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AN EDITORIAL

THE STORES are crowded with shoppers looking for just the right present for that special family member.

Airline tickets are as scarce as the proverbial "hen's teeth" as multitudes prepare to make their annual trek home for Christmas.

Yes, at heart, Christmas is a family affair.

It always has been. The traditional creche or Christmas scene includes shepherds, wise men and domestic animals, but they are only the supporting cast. The main characters in this divine drama are the members of the holy family—Mary, Joseph, and the Christ child.

The sacred story of the Incarnation is beautifully woven into the fabric of family life. The Heavenly Father purposefully planned that His Son should be born to a chaste, godly virgin who would be a faithful wife and a devoted mother. The foster father was a devout man who was twice visited in dreams by angels and whose obedience to their instructions was so essential to the birth and subsequent safety of the Child.

And there is pragmatic evidence that Jesus grew up in a model home in Nazareth. A carpenter's income guaranteed that it was modest, but the loving concern of God-fearing parents

made it a fitting palace for the Prince of Peace. In the second chapter of Luke's Gospel we learn two very important things about His upbringing:

1. He was raised in church.

2. He was taught obedience.

And the end result was that He "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (v. 52). No finer tribute could be given to His parents than this, for their careful nurture must have contributed in a meaningful way to His development.

Faith and family life are still nearly inseparable. Harold Cooke Phillips has observed that Christianity is the one religion rooted in a significant way in the family. Everyone must come to Christ on his own, of course, but how many of us are deeply indebted to godly parents for their strong, Christian influence on our lives. Their consistent lives and constant prayers are without a doubt key factors in

their children being in the Kingdom.

As we share family joys this Christmas season, may parents rededicate themselves to their primary responsibility of exerting a strong spiritual influence on their children. May every child resolve to pay his or her parents the highest tribute possible by walking in their footsteps of Christian discipleship.

For some readers this will be the first Christmas without a much loved family member. Be comforted by remembering that God is gathering His family for the final, eternal homecoming where there will be no more sorrow or separation. Someday soon all of the rest of the family will be reunited in an unending celebration, not of the birth but of the coronation of King Jesus. What a glorious reunion that will be! By His grace, may every one of our family circles be unbroken. □

CHRISTMAS IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

"FAITH AND FAMILY LIFE ARE STILL NEARLY INSEPARABLE."



by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe

THE QUEST OF THE MAGI

*They gazed on the heavens and studied the stars,
The movements of planets, of comets, and suns;
They followed the journeys of Saturn and Mars,
And noted the course that the Orion runs.
And they read in the books of the seers of old
Of a King who would come "in the latter ages,"
Who would bring to the earth its "age of gold"—
The noblest and greatest of all its sages.*

H. Armstrong Roberts



*And when the stars in their mystical sheen
Were joined with the Star of Palestine,
And a bright, new Star shone clear between,
And the heavens were lit by the Oracle-sign—
"He has come," they said, "who shall bring the Day;
Who shall teach us his dharma and gospel true";
And they mounted their camels and rode away
To find and worship the King of the Jews.*

*The journey was long and the wind was raw,
As they pressed their way o'er the Zagros steep;
And the roads were wet with the melting snow,
And the rivers of Persia were cold and deep;
And oft when they camped in the twilight dim
And the clouds of winter hung heavy and black,
A voice from the shadows would whisper to them:
"This journey is madness! Go back! Go back!"*

*But they would not be turned from the Holy Quest,
And still for many a weary day
They pressed ever on and into the West,
Till the land of Canaan before them lay—
Till crossing the Jordan, past Jericho fair,
They came at last to Jerusalem—
Till they heard the sages of Israel declare
That the King should be born in Bethlehem—*

*Till the Star that shines when Christmas bells ring,
By faith in our hearts and on fir tree and pine,
Went down and stood where eternity's King
Had been born in a stall with the asses and kine!
And there on a poor, common workingman's floor,
When they ended their journey, attained their quest,
The lords of the East knelt down before
The Lord whose Kingdom would rise in the West.*

*They gave Him their gold, their incense, and myrrh,
And the myrrh foreshadowed His death of pain,
The incense proclaimed that a priest was near,
And the gold betokened an endless reign.
Then back to the lands from whence they came,
O'er deserts and mountains again they trod,
But never again would they be the same
Because they had looked in the face of God!*

*And still today, men gaze on life's sky,
Where they see, by faith, that Star as of old;
They read in the Book of a King most high,
Who shall bring to our earth that "age of gold";
And they turn from fortune, and honor, and fame,
To tread the path which the wise men trod,
And never again will they be the same
When once they have looked in the face of God!*

—DON REECE
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"HAMMER AWAY"

I want to thank you for publishing the article on wine, "The Mocker," in the October 15 issue. It was short but contained a lot of information. We need to hammer away at the destructiveness of the sensual drugs.

Mrs. Robert Michaelis
Nampa, Idaho

A WARM THANKS

How grateful I am to all our wonderful, loving people around the world who have held Lois and me up in prayer during the last four years while she has been ill. Since God has taken her to heaven, I've received so many letters and cards expressing apprecia-

tion for the influence of her beautiful life, and deep-felt sympathy for me at this time. This has brought me much comfort and strength. Thank you and God bless you.

Lyle Potter
Pomona, California

ANOTHER PRISONER WRITES

I am a 27-year-old white male inmate, confined at Central Prison, Raleigh, N.C. I came to prison July 27, 1976, for killing a man; this murder was over my wife at the time, whom I later divorced in 1978.

I came to prison bitter towards my wife and everyone. I did not adjust well to prison life. I was far

from religious, even though I was brought up in a religious home. In my third month in prison, I got into an argument with another inmate and I stabbed him with a homemade prison knife. He lived through this and fully recovered.

I was placed in solitary confinement for 18 months for this. I also have been placed several times in the prison psychiatric ward.

All during my imprisonment, my grandmother, age 75, and my aunt, age 84, have written me and told me the word of the Lord. Their persistence got through to me.

In February, 1980, I was bap-

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AN ENGLISH MINISTER tells of a conversation he heard between two women Christmas shopping. They saw a nativity scene in a store window. One of the women said to the other: "Now, isn't that something—the Church even trying to horn in on Christmas." She did not want Christ interfering with her Christmas celebration.

The song of the angels: "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy," seems drowned out by the businessman's cry of "—— shopping days until Christmas."

The Christ of the Crib, earth's real Savior, is hidden behind a mythical Santa Claus—a make-believe giver of good gifts. The holy scene in Bethlehem's barn is obliterated from the minds of drinkers attending many noisy Christmas parties. The true spirit of the birthday of Christ seems lost as people exchange gifts, seldom give gifts.

One Christmas, a missionary in Africa was given many gifts. Each one was treasured by him, for it

although many of His people will do that. The most precious gift you can give Him, and the gift He wants above all others, is yourself! For many years, Christ has been knocking at the door of hearts. He has declared: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20). Many have kept Him outside, however. We have been so busy with our homes, our farms, friends, business, and church that we have not taken time to open the door.

How patient He is! He will not force His way in, for either we will open to Him, or else He will never enter. Do you know why He waits so patiently? It is because He loves you. He loves you more than any earthly love, for His love took Him to Calvary to die in your place. Softly and tenderly He is still calling. By every Christmas carol, every Scripture reading, every Christmas gift, He is saying: "Give Me thy heart!" How easy it is to do just that. Realize your need of Him, confess your sin to Him, and receive Him as your personal Savior. Will you do that—right now—and make it your Christmas gift to Him? The burden of guilt will roll away, the joy of salvation will flood your soul, and it will be the best, and most important, Christmas you have ever known. □

They Gave

THEMSELVES FIRST

represented love. But his favorite was not a gift that could be seen or touched. A man came to him with his gift, a simple one. The missionary knew the man came from a village deep in the jungle, miles away.

"Thank you, my friend, but you should never have come so far alone, and through treacherous jungle."

"But, Sir," the smiling native replied, "the walk was part of my gift to you."

Gifts wrapped in tissue and ribbon are exciting and beautiful, but the pretty wrappings are torn and thrown away. The gifts are enjoyed for a while, then they wear out and are gone, even forgotten. But what we give of ourselves lives on.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11).

The material gifts were second in importance—they gave of themselves first.

It is possible for you to give Christ a gift this Christmas. I am not speaking of a monetary gift,

by MORRIS CHALFANT

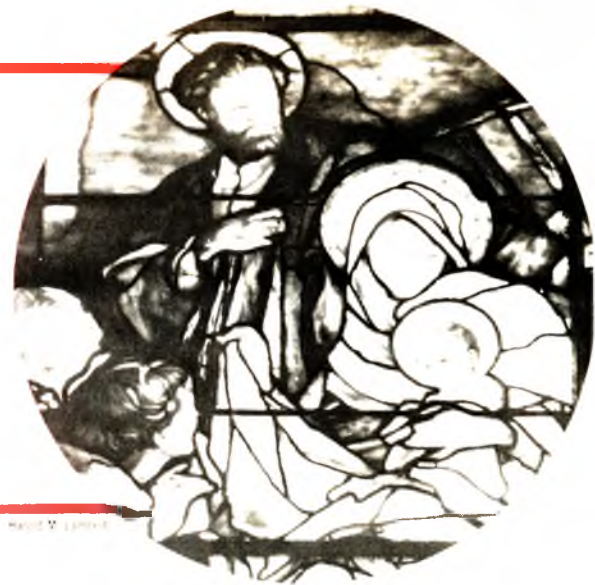


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Christmas— IN MAN'S KEEPING

by IVAN A. BEALS



FORMED IN A VIRGIN'S WOMB, God's only begotten Son shared her life by way of a fragile umbilical cord. The divine Savior entered the limits of frail human care. Though His conception was supernatural, the Christ faced the risks of childbirth. His infant body was nourished through Mary's bloodstream, and then at her breast. Thus Baby Jesus lay vulnerable in the loving arms of a first-time mother, chosen from David's royal line of faith.

How much young mothers—and fathers—must learn about babies—and so quickly! They feel compelled to become experts about feeding, changing, and bathing a baby; and about colic, croup, fevers, and teething. Then there are the numerous hurdles of childhood diseases. Often nightlong vigils are required to nurse children back to health.

Mary and Joseph lavished this kind of care on Jesus during His infancy and tender years. They were charged with the mundane matters of His growth and development. Joseph, also of King David's line, had his faith tested in special ways. First, he believed God to accept Mary's baby as the divine Son miraculously wrought by the Holy Spirit. Joseph then took the challenging role of foster father. Perhaps Jesus was never sick, never fussy, but His life was soon threatened by King Herod's order to slaughter the infants (Matthew 2:16).

Obedience was vital. What if these privileged parents had not discerned God's warning to take Jesus and escape to Egypt? The Savior would have been slain without providing the required sacrifice for man's sin. Indeed, we would expect God to choose well those who were to bring His Son into the world, shelter and raise Him aright. But divine wisdom was not funneled into their minds without personal seeking or loving; they came to know God's will and way because of their faith.

Joseph and Mary believed Jesus was God's Son when others thought He was illegitimate. They traveled to safety when others sensed no danger.

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They so taught and cared for Jesus that He "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:52). When others questioned His claim to authority, they knew He must be about His Father's business (Luke 2:49). Jesus spent His life doing the will of His Heavenly Father.

Christmas takes on special meaning when we think how God entrusted the saving gift of His Son with those who could have failed. Although Galatians 4:4 says God sent forth His Son in the fullness of time, the situation was far from ideal. He came from the peaceful and holy realm of heaven to a world of turmoil, long engrossed in sin. He was born into a race of depraved and downcast rebels, to a people depressed by Roman rule.

Despite the dark gloom of unbelief, God found some who would come to the light of truth. Lowly shepherds welcomed the gospel message of the angels. They hurried from their flocks to go and worship the infant Savior, finding Him lying in a manger stall. Others could not believe the heaven-sent King would be cradled so far from any royal hall. Scripture records no stampede of people running to the manger to see the Christ child.

Wise men from the East saw His star and came to the house where the young child was (Matthew 2:11). Their faith was rewarded by sight, and they rendered glad homage to the promised Prince of Peace. But most folk living nearby missed the opportunity of a lifetime to behold the long-awaited Savior. To them, He was just another baby. The future of Emmanuel, "God with us," involved the Magi's choice to avoid the murderous intent of Herod and go home another way.

Across the years, we have sung the old Christmas carol, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," to join in worship of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. The first faithful noted by the Scripture are few. Indeed, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). Aside from Mary and Joseph, only Elizabeth and Zacharias, the shepherds, Simeon, Anna, and the Magi are mentioned.

Eventually, John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, saw Him and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Soon

after His baptism, Jesus gathered some disciples, and His earthly mission was begun. God's presence in Christ required a believing response from doubt-plagued men and women. Some even cried, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief" (cf. Mark 9:24).

Christ's life among men has ever been handled by fickle hands of clay. Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, ministered to mankind, loving and teaching, healing and performing miracles. Yet, no sooner had some beheld the signs and wonders showing God was with them than doubt assailed their hearts. Faithless men exposed God's Son to ruthless action. He was condemned to death as a profane intruder. The Christ of Christmas was nailed to a cross, seeming to slay hope for man's salvation.

But Jesus' crucifixion did not kill the import of His birth. Raised by God from the dead, He charged His followers to tarry until they were endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49). The Spirit's cleansing would not only purge the rebel nature of sin from believers, but would fill them with power and love to be faithful witnesses of the living Christ.

Christmas remains thus in man's keeping, to accept or reject, to proclaim or deride. The divine truth of Jesus' birth, life and ministry, death, resurrection and ascension, all depend upon staunch believers. A crimson thread of faith runs throughout the Scripture, tying all God's acts to the glorious time He sent His Son in the likeness of human flesh. Two thousand years have not dimmed either the divine light of Christmas or man's crucial role. Even now, you and I, as weak earthen vessels, have God's salvation-treasure in our keeping. We, in faith, celebrate Christ's birth until He comes again. □

The Innkeeper and Me

*The innkeeper turned You away
because he did not know
who You were
or the importance of Your coming,
or the honor of his inn
being used of God
to celebrate Your birth.
Sometimes I become so busy
with the trimmings of Christmas
that I lose sight
of the importance of Your coming,
and the honor to my home
being used of God
to remember Your birth.*

—GERALDINE NICHOLAS
Abbotsford, British Columbia



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PREPARE HIM ROOM!

by ELMER W. PANNIER

AND YOU, MY CHILD, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him" (Luke 1:76, NIV).

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready" (Revelation 19:7, NIV).

"Let every heart prepare him room!" (Isaac Watts).

One thing is certain: God always comes where preparation has been made. When the whole world was prepared, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. When Christ's Bride is prepared, He will come in the clouds to take her to His home. And, when every room of my heart is fully prepared, He will come to abide in my life.

The room of my intellect—Is it clean enough for the Holy Son of God to occupy? Is it alive enough for Him to thrill to its thoughts? Is it receptive enough to make Him feel welcome?

The room of my will—Is it wholly obedient to His will? Does it accept His sovereignty? Is it eager and receptive to His direction?

The room of my affections—Does its window face heaven? Is it a large room and undivided in its longing to make Christ's happiness its greatest objective? Is it spontaneous and uninhibited in its response to His love?

The room of my possessions—Does it indicate that I recognize the True Owner of all that I have? Has it been swept of selfishness and greed? Are all the pieces of my furniture arranged in proper priority of their true value?

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.* □

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GOD EXPLAINS THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

by G. WEATHERLEY



WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS mean to you?" was the question I asked of several people recently. "It is the time when people have most money to spend and so I make my best profits," a storekeeper answered. "I make tremendous efforts to get in stock what people will want to buy then."

"At that time we prepare for the festive season," Sylvia explained. "We spend many hours decorating the house with coloured lights, both inside and outside. We trim the fireplace with holly and candles. We have beautiful ornaments for our Christmas tree and put a garland and twinkling lights on it."

The leader of a musical group said, "Christmas for me is the time when we spend much time in rehearsing so we can sing our carols. We also provide the vocal music for the Christmas plays."

The answers showed the speakers' lack of spiritual understanding of Christmas by what was uppermost in their minds.

God gave us the right spiritual understanding of Christmas through the apostle Paul when he said, "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Galatians 4:4-5).

Christmas means that God sent forth His only Son to this world, the sending forth implying the Son's previous existence. He was the One who had been with Him for all eternity. He had shared the Father's glory and known divine joy. Father and Son had been face-to-face. Jesus had directed His gaze to His Father. Jesus' being with God, says R. A. Ward, includes all we mean "when one man gazes steadfastly on another, concentrates his thought on his friend, makes his friend's interests his own interests . . . all that fellowship of mind and heart; all that, but raised to its highest power."

God sent His Son forth from heaven on a mission—to bring us the greatest blessing that was possible.

The Son was "made of a woman." While He was God the Son and has always remained so, He became a man. He was fully man as well as fully deity. As Paul put it, in Philippians 2:6-7: "Being in the form of God, [He] thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." As human, Jesus was born into a family that had Mary for mother and Joseph as her husband; later there were other children.

Being human, He was hurt by pain and sorrow. He felt the heat of the sun, and a long journey made Him tired. He was refreshed by sleep. He suffered from both hunger and thirst.

The purpose of God's sending His gift was that His Son might "redeem" us. We had been "lost and ruined by the Fall," and our only hope for the present and future was to be redeemed. He came here "to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Hebrews 9:26). More than an appearance was required for our redemption. His death was essential. As Peter put it:

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“His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24). In this way He fulfilled His mission which, He said, was “to give his life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). It is Jesus’ redemptive work that gives Christmas its real meaning.

The benefit of our redemption is our becoming “sons of God.” Slaves are made into sons. As well as being redeemed, we are adopted into God’s family. By this means we are given a place and advantages that were not available to us by our natural birth.

We are now in a loving relationship with God our Heavenly Father. We can look up into His face, just as Jesus did, and cry, “Abba, Father.” In our need, even the deepest, we are assured that our Father is caring for us and will provide fully for each of His sons.

All these blessings depended on who Jesus was. He needed to be a man to redeem us. He needed to be a holy man to redeem sinners. He needed to be God’s Son to make us God’s sons. Paul summed up Jesus’ sacrifice and the blessings we received from it when he said: “He was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Since God has shown us the meaning of Christmas, how ought we to respond? Like the angels who announced the birth of Jesus Christ, we can praise Him. He did it out of grace and goodness, for we had no claims on Him. Jesus is His gift; for the greatest of gifts, the least we can do is to say our joyful “thank you” to God.

Like the wise men who came to meet Jesus, we must worship Him. As we think of His being God, yet giving up so much for us, we cannot but admire His great sacrifice. As we continue to admire, we shall find we cannot do less than worship Him.

When the shepherds saw the One who had come forth from God into the world, they spread abroad the good news. Many people do not know the meaning of Christmas. We who do know it want to act responsibly and share our knowledge with them, that we may rejoice together.

True, we shall still register our sales, trim our houses with beautiful decorations, and sing our carols at Christmas. Yet we shall subordinate all these activities to considering what God did for us at Christmas. Not only shall we sing of Jesus, “O come, let us adore Him”; we shall be sure to adore Him as “Christ the Lord!” □

the RESPONSE

*Unexpected, in a stall
Near to straw and cattle call,
Within sight of inn and hall
Merged our Christ with body frail.
Shepherds, dazzle-eyed, did trail
Angel choirs, whose cry “All Hail”
Called the shepherds to see
Him whose manger from a tree
Crosspiece had like Calvary.
Unsuspecting now they stood
Near the manger carved of wood,
Unaware the babe called “Good.”
Earth where now He lay His head,
People who would nail Him dead,
Fish and bird and quadruped.
Still with imperceptive eyes
We like shepherds view the Prize,
Whittled down to human size.*



Three Lions

*Unexpected, soon we too
Shall, like shepherds, hold in view
Him with whom we have to do;
Not a babe, nor mocked a clown,
But with clouds of glory down,
To bestow a pit or crown.
In that moment, as we gaze
On the God of ancient days,
Like the shepherds may we praise.*

—JOSEPH SEABORN
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Christ Born in You



by ROSS W. HAYSLIP

YEARS AGO, Johann Scheffler wrote the couplet:
*Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born
If He's not born in thee, thy soul is still forlorn.*

It is well and proper for us to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. We rejoice in reading the accounts of the earthly life of our Lord, but the great

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mystery of the gospel does not consist in these outward manifestations of the Lord of Life. We rejoice in what that life did for us. The reality of the coming of Christ comes to us in Paul's statement in Colossians 1:27: "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

The simple preposition "in" is better than "among." It is a glorious truth that Christ dwells in the hearts of His people. In Ephesians 3:17, we read "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." This presence of Christ in our hearts assures us that we are on the way of life that leads to endless glory.

This presence of Christ in us, himself a pledge of our eternal hope, is a mystery that cannot be conveyed by mere words. It can be completely known only by actual experience.

The news of Christ's birth was proclaimed by a star and a song. The fact of His work in our lives becomes real when He is enthroned within our personalities.

The widened horizon in our lives includes not only God *with* us, but God *in* us.

As we rejoice in remembering His incarnation, let us not overlook the real purpose of His coming. He came that we might have life. This life is ours when He becomes incarnate *within* us. This fact of an indwelling Savior gives us the assurance of a glorification that someday will transform our bodies from mortal to immortal.

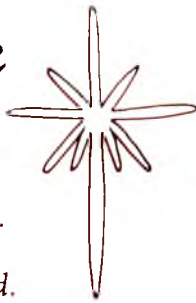
It is wonderful to look back to the Babe of Bethlehem, but we will never enjoy the Christmas season as we should until we experience the knowledge of the indwelling Christ. The shepherds, the angelic choir, the star, and the wise men are all lively reminders of the event at Bethlehem. The symbols of Christmas are many and varied. When we see them, we are reminded that the Son of God became the Son of man in order that we, the sons of men, may become the sons of God.

Paul unfolds the real meaning of the Bethlehem event when he says in Ephesians 2:13, 19: "... in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. ... So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are ... members of the household of God" (RSV). □

The Star

One star—
A dim glimmer of hope
shining out
brighter than the others.
Maybe it will lead me
to the Light of the world.
I must not follow any other star,
to be sidetracked by their
counterfeit shine.
They tend to be dead ends;
Instead of finding the light,
I stumble deeper into darkness.
Star of Hope,
Shine into this weary heart of mine!
I'm tired of chasing other stars.
This night of journey seems so long;
Still—I must follow your light
until I arrive at Bethlehem's stable.
There I will find the Light of the world—
The Hope of my searching soul.

—LINDA MOWERY
Kansas City, Missouri



A WEDNESDAY NIGHT in mid-November, 1980, was designated as family night at the First Church in Washington, D.C. We were to bring food for a "pot-luck" meal and then work together to make Advent wreaths to be used in family devotions during the Advent season.

A group of approximately 200 people gathered for a bountiful meal of food from several different countries around the world. After dining scrumptiously, we cleaned off the tables to begin constructing the wreaths.

Each family needed a Styrofoam wreath, four candles and lots of fresh greenery. One of the men of the church, recently recovered from open-heart surgery with a quadruple bypass, borrowed a pickup truck and took a three-hour trip each way, to cut sufficient tree boughs for the wreaths.

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I was musing over the crowd of eagerly working families, when I noticed a young couple who had been recently separated, but found the answer to their problem at the church altar on the preceding Sunday, working together to construct their wreath. Looking to another table, I saw a Vietnamese boat family, which the church sponsored this year, making their wreath. A year ago, they had never heard about the coming of Christ. At the other end of the table, carefully putting her wreath together, was the daughter of one of the American hostages in Iran. Participants included a cross section of the metropolitan area—Blacks, Orientals, Latinos, and families from around the world! Laborers, schoolteachers, government professionals, company executives, retirees—all preparing for the coming of our Savior.

After the wreaths were completed, the group quickly moved to the lower auditorium for Advent devotions. A family from Korea,

EMMANUEL

*The Son of Man
is no man's son,*

*Owner of the cattle
on a thousand hills—
Stable born.*

*Shepherds flock
to the Lamb.*

*Men of wisdom
bring precious gifts
To the priceless Gift.*

*Mary ponders
her newborn child—
Her eternal Lord.*

—VALKYRIE MURPHY
Bend, Oregon

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS IN LIVING DEMONSTRATION

Thomas F. Sauer



dressed in their native clothes, lit their candle and shared with the group. The father spoke in Korean and his teenage son interpreted. A second family, from Ecuador, lit a candle and read Scripture; then the father prayed in Spanish so the South American people in at-

by EVELYN SMITH

tendance could comprehend every word of his prayer.

A quartet, composed of men from all walks of life, sang the beautiful Advent hymn, "Jesus Is Coming Again."*

As the service ended and families left in their cars, with Advent wreaths bobbing on children's laps, traveling to Virginia, Maryland and all parts of Washington, D.C., I could only think of the words of that hymn we had just heard, "Oh, what a wonderful day that will be! Jesus is coming again!"

Jesus Christ came to gather people from all races and places into His church and kingdom. His world mission was beautifully illustrated in the group that began their preparation for Christmas in Washington's inner city. □

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GOD'S PRESCRIPTION

by EDWINA LONG



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MY CHILD WAS WANTED. From early childhood on, I dreamed of marrying and having children. At the age of two, my daughter's big brown eyes reflected like a mirror the anger in my own eyes. Shaking her violently, I had almost slammed the door on her little fingers. My husband witnessed the scene and forced me to talk about my feelings. Temper outbursts directed toward Patty were increasing in frequency and violence. Fortunately, she was never physically hurt at any time.

I was a proud person in the sense that I wanted people's respect rather than love. My profession before marrying was psychiatric nursing. In work that required cool emotions, I found myself slapped, cursed at, or threatened by aroused mentally ill patients. I presumed I could handle anything. Never did I suspect that I had an emotional problem which would lead to child abuse. Later, as a wife and mother, I was unable to cope with my own child!

In tears, I finally admitted to my husband that I needed help. Going back to work or getting out of the house for entertainment was discussed. Loneliness and fatigue were part of the problem. We had moved from Florida; 500 miles away from my family and friends. Our new home was located in a settled neighborhood where there were no children my

daughter's age. The neighbors were slow to extend a welcome. The change of climate was another factor in my unhappiness. My teen years were spent on the warm beach of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. In the long gray winter of South Carolina, the world appeared as morbid as the bare trees. Without companionship, Patty and I would eat and play day after day. Entering the "terrible two" stage, Patty frequently said No to me, which got on my nerves. Although I had my husband's company in the evenings, it wasn't enough. My frustration had become uncontrollable.

Anger would simmer, then boil as rage. I was learning about my own denied emotions. Alcohol plagued my childhood, for my mother was unable to cope with life's frustrations. No father was available; I had no adult to talk to about my feelings of fear and anxiety. Counseling was not done by my teachers in the 50s, but one remarked, "Child, you always look so sad!" She didn't ask why. I kept my emotions inside, too proud to admit that I was angry.

My daughter, Patty, was not at fault. She behaved as a normal child. Some little disobedience on her part would trigger the onset of my temper. Usually I would shake her shoulders and yell. The humiliation of not coping with my child, whom I loved, almost devastated my self-image; and she was being harmed emotionally. These were the circumstances the Lord used to dissolve my self-righteous pride and romantic delusion of super-wife and super-mother.

I was one year old in the Lord, won by the personal witness of a friend. Upon moving to South Carolina, I remembered the words Jane said to me: "Trust in the Lord." I didn't understand what those words meant but I needed them now to help me with my daughter and my anger. I told my husband that Jesus really worked or He didn't! I turned to my newly found Savior for help. Trying not to lose my temper had failed. Vows made in the morning were broken by 10 a.m. It was like dieting and saying to yourself, "I will not eat today!" Before you realize it, you are into the refrigerator eating. All my psychology went out the window; pulling myself up by the bootstraps didn't work. My salvation was in giving up all techniques and turning to Jesus and His words in Psalm 37.

In Isaiah, God is called Counsellor. I found the Bible to be filled with psychiatry, which sparked my interest. Psalm 37 spoke to my need. "Fret not . . . Trust in the Lord . . . Delight in the Lord . . . Commit thy way . . . Rest . . . Cease from anger . . . Forsake wrath." It was a prescription from the Divine Psychiatrist who knew my emotions better than I did!

As a nurse, I knew that a doctor could prescribe medicines, but unless the patient followed orders the medicine would be of no use. Obedience to the Word given me in Psalm 37 was my key to a loving relationship with my daughter. Like an alcoholic, I took it one moment at a time. When I would feel the rage beginning inside, I immediately in my mind called on Jesus. "Lord, I can't handle this; help me!" He did! A way of escape would be provided. The phone would ring, or someone would come to the door, or something else would happen to distract me from my anger. But I had to obey faithfully, calling on the Lord.

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Medicine taken haphazardly doesn't cure! Obeying the Word must be consistent. As this application worked for me, I grew in knowledge of the Bible and the will of God in my personal experiences. He delivered me from the demon of anger and replaced it with the love of the Holy Spirit. I have a testimony to share with other women who secretly suffer knowing they are hurting their children.

The secular world says call a friend when you are

angry, which is temporary help but burdensome to the friend. I suggest that you call on Jesus, the Friend who loves you and your children. "Take this child . . . care for it for me, and I will give thee thy wages" (Exodus 2:9). The Lord has seen fit to trust me with other children who have either lived with us or under our care for their working mothers. He has loved them through me. My rage is gone and the memories are healed for my daughter. Jesus is Lord! □

NAZARENE ROOTS



AN UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH

Most of the historical collections in the Nazarene archives have some identification. We can often give a fairly complete identification. This photograph is a puzzling exception to this.

It appears to be a very early camp meeting. At least two of the older persons were nationally prominent holiness leaders of the 19th century. We are sure that the woman on the front row is Amanda Smith, a well-known and respected early holiness evangelist and missionary. The moustached man sitting to the far right is probably C. J. Fowler, president of the National Holiness Association from 1893 to 1919. The two gentlemen between them may be (l. to r.) Rev. M. L. (Father) Haney and Rev. William Jones, both well-known holiness evangelists of the time. But who is the bearded gentleman in the back row?

And who are the younger people? William Howard Hoople, who later figured prominently in the

birth of the Church of the Nazarene, once sported a fine set of whiskers similar to the man at the left. Seth Rees, who also figured prominently in the early years of our church history, might be the young man in the back. We have no idea about the young woman.

What does the photograph mean? Are these the speakers at a camp meeting? It would have been quite a meeting to have C. J. Fowler and Amanda Smith on the platform at the same time. Did the young men later become leaders and founders of the Church of the Nazarene? Does the photograph show the leadership of one generation and the future leaders of another working together at camp meeting?

This photograph has been sitting on my desk for almost an entire year. I do not know how to catalog it. It is a marvelous photograph, but very baffling.

STEVE COOLEY, *Director of Archives*



The Cost of HOLINESS

by PHIL STOUT

HIS WORDS were powerful. His life was astounding. In 1937 Dietrich Bonhoeffer published a book entitled *The Cost of Discipleship*. In it he said, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." In 1945, after two years of imprisonment in Nazi Germany, Bonhoeffer showed just how seriously he took these words as he made the long walk to the gallows that Hitler built.

The life and death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer compel us to look at his words. Bonhoeffer was appalled by the complacency he saw in Christendom, by those who claimed to be "justified by faith." He felt that complacency was a great sin against the Holy Spirit. He was saddened because he saw the church take those words of Martin Luther ("justification by faith") and make them just that, mere words. He called this "cheap grace," for it had become a doctrine, a system, a principle, without becoming a cross to bear. Bonhoeffer felt that this was anything but what Martin Luther taught. For when Martin Luther spoke of grace he knew that it would cost him everything, and it did. And when Dietrich Bonhoeffer spoke of grace he knew that it would cost him everything, and it did. It was very costly grace.

Just as Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer saw the cost of justification by faith, so John Wesley saw the cost of Christian perfection. John Wesley knew that true holiness demanded that he feel the hunger pangs of those around him. Holiness demanded that he take financial risks in order to improve the quality of life for the poverty stricken.

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Charles G. Finney knew the cost of holiness. He knew that holiness demanded that he stand up and speak out against American slavery and racial injustice, for to be silent was to condone.

William and Catherine Booth knew the cost of holiness. Holiness demanded that they reach out to man's temporal and spiritual needs by founding the Salvation Army, an army attacking poverty, hunger, and sin.

Luther Lee knew the cost of holiness. Holiness demanded that he take the tremendous risk of speaking out for the rights of women. It demanded that he proclaim that "there is neither male nor female . . . in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

Phineas F. Bresee knew the cost of holiness. Holiness demanded that he leave the denomination he loved in order to go into the inner city of Los Angeles and tell the poor about Jesus Christ. In so doing he started a group that called themselves the Church of the Nazarene and that dedicated themselves "to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, and wipe away the tears of the sorrowing; and gather jewels for His diadem."

Our responsibility is great. We cannot become guilty of promoting a cheap holiness, a holiness of doctrine and principle that is void of involvement in man's social, temporal, and spiritual needs. The cost is great, but then Christ called us to die. And we must die. We must die to selfishness, apathy, and to all else that would make holiness easy, comfortable, and cheap.

As we celebrate Christian holiness may our celebration not be a closed-door party. Rather, may it be a reach-out celebration that improves man's life here and prepares man for life to come. In so doing, those helped will have reason to celebrate, too.

If we become so busy building lavish sanctuaries that we cannot put shoes on a little boy's cold feet, or so busy with potluck dinners that we cannot feed someone who is really hungry, then I am afraid that our brother Dietrich would say of the holiness people that they never really discovered the cost of holiness. □

FAITH IN GOD

*When faith in God goes,
Man the thinker loses his greatest thought.
When faith in God goes,
Man the worker loses his greatest motive.
When faith in God goes,
Man the sinner loses his strongest help.
When faith in God goes,
Man the sufferer loses his securest refuge.
When faith in God goes,
Man the lover loses his fairest vision.
When faith in God goes,
Man the mortal loses his only hope.*

—WILEY DICKERSON
Dothan, Alabama



THE TRUE VOICE

by ARTHUR TOWNSEND

ATRANS WORLD AIRLINES Boeing 707 had been cleared for a landing at Tampa, Fla. The big plane carrying passengers and crew was 20 feet above the runway when the order came: "Abort landing! Abort landing! Go around! Go around!" The pilot thrust forward the throttles and with some danger to the passengers and crew brought the huge aircraft up and around, skilfully making a normal landing on his second approach.

Nevertheless, this action was not needed. Before the bona fide controller in the tower could countermand the order, the pilot had acted in good faith, aborting his landing and taking the big plane up and around at the command of a "phantom" voice.

Six times the phantom used his voice to radio false air traffic instructions to jet liners landing at, or preparing to take off from, the Tampa, Fla., International airport. At least six times he endangered the lives of unwary travelers, causing much concern among the authorities seeking him out.

What a lesson for us in this!

There are many false voices in the world today. These voices are commanding, but the instructions given are tragically endangering the souls of many people. Even the instructors themselves are being deceived by the father of lies—Satan.

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The truth of God's Word is also being aborted by a modern version of the old Epicurean philosophy of eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die—all adding to the babel of sound filling the airways with end-time confusion.

Yet through it all there comes a voice steadily calling to you and me. It is the voice of the Son of God saying, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his [innermost being] shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38).

Don't be turned aside from a right course by a phantom voice. The Lord Jesus is in heaven's control tower. He will guide you to a safe landing in the City of Unending Day. Put your faith and trust in His Word. Don't let Satan abort your flight!

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, . . . I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely" (Revelation 21:3-6). "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). And that, believe me, is no phantom voice.

It is the Word of God!

□



LEARNING TO LEAN

by JOY LYNN GRABLE

IN FEBRUARY, 1978, the Lord gave me this verse: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7). I had discovered a lump under my right arm and after having a biopsy, was told that I had a form of cancer—Hodgkins disease, to be exact.

Hodgkins disease! Oh, no! People died from Hodgkins! How long did I have? What about my children? What about my husband? Why me? These are some of the thoughts that rushed through my mind as I listened to the surgeon on the telephone explaining the treatment he felt was best for my case. This was a Saturday. How could I go to church the next day and lay this burden on my fellow Christians? But God went before me and showed me and my family that He was to be glorified through this trial. My husband and I were asked to sing on Sunday evening. What could we sing and really mean at a time like this? God immediately reminded us of the song, "Learning

to Lean." What a blessing the Lord had in store for us through the words of that song!

On Monday, our pastor drove my husband and me to the hospital in Evanston, Ill. For the next 10 days, I went through some very extensive tests: blood tests, all types of X rays, bone scans, liver and spleen scans, bone marrow tests, and a lymphangiogram.

"What in the world is a lymphangiogram?" I asked. It turned out to be the worst of all the tests, but God had His hand in that also. A lymphangiogram is a tedious and somewhat painful test, lasting several hours. The patient must lie completely still on an X-ray table during this time, so the dye that is inserted into the lymph system can be circulated by little pumps through that system. I had no idea what I was in for, but felt that I needed the Lord to hold my hand. He did more than that. He provided excellent technicians and doctors, and the test was completed in a little more than half the usual time. The doctors were amazed, and I told them that I had been praying most of the time during the test.

After all the tests had been completed, I was scheduled for surgery to help the doctors better define the extent of the Hodgkins disease, and also to re-

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move the spleen, which is usually involved in the disease. Having never had any surgery except a biopsy, I had no idea of how I would feel after the operation. I left my room at 7:30 a.m. and did not return until 5 p.m.—feeling much worse than I had ever felt in my life. The first day after surgery, I experienced quite a bit of pain. However, I was determined not to ask for any pain medication for fear that I would become addicted to it. Understanding nurses assured me that the medication would be non-addictive, so I accepted it.

Reports from the tests taken before and during surgery showed that the disease was not in the spleen (which had been removed) but was confined to a few lymph glands. Praise the Lord! The treatment would be radiation therapy with a possibility of chemotherapy later.

Here was another big hurdle. I wanted to have the radiation treatments at a local hospital near my home. My doctor insisted that I have them in Evanston. That would mean a 180-mile round trip, five days a week for almost seven weeks. The treatments would make me nauseated and weak, which would necessitate someone else driving me. "Lord, how do we get around this one?" I asked.

The answer was given soon. I was released from the hospital two days earlier than was originally expected, which allowed time to arrange transportation. Pastor, relatives, and friends from our church shared with my husband the burden of getting me to and from the hospital. Friends, neighbors, and relatives helped with the care of my two small children, the laundry, housecleaning, and our meals. The Lord

also provided special friends and family who remodeled our kitchen during my two-and-one-half week stay in the hospital, as a surprise.

Six weeks later, the radiation treatments were completed—four days sooner than originally scheduled. Along with this came news that the chemotherapy would not be necessary! The doctors were very pleased with my body's response to the radiation—another answer to the prayers of many faithful Christians.

I was required to go to Evanston every three months for checkups. Each checkup showed no signs of Hodgkins disease. After a year, the time between checkups was lengthened to six months. Two years after the discovery of Hodgkins disease, I was released from the doctors in Evanston to my family physician. This was one year earlier than they had predicted. Once again, God's timetable was pushing theirs ahead of schedule.

Now, five years later, the Lord is still answering prayers. I have had annual blood tests and X rays, and each time, the reports were negative concerning Hodgkins disease. I praise the Lord for the strength and grace that He has provided. I was told that attitude plays an important part in the recovery of a cancer patient. I'm sure that without the Lord and His power and sustaining grace, I would have lost that part of the battle. I know that, even though it seemed my faith was being tried with fire as 1 Peter 1:7 says, I was victorious through Jesus Christ, and His name was praised and glorified through it all. Truly I have learned to lean on Jesus, where there is more power than I ever dreamed! □

Book Brief

HOLINESS FOR EVERY DAY



G. B. WILLIAMSON
author



THE ANNOUNCEMENT of His lowly birth was made to wondering shepherds by the angel of the Lord. It was not by the usual excited father or friend. It was to uninformed, unsuspecting shepherds rather than to priests and elders of the Temple . . . All this was preliminary to the life of One who had not where to lay His head. If He saved others, He could not save himself."

So writes G. B. Williamson for December 25 in his book of devotional meditations for each day of the year, *Holiness for Every Day*.

Give yourself or someone you care about a gift of light by ordering this testament of faith from the pen of a man whose faith has abounded. Author G. B. Williamson, general superintendent emeritus, most recently served as professor and chaplain at Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs.

In the Foreword, General Superintendent Emeritus Samuel Young writes: "This book's marked charm and strength lies in the writer's expository insights found on every page. . . . This book is more than a road map; it introduces to us the Holy Spirit himself as our personal, daily Guide."

As this year comes to a close, why not determine to start 1982 with a devotional book and a disciplined study of God's Word? *Holiness for Every Day* will provide the inspiration you need for this resolve. □

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
To order, see page 23.

the editor's STANDPOINT

ACCEPTING CHRISTMAS REVERENTLY

According to Harry Reasoner, a famous television newsmen, “the birth of God on earth” leaves us with “only three ways of accepting Christmas”—cynically, graciously, or reverently.

Those who accept it cynically see its value in commercial terms. The story of the Incarnation may not be true, but it provides a season for making money and boosting the economy.

Those who accept it graciously do not believe the miracle it celebrates actually took place, but they refuse to begrudge their Christian neighbors the joy which the holiday brings.

Those who accept it reverently really do believe that “the Lord of the Universe” appeared “in the form of a helpless baby.” Nothing has happened in the long march—or muddle—of history more significant for human welfare than Christmas.

C. S. Lewis termed the Incarnation “the central miracle,” “the grand miracle.” He went on to say,

“Every other miracle prepares for this, or exhibits this, or results from this.” God descended to man in order to reascend. He stooped in order to lift. And in His descent and reascent, He redeemed mankind and nature, so spoiled and ruined by sin.

I don’t know how committed to the implication of the Incarnation Mr. Reasoner is, but he is right when he says, “If it is false, we are doomed.” Christmas, the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus Christ, is the triumph of love over hate. It is the stubborn refusal of divine holiness to be altered or defeated by human sin. At Christmas, God acted to save the world. There alone lies our hope. Christmas is the only light in the tunnel of history.

All around us will be people who are openly scornful or benignly tolerant. No matter. As Christians, we will celebrate Christmas joyously and reverently. We are convinced that the Incarnation is reality, not mythology. The power of that event has issued in our rebirth into freedom, peace, and joy. □

CHRIST CHANGED MY CHRISTMAS

When I was a boy, Christmas revolved around two questions. As the day approached, the question was, “What do you want for Christmas?” After the day arrived, the question was, “What did you get for Christmas?”

Because I was greedy and my folks were poor, the two questions never had the same answer. I always wanted more than I got. My list of wants would have taxed the resources of a department store. Like the horse-leech’s daughters, mentioned in Proverbs 30:15, my cry was, “Give, give!”

From the time I found Jesus Christ, my view of Christmas was radically changed. I do not scorn presents, for I think they are expressions of love from people who care for me. But they are not necessary to my happiness at the Advent season. Joy no longer depends upon getting or giving, but upon the relationship to God made possible by the coming of Jesus Christ into our world. My identity and security are determined by that relationship. I am a forgiven sin-

ner whose hope of eternal life is grounded solely upon the quenchless love of God manifested in the incarnation and crucifixion of Jesus.

If a man’s identity is determined by material things, he will lose face and purpose if the economy collapses, or if his fortunes are reversed, or if death ushers him into the presence of God. If his hope of heaven depends upon his own works, he will become overconfident and self-deceived, like the Pharisee described in Luke 18:9-14, or he will be underconfident and insecure, always wondering if the Great Scorer approves his present moral batting average.

Christmas reminds us that Jesus Christ came to save sinners by the sacrifice of himself, just as Easter assures us that God approved that sacrifice. This gives us boldness to confess our sins, receive His pardon as a gift, and live each day by the power of a love that will never let us go. We can relax in the face of our own failures as we rest in the fact of His triumph. That means a merry Christmas indeed. □

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A CHALLENGING SIGN

A few weeks ago Doris and I were driving through Daytona Beach, Fla. I wanted to see the ocean, a desire that becomes intense at times since moving to the Midwest. She wanted to check out the possibility of entering the Daytona 500.

Outside a church there I spotted a sign which read, "Is your Christian experience ancient history or current events?" Church signs, like bumper stickers, rarely interest me, but this one I found challenging.

I thought at once of Jesus' words, "He that endures to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22). Christian life is a marathon, not a short dash. Getting off to a good start is no guarantee that you will cross the finish line. Many drop out. The old adage, "Well begun is half done," like most old adages, is a partial truth.

To the Galatians Paul wrote, "You did run well; who did hinder you that you should not obey the truth?" (5:7). When a Christian slackens his pace or quits the race, the hindering factor is usually a "who" and not a "what." The quitter has been unduly influenced by

some wrongheaded—or wronghearted—person whose example and teaching prove destructive.

Paul's words point to the secret of running well the entire race—"obey the truth." Christian experience becomes ancient history through disobedience. Living in obedience to the plain truth of Scripture keeps our experience a matter of current events.

While writing this I have recalled with sadness a number of persons who ran well for a time, then quit the race, accepting defeat unnecessarily. In each case, whatever excuses were given, some tragic disobedience to God caused their collapse.

When Christian experience is ancient history and not current events, testimony becomes a retreat, worship becomes a chore, and after a while the once happy disciple becomes another dispirited dropout. Don't let it happen to you.

"Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." □

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF

*Joy to the world, the Lord has come
His deep peace to impart!
Of old to storied Bethlehem,
Of late to my poor heart.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Within my ransomed soul!
His grace forgives each burning sin
And makes my spirit whole.*

The *Herald of Holiness* staff wishes to all our readers a holy and happy Christmas! May all that God has done in Jesus Christ to save the world be real and personal to each of you!

W. E. McCumber, editor in chief
Ivan A. Beals, office editor

*Joy to the world, I now confess
The glories of that name
Which first a flaming angel choir
To shepherds did proclaim.*

*Joy to the world, Oh, let His Church
This Advent gospel preach
Till lost of earth are safely home,
Whom He left home to reach!*

Mabel P. Adamson, editorial assistant
Barbara Fish, office clerk



tized. I asked God to forgive me for the murder I had committed, and the assaults I had committed and all my other sins. I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior! I know in my heart I have been forgiven. I felt a load come off my shoulders when I asked for forgiveness.

I know that no matter whether I be in prison or go free, I am free in my heart and soul now!!

Ralph P. Hill, Jr.
Raleigh, North Carolina

READER SADDENED

The \$85 million project to rebuild the MGM Hotel in Las Vegas is very impressive—I wonder if God is impressed.

“Put to death, therefore, what-

ever belongs to your earthly nature; sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these the wrath of God is coming” (Colossians 3:5-6, NIV).

I felt very sad when I saw this news item in our *Herald of Holiness*.

Pat Norris
Citrus Heights, California

THE “HERALD” HELPS

Thank you for your wonderful *Herald*. I can’t begin to tell you how much it means to me. I’m not a Nazarene, but I belong to the Missionary Society at First Nazarene in Cochran, Ga. The *Herald* brings me closer to my Savior and helps me in my life. One of your editorials was telling about so many divorces. I’m one

of them, have been for 12 years. Death would have been easier, but thanks be to God, I made it okay.

I try every day to live closer to my Lord. I have two teenagers, a son and a daughter. The *Herald* helps me cope with a lot of situations.

Luanne D. Barrs
Cochran, Georgia

READER PLEASED

I read every copy of the *Herald of Holiness*, as I have done for many years. In my opinion the *Herald* is the best it has ever been. Thanks to you. The “Everybody Ought to Know Jesus” edition is excellent.

Blessings on you and your staff.

Buford Battin
Lubbock, Texas

He Never Said a Word

by GENE A. WARDLAW

HE NEVER SAID A WORD!

After the prayer meeting, the group leader asked if I would go visiting with him. He planned to see an elderly woman who has visited the Nazarene church, but was not a member. We drove to a low-income area, where she lived in a run-down, two-story house. We knocked, and a dear old lady bent with age opened the door. We found seats in a small, unkempt living room with a small, unmade bed.

She said she was glad that we had come and that, although she was a Christian, she could not attend church often because she was caring for an old, feeble brother. He was not at home that day. After a short visit, we prayed and left.

Weeks later, the same prayer-group leader asked me to visit with him again and I did. We prayed with the same lady and left.

Three weeks later the leader apologized for asking again. He felt led to return to the same home. I felt also that God was in this and we went. This time the brother was home, in bed, sick and unshaven, but receptive.

In response to a question, the sick man answered, “No, I’ve never been a Christian.”

“Do you know about the Bible?” I asked.

“Yes, I went to Sunday School when I was young.”

GENE A. WARDLAW is pastor of the East Gadsden Church of the Nazarene in Gadsden, Alabama.

**“By ALL MEANS...
Save Some”**

“But you have never been saved?” I inquired.

He simply replied, “No.”

The silent prayer-group leader and I sat near his bed. We sensed God as the fourth Person in the room.

“May we pray?” I asked the old man.

He dropped his eyes, “Yes, I would like that.” His tired old eyes searched my face seeking help. I sensed his hesitation.

“Do you remember your Dad?” I prodded.

A grin broke across his face. “Yes, I had a good Dad!”

I gently encouraged him. “Well, as I pray, talk to God as your Heavenly Father and tell Him what you want.” My heart was crying, “Please, God, save him like You saved me! Make it easy for him to talk to You.”

The prayer leader was quiet by my side. As we prayed aloud, the old man’s voice became stronger. Finally he was quiet. I looked up and asked, “Do you know what it means to be a Christian?”

A smile touched his lips and tears filled his faded blue eyes. “Yes,” he said, as he reached to shake my hand.

About six weeks later, I met the elderly sister again. Her brother had died, and she was distressed that she had not been able to remember my name to preach at his funeral.

“That is such an honor,” I replied. “But I’ll see your brother again. As he stands by God Almighty, I’ll draw near, and he will testify that I was the one who led him to the Lord. We will have such a grand time! Then I’ll turn and look for that prayer-group leader! Even though he never spoke a word it was he who brought us together, so that I could share Christ with your brother.” □

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Don W. Dunnington, chaplain and associate professor of practical theology at Trevecca Nazarene College, received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School of Deerfield, Ill., during the June, 1981, commencement. Dr. Dunnington's treatise was entitled "Measuring and Improving the Effectiveness of Pastoral Preaching in the Local Church."

A graduate of Olivet Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary, Dunnington has just completed his first year as a Trevecca faculty member. Dr. Dunnington has also been selected for listing in the 1981 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*. □



A. L. Woods, minister of pastoral care and counseling at Seattle First Church, was graduated from California Graduate School of Theology with the Doctor of Ministry degree in May. Dr. Woods has pastored in Alaska and Washington and also served in private clinical practice as a marriage and family counselor. He is a member of the Association of Christian Marriage Counselors and has appeared in the *Outstanding Young Men of America* journal. Dr. Woods and his wife, Donna, have one daughter at Northwest Nazarene College and a son and daughter in high school. □

Brothers **Kevin Ulmet** of Olathe, Kans., and **William Aleck Ulmet** of Wichita Falls, Tex., were selected as Outstanding Young Men of America for 1981.

Kevin Ulmet is a first-year student at Nazarene Theological Seminary and working part-time in visitation and bus ministry at the Olathe, Kans., College Church. He was a 1981 Trevecca Nazarene College graduate, received the Citizenship Award his senior year, and was student body president. He has been active in politics and as a revival speaker.

William A. Ulmet (Bill) is presently pastoring the Wichita Falls, Tex., University Avenue Church. He graduated from Olivet Nazarene College, was a coach for eight years before entering the ministry.

Kevin and Bill are the sons of Rev. and Mrs. Aleck G. Ulmet, superintendent of the Kentucky District. □

Martha Tyler John, professor and chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology at Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kans., has been included in the biennial (1980) publication of the *World Who's Who of Women*. She received the B.A. from Eastern Nazarene College, the M.S. from Purdue University, and the Ed.D. from Stanford University. Dr. John has contributed to numerous professional journals. She has been teaching at MANC since 1977. □

Jeff Schwartz, a 1981 graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, has been named sports information director there. Schwartz will coordinate all news coverage relating to varsity and intramural sports at the college. He will also work for the Public Relations Department at MVNC as a general assignment reporter and graphics artist. While working for the public rela-

tions, Schwartz will handle all area media along with college and church-related publications.

Before coming to MVNC in his junior year, Schwartz served as student sports information director at John Wesley College in Owosso, Mich., where he majored in journalism. He earned a B.A. in speech communication at MVNC and minored in journalism.

While at MVNC, Schwartz served on the Student Council, was senior class vice-president and was selected as one of the *Outstanding Young Men of America* by the United States Jaycees. He and his wife, Cindy, are now living in Mount Vernon, Ohio. □



Rev. Ronald J. Wells, pastor of the Soldotna, Alaska, church, graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with the Doctor of Ministry degree September 4. He

graduated from Pasadena College with the B.A. degree in 1968 and the M.A. in 1969. He also received the M.Div. degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1972.

Dr. Wells began his ministry serving as minister of youth at the Glendale, Calif., First Church, 1965-68. In 1968-69, he was minister of youth at the Buena Park, Calif., church; then minister of youth and music at Glendale, Calif., First Church, 1969-72. Rev. Wells was associate pastor of the Oregon City, Ore., church 1972-74 and was senior pastor at the St. Maries, Ida., church 1974-80. He has been senior pastor at the Soldotna, Alaska, church since 1980. □



Twenty single adults from the Nall Avenue Church in Prairie Village, Kans., traveled to St. Joseph, Mo., Hyde Park Church for a Work and Witness weekend July 10-12. The theme was "A Life Worth Living." Together with Hyde Park Pastor Sam Storkson, his wife, Adele, and several other members of the Hyde Park congregation, the Nall singles scraped the parsonage and applied a primer coat of paint, rebuilt a bathroom wall in the parsonage, cleaned out the church gutters, trimmed and sprayed bushes, painted a Sunday School classroom, and made curtains for two other classrooms. On Sunday, the Nall singles conducted both worship services. Leon Friesen, a student at Nazarene Theological Seminary, delivered the morning message, while Mike Dugas, also a seminary student, gave a short devotional in the evening. Other members of the group participated in several special music numbers and gave testimonies.



The senior adult group, JOY, "Just Older Youth," from the Denver Lakewood Church, visited Nazarene Publishing House during a stopover in Kansas City on their annual fall trip to the Ozark area. Rev. Jay Baynum is their pastor. Wilber and Ione Eubank directed the group.

YOUTH MINISTRIES SCHEDULES GREENLAKE '82 FOR AUGUST

Nazarene college students and career youths will gather from across the United States and Canada for worship, study, sharing, and celebrating at GREENLAKE '82. The event is scheduled for August 17-22 at the American Baptist Assembly retreat center in Green Lake, Wis.

The conference is designed to create

an opportunity for 1,000 campus-career youth to explore their Christian heritage, confront contemporary issues, and determine their place in a Christian life-style, and celebrate their oneness in Christ. GREENLAKE '82 is sponsored by Youth Ministries, Church of the Nazarene Headquarters, and is being coordinated by the Youth Ministries staff in conjunction with Nazarene Student Leadership Conference and Nazarene Higher Education. Serving as director of the event is Mike

Estep, general program director of campus-career ministries.

Dr. Cecil Paul, a psychologist and director of graduate studies at Eastern Nazarene College, will be the featured speaker in a series of morning presentations on holiness issues. Dr. Paul's presentations will interrelate with the evening messages of well-known holiness speakers, Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, Rev. Gary Henecke, Dr. John A. Knight, Rev. Steve Manley, and Rev. Charles Millhuff.

Other features of GREENLAKE '82 will be small-group forums, special entertainment by popular Christian artists, a variety of recreational offerings, and a beautiful location in which to relax. Students from both Nazarene and state colleges, and all career youth are invited to participate. Further information is available now from the office of the dean of students at each Nazarene College or by writing Mike Estep—GREENLAKE '82, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □

INCREASED RETURN ON TAX-SHELTERED ANNUITY IS ANNOUNCED

Pensions and Benefits Services announces that the insurance underwriter for the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Plan, a tax-sheltered annuity, will raise the rate of return on all deposits in the program effective January 1, 1982.

All monies deposited before January 1, 1980, which are receiving 9 percent interest will receive 10 percent interest. Monies deposited during 1980 and 1981 which are receiving 11 percent interest will receive 11¼ percent interest. All new deposits will receive 13½ percent interest.

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Accumulative enrollment in this program now exceeds 2,500. This investment program for retirement is available for pastors, evangelists, and all lay employees of the Church of the Nazarene or its institutions.

Inquiries concerning the details of the recent improvement in the tax-sheltered annuity program should be directed to Dean Wessels, director of Pensions and Benefits Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, Mo 64131. □



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It was a nostalgic trip for Mrs. Mabel R. Cobb, member of Los Angeles First Church, when she visited Kansas City and Nazarene Publishing House for the first time in 50 years. She is pictured during her tour of the current publishing complex, but recounted memories of the one-building publishing house in its early days at 21st and Troost. At that time, she was a member of Kansas City First Church, 24th and Troost, which was destroyed by fire a few years ago. The growth of NPH, now spreading from 28th to 30th and Troost, plus the technical changes since those days, parallel the growth of the church.



A regional Men In Mission Retreat/Workshop was held at the Central Ohio District Campground on August 21-22. Dr. Paul W. Gamertsfelder was the coordinator for the retreat and served as chairman. More than 200 people from as far away as Florida and Alabama gathered to fellowship, learn, and promote the cause of Men In Mission. Seven districts that make up the East Central Region were represented. The representatives included: Bill Davis, Akron District; Dr. Paul W. Gamertsfelder, Central Ohio; Dr. Paul Gray, Eastern Kentucky; Glen Spaulding, North Central Ohio; Marvin Shipman, Southwestern Ohio; and Orville Jones, West Virginia District. A number of district superintendents were present, including Dr. and Mrs. J. Wilmer Lambert from Central Ohio. Rev. Tom Pound, former missionary to Belize, was the speaker for the retreat. He is the Caribbean coordinator for building and church growth for the Division of World Mission. There also were other visiting missionaries.



A bus load from Mishawaka, Ind., First Church, pastored by Rev. Donald Comstock, toured Nazarene church facilities in Kansas City. The singing teens, "Believers," were touring the Midwest and wanted to see the church's world headquarters. Bill and Susan Vandersteen supervised the lively group.



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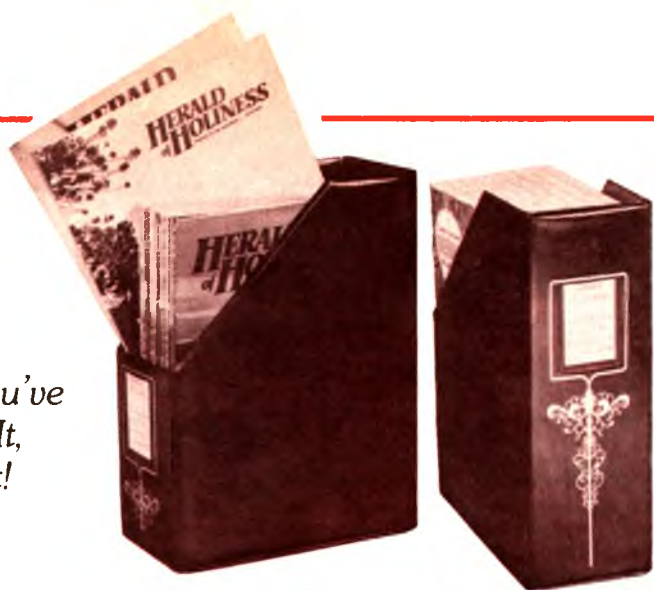
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Rev. Chris McNichol

ELDER REACHES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Rev. C. J. McNichol of Meaford, Ontario, celebrated his 100th birthday on October 25. Rev. McNichol was ordained 63 years ago in the Gospel Workers Church, which merged with the Church of the Nazarene in 1958.

On his birthday, Rev. McNichol preached the morning service in Collingwood and the evening service in Meaford where a "packed house" of well over 200 came to hear and honor him. Among those present for the service was Rev. Lorne MacMillan, district superintendent of the Canada Central District; civic leaders of the community; and family members as far as Scotland. Many greetings were received by telegram which were shared in the service. Among those greetings was one from General Superintendent V. H. Lewis. A telegram was also received from Queen Elizabeth.

Rev. Walter C. Wilcox, pastor of the Meaford church, reports that Rev. McNichol was in "top form" as he preached Sunday night, that "he told of a Sunday School lesson he heard when he was four years old. His memory was a thrill to all present."

At 100 years of age, Rev. McNichol continues to keep his own apartment, and seems in excellent health. In a report to the *Sun Times* of Owen Sound, Ontario, Rev. McNichol said, "I just keep on taking meetings and helping people." □

SIX DISTRICTS PAY 100 PERCENT OF PENSIONS FUND

The Hawaii Pacific District led all districts this year with 102.77 percent. They have paid in full or overpaid their Pensions and Benefits Fund amount for 14 consecutive years! The Alaska District paid at least 100 percent for the 6th straight year. Also paying 100 percent or more of their



October 8 was General Church day for Nazarene Theological Seminary. For several years, new seminarians have spent the day visiting the World Headquarters and Nazarene Publishing House facilities for an overall view of the church operation. Part of this group is shown in the Mailing Department at NPH. This year they were bused to the various facilities and concluded the tour with a dinner at the Plaza Hilton Hotel. Rev. Dan Steele brought a special message in song, and Dr. Leslie Parrott, president of Olivet Nazarene College, addressed the group, challenging the approximately 100 seminarians to prepare well for new fields of service in their church.

fund amount for the 1980-81 assembly year are the Southwest Oklahoma, Dallas, Rocky Mountain, and Canada Quebec Districts.

There were 16 districts which paid at least 95 percent, but less than 100 percent. Of the 79 United States and Canadian districts participating, all except 6 reached the 90 percent level.

The denominational average for payment of the Pensions and Benefits Fund during the 1980-81 assembly year was 91.76 percent. This is the lowest denominational average since the 1971-72 assembly year. While those districts which reached 100 percent payment of their Pensions and Benefits Fund are to be commended, this outstanding achievement was not sufficient to offset the impact of those districts not reaching the 90 percent level.

The lower denominational average, the vote of the church to put district-credentialed laymen into the pension program, and the shortfall of dollars generated under the new budget formula all combine together to make a much heavier load on the entire pension program. The Pensions and Benefits Fund is currently providing the monthly retirement pension for over 2,100 ministers and widows of ministers. Over one quarter of a million dollars is mailed out *each month* to these well deserving "Soldiers of the Cross."

Dr. Dean Wessels, director of Pensions and Benefits Services, reports that full payment of the fund by each church on every district is vital to the continuation of the "Basic" Pension program and the other benefits provided to the current retirees and the nearly 10,000 ministers expecting a pension in future years. □

EUROPEAN NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

The Christian Living Center at European Nazarene Bible College in Busingen, West Germany, is a four-story building housing students, a beautiful chapel, an adequate library, and a student lounge.

The building was dedicated on September 5, and many Nazarenes from Western Europe attended the dedication service along with local residents, members, and friends. The dedication address was brought by Dr. L. Guy Nees, director of the Division of World Mission, and the dedicatory prayer was by General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland.

The new building will enable the college to double its enrollment to 80 students.



The new Christian Living Center at ENBC

The chapel in the new building will seat 160 persons. It was funded by Investments Eternal for the glory of God.

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A new spirit of faith and optimism came from PALCON II as pastors caught the vision of what God is doing and wants to do through the Church of the Nazarene in Europe. □



Pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. M. E. Clay, Dr. V. H. Lewis, and MVNC President William Prince. Dr. Clay was honored at a dinner for his 10-year service as chairman of the board.

MVNC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS

The Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon Nazarene College approved the construction of a 22,000-sq.-ft. addition to Faculty Hall for classroom space during their annual fall meeting on November 4-5. The \$1 million project is slated to be finished in 1984, following a campaign for funding to begin in 1982.

The 35-member board also approved the construction of an on-campus radio station with a broadcast range of 3,000 watts, enough power to cover all of Knox County. Inherent to the radio station project was approval to construct a 300-foot transmission tower on campus.

The trustees also approved an energy savings project for Pioneer Hall, and the construction of a footpath connecting the campus to the Lakeholm Church. The board also inspected the recently completed 1,250-sq.-ft. addition to the Education Building. The new addition houses the development skills program.

The trustee meeting was presided over by Dr. William Prince, president of MVNC; Dr. M. E. Clay, chairman of the board; and Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent. □



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RECOMMENDATIONS

This is to recommend REV. HAROLD LITTLE who is entering the field of evangelism. Harold has served as pastor in Beaverton, Ore.; Michigan; Phoenix First; and Modesto, Calif., First. He is an effective preacher of God's Word. He may be reached at 20130 N.W. Nestucca Dr., Portland, OR 97229.—*Wil M. Spaite, Central California district superintendent.*

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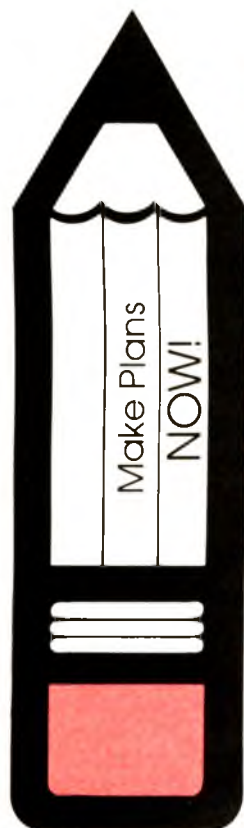
CLARA B. ANDERSON, 94, died Sept. 27 in Belleville, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William Chenault. Surviving are one son, Leonard E.; 1 daughter, Virginia Bequeret; 7 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.
 MARTHA "MARTY" PRATER CARTER, 58, died Oct. 5 in Ashland, Ky. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Winston J. Hatcliff. Surviving are her husband, Stanley; and three daughters, Nancy Dunlap, Karen Snodgrass, and Phyllis Beam.
 MRS. WILLIAM C. (MARGARET) COWARD died Sept. 15 in Westminster, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Forrest Stone.



Pictured (l. to r.) at the Canada Central District Assembly are District Superintendent Lorne MacMillan; ordinands and wives, Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Sedore, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Reader; and General Superintendent V. H. Lewis.

She is survived by her husband, William C.; one son, Randall; one granddaughter; and four sisters.
 NONA ALMA DAWS, 77, died Oct. 1 in Naomi, Ky. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Oscar Lobb. She is survived by 11 children, 18 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.
 FRED E. GARRETT, 75, died Aug. 5 in Port Angeles, Wash. A memorial service was conducted in Port Angeles by Rev. Don Castle. Interment was in Seattle, Wash. Survivors include his wife, Elsie; two daughters, Jeanne Wimberly and Shirley Sylvester; one brother; two sisters; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
 MARTHA BELLE GOODMAN, 82, died Oct. 22 in Weatherford, Okla. Funeral services were

conducted by Rev. Danny Cook. Surviving are 1 daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Nelda) Herrick; 3 sons, Jim, Frank and Ron Goodman; 5 step-children, Mrs. Cletus Guthrie, Mrs. Edna Wagner, Mrs. Verna Clark, Gerald Goodman, and Clifton Goodman; 17 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.
 VIOLA JEWEL HAYNIE, 53, died Sept. 7 in Clovis, N.M. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. David Chandler. She is survived by her husband, Harold K.; one son, Hal; one daughter, Cheryl Smoot; one grandson; her father; four brothers; and three sisters.
 MRS. CLARA HENDRICKSON, 85, died Aug. 6 in Asuncion, Paraguay, South America. Rev. Mario Diaz conducted the funeral services. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Mirian Barr and Mrs. Betty Bacigalupo; four grandchildren;



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three great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

MRS. LEO L. (ELLEN) LAWRENCE, 82, died in Bethany, Okla., Sept. 26. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Bert Daniels and Rev. Victor Clark. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Leo Lawrence; 2 sons, J. L. Lawrence and Truman E.; 3 daughters, Mrs. Wilburn (Geraldine) Maule, Mrs. James (Doris) Stewart, and Ferne Goughly; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 6 sisters.

ARLAND E. LIDSTER, 73, died Oct. 11 in Ann Arbor, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Donald K. Ault, Jr. Survivors include his wife, Thelma; 4 daughters, Mrs. Donald (Florine) Baker, Mrs. Ted (Joyce) McNeil, Mrs. Richard (Jeannette) DeWitt, and Mrs. James (Beth Sharon) Meyer; 1 son, Cloyce; 13 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

REV. ELMER J. PATTERSON, 78, died Oct. 23 in O'Fallon, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Crawford Howe and Rev. Larry Hibbs. He is survived by his wife, Jennie; 3 sons, M/Sgt. Gene Patterson, Dr. Lowell, and Brian Patterson; 3 daughters, Mrs. Wilma Favez, Mrs. Sylvia Howe, and Mrs. Lynn Hibbs; 17 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

MRS. GAYLORD (JEAN) RICH DIED Sept. 21 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Memorial services were held in Honolulu and in Perry, Mich. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Gaylord Rich; two sons, Bruce and Steven; and two daughters, Mrs. Tim (Nancy) Smith and Mrs. Doug (Gail) Philip.

JAMES FARLEY WILMOTH, 78, died Oct. 10 in Ardmore, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Claud White and Rev. Garland Wallace. He is survived by his wife, Dovie; one son, James Farley, Jr.; three grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

BIRTHS

to PAUL AND JEANIE (KIME) BACHMAN, Fayette Ohio, a boy, Adam Paul Glenn, July 21 to BRUCE AND JAMIE BOUCHARD, New Bedford, Mass., a girl, Jessica, Oct. 23

to GRET AND BEVERLY (MILLS) BROWN, Moultrie, Ga., a girl, Sharisa Michelle, Oct. 18 to DONNIE AND MARY BROWNING, Security, Colo., a girl, Elizabeth Nicole, Oct. 12

to JIM AND FAYE BURRELL, Jacksonville, Fla., a girl, Jessica Marie, Sept. 1

to ERIC AND CAROLYN (DAWE) BYBEE, Great Falls, Mont., a boy, Jeremiah Daniel, Oct. 11

to JOHN AND CANDI (EWERT) CAPEN, Great Falls, Mont., a girl, Angela Kay, Oct. 6

to KEVIN AND PEGGY (ANDERSON) DAWSON, Grandview, Mo., a boy, Gregory Paul, Oct. 13

to CHARLES L. AND SHARON ANN (BOYD) FRICKE, Ankeny, Ia., a girl, Heather Nicole, Oct. 31

to TIMOTHY AND CAROLYN (SLUSS) GODBEY, Richmond, Va., a girl, Kristina Rae, Oct. 13

"Showers of Blessing" PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December 27
"Strange Sights"

January 3
"This Year Also"

by W. E. McCumber, speaker

NEWS OF RELIGION

1.5 MILLION SCRIPTURES DISTRIBUTED IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA: More than 1.5 million Scriptures were distributed in Singapore and Malaysia recently by the Bible Society of Singapore in conjunction with the showing of the film *Jesus*, according to reports reaching the American Bible Society in New York. The massive Scripture distribution program was in cooperation with Campus Crusade for Christ.

The Society there distributed 1 million Selections of Scripture, 450,000 Gospels of Luke (130,000 Chinese and 320,000 English), and 50,000 paperback *Good News Bibles*, the Bible in *Today's English Version* (TEV) in connection with the film.

According to reports reaching here 500,000 Scripture Selections were distributed to schools in Singapore and 500,000 to schools in Malaysia. Rev. Andrew Ong Hun Seang, general secretary of the Singapore Bible Society, described the film promotion and Scripture distribution as "the opportunity to give out the Word of God to the children who will be the leaders of tomorrow." □

CALL FOR CAUTION IN USE OF BIBLE COMICS: At the annual regional conference on children's church services of the Wurttemberg regional Protestant Church, Alma Gruesshaber of the office for Protestant youth work in Stuttgart, Germany, called for "caution" in the use of Bible comics in regular children's services. She confirmed that the comics are most widely read by children in the 9-13 age-group and are also very popular among adolescents, and that they offer "fascinating possibilities."

However, she said, they also establish in the readers—without their noticing it—a fixed image of the person depicted. For example, the picture of Jesus shown in the comics can be very difficult for the child to shake off as it grows up; the image cannot "grow with the child." Frau Gruesshaber also expressed misgivings about the language used in the comics, which causes the language of the Bible to be lost. A further disadvantage was the fact that not every Bible text is suitable for adaptation to comic form. □

COMMISSIONER JARL WAHLSTROM NAMED GENERAL OF THE SALVATION ARMY: Commissioner Jarl Wahlstrom, territorial commander of Sweden, has been elected General of The Salvation Army, according to word received from International Headquarters in London. He will succeed General Arnold Brown, who retires December 15.

Commissioner Wahlstrom became a Salvation Army officer in Helsinki, Finland, in 1938 and served in corps work and as a military chaplain during World War II. After the war, he headed Finland's boy scout program and served in varied appointments before becoming chief secretary (second in command) for Finland in 1968. In 1972, he became chief secretary for Canada and Bermuda, and in 1976, territorial commander for Finland. In January, 1981, he was appointed territorial commander of Sweden.

As general, he will command The Salvation Army's worldwide operations, heading a force of nearly 25,000 officers in 83 countries. □

CHRISTIAN CHURCH THRIVING IN NORTH KOREA: In North Korea, one of the most restricted Communist countries in the world, Christians continue to worship and bear witness. A Presbyterian minister, a native of Korea, who has served a Korean-language church in Los Angeles for 22 years, recently visited Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, where he has relatives.

Leaders of the Christian League there told him there were about 5,000 believers in the country. In the capital alone, 700 Christians worship in 100 house churches, it was reported.

This is the first confirmation of the existence of a continuing church in North Korea documented by Evangelical Newsletter staff. North Korea had a higher percentage of Christians than South Korea before the country was divided. □

to TIM AND ROSE (TALIK) GRIFFY, Columbia, Md., a *girl*, Melanie Nicole, Oct. 16
 to DAVE AND LINDA (SAUNDERS) HILL, Clute, Tex., a *boy*, Taylor Saunders, Nov. 1
 to ROSS I. AND KAREN (BRUNING) HIRST, Topeka, Kans., a *boy*, Eric Todd, Oct. 15
 to LARRY AND MARY JO (BEAN) LEDYARD, Fayette, Ohio, a *boy*, Paul Lyle, June 25
 to DAVE AND BECKY MILLER, Indianapolis, Ind., a *girl*, Stephanie Lynn, Nov. 2
 to RONALD C. AND CATHERINE (CARLESON) NANCE, Santa Clara, Calif., a *girl*, Jessica Nicole, Oct. 8
 to REV. BUD AND SALLY REEDY, Hershey, Pa., a *girl*, Heather Lynn, Sept. 5
 to RICK AND JAN (GRINNELL) SECOR, Bourbonnais, Ill., a *boy*, Ryan Kristopher, Oct. 4
 to DAVID AND KAREN (MARKS) SHOWALTER, Bellaire, Tex., a *boy*, Seth Alan, Aug. 9
 to PAUL AND PAM (MURPHY) SIMMONS, Phoenix, Ariz., a *girl*, Jennifer Diane, Aug. 14
 to DANIEL AND JEANNETTA (JONES) SKINNER, Starke, Fla., a *girl*, Tarah Danielle, Oct. 13
 to TIM AND BARB (ROGERS) STAHL, Archbold, Ohio, a *girl*, Sondra Renelle, Aug. 21
 to PHILLIP AND MARILYN (DOUGHARTY)

WHITE, Yukon, Okla., *twin boys*, Gregory Scott and Jeffrey Phillip, Aug. 12
 to REV. GARY AND SHEILA WILLIAMSON, Smith Center, Kans., a *girl*, Katrina Marie, Oct. 21.

ADOPTIONS

by MORRIS AND DIANNE (THOMAS) STEVENS, Clarksville, Tenn., a *girl*, born Aug., 1981, adopted Sept. 16

MARRIAGES

RAMONA RUTH DeVORE and CARL MILLER at Loveland, Colo., Aug. 21
 DIANA LAVON ADAMS and JERRY HURD at Amelia, Ohio, Sept. 5
 JUDI IRENE WHITESIDE and WYNDELL HOWARD SMITH at Pineville, N.C., Oct. 24
 RACHEL L. ZIMMERMAN and DENNIS H. KNEE at Olathe, Kans., Oct. 24

ANNIVERSARIES

REV AND MRS. ROY A. BETTCHER observed their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 15. A reception was held that afternoon in their honor at the fellowship building of the Chattanooga, Tenn., Calvary Church.

Rev. Bettcher is a former pastor of the Chattanooga First Church, and has been in the ministry since 1929. Most of his ministry has been in evangelistic work.

REV. AND MRS. CLARENCE L. ELSTON of Howell, Mich., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Oct. 17 with an open house given by their children and grandchildren at the Eastern Michigan District Center. The Elstons have had an active ministry of over 45 years, and served pastorates in Illinois, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and Michigan.

Rev. and Mrs. Elston have four sons: Clarence Jr., of Santa Rosa, Calif.; Paul of Albuquerque, N.M.; Kenneth of Flint, Mich.; and Jack of Fowlerville, Mich.; 16 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

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 Editor

Our "Manual" holds that dancing is wrong, but I can't find support for this in the Bible. Does the Bible speak against dancing?

Some dancing is mentioned in Scripture with evident approval. Miriam led the women of Israel in dancing which celebrated the exodus from Egyptian bondage (Exodus 15:20). The daughter of Jephthah celebrated his return home from war "with timbrels and with dances" (Judges 11:34). The "daughter of Shiloh" danced at an annual "feast of the Lord"—which gave the men of the tribe of Benjamin an opportunity to "kidnap" them for wives (Judges 21:19-23). Songs and dances by the women celebrated David's military victories (1 Samuel 21:11). David "danced before the Lord with all his might" when the ark of the covenant was brought to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6:14). The return of the prodigal son, in Jesus' story, was celebrated by a feast with "music and dancing" (Luke 15:25). All of this was dancing done to celebrate spiritual victories regarded as divine saving acts.

Some dancing is mentioned in Scripture with evident disapproval. The Israelites danced before the golden calf in idolatrous worship (Exodus 32:19). Salome danced at Herod's birthday banquet, and it resulted in the execution of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:6-10).

Putting all of this together, it seems to me, raises the questions of *why* and *with what consequences* where dancing is concerned. I read something the other day in Wesley's *Works* that might be helpful. To a certain Miss Bishop, who decided against dancing, he wrote, "If dancing be not evil in itself, yet it leads young women to numberless evils. And the hazard of these on the one side, seems far to overbalance the little inconveniences on the other. Therefore, thus much may certainly be said, You have chosen the more excellent way." In any doubtful matter, the question, does it serve moral excellence, may provide the wisest guidance.

THE ANSWER

CORNER

At the time of death, where is the soul? I understand that we go to sleep (so to speak) and are placed in the lay-away until Resurrection Day (John 8:52; Psalm 146:4; Hebrews 11:8-13; and Luke 13:28). Where is our soul all this time?

From such passages as Philippians 1:21-23 and Acts 7:59-60, I am convinced that we are consciously present with the Lord from the time we die. "Sleep," as a common metaphor for death in the Bible, applies to the body, and the awakening at the resurrection, but not to the spirit. However, I am not "bull-dogmatic" about this and quite willing to wait and see how it all turns out. □

Our church has started eating in the basement. A friend has told me it is wrong to eat in the church. By what you know about the Bible, and being a Christian of long standing, I thought you might also know the answer! Also, she said it didn't seem right to use puppets in a church service for children. What do you think?

I don't think it's wrong to eat a meal in the church basement. Paul did tell the Corinthians to eat at home because their meals together had become divisive and disgraceful, with the poor among them "put down" by those with more. If our meals are truly expressive of fellowship and unity, his advice to the Corinthians would be irrelevant to us.

As to puppets, I know little about them. I suppose any means of preaching and teaching that does not degenerate into mere entertainment is valuable. The God who once spoke through the mouth of an ass (2 Peter 2:16) would very likely be willing to speak through the mouth of a puppet. □

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

Louisville, Ky.: First Church had a revival with *Rev. Larry Lott* and *Song Evangelist Richard Baker*. Rev. Lott preached sound gospel messages. Mr. Baker's ministry in music was beautiful. Six adults, who had come for the first time, were converted. All the people responded well to their ministry.

—James C. Baker, *pastor* □

Dexter, Mo.: Southwest Church had an outstanding revival with *Evangelist C. William Fisher*. For six weeks prior to the scheduled meeting, a revival spirit was prevalent. Several children, teens, and adults were saved for the first time, and some were reclaimed. There are 32 in a Basic Beliefs class as a result of this revival. Twenty-two were baptized on Sunday afternoon, and there are at least that many more to baptize later.

—Orville H. Swanson, *pastor* □

Higgins, Tex.: The church recently had an extraordinary children's cru-

sade. The John Briscoe Family presented excellent Bible messages to the children through special media. Thirty decisions were made during the week, and families were invited to pray as a family unit. The meeting was highlighted by a baptismal service in which the evangelist and pastor baptized eight young people and one adult.

—Dwayne Matlock, *pastor* □

Olean, N.Y.: The church recently had a revival with *Rev. Dorman Patterson* who brought the Lord's message to His people. Seekers came to the altar every night as Spirit-filled meetings brought in record attendance. This was a special time for the church, and the people are still reap the blessings of it.

—Larry A. Mancini, *pastor* □

Winslow, Ind.: The church recently had an outstanding revival with Spirit-anointed preaching by *Evangelist Charles Haynes*. Also, God moved through the singing of Rev. and Mrs. Haynes. Many received spiritual help at the altar. The entire church family is full of renewed faith as a result of this revival effort.

—Phillip C. Jones, *pastor* □

Biloxi, Miss.: First Church recently had a tremendous revival with the Beauty Family. They sang and preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and in every service there were many seekers. People were saved, sanctified, and reclaimed to God's Kingdom.

—James E. Craft, *pastor* □

Swanton, Ohio: The church recently had a weekend holiness revival and five adults were sanctified wholly. The four-service series was preached by *Rev. Carlos H. Sparks*, pastor of the Portland, Tenn., church, who made the first probe into the Swanton community which eventually resulted in the new church.

—David W. Rison, *pastor* □

Somerville, Tenn.: Mount Calvary Church recently had a good weekend revival with *Rev. Don Ballard*, evangelist of Memphis, Tenn. His messages were anointed of the Holy Spirit and very effective. There were seekers at the altar in every service. Rev. Homer Nabors and people of the Memphis Berclair Church attended and assisted in the revival services.

—O. W. Morris, *pastor* □

Omaha, Neb.: Fay Boulevard Church had a great revival with *Evangelist Robert Taylor*. There was an average of 99 in attendance for 10 services, and there were over 100 seekers at the altar. Some were saved, many were sanctified and homes were reunited and strengthened.

—Earl Atteberry, *pastor* □

Moore, Okla.: The church recently had a revival with *Evangelist Lawrence Williams*. Rev. Williams not only preached, but provided music with the help of his dog, Caesar. The gospel truths were conveyed through his illustrations about his seeing-eye dog, stimulating our faith in the ability of our Heavenly Father to take care of His own. There were some very excellent results in boys and girls coming to Jesus.

—Gene Hoskinson, *Pastor* □

Seagraves, Tex.: The church had a city-wide crusade with *Evangelist Don Pfeifer*, and *The Believers* as the singers. The objective of the crusade was to reach the people of the town. The Holy Spirit moved upon the people as Rev. Pfeifer preached under God's anointing and as *The Believers* sang with a spirit of joy and heart of love. The attendance was very good, averaging 350 per night. There were 32 individuals at the altar, with some being saved, others were reclaimed.

Darrell Brown, *pastor* □



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THE CHURCH SCENE



Pastor Richard Grubbs of **El Reno, Okla., First Church** and Dr. Bert Daniels, district superintendent, recently conducted a mortgage-burning ceremony. In 1967, six acres were purchased at a price of \$20,000 and the present development program began. The parsonage was built in 1969 and construction of the new church building began in 1973. The present property is valued at \$360,000.

The church also had a 60th anniversary celebration with Dr. Samuel Young bringing the message. The church was organized in 1921 with 11 charter members. □

Evansville, Ind., First Church observed its 70th anniversary on October 18. The special speaker in the morning program was Mr. Dick Jones, vice-

chairman of the board and chief financial officer of the Sears Company. Using Matthew 22:37-39, he challenged the church to a closer walk with God. Mr. Paul Christmas presented the history of the church; Mrs. Owen

Nyhuise collected and displayed a pictorial history of First Church. Rev. Earl Vennum, former pastor, preached an inspiring message in the evening service. Former members and friends were in attendance. □



The Union, Miss., church dedicated their parsonage Sunday, July 19, with District Superintendent J. W. Lancaster bringing the dedication message and Pastor J. W. Sheron leading in the dedication. The present parsonage replaces one destroyed by fire. The lot, lumber, most materials, and labor were donated. The parsonage was built with a value of \$65,000 and with an indebtedness of \$9,000.



Denver Columbine Hills Church, formerly South Side, recently dedicated new facilities with General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland and District Superintendent M. Harold Daniels. The new facility will accommodate 800 in the sanctuary, with accompanying Christian education space and offices. There is also an activity center of 50 ft. by 88 ft. with an attached, equipped kitchen. A lounge area off the foyer provides for a greeting, fellowship, and committee meeting area. Approximate cost of the land and building was \$1,300,000. Allen H. Dace is the pastor.



Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, recently dedicated the **Las Vegas, Nev., First Church** with Arizona District Superintendent Crawford Vanderpool and Pastor Jim Hamilton. The church relocated from 14th and Ogden in the downtown area to five acres of land located near McCarren International Airport. A 6,600 sq. ft. multipurpose unit and a 5,500 sq. ft. educational building have been constructed at a cost of \$430,000. Total evaluation of land and buildings is \$1 million. Pastor Jim Hamilton has served this congregation for three and one half years.



The **Findlay, Ohio, First Church** recently dedicated its new church facility, on five acres of land, completing a three-year relocation project. Dr. William M. Great-house, general superintendent, brought the dedicatory message. Others participating in the service were Rev. M. V. Scutt, superintendent of the Northwestern Ohio District; Pastor Cecil F. Cook; Rev. Charles Lipker and Rev. Verne Gambill, former pastors; and Arthur Hunsberger, building committee chairman. The new building of over 14,200 sq. ft. contains an auditorium that seats 450, is carpeted throughout, furnished with colonial furniture, and is heated and air-conditioned by a new water-to-air system supplied by four wells. All church properties are now valued at over \$700,000 with an indebtedness of \$324,000. Church attendance has continued to climb during this four-year period of re-adjustment, from 129 to the present average of 180 in Sunday School and 200 in morning worship.



The Montrose, Ia., church dedicated its new parsonage on October 18. Dr. Forrest E. Whitlatch, district superintendent, delivered the dedicatory message at a 3 p.m. service in the new parsonage. It is a tri-level, built in a new area of town, with three bedrooms, two baths, kitchen, living room, dining room, and a large family room. Valued at over \$63,000, the church was able to obtain it for \$51,000. Rev. C. Lee Gamblin is the pastor.



The Rogersville, Mo., church was dedicated August 23. Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent, and Dr. James C. Hester, district superintendent, presided. The sanctuary is valued at \$125,000, and it will seat 225 people. A new parsonage, completed August 4, was also dedicated. It was built at a cost of \$27,000 and is valued at \$40,000.

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The Churubusco, Ind., church recently dedicated its Christian Life center on September 20, with Dr. Bruce Taylor, district superintendent, as the speaker. The facility includes basketball, volleyball, and shuffleboard courts. There are also Sunday School rooms, a children's church center, kitchen, teen room, and showers. The 8,700 sq. ft. building was built by members of the congregation for a cost of \$92,000, with present value of \$269,000. Dennis W. Foor is the pastor.



In 1975, Pineville, N.C., church relocated on an eight-acre tract in a fast-growing area, just south of Charlotte, N.C. The second phase—a 9,000-sq.-ft. sanctuary, seating approximately 600, was recently built by the men of the church, with Pastor Max S. Murphy serving as general contractor. The building cost \$255,000 and was appraised for \$743,000. The first and second phases are now complete and are valued at almost \$2 million, with an indebtedness of \$350,000. Dr. William M. Greathouse brought the message of dedication.

BLACK WORK EXPANDS IN SOUTHEAST



Rev. Roland Chopfield, Eastern states coordinator of Black Ministries for the Church of the Nazarene, reported on the expansion of the work among Blacks in the Southeast.

During a visit to Orlando, Fla., Chopfield observed the work being done by Dr. Archie Williams at the Gorman Memorial Church of the Nazarene. The Gorman Church, in cooperation with the Central Florida District, has some 30 ministerial candidates enrolled in classes. At least 20 of these are prospective ministers for future Nazarene churches.

Dr. Williams and his congregation are working to launch two churches per year and train a large corps of people in the course of study for ministers to accelerate the drive toward their church planting goal.

In addition to his work as Eastern states coordinator for Black Ministries, Chopfield pastors in Richmond, Va., and serves as the Virginia District director of Ethnic Ministries. Under his supervision, Melvin Miller is planting another church in Richmond. □

—NCN

CANADIAN, U.S. CHURCHES JOIN FORCES IN TELEVISION AD CAMPAIGN

Nazarene churches in the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Manitoba have agreed to fund a cooperative television ad campaign in the North Central U.S. and southern Manitoba, Canada, area. To reach their objective, they have formed a Nazarene Advertising Committee composed of area pastors.

The committee has negotiated a contract with KTHI for a one-year campaign. Nazarene churches will share costs on a prorated basis. The \$7,800 agreement with the station will place advertisements for the Church of the Nazarene during such programs as "Donahue," "Barney Miller," "Wide

World of Sports," "Solid Gold," and local news.

"The programs scheduled for our advertising were selected not by what we want to be identified with," commented the committee's secretary, Rev. Merv Friberg, "but according to whom we want to reach—the unsaved."

According to Friberg, the television campaign is working out to be cheaper than newspaper advertising. "A 2-column by 5-inch newspaper ad would cost \$231 over a six-week period," he noted, "but we can get a full year of 30-second spots for only \$1.57 each."

The advertising coalition grew out of the pastors' exposure to the Church Communications seminar sponsored by Nazarene Media Services at PALCON II. The committee members are Ed Lykins, Brandon, Manitoba—chairman; Merv Friberg, Minot, N.D.—secretary; Gene Lybarger, Mandan, N.D.—treasurer; John Mayes, New Rockford, N.D.; and Richard Spencer, Moorhead, Minn. □

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HENECKE TO PORTLAND, OREGON, FIRST CHURCH



Rev. Gary Allen Henecke, director of Youth Ministries/Division of Christian Life, has accepted a call as senior pastor of Portland, Ore., First Church.

Henecke came to his present position at International Headquarters in 1978, succeeding Rev. Melvin McCullough. Under his leadership, the new Word-Action Series Sunday School curriculum for junior high and senior high youth was developed. Other innovative changes were made in both Youth Ministries and Nazarene Youth International. He is the author of the book *More than Forgiveness*.

Prior to his Kansas City assignment, Gary Henecke and his wife, Raedean, served pastorates in Port Huron, Mich., and Oskaloosa, Ia. On both the Eastern Michigan and Iowa districts, Henecke was district NYI president. He has served on the General NYI Council as well.

The Heneckes are alumni of Olivet Nazarene College. They will move to Portland, Ore., shortly. □

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JOHN M. NIELSON ACCEPTS COLLEGE POST



Rev. John M. Nielson, administrative assistant in Pastoral Ministries/Division of Church Growth, has resigned his position to accept an assignment at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass. His new responsibilities will include regional, church, and community relations in a recently created administrative post.

Nielson was the PALCON II Coordinator in the summer of 1981. Prior to his headquarters assignment, he had pastored for 15 years in Vermont, West Germany, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New York, and most recently in Copenhagen, Denmark. He is co-author of the book *Watering the Roots*, and composer of the children's musical, *Bible Walk*. He also authored a Danish language book on baptism.

Nielson received the A.B. and M.A. degrees from Eastern Nazarene College, and the B.D. from Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Janice Williams. They have two children: John IV and Janelle. The Nielsons will move to Quincy in January of 1982. □

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PASADENA FIRST HAS RECORD THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The congregation of Pasadena, Calif., First Church has given a record Thanksgiving offering for World Evangelism of \$119,000. Their goal was \$100,000. Total giving for Sunday, November 22, was more than \$144,000.

Dr. Paul Benefiel, Los Angeles District superintendent, noted that this unusual demonstration of stewardship comes at a time when the church is attempting to complete three educational buildings on their 12-acre campus.

"They believed that if they would give to God first, other money would come in," he continued.

A spokesman for the church commented that the congregation has been electrified by the record giving. "It is a good indication that the church can progress with confidence in the construction of the new facilities," the source continued.

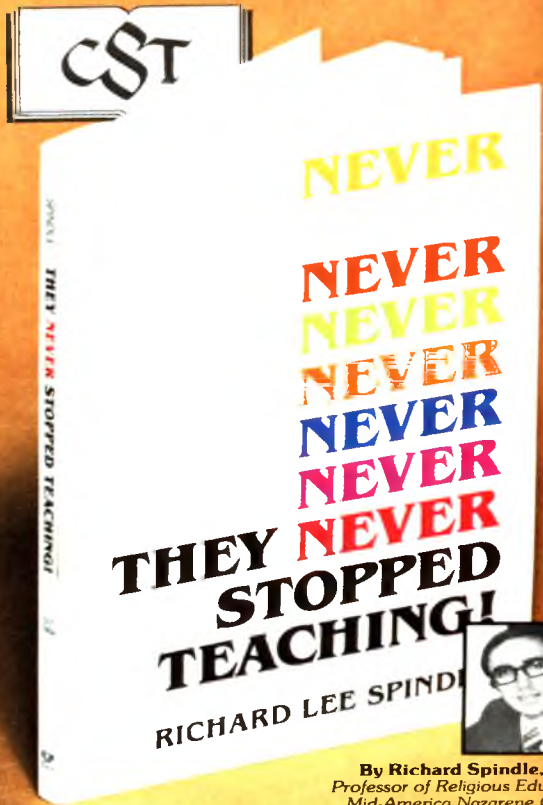
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