, ELLIS:** White Springs, FL (Suwannee River), Jan. 6-11  
**BROWN, ROGER:** Concerts in Florida, Jan. 4-18; Atlanta, GA (a.m., Concert), Jan. 18; Knoxville, TN (p.m., Concert), Jan. 18; Logan, WV, Jan. 20-25  
**BUCKLES-BURKE EVANGELISTIC TEAM:** Mishawaka, IN (Wesleyan), Jan. 9-11; Bradley, IL (Social Brethren), Jan. 13-18; Concert Tour, Midwest, Jan. 20-31  
**BURKHALTER, PAT:** Prescott, AZ (First), Jan. 22-25  
**CANEN, DAVID:** Savannah, GA (Waynesville Trinity), Jan. 4-16; Gainesville, GA (First), Jan. 18-25  
**CAUDILL, STEVE & SUE:** Swanton, OH, Jan. 21-25; Rochester, NY (Immanuel), Jan. 30—Feb. 1  
**CAYTON, JOHN:** Jamestown, NY, Jan. 6-11; Hanover, PA (In dep. Holiness), Jan. 13-18; Catskill, NY (Wesleyan), Jan. 20-25; Bridgewater, VA (Spring Creek), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**COLLINS, LUTHER:** Reserved, Jan. 1-8; Windward Islands Revival Tour, Jan. 11-27  
**CRABTREE, JIM:** Indianapolis, IN, Jan. 21-25  
**DARNELL, H. E.:** Columbia, SC, Jan. 9-18; West Palm Beach, FL, Jan. 19-25; Ponchatoula, LA, Jan. 29—Feb. 8  
**DELL, JIMMY:** Coolidge, AZ, Jan. 3-4; Nampa, ID (Bethel), Jan. 11-14; Meridian, ID (Valley Shepherd), Jan. 16-18; El Paso, TX (Montwood), Jan. 22-25; Pensacola, FL (First), Jan. 28—Feb. 1  
**DENNIS, DARRELL, BETTY, AND FAMILY:** Doyle, TN, Jan. 6-11; Gulfport, MS, Jan. 13-18; Meridian, MS (Oakland Heights), Jan. 20-25  
**DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE:** Gospel Concerts, Arizona and California, Jan. 1-19; Tucson, AZ, Jan. 21-25; Sells, AZ, Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**DUNMIRE, RALPH AND JOANN:** Greensboro, IN (New Castle Indoor Camp Meeting), Jan. 20-25; Valdosta, GA (First), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**EASTMAN, RICK:** Eureka, IL (First), Jan. 13-18; Fortville, IN, Jan. 29—Feb. 1  
**ELLINGSON, LEE:** Clinton, IA (Calvary), Dec. 30—Jan. 4; North Vernon, IN, Jan. 6-11; Decatur, IN (Indoor Camp), Jan. 16-25; Plainfield, IN (Trinity), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**FELTER, JASON:** Meetings in Florida, month of January  
**FILES, GLORIA AND ADAMS, DOROTHY:** Hopewell, VA (Children's Crusade), Jan. 6-11; Fort Walton Beach, FL (Children's Crusade), Jan. 13-18; Reserved, Jan. 19—Feb. 16  
**FRODDGE, HAROLD:** Veedersburg, IN, Jan. 20-25  
**GAWTHORP, WAYLAND:** Fairfield, IL (Indoor Camp), Jan. 12-18  
**GLAZE, HAROLD & MARILYN:** Jamaica, Jan. 15—Feb. 1  
**GLENDENNING, PAUL & BOBBIE:** Tampa, FL (Sulphur Springs), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**GORMAN, HUGH:** Roblin, Ontario (Wesleyan), Jan. 20-25  
**GRAHAM, NAPOLEON B.:** Visalia, CA (Walnut), Jan. 3-18; Bakersfield, CA (East), Jan. 30—Feb. 1  
**GREEN, JIM & ROSEMARY:** Barbados, Jan. 2-6; Chattanooga, TN (First), Jan. 14-18; Waterford, OH, Jan. 27—Feb. 2  
**GRINDLEY, GERALD & JANICE:** Leesburg, FL, Jan. 4; New Port Richey, FL (First), Jan. 5-11; Lakeland, FL (First), Jan. 11 (p.m.); Rock Hill, SC (W. Main), Jan. 13-18; Cullman, AL (First), Jan. 20-25  
**HAINES, GARY:** Phoenix, AZ (Orangewood), Jan. 4-7; Scottsdale, AZ, Jan. 8-11; Brush, CO, Jan. 16-18; Hayward, CA, Jan. 24-28  
**HAYES, ALVIN B.:** Mannford, OK, Jan. 23-25  
**HILDIE, D. W.:** Woodland, CA, Jan. 25-29  
**HOWARD, RICHARD:** Baltimore, MD (Marley Park), Jan. 28—Feb. 1  
**JACKSON, CHUCK & MARY:** Pensacola, FL (Ensley), Jan. 4; Fairfax, AL (First), Jan. 6-11; East Point, GA (First), Jan. 13-18; Zephyrhills, FL (Indoor Camp), Jan. 25—Feb. 1  
**JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH:** Reserved, Jan. 1-6; Concerts—Colorado and Kansas, Jan. 7-30  
**JAMES, RANDY & MARY JANE:** Auburn, IN (First), Jan. 14-18; Swayzee, IN, Jan. 23-25; Portland, IN (First), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**JOHNSON, RON:** Concerts in Southern California, Jan. 4-18; Cloverland and Pomeroy, WA (Concerts), Jan. 25; Clarkston, WA (Church of God), Jan. 28  
**LASSELL, RAY & JAN:** Austin, IN, Jan. 6-11; Louisville, KY

(Southside), Jan. 13-18; Hallsville, MO, Jan. 20-25; Oklahoma City, OK, Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**LAXSON, WALLY & GINGER:** Rossville, GA (Indoor Camp), Dec. 31—Jan. 4; Langley, SC, Jan. 6-11; Tyler, TX, Jan. 14-18; Dexter, MO (Indoor Camp), Jan. 19-23  
**LECKRONE, LARRY:** Holy Land Tour, Dec. 29—Jan. 6; Grandview, MO, Jan. 13-18; North Kansas City, MO (Dundee Hills), Jan. 21-25; Bucyrus, OH (First), Jan. 28—Feb. 1  
**LEMASTER, BEN:** Crescent City, CA, Jan. 6-11; Weaverville, CA, Jan. 14-18; Red Bluff, CA, Jan. 20-25; Fallon, NV, Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**LESTER, FRED R.:** Baytown, TX (First), Jan. 20-25  
**LIDDELL, P. L.:** Bristol, PA, Jan. 13-18; Logan, WV (First), Jan. 20-25; Waterford, OH, Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**LOMAN, LANE & JANET:** Rock Hill, SC (Grace), Jan. 6-11; Charleston, SC (Indoor Camp), Jan. 13-18; New Smyrna Beach, FL (First), Jan. 20-25  
**MADDEN, PAUL:** Tampa, FL (Visitation Evangelism), month of January  
**MANLEY, STEPHEN:** Bradford, OH, Dec. 31—Jan. 4; Kansas City, MO (Grace), Jan. 6-11; Grandview, MO, Jan. 13-18; Minot, ND (First), Jan. 20-25; Laramie, WY (First), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**MANN, L. THURL AND MARY KAY:** Cape Coral, FL (Church of God), Jan. 7; Fort Meyers, AL (Calvary Baptist), Jan. 11-18; Zephyrhills, FL (Indoor Camp), Jan. 25—Feb. 1  
**MCCUISTION, MARK & PATRICIA:** Reserved, Jan. 6-25; Havana, IL, Jan. 30—Feb. 1  
**MEYER, BOB & BARBARA, DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** Reserved, Jan. 4-8; Oakdale, CA, Jan. 11-15; Riverside, CA (Arlington Ave.), Jan. 18-22; Brea, CA, Jan. 25-29  
**MILLHUFF, CHUCK:** Albuquerque, NM (Sandia), Jan. 7-11; Shawnee Mission, KS (KYFC TV, Channel 50), Jan. 17; Reserved, Jan. 21-25; Fort Worth, TX (J. Robison Evang. Assoc.), Jan. 28-31  
**MITCHELL, GARNETT J.:** Murphysboro Zone Youth Traveling Revival, Jan. 19-23  
**MOORE, NORMAN:** Orange, CA, Jan. 4-11; Arcadia, FL, Jan. 14-18; San Bernardino, CA (East), Jan. 21-25; Placencia, CA, Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**MULLEN, DEVERNE H.:** Wood Harbour, Nova Scotia (Wesleyan), Jan. 16-25; Dartmouth, N.S., Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**MYERS, HAROLD:** Orlando, FL (Pine Castle), Jan. 6-11; Melbourne, FL (Eau Gallie), Jan. 13-18; Tampa, FL (Sulphur Springs), Jan. 20-25; Fort Pierce, FL, Jan. 27—Feb. 1

**NEFF, LARRY & PAT:** Evangelism in Florida, Month of January  
**PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY:** Frankfort, IN, Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**PERDUE, NELSON:** Martinsville, IN, Jan. 6-11; Lawrence, IN, Jan. 13-18; Defiance, OH, Jan. 20-25; Brunswick, OH, Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**PHILLIPS, WILBUR D.:** Special Assignment, Month of January  
**PORTER, JOHN & PATSY:** Rock Hill, SC (Grace), Jan. 6-11; New Ellenton, SC (First), Jan. 13-18; York, SC (First), Jan. 23-25; Macon, GA (Evan. Meth.), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**QUALLS, PAUL M.:** Kissimmee, FL (East Side), Jan. 6-11; Miami, FL (South Miami Heights), Jan. 23-25  
**ROBINSON, TED L.:** Colorado Springs, CO (Southgate), Jan. 13-18; Tucson, AZ (Palmdale), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**ROSS, MICHAEL B.:** Fort Myers, FL (United Meth.), Jan. 18-21  
**ROTH, RON:** Caruthersville, MO, Jan. 13-18  
**SMITH, DOYLE C.:** Lawrenceburg, TN (Grace), Jan. 13-18; Dothan, AL (First), Jan. 20-25; Valdosta, GA (First), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**SMITH, DUANE:** Kansas City, MO (NTS), Jan. 5-9; Wichita, KS (Conf on Church Planting), Jan. 12-14  
**SMITH, OTTIS E.:** Tampa, FL (Town & Country), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**SPROWLS, EARL L.:** Fern Park, FL, Jan. 6-11; North Miami Beach, FL, Jan. 13-18; Englewood, FL, Jan. 20-25  
**STAFFORD, DANIEL:** Jamaica, month of January  
**STEGALL, DAVID:** Estill Springs, TN, Jan. 20-25; College Corner, OH, Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**STEVENSON, GEORGE E.:** Rock Hill, SC (West Main), Jan. 13-18  
**SUTHERLAND, CHRIS:** Sharon, PA, Jan. 6-11; Elkins, WV (First), Jan. 13-18; Covington, KY, (First), Jan. 20-25; Marmet, WV, Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**SWANSON, ROBERT L.:** Moss, MS (Bethlehem), Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**TAYLOR, EMMETT E.:** Tishomingo, OK (First), Jan. 2-7  
**THOMAS, J. MELTON:** Hilo, HI, Jan. 4; Hanapepe, HI, Jan. 6-11; Waipahu, HI, Jan. 18; Reserved, Jan. 20-25  
**TRIPP, HOWARD:** Wrightsville, GA (Mount Olive), Jan. 13-18; Tampa, FL (Town & Country), Jan. 20-25  
**WADE, KENNETH & CAROLYN:** Winchester, IN, Jan. 16-18  
**WELLS, LINARD:** Mesquite, TX, Jan. 13-18; Center, TX, Jan. 20-25  
**WINEGARDEN, ROBERT:** St. Johns, AZ (Home Mission Work), month of January  
**WISEHART, LENNY & JOY:** Tipp City, OH, Jan. 1; Vandalia, OH, Jan. 2-4; Oklahoma City, OK (Western Oaks), Jan. 13-18; Oklahoma City, OK (Calvary), Jan. 20-25; Hawaii, Jan. 27—Feb. 1  
**WOODWARD, S. OREN:** Bassett, VA, Dec. 28—Jan. 4; Central Florida District Home Missions Tour, Month of January

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**THE CHURCH AT WORK / PARTIAL GENERAL STATISTICS, 1980\***  
**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

	Canadian	United States	General Church	Total	Gain
DISTRICTS	5	74		79	—
CHURCHES	143	4,853		4,996	24
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>					
Full Members	9,001	483,101		492,102	
Probationary Members	45	1,175		1,220	
Total	9,046	484,276		493,322	9,638 (1.99%)
<b>MINISTERS</b>					
Ordained	205	7,841		8,046	
Licensed	52	2,518		2,570	
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOLS</b>					
Children—Enrollment	136	4,745		4,881	
Aver. Wkly. Attn.	7,953	265,334		273,287	
Cradle Roll	4,441	149,009		153,450	
Youth—Enrollment	318	12,570		12,888	
Aver. Wkly. Attn.	2,835	154,226		157,061	
Adult—Enrollment	1,602	75,489		77,091	
Aver. Wkly. Attn.	4,371	315,903		320,274	
Summary—Officers & Teachers	2,830	186,211		189,041	
Home Department	1,516	62,492		64,008	
Outreach	209	11,521		11,730	
Totals—Enrollment	445	57,710		58,155	
Aver. SS Attn.	17,647	879,756		897,403	-7,161
Aver. Outrch. Attn.	8,873	410,709		419,582	
Aver. SS Attn.	328	44,923		45,251	
Aver. SS Attn.	9,201	455,632		464,833	5,793
<b>NYI SOCIETIES</b>					
Membership	78	3,453		3,531	
	1,824	103,668		105,492	1,230
<b>NWMS SOCIETIES</b>					
Membership	132	4,539		4,671	
	7,142	364,944		372,086	10,078
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS</b>					
Membership	46	2,972		3,018	
	2,986	252,226		255,212	-8,922
<b>CST—CHURCHES</b>					
Credits	33	1,885		1,918	
	312	46,791		47,103	-14,267
<b>PROPERTY VALUES</b>					
Local Churches	\$28,510,103	\$1,026,040,482		\$1,054,550,585	
Local Parsonages	4,897,227	173,385,678		178,282,905	
District Centers & Other	1,066,000	37,355,464		38,421,464	
District Parsonages	325,000	4,022,904		4,347,904	
Educational Institutions	—	—	\$130,952,112	130,952,112	
Nazarene Publishing House	—	—	2,608,421	2,608,421	
International Center	—	—	3,320,635	3,320,635	
Total	\$34,798,330	\$1,240,804,528	\$136,881,168	\$1,412,484,026	
<b>PROPERTY INDEBTEDNESS</b>					
Church & Parsonage Local	\$6,257,384	\$225,257,198		\$231,514,582	
All District Property	293,250	8,053,360		8,346,610	
Educational Institutions	—	—	\$52,400,138	52,400,138	
Total	\$6,550,634	\$233,310,558	\$52,400,138	\$292,261,330	
<b>CHURCH FINANCES (Paid)</b>					
Local	\$4,539,949	\$191,536,556		\$196,076,505	
District	390,402	12,761,878		13,152,280	
Educational	152,327	7,295,351		7,447,678	
General	605,809	25,729,217	\$1,093,921	27,428,947	
Total	\$5,688,487	\$237,323,002	\$1,093,921	\$244,105,410	\$24,573,095
<b>ANALYSIS OF TOTAL</b>					
Paid by Church	\$5,211,923	\$208,777,160		\$213,989,083	
Paid by Sunday School	198,411	7,400,754		7,599,165	
Paid by NYI	31,352	1,229,503		1,260,855	
Paid by NWMS	226,403	19,134,066		19,360,469	
Supplemental Giving	20,398	781,519	\$1,093,921	1,895,838	
<b>PER CAPITA</b>					
Local	501.87	395.51		397.46	
District	43.16	26.35		26.66	
Educational	16.84	15.07		15.10	
General	66.97	53.13		55.60	
Total	\$628.84	\$490.06		\$494.82	

\*This has been a year of transition to an expanded regionalization in World Areas. Statistics for other world regions will be released approximately March 1.


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
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**Orleathe (Potter) Woodson (center), charter member of the Lodi, Calif., First Church, was honored in a recent service for 35 years of continuous teaching in the Sunday School. Shown with Mrs. Woodson is Bobby Lowe (l.), Christian Life director, and Pastor Bernard P. Hertel (r.).**

## FOR THE RECORD

### MOVING MINISTERS

JESSE L. BUCHANAN from Kansas City, Mo., to Lutz, Fla.  
 JOSE CARRILLO from associate, Connell, Wash. to Kansas City (Kans.) First Spanish Church  
 ALVA E. DOTSON from Coal Valley (Ill.) Plainview to Keokuk, Ia.  
 KENNETH E. HUFFMAN from Easton, Md., to Milford, Del.  
 PAUL D. LEAGUE from Fairview Heights (Ill.) Crestview to Alton (Ill.) Hillcrest  
 EDSON E. MYERS from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Minerva, Ohio

FRANCIS R. PENN from Nampa, Ida., to Phoenix, Ariz.

LARRY E. SHUPE from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Huntington Park, Calif

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Winter Haven, Fla., First Church** will observe its 50th anniversary on March 29. All former members, pastors, and friends are invited. Ad-

dress all correspondence to 50th Golden Anniversary Committee, 237 Avenue F S.W., Winter Haven, FL 33880.

**The Church of the Nazarene, 10th and Oranogo, Webb City, MO 64870**, will celebrate its 60th anniversary March 15. Dr. Dean Baldwin and others will be special speakers. Former members and pastors are invited. For information, contact the pastor, Rev. Charles Yourdon, at the above address.

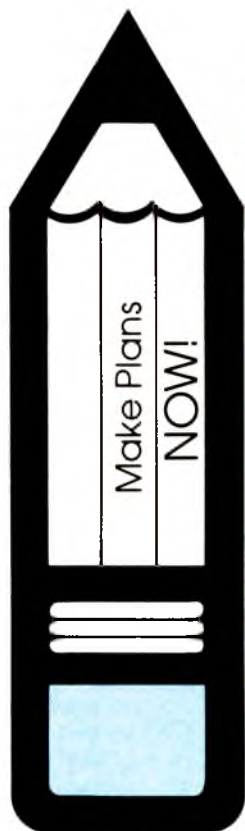
### RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend REV. JAMES E. PALMER, who is entering the field of evangelism February 16 after several years as a pastor. He may be contacted at: P.O. Drawer 979, West Columbia, SC 29169 — *D. Moody Gunter, South Carolina district superintendent.*

I commend to you REV. JERRY HOLLOWELL, elder, who is entering the full-time field of evangelism. I have known Rev. Hollowell for a number of years. He is a good man and has a strong pulpit ministry. His address is P.O. Box 2, Paris, TX 75460 — *W. M. Lynch, Dallas district superintendent.*

REV. RON NELSEN is entering the field of full-time evangelism January 1, 1981. Brother Nelsen has had several successful pastorates on the Nebraska District and has been a ministerial member of the District Advisory Board. I recommend him highly to our pastors and churches as a warmhearted, evangelistic, Bible-centered preacher. Write him at Rte. 2, Box 298, Ainsworth, NE 69210 — *Jim Diehl, Nebraska district superintendent.*

I am pleased to recommend DR. HARRY T. STANLEY for revivals, camp meetings, and special services. Dr. Stanley has been a successful pastor, and for the past seven years has served as superintendent of the Michigan District. He is a faithful preacher and will leave a positive influence in any church he serves. You may contact him at Gen. Del., Vicksburg, MI 49097 — *C. Neil Strait, Michigan district superintendent.*



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## VITAL STATISTICS

### DEATHS

MRS. OLIVE ALDRICH, 84, died Nov. 13 in Eugene, Ore. Funeral services were conducted in San Mateo, Calif., church by Rev. James Weldon and Champ Traylor. Surviving are: one son, Bill Hanson; one daughter, Dorothy Meyers; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

HARRY CLIFTON CROWELL, 83, died Nov. 6 in San Diego, Calif. Rev. Thomas D. Goble and Rev. Mel Anderson conducted the funeral services. He is survived by his wife, Elsie.

MRS. HATTIE LEILA JAY, 85, died Sept. 8 in Orangevale, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Walter M. Hubbard and Rev. Marion Bitner. She is survived by several children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

CLIFFIE EMMA JOHNSON, 73, died Aug. 5 in Tulsa, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by her son-in-law, Rev. Earl E. Wassom, assisted by Revs. Ray Davis, J. Louis Emmert, Marion Guy, Bill Livingston, and Eugene Dorsey. Interment was in Claremore, Okla. She is survived by her husband, Rev. W. H. Johnson; one daughter, Cynthia Elizabeth Wassom; two grandchildren; four sisters; and one brother.

REV. NORMAN E. LOWRY, SR., died Aug. 27 in Portland, Ore. Memorial services were held Sept. 14 at Nampa, Ida., with Rev. Ken Morrison and Rev. Charles Higgins officiating. Rev. Lowry pastored churches in Idaho, Nebraska, Tennessee, Washington, and California. Survivors include his wife, Grace; two daughters, Mrs. Dick (Sherry) Kammerzell and Mrs. Vic (Linda) Jenkins; two sons, Norman E., Jr., and Michael J.; seven grandchildren; his parents; and two brothers.

MILDRED WATERMAN NEIL, 70, died Nov. 13 in Sun City, Ariz. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jerry L. Ferguson and Rev. Clyde Rhone in Glendale, Ariz. Interment was at Caldwell, Ida., with Dr. John E. Riley officiating. She is survived by her husband, Ralph W.; one daughter, Millie Mason; one son, Rev. Ralph E.; and four grandchildren.

WILLIAM J. SCOTT, 71, died Oct. 27 in Miami Beach, Fla. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Charles D. Acheson. Surviving are his wife, Janette; three daughters, Sue Ketter, Beatrice Sherrill, and Kathryn Miller; seven grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

MRS. ESTHER ELIZABETH SNODGRASS, 91, died Nov. 2 in Jacksonville, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Dan L. Norman, T. J. Giddens and Aubrey R. Ponce. Interment was in Charlotte, N.C., with Rev. Kenneth Craig officiating. Survivors include 3 sons, Orville, Alvin F. and Earl David; 3 daughters, Mazie L. Pendarvis, Margie E. Neeley, and Wanda June Porter; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

## "Showers of Blessing"

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 4  
"New Year—New Life"

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January 18  
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by W. E. McCumber, speaker

# NEWS OF RELIGION

**BIBLE SOCIETIES ANNOUNCE PUBLICATION OF NEW CHINESE BIBLE.** The publication of the Bible in *Today's Chinese Version* (TCV) has been hailed as a major step forward in bringing the Good News of God's grace to more than one quarter of the earth's population. There are an estimated 1 billion Chinese on the China mainland and 40 million outside.

Rev. Chan Choi, a Presbyterian minister and Asia Pacific Regional Secretary for the United Bible Societies, said in an interview in New York with American Bible Society officials, that it was the first translation by Chinese Christian scholars from the original languages to use "dynamic equivalence" principles. It seeks to produce the same meaning for modern readers as the text had for original readers. The result is a version which presents the gospel message with fidelity, clarity, and directness.

"It is the first Chinese translation in 60 years by the United Bible Societies," said Rev. Choi. □

**SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF., FIRES STRIKE ARROWHEAD SPRINGS.** Six buildings were destroyed and the 400 staff members at the International Headquarters of Campus Crusade for Christ were evacuated on November 24 when forest fires in the San Bernardino Mountains roared down into Arrowhead Springs.

"We were right in the path," said John Jones, Crusade director of Communications. "We're just thankful to the Lord that none of our staff was seriously injured."

The six buildings lost included two quonset office structures. The grounds have been "damaged extensively," according to spokesmen. The main headquarters structure, the former Arrowhead Springs Hotel, suffered only minor damage from the reported 90-100 mile winds which fueled flames across Crusade's 1,700-acre headquarters. No money-loss figure was available.

The homes of about a dozen of the 900-plus Crusade staff workers in the San Bernardino area were also destroyed. Spokesmen said it was the first time in Crusade's history at the site that staff evacuation has been necessitated by the frequent fires that plague the area. Twenty-five trained staff members stayed on to assist firefighters and work crews. Spokesmen reported the staff reoccupied the grounds the week of December 1. □

**GERMAN CHURCH WOMEN FIND "CAREERS."** An increasing number of women choose a "career" as ministers in the Protestant Church in Germany. A recently published statistical survey shows that of the 15,692 theologians who were employed by the EKD at the end of 1979, 966 or 6.2 percent were women. In 1964 women made up a mere 2 percent, in 1975 4.6 percent of all pastors in the EKD. This increase in the number of female ministers is likely to continue in the coming years: 21.1 percent of the 422 students who took the first part of the theological examinations in 1979 were women, according to the German Evangelical Alliance. □

**ALTERNATIVE COMMON PRAYER BOOK PUBLISHED BY CHURCH OF ENGLAND.** The Church of England passed a liturgical milestone with the publication in London of the first fully authorized alternative to the 1662 version of the Book of Common Prayer.

The modern English of the prayers, services, and readings found in the Alternative Service Book 1980 stands in stark contrast to the Elizabethan language of the standard 1662 Authorized Version.

Acknowledging the controversy surrounding the form and language of the new liturgy, the preface states that "words, even agreed words are only the beginning of worship . . . only the grace of God can make up what is lacking in the faltering words of men." According to a Gallup poll earlier this year, most Church of England laymen opposed the alternative modern English forms.

## BIRTHS

to Rev. DENNIS AND JENNIFER (JAN-DREAU) BENTLY, Inglewood, Calif., a girl, Shayna Sharee, Oct. 29

to JAY GREGORY AND FAITH WILLINDA (ELLIOTT) BYBEE, Oklahoma City, Okla., a boy, Jayson Elliott, Nov. 1

to SONG EVANGELISTS STEVE AND SUE CAUDILL, Saginaw, Mich., (born in Kansas City) a boy, Stephen Ray, Nov. 15

to EDWARD L. AND PRISCILLA (JONES) CHRISMON, Burlington, N.C., a boy, Bradley Edward, Oct. 25

to GEORGE AND ESTHER MARTHA (PINCKARD) KNAPP, Nyssa, Ore., a girl, Elaine Ruth, Sept. 8

to REV. KYLE AND BECKY (WILLIAMS) LONG, Jamestown, N.D., a girl, Kimberly Lynn, Oct. 20

to BRUCE AND JOYCE (STEINER) McGRAW, Charleston, W. Va., a boy, Paul Michal, Sept. 26

to DANNY AND CATHY (PHILBROOK) MURPHY, Bourbonnais, Ill., a girl, Kate Elizabeth, Aug. 6

to HERBERT AND CAROL (ANDREWS) NEWELL, Kansas City, Mo., a girl, Jodi Katharine, May 21

to GERALD AND KAY (FREY) QUICK, Nashville, Tenn., a girl, Angie Lane, Sept. 4

to DAN AND JO ANNE (ZELL) REXROTH, Bourbonnais, Ill., a boy, Philip Daniel, Oct. 28

to MIKE AND MARSHA (DENTON) ROLFE, Greenville, Ohio, a boy, Darren Allen, Oct. 24

to MARK AND ANITA (SIMPSON) SELPH, Phoenix, Ariz., a girl, Jessica Renee, Sept. 29

to KELLY R. AND AMY (REISINGER) TEARE, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Rhonda Lee, Nov. 29

to CURTIS AND BRENDA (PARKER) TURNER, Greenville, S.C., a boy, David Lyle, July 17

to WAYNE AND RHODA (JONES) WAINWRIGHT, Starke, Fla., a girl, Kristen Marie, Oct. 16

## MARRIAGES

JEANETTA REA JONES and DANIEL LAMAR SKINNER at Starke, Fla., Nov. 15

## ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. BARTON L. ANDERSON celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 10. They were honored at a reception given by their children, Mary Worthington, Benson, Ariz.; Muriel Martin, Parma, Ida.; and Mark Anderson, Fort Fraser, British Columbia.

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Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

# THE ANSWER CORNER

**I heard a minister use Genesis 4:21 as a standard for a Christian dress code. Do you agree? He said that the coat back in that time was from shoulder to knee. It could be with sleeves or sleeveless, showing that the part that should be covered is from shoulder to knee.**

**Please may I have your opinion.**

I think you mean 3:21. Genesis 4:21 reads, "And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ." But 3:21 tells us, "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them."

I don't know how anyone could be dogmatic about the length or style of these skin-coats, since no one was there to see them who later wrote about them. To project the precise measurement of later coats back upon this passage would be a little farfetched. But we can affirm, in the light of the whole Scripture record, that we ought to dress modestly and simply, and that men should wear men's clothes and women should wear women's clothes. □

**My wife's brother-in-law says that the Bibles in use today are translations—therefore they cannot be the "Word of God." The sect he belongs to (according to him) was given the "word" directly—through their leader who supposedly received a revelation from God.**

Our English translations of the Bible, which was originally written in Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament), are indeed the Word of God. A revelation from God, when reduced to writing, can be translated into another language without losing its original meaning, purpose, and power. Your wife's brother-in-law is wrong.

The supposed revelation given to the sect leader you mention is contrary to the Bible in many places, and is not the Word of God.

Common sense and common practice both indicate that any written document can be translated into other languages and still be the author's own words. For example, Jesus spoke to Saul in Hebrew, Luke reported it in Greek, and we have it in English. But the meaning remains the same—"I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:14-15).

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**I was looking through my back issues of the "Herald" and came across a question that was answered by W. T. Purkiser, editor. The issue was February 5, 1969. The question was, Is there any "Manual" prohibition against electing a secretary and treasurer for the church board from outside the membership of the board, or must these officers be selected from board membership?**

**Dr. Purkiser stated that they can be selected outside the board but they must be qualified members of the church.**

**My question is, has this changed?**

**My second question is, do we have any churches where the secretary or the treasurer are members of the church but not members of the board? My last question is, if these offices are elected only from members of the board, why are they not called board secretary and board treasurer instead of church secretary and church treasurer?**

To answer your first question—No.

To answer your second question—I don't know, but we probably do, though it would be exceptional, not general.

To answer your third question—the secretary and treasurer are elected by the board but they serve the entire church.

To answer a question you didn't ask, but some have asked—if a non-board member is elected secretary or treasurer, that election does not make him or her a member of the board. □

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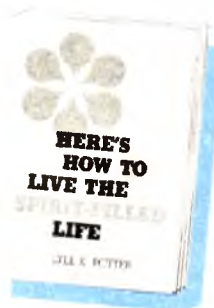
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# NEWS OF EVANGELISM

**Middletown, Ohio: First Church** had a revival with evangelist *Richard Strickland*. We had some of the most effective victories we have had in two and a half years. Several children, youth, and adults got saved or sanctified Sunday morning. Several got back to God, including older members who had strayed away. Young adults, together with their children, were gloriously saved or reclaimed, and grandparents brought grandchildren with them to the altar. □

—Michael Hutchens, pastor

**Costa Mesa, Calif.:** The church had a revival with evangelists *Ed and Janelle West*. A genuine revival was experienced in the church under their ministry. Thirty-seven found victory that week. The anointed singing of Ed and Janelle was uplifting to all and the biblical messages were a great blessing. □

—Don Thurman, pastor

**Whittier, Calif.:** **College Avenue Church** had special services with *Bob and Barbara Meyer*. "Dynamics of Spiritual Growth" was a series for helping people learn in simple, direct ways the plan of "Spirit-directed living." It fit well with the denominational theme of Christian holiness. The people received ideas for growth in themselves, in interpersonal relationships, and in relationship with God. □

—Charles W. Ogden, pastor

**Coshocton, Ohio: First Church** had a revival with evangelist *Robert Taylor* and song evangelists *Larry and Pat Neff*. The church experienced a real revival that united church members, with many seeking holiness. I have seldom witnessed more freedom of the Spirit, with over 150 seekers. □

—John W. Bruce, pastor

# THE CHURCH SCENE

**Omaha, Neb., Central Church** planned to build a needed addition to their facilities. The Finance Committee decided to try to raise \$36,000 in cash and 60-day pledges and borrow the remainder. Pastor T. Daniel Casey found the bank would loan the amount needed if the church would raise the \$36,000 first. On October 26, 1980, a revival Sunday, the need for a "mir-



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acle offering” was presented, using the theme, “So built we the wall” (Nehemiah 4:6). A symbolic brick wall was constructed to represent the progress toward the goal of \$36,000. When all the cash and pledges were counted, the amount reached was \$50,000.

Following songs of praise, the evangelist preached and seekers came to the altar. The “miracle offering” inspired the miracle of changed lives. □



Pictured (l. to r.) are Jerry Groenig, Building Committee chairman, and Pastor Charles A. Wilkes at the cornerstone laying at Yakima, Wash., First Church.

### YAKIMA FIRST CHURCH DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY AND CORNERSTONE LAYING

A large crowd attended the cornerstone laying at Yakima, Wash., First Church on Sunday, November 23. Rev. Charles A. Wilkes, pastor since 1975, led the ceremonies on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of this historic church. It was organized under the direction of Dr. Phineas F. Bresee, denominational founder, in May, 1905, and Rev. J. B. Creighton was appointed pastor.

The beautiful million-dollar new edifice is almost completed, and the congregation has been in this facility since September. It is situated on a seven-acre tract with excellent visibility and accessibility. It will seat more than 950 persons and serves as the

“mother church” of the area, having been directly responsible for the organization of six other churches in Yakima and adjacent communities. □

### MEMO

#### to church board members:

Every issue of the *Herald of Holiness* will carry this series entitled “MEMO to church board members” and is designed especially for you. It will contain a helpful perspective as you seek to fulfill your responsibility in the area of pastoral compensation, employee benefits, keeping abreast of tax regulations, etc.

Today's issue offers you the opportunity to request any brochures you desire, at no cost. You may check the brochures you are interested in, clip this column from the *Herald*, and mail to: Department of Pensions and Benefits, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

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—Department of Pensions and Benefits



The Cameron, Mo., church dedicated its new facilities November 9. Dr. Milton Parrish, superintendent of the Kansas City District, delivered the message of dedication. The building and land are valued at \$300,000, with an indebtedness of \$80,000. There is approximately 9,000 sq. ft. of floor space. The sanctuary and balcony will seat 220. There are 12 classrooms on three levels. Ken Swindler, a member, served as general contractor, donating his time. The congregation donated about 2,000 hours of labor. Rev. Don Patrick has served as pastor for six and a half years.

and this same Lord's Day was and is the seventh-day Sabbath which was blessed and sanctified and made holy years before the existence of a Jew.

I'm so sorry you are telling so many people through the *Herald of Holiness* things that are not right, according to the Bible, and I believe people like you are causing more people to trample on God's holy Sabbath Day and break God's holy law, which is deliberately sinning, and are the cause of the very thing you are talking about in the last two paragraphs in your article.

You may not need "a long list of pharisaical rules for the observance of a proper sabbath," but what you do need is to know that Jesus did not come to do away with the law (Matthew 5:17), and if you love Him you will will-

ingly keep His commandments, because He will write them in your heart instead of on tablets of stone (1 John 5:3).

I'm sorry for you and all the people that believe that you can't make a mistake, and you are reaching thousands. You better study more on what God's holy day was and is and on into Revelation about it.

Mrs. Joe S. Stoneman

#### FROM A PRISONER

I am a lonely prisoner at the Kansas Reformatory. I am serving a life sentence and will be here till Jesus comes. I have already served 20 years. Most of it, I spent at the Security Hospital at Larned, Kans.

Yesterday, the librarian brought me a copy of your magazine. Just wanted you to know that I am blessed by it, and that the articles are wonderful . . .

I figured you guys would be encouraged to know your magazine helped a lonely prisoner feel God's presence closer in my life.

Randall Gray  
Hutchinson, Kansas

#### THE SPECIAL ISSUE

We have received the special issue of the *Herald of Holiness* and consider it the best we have ever had. All of the articles are beautifully written, and the message comes through very clearly. It will be a joy to give it to our people and a wonderful introduction to our church.

May God continue to bless you in the great responsibilities which you have and the heavy tasks for which you are responsible. We sincerely appreciate our wonderful periodical and your leadership.

Milton Huxman, pastor  
Choctaw, Oklahoma

by GEORGE W. PRIVETT

## Thank God for Kate Turner!

ON MY LAST BIRTHDAY, I was curious about the time of day I discovered America (being born October 12). Responding to a suggestion by my wife, I checked my birth certificate to learn that the time was 2 a.m.—long before daybreak.

I also saw a name which I'd never noticed before. It was the name of Kate Turner. Why was she significant? Well, at that early morning hour, she served as midwife, assisting in that birth in the azalea-laden city of Mobile, Ala.

Having never met, I yet found just cause to praise God for her. She was there and had probably been on hand many hours before, attending my mother in the anxious and difficult hours prior to childbirth. If you read this and know Kate, thank her for me!

Then my mind quickly jumped 19 years later to a hall in Tokyo, Japan, where I was born again. My spiritual "midwife" was a young chaplain by the name of Kenneth Wishart. In my rebellious state, the Holy Spirit had surprised me by impressing this preacher of righteousness to speak on the love of God. I responded to the invitation and found forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ, to my soul's comfort and joy.

GEORGE W. PRIVETT is dean of students at Trevecca Nazarene College.

While living in Colorado Springs, I learned that Chaplain Wishart, now retired, was supplying a pulpit in nearby Denver. We made contact and met in wonderful fellowship after a span of 32 years. We had several get-togethers, giving me occasion to sincerely thank him for assisting me in my most significant spiritual encounter.

Of course there were others who played a part. There was a nameless young man who years before had radiated Christ as he led singing in a small church near my home. Then there was a godly pastor who inspired me by his sermons when, as a young teen, I was groping for the way. And there was Mr. Bishop, a lawyer in General MacArthur's headquarters in Japan, who invited me to the G.I. Gospel Hour that notable night when I found the Lord. I would not forget the encouraging ministry of the principal person who "discipled" me as a new Christian—fellow soldier Eugene Mendenhahl. Space permits mention only of one more—the late Dr. L. B. Hicks—who guided my brother and me into the experience of perfect love.

Have you taken the opportunity to thank those who helped with your spiritual birth? Why not make a call or write a letter? It could well make someone's day (and life)! The enemy does not leave "retired" Christian workers alone—he tries to fill them with loneliness and a sense of meaninglessness.

Thank God for Kate Turner . . . and Chaplain Wishart! They helped bring me into the world and into the Kingdom! □

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## CHURCH GROWTH GAINS CREDITED TO CHURCH GROWTH STUDY

The 1980 statistical report from the office of the General Secretary, B. Edgar Johnson, shows that the denomination grew by 1.99 percent in the United States during the 1979-80 statistical year. In 1978-79 the annual growth rate was 1.4 percent.

Rev. Bill Sullivan, executive director of the Department of Evangelism, in analyzing this growth, says, "The credit for the turnaround could be given to several factors, but the most obvious cause has been the widespread training in church growth concepts."

During the decade of the 70s, the Church of the Nazarene grew 24.32 percent in the United States. The per capita giving figure for the United States was \$490.06. □

—NCN

## CONSULTATION ON NAZARENE EVANGELISM

A consultation on Nazarene Revivalism was held in the King Conference Center at International Headquarters in Kansas City, December 1-3.



This first ever dialogue of Nazarene evangelists among themselves and church leaders was sponsored by the Department of Evangelism. Rev. Bill Sullivan, executive director of the department, planned the meeting to consider such matters as financing, church planting, church growth, time management, and marriage enrichment.

Featured speakers in the evening sessions were: General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe and Dr. Ford Philpot.

Attendance of evangelists and song evangelists totaled more than 40. □

—NCN

## CHURCH LEADERS DISCUSS GENERAL BOARD ORGANIZATION

General superintendents, general officers, and executives met with the Commission on General Board Organization at the Hilton Plaza Inn, December 5. The commission was authorized by the 20th General Assembly, along with empowering legislation, to change the structure of the General Board to divisions rather than departments as it is now functioning.

The commission—composed of Col. Thane Minor, chairman; Jack Morris, secretary; Dr. Jack Sanders, Rev. Milard Reed, Rev. Clarence Kinzler, Rev.

Phil Roney, Gerald Decker, and Willis Brown—brought a progress report which proposed five major divisions. The outline of the new structure was described and the major features discussed.

Further meetings and decisions will precede the submission of the draft report to the General Board for possible adoption and implementation at the annual meeting, February 23-27, 1981. □

—NCN

## OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Christian Holiness Association National Convention will convene at the Blue Grass Convention Center in Louisville, Ky., for its 113th annual convention, April 21-23, 1981. The Church of the Nazarene may send 50 official representatives to that convention.

I am authorized to issue a call for volunteer ministers and laymen at large who wish to be delegates for the Church of the Nazarene to this convention, and attend without expense to the General Board.

If you are interested, please submit your name, address, and the local church of which you are a member, to the General Secretary, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. From the names submitted, the delegate committee will select and notify our delegation on or about March 15, 1981.

**B. EDGAR JOHNSON**  
General Secretary

## INAUGURAL PRAYER DAY

The prayer committee of the American Festival of Evangelism have called for a nationwide network of a million small groups praying on Inaugural Day, January 20, 1981.

There are 8,061 persons in control of all law in the United States. Christians are asked to pray for 16 key leaders in the nation: the president, their senators, their congressman, the nine justices of the Supreme Court, the governor, the state senator, and state representative.

The American Festival of Evangelism, an outgrowth of the Lausanne Conference on Evangelism six years ago, will be held in Kansas City, July 27-30, 1981. □

—NCN

## ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The Department of World Mission has sent \$5,000 from the Hunger and Disaster Fund for immediate supplies,

repairs to buildings, etc., to Naples, Italy, which suffered a severe earthquake recently.

At present, this is the fastest way aid can be given. Docks to Italy are glutted with supplies that have been shipped and transport to Naples is slow.

Anyone wanting to send relief funds should send them to Norman Miller, general treasurer, marked "For Italian Earthquake Relief." Such funds, when sent through the general treasurer, will receive 10 percent credit for the local church. □

—NCN

## GENERAL BOARD ELECTIONS

General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson announced that by a mail vote the following have been elected to serve 1980-85:

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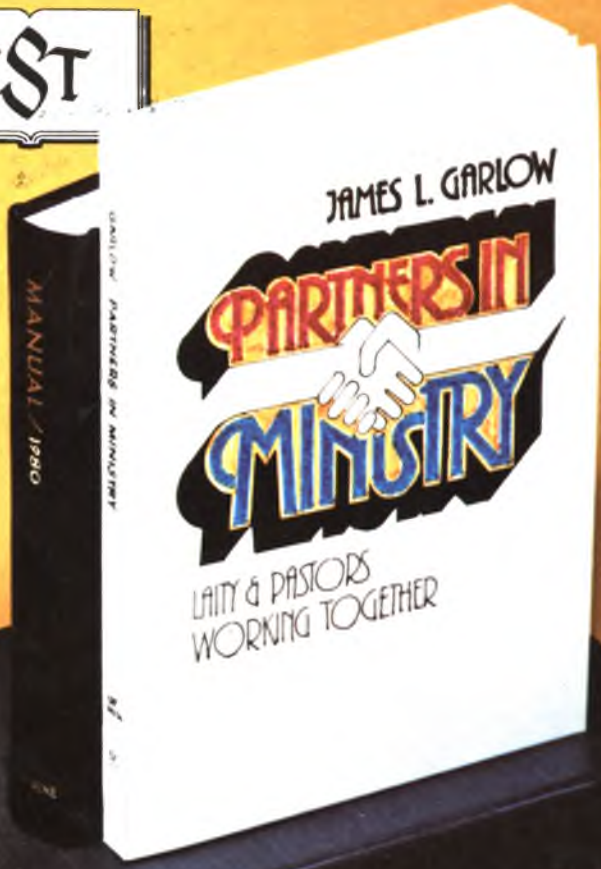
## SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FORMED

The committee for planning the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Nazarene met Saturday, December 6, at International Headquarters, Kansas City.

Plans were developed and assignments made. The celebration is scheduled for the year of September 1, 1983, to August 31, 1984. The initial announcement of activities and dates will be made at PALCON sessions during the summer of 1981.

Members of the committee are: Dr. V. H. Lewis, chairman; Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, secretary; Rev. W. C. Dishon, Dr. Robert Scott, Dr. L. Guy Nees, M. A. "Bud" Lunn, Dr. Timothy L. Smith, and Dr. Eugene L. Stowe. □

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