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*"A generous man
will himself be blessed,
for he shares his food
with the poor."*

PROVERBS 22:9, NIV

AN EDITORIAL

THE ANCIENT HEBREWS used trumpets to awaken people on their holy days—their feasts and festivals. The trumpets were in special evidence at the joyous times of the year. They were symbolic of the brilliant and jubilant note in life. The sounds of trumpets are especially appropriate at the Thanksgiving season.

All of us are aware of the need for giving thanks even in times of financial stress and strain, job losses, strife, and disillusionment. We are all aware of our personal, national, and international troubles. Yet in spite of all these conditions we really need to be thankful to our bountiful Heavenly Father.

We praise God for the freedom enjoyed in the free world and somberly remember those who are captives of the state in other lands. Our freedom must never be taken for granted; we should remember that brave men and women of another day gave their lives for that which we have and enjoy.

We need to keep a glad, clear note sounded in our holy religion. The old prophet warned in God's Word of the trumpets giving forth uncertain sounds. We must ever be attuned to the things of God, His joy, presence, and blessing. Let us at this Thanksgiving time speak of all

the Lord Jesus Christ means to us. In clear, unmuffled tones let us express our gratitude to God, to the Lord Jesus, the precious Holy Spirit, for the Holy Scriptures, the church of which we are a part, and all the great treasures of our faith. Thanksgiving is a time for genuine thanksgiving!

A part of our thanksgiving is manifested by our sharing together in a worldwide offering of giving for others. We give in the annual offering in thanks for what the Lord has done and given to us in order that others may hear the good news of the gospel. Each of us will want to give a little more this year than ever before to help send the gospel to others. In genuine thanks, give your best!

One writer tells of a converted burglar who, after his conversion, joined the Salvation Army band. Each night he spoiled the hymns by blowing so hard that all the other instruments were drowned out. When rebuked, he would mend his ways for a while. But one Sunday night during a stirring hymn, he passed all bounds. "I am sorry," he said. "I started carefully, remembering what you had said, but then the old trouble started again, for as the hymn went on and spoke of all that God had done for me, I felt, as I have felt before, that the very best I could do was to show His praise by blowing the trumpet with all my might."

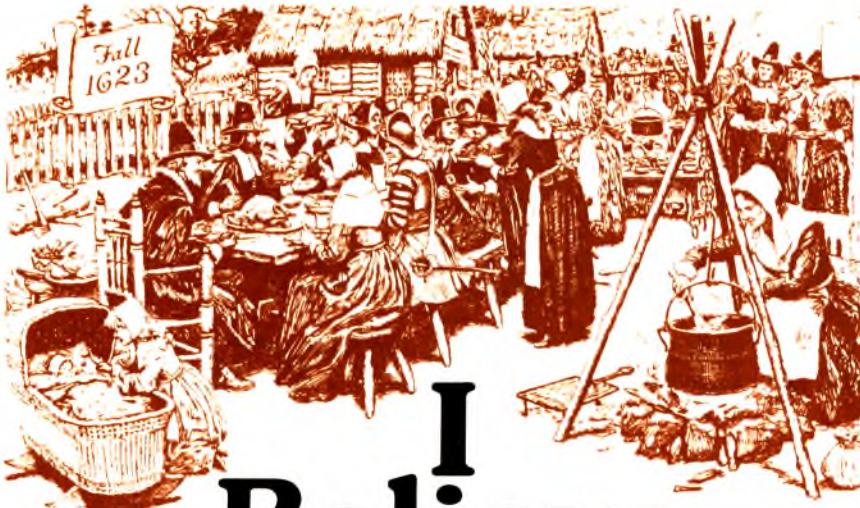
Let us offer our thanks too!

TIME TO GIVE THANKS

"LET US . . . SPEAK OF ALL THE LORD JESUS CHRIST MEANS TO US."



by General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins



I Believe

by ROBERT R. LAWRENCE

SEVERAL YEARS AGO I ran across some very interesting information about Thanksgiving. The story we learned in school is not quite accurate. I was taught it something like this: The pilgrims had fled to the new world for religious freedom, but their colony was hard besieged by terrible winters and by drastic disease. Many had died in winter after winter of malnutrition and the illnesses which accompany it. Finally, though, they had a great fall harvest so they declared a day of thanksgiving. Here they had many meats, especially wild turkey, many vegetables, and a great party. That is not quite the whole story, however. True, the pilgrims had experienced winters of starvation, death, disease, and difficulty—but the fact was that this year's harvest had only been moderate. It was not so bountiful as we have heard in the past. The pilgrims were eagerly awaiting supplies from England. They were looking for an English ship to come sailing in to the harbor with supplies of deliverance. The date for the arrival of the ship passed by, and there was no ship. This was not too upsetting, for often a ship would be as much as two weeks overdue.

But two weeks passed, and then three. The pilgrims began to fear the worst. They feared another winter of unleashed despair. After the fourth week they assembled in a town meeting, somewhat akin to those held all over New England. One man arose and called out to the assembly for a day of "fasting and gloom."

Now they had a right to declare a day of "fasting and gloom"! They had watched their older people and their children die, while they stood helplessly by. They had seen the ravages of rickets in their own bodies. They knew the path of hunger, and the heavy hand of death was all too near once again! So why not call for a day of "fasting and gloom."

However, someone's heart was bright; in some brave saint there was still a vision of the providing God of love and concern. He rose to his feet and said, "I believe

God, let's have a day of *thanksgiving*, to say thank you by our happy spirits to the God who *is* going to bring the ship to us!" Here was a soul who still had the courage to trust in the Eternal. Faith is real when one looks discouraging evidence in the eye and says, I believe God!

Here is a message for us! There are plenty of voices calling for gloom. Voices everywhere are saying the church is dead, it is too late for mankind. America is going under, the church has lost its vision, there is no hope for anyone anywhere. Such voices are bouncing off the stone hearts of men everywhere, who are tired of the message of defeat, death, and discouragement. If we want to see the church victorious, then the church

must shout, *I believe God*—we must have hearts of victory and thanksgiving.

Only the people of God can struggle through this world with heads held high and shoulders back facing the winds of pessimism with the flame of victory burning brightly in their hearts. Behind the evils and ills of our world God still stands in the shadow. God is still in power; God has not abdicated; God still loves and cares; God is still God!

Through the centuries Christians have faced danger and woes with courage, for their hearts have been fixed on a heavenly country, which they knew to be their final home. They have struggled undaunted through the blights of moral decay and social sin, for they knew in their hearts that God is the ruler yet.

Paul and Silas were in the inner dungeon, which was probably underground, wet, cold, rat-infested, and lonely. So what did they do? Did they declare a day of "fasting and gloom"? They could have. It was midnight, home and hearth were far, far away, and they had every reason to declare a day of "fasting and gloom"! What *did* they do? Acts 16:25 gives us the answer: "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God!" Their hearts were celebrating thanksgiving!! These men were a long way from being defeated. They were in jail at midnight, but their hearts were thrilling with the dawn of God's love and of Christ's concern. They were the victors! Sin had been conquered, and they knew it! They were thankful for the God who would deliver them in His own good time and in His own good way—in this world or in the next!

Notice what happened to the prisoners. "And the prisoners were listening to them." Do you want the prisoners of sin in our day to hear the message of the Savior? Then tell it, live it, experience it *with victory*. We have reason to be thankful—we have been called by God to be His children. Learn to say with Paul, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory!" □

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THANK-YOU NOTE

Thank you for using the letters that inmates send into the *Herald*. I am involved in a prison ministry here in Illinois. Each time I see a letter I try to write to that person. Some of the testimonies really make a person look to God. These men do need a fellowship with a church like ours. For a long time I wondered if we were doing much in this area. Thanks to the *Herald*, my faith has increased.

*Terry Harman
Bourbonnais, Illinois*

PEN PAL PROGRAM

Robert Albrecht's "A Sleeping Gi-

ant," in the August 1 issue, offers much food for thought. I fully agree that senior citizens, such as myself, can accomplish a great deal of good in making known the "Good News of Salvation."

Most of us are not as able-bodied as we were at one time, but if the good Lord continues to bless us with a sound mind, there is no reason why we cannot contribute much to God's soul-saving business.

The Prison Pen Pal Program offers a great field of opportunities to reach the unsaved. Many behind prison walls are in need of moral support and are searching for the

"spiritual stability" they so sorely need.

Mr. Harold A. Baker of Orlando, Fla., a wheelchair patient, has devoted 12 years to the Prison Pen Pal Program, and with the aid of associates has contacted more than 100,000 men and women behind prison walls, supplying them with Bibles and other spiritual reading material. In a letter to me, he reports that 30,000 of these men and women have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. He further stated that many more of these unfortunate souls could be reached if

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Revivalism Is Alive and Well in the Church of the Nazarene

by BILL M. SULLIVAN

LAST YEAR 82 percent of all the Nazarene churches in the U.S.A. and Canada held at least one revival meeting, and among these churches the average was nearly two revival meetings per church year. (The computed average was 1.82 per church.)

This is even more remarkable when you consider that every church was included in figuring the 82 percent, even those that are inactive or nearly so. From a practical point of view, revivalism is universal among active Nazarene churches.

In recent years, the demise of revivalism has been predicted. Indeed the supporting arguments have been substantial. Urbanization with its consequent rapid life-style has resulted in a decline in revival attendance. A change of emphasis in many denominations from preaching to program raised the charge of irrelevance. Larger churches with multiple forms of outreach were able to maintain a weekly evangelism emphasis, without the evangelistic revival. Many thought that this would be the model of the future.

If it is remarkable that the change in attitudes did not destroy revivalism in the church, it is amazing that the economy didn't add the final blow. The energy crunch of the 70s so escalated the cost of travel that it is nothing short of miraculous that vocational evangelists were able to continue their calling. Indeed, it may well be that the most remarkable display of God's providential care in the midst of the church has been His sustaining of hundreds of Nazarene evangelists. But this has been possible because hundreds of Nazarene churches have been committed to the multiple benefits of traditional revivalism. Pastors realize that revivals are not only a source of reaching new people but one of the primary means of maintaining the level of commitment that has been characteristic of Naza-



renes across the years. Consequently, pastors and churches have rallied to support revivals even when it appeared economically unfeasible, if not impossible. While financial support is still far from what it should be for our evangelists, there is a new optimism among this dedicated work force.

At a recent gathering of evangelists in Indianapolis, the true spiritual quality of our evangelists was evident. They faced up to the realities of their calling, the challenges that the future presents, and most importantly, the searchlight of the Holy Scriptures. The spirit of devotion and commitment indicated a tremendous potential for

renewal and outreach in the church.

There are many indications of a return to revivalism rather than it being abandoned. Evangelists are reporting outstanding revivals. Several of them have extended into multiple weeks. It could be that we are on the front edge of a new surge of revival. A wave of Simultaneous Revivals has been planned for 1983 to sweep from the sunbelt to Canada. Districts and local churches are already laying plans for a united thrust of evangelistic revivals. Planning for these Simultaneous Revivals may set the pattern for a new approach to revival preparation. In recent years, not as much care and preparation has gone into the planning for revivals as in the past. New and comprehensive revival preparation materials will be part of the Simultaneous Revival program. This could lead the way to a new commitment to more thorough preparation for our revival meetings.

God has blessed the Church of the Nazarene with many resources. Present conditions challenge us to use those resources to the glory of God and the building of His kingdom. The commitment of our churches to traditional revivals and the size of our certified evangelist work force may be one of our most useful resources in a day that desperately needs revival and holiness evangelism. □

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One Hundred Dollars Worth of God's Care

by RAY GOIN

A STIRRING CHALLENGE by our district superintendent, Dr. Kenneth Vogt, motivated the assembly crowd into action. Although we were short \$37,000 on our missions budget, he believed we could raise the whole amount before the Washington Pacific District Assembly was completed. After a demonstration of his own willingness to give sacrificially, the delegates got caught up in the fervor of his belief, and by midafternoon had given nearly half the needed funds. The pastors' reports continued as the money and pledges came in. At this point Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, presiding general superintendent, expressed his confidence that we could reach our goal. He suggested that each person present pledge \$100 to be collected through the district office within 30 days. This could be either an individual or a church pledge.

This seemed a reasonable challenge to me. However, since I didn't have any funds to back such a pledge, I decided I would not participate. I could not commit our church, as it was in similar financial condition at the time. We had sacrificed greatly just before assembly in an Easter offering for missions. I was convinced it was impossible to make a pledge.

While sitting in the choir section of the Bremerton, Wash., church awaiting my turn to report, the Lord kept nudging my innermost thoughts. In a short while the nudging became almost like a shout. Scores of individuals began sending their pledges with such ease and joy. This spontaneity, coupled with the voice from within, prodded me to write my name and pledge on the paper provided and send it to the secretary's desk to be counted with the others. A confidence and peace came over my whole being, even as I was wondering how I would come up with the money. A debate took place within my thoughts over whether I would be able to achieve this pledge by the end of 30 days. The debate ended with these confident thoughts: "Lord, it was You who prompted me to make this pledge, You will just have to bring it into my hands." It sounded great to me and it seemed to settle everything in my mind.

Upon returning home I was sure I had made a mis-

take. Our kitchen range had another burner out. This was the second burner to fail, and we didn't have the first one fixed yet. It was obvious we had an imminent repair job that could not be ignored. Repair seemed to be the best solution instead of purchasing the used range my wife, Judy, had found advertised in a local newspaper for \$125; that is, until a third burner decided to succumb before we could make up our mind. Now, either way, we needed at least \$100 for what appeared to be a pressing problem. The deadline for my pledge was fast approaching. I had not told Judy of the pledge, because it was one of those secret commitments that I make from time to time. I wasn't really anxious to mention the news to her at this point either. I was discouraged to say the least.

In the midst of my dejection, I reminded the Lord of my plight and reaffirmed my willingness to keep the pledge, if He would send it. I also asked Him to remember the promises in His Word to take care of our needs. It seemed the Lord would surely perceive our problem as a need.

On Friday of that week I came home from a busy day of visiting to a smiling wife, who announced with excitement, "God has provided the money we needed for the stove!" A lovely lady from out of town, while visiting a gravesite in Carson, was led of the Lord to drop off a \$100 check. She had received the money from her brother, whom she had visited earlier in the day. This gracious lady instructed Judy that the money was for us personally and was to be used for anything we needed.

The first words out of my mouth in response to my wife, were, "Yes, it looks like He has provided for the need!" At the same time, the thought came to mind—"If it is for the stove, why is it only \$100? To purchase it we need \$125."

On the following day, which was Saturday, we attended the Oregon Pacific District ordination service being held at Portland, Ore., First Church. We had friends who were being ordained. After spending the afternoon with these friends, we returned home to a ringing phone. On the other end of the line was Ruth White, one of the charter members of the Carson church. She asked if we were still looking for a stove. The answer was, "Yes!" She informed me that her

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daughter and son-in-law had just found a nearly new kitchen range in a storage shed they hadn't cleaned for years. They had forgotten the range was in the shed until Ruth had mentioned we were looking for one. I inquired about the price they were asking for the stove. After pausing briefly to ask them, she told me they wanted to give it to the church for the parsonage.

Needless to say, the \$100 check for missions was in the mail the following Monday. After telling Judy about the pledge, she agreed that the money was for missions. The Holy Spirit had also impressed upon her that the money was a special gift from God for His use, even though she had made plans to buy the range with

it. God had provided it in such a unique way that we could not claim it as ours.

This may not have been a big miracle, but it sure spoke loudly to us of our Heavenly Father's providential care. His resources are beyond our comprehension and His workings elude our finding out.

Oh, by the way, the district missions budget was complete for the year 1980-81. I do not know whether they needed our \$100 to reach the goal, but I'm so glad I obeyed the promptings of the Lord. I am sure He reached His goal with me in this particular instance. I hope the missionaries made good use of the \$100, since God took such special ways to provide it. □

REVIVALS

ARE THEY WORTH IT?



by BILL VARIAN

THIS IS A DAY when gross income, cost analysis, value received per investment, and now the Nazarene Dollar, are all clearly studied. It may appear very commercial and cold to ask ourselves about our investment in having a revival that costs money, time, effort, and prayer, but we should at least attempt to answer the question.

The immense value of one soul is still a true and noble concept, but can we really justify our investment in revival as a wise one? Simply stated, how does it compare with our other investments in the local church? We can even decide how it compares with other methods.

We have put two questions to the congregation during the final service of nearly every revival that we have held in over 10 years. The first is, "How many present here tonight have been at the altar during these services for a definite purpose?" I then ask them to stand, and that is usually a great encouragement. The second question is, "Everyone who, by your own judgment, has had a definite positive growth in your own spiritual life, stand." It is very exciting when 75 to 80 percent of the total audience is standing. The remainder are people who were there for the first time and those who feel they have not grown discernibly in their life.

The logical result of this per-

sonal test is that a good percentage have been seekers during the meeting and some 75-80 percent have been helped in their Christian experience. This method ends the revival on a positive note, instead of making the final service a "Doomsday Service," and all are aware of the obvious good accomplished.

The 22 years I have spent as a pastor leads me to believe that of all money spent in the work of the local church, the wisest investment has been in revivals. The investment in prayer, preparation, and planning brings us dividends. The change in the one who prays and the enthusiasm of preparation, arouses spiritual powers. The planning makes us realize our helplessness without His presence.

The new convert, the believer sanctified, the Christian revitalized bring a new life to our church. It then becomes easier to get our people to pray, attend, and support the program. There is no substitute for a revitalized church!

The evangelist who wisely seeks to help as many as he can without doing harm to the ministry of the pastor will leave a wholesome, positive flavor in the church. The church, after a positive experience, will be glad to have another revival and pay the price.

Revivals are worth it! They are not only *necessary*, but pleasant experiences for all the people. "If my people . . . shall humble themselves, and pray . . . I will hear from heaven." This is a divine law.

The recent Evangelists' Conference in Indianapolis brought us face-to-face with the fact that evangelists are "called" men and are given "gifts" for their ministry. The task of being a genuine help to the local church and pastor should be taken seriously. The desire to prepare for the revival by (1) prayer, (2) keeping alert by reading and study, and (3) having a deeply committed spiritual life were emphasized. Revivals will be productive if we invest wisely. Dr. Donald Wellman directed his attention to the fact that "Revivals are not miracles—they are a divine law." We will receive what we pay for. Revivals are worth *more* than the cost. May God in His providential mercy grant us revivals in this day!

The experience of being a pastor over 20 years, in wonderful churches, and a full-time evangelist over 10 years convince me our people want the best we can give them in spiritual life. May the number of those that have revival increase throughout our great church! □

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A Challenging Gratitude

by MABEL P. ADAMSON

WHAT HAVE I to be thankful for? I am a middle-aged, middle-class woman. I live in a modest, but comfortable, home. I work hard for a living, but in a job I thoroughly enjoy. I drive a small, economy-size car, but it gets me where I want to go. I have had my share of hard times, and I have probably had more than my share of good times with family and friends. I am further blessed with two sons who demonstrate their love and concern for me in positive ways.

More than that, the Lord is my Shepherd and walks with me daily. He came to dwell with me over 30 years ago, and He has never left me alone since. He has blessed me again and again with a special awareness of His presence and has answered prayer and performed miracles in my life time and again.

I should be thankful, should I not? Truthfully, I have always believed that I was—that I am. I sincerely want to be fully open to all that the Lord decrees for me, and cognizant of His blessing in all things, whether it be in the sunshine or in the darker places of life. But not too long ago, I was forced to face squarely the question, “Am I as thankful as I should be? And would I be this thankful if my circumstances were changed?” I hope I may always be able to answer in the affirmative. And if not, I pray that the gracious God I serve will prod and chastise and love me until I can.

Tears filled my eyes as I asked myself this question. I had just listened to a young man in his 20s testify. I had not met him before, but as he had struggled painfully into the small roomful of people, I had felt compassion rise within me. I had breathed a prayer that has become a spontaneous response to the less fortunate of this world. “O God, let my heart be broken with the things that break Your heart.” I had read this many years ago in a book by Bob Pierce of World Vision and it struck such a chord in my heart that I have made it my personal prayer.

Yes, I felt compassion for Donnie and I wished things were different for him. I realized anew how fortunate I was to be healthy and physically whole. “Thank You, Lord,” was easy right then.

Opportunity came for a few, brief expressions of praise from those in the circle. Someone stated a

thought similar to that which had gone through my mind. “How much we have to be thankful for!”

Then Donnie started to speak, and I turned my head to further observe him. What would this young man, so physically deformed and debilitated by some disease, have to say? He could scarcely cover a distance of a few feet without falling on his knees, sometimes having to stay there for several minutes, sometimes simply traveling the remainder of the distance on his knees rather than laboring to get on his feet again. When he was able to sustain his balance for a short distance, he somewhat resembled Mr. Scarecrow of the Wizard of Oz, such little control did he have over his body.

His face was also distorted, his mouth twisted so that speech required a supreme effort and the words were sometimes difficult to understand.

But I think everyone understood Donnie that day. He told us of the Lord’s blessing upon his life, and his thankfulness for all God had done for him. With tears streaming down his face and his countenance alight with the glow of heaven, he repeated again and again, “God has been so good to me. God has been so good to me.”

I’m sure all of us were blessed by his words, by the sincerity evident in his praise. Most of us were no doubt challenged, also, and perhaps a little ashamed as we faced the question within ourselves, “Am I as thankful as I should be? Do I tell Him often enough how grateful I am and how much I love Him?”

I’ve come to know Donnie a little better since then, and he lives out this expression in his daily life. His thankfulness and love for God is a shining example of faith and courage to all who know him. He is much loved. It’s always encouraging to see him and talk with him. And each time I do see him again, I am reminded of how thankful I should be, for “God has been so good to me,” also.

Lord, help me to be truly thankful. □

NOT MERELY WORDS

*More than a word, Heavenly Father,
Let my thanksgiving be,
Let it be measured in service and love;
In living my life, Lord, for Thee.*

*More than just going to church, Lord,
And loving just them that love me,
Give me the grace to love others,
To love them as Thou hast loved me.*

*More than lip service to Jesus,
O let my worship be,
In spirit and love, let my faith be
unfeigned,
Reflecting Thy great love for me.*

—CATHERINE HOWARD MARTIN
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ARE WE RELEVANT?

by MANUEL CHAVIER

DURING THE RIOTS of 1970 in New Bedford, Mass., in which one of our own young men, Lester Lima, age 17, was murdered, a religious coalition was formed. Our church naturally became involved in the unrest that followed and which gave us much visibility in the community. God used the evangelistic message at the funeral to bring about a wave of tranquility that the city needed. The aftermath brought about the forming of the religious coalition involving more than 80 religious leaders in the community. In one of the sessions, as we sat listening to the discussions concerning the cause or causes that brought about the unrest and trouble to our city, one of the so-called liberal leaders beamed a remark in my direction. Looking at me, he said, "Your church is not relevant to the needs of our community." Immediately my heart waxed hot as God gave me an answer to share with all who were listening.

I began to respond by saying that our church was the most relevant of all the churches in the community. Our church, being evangelistic in nature, has a redemptive work in the community. We have watched what Christ does when 2 Corinthians 5:17 becomes real in people's lives. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." A family who was going down the road to hell because of drink and its companion sins, turned 180 degrees. Monies that were channeled in a destructive direction, which created havoc for our welfare system, our police system, and our domestic situation, were now being channeled into constructive purposes as the family moved out of the old environment. Liquor money became furniture money, education money, and food money; thus lightening the load of government at every level, be it welfare or law enforcement, and developing a neighbor worthy of one's interest.

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We are relevant because, as a life changes through Christ, homes have been put together, making it better for our school system and other allied interests to which the home contributes. In our ministry to the community, where the home is seriously under attack by all kinds of social and economical problems, I have witnessed peace and God's Spirit taking control, turning a destructive element into a responsible productive relationship.

Our church's dominant emphasis is commitment, knowing that as repentance precedes regeneration, commitment precedes sanctification. Therefore, our church develops a sense of loyalty and courage that is missing in so many areas of community life today. This element of commitment was exhibited by the mother of the boy who was shot. Mrs. Rose Lima came to our church nine years previous to this tragic event in our community to make fun of our church, but was reached by the Holy Spirit and transformed by His grace. Mrs. Lima had no desire for revenge, instead she had her pastor write an article in the daily paper to the family of the three boys who shot her son—an article that reflected a forgiving heart—and she said, in substance, that she was concerned about their sorrows for they had yet more to endure. The result of her attitude was reflected throughout the community, as people approached me with such statements as, "Isn't it wonderful when Christianity is real!" Her life was used to expose the compassionate vein of our church. In the next six years, from this backdrop of experience, we added 148 new members to the church and the momentum has not stopped.

Needless to say, the entire coalition was very quiet, and never has our church been charged again with irrelevancy to the community and its needs. We who live and work through the Church of the Nazarene with our message of holiness, should rejoice and give God glory for the privilege of doing evangelism which meets the needs of our homes, our churches, our communities, and our world. □



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SOME YEARS AGO, a storm on Lake Michigan wrecked a ship off Evanston, Ill. Northwestern University students organized themselves to rescue the drowning passengers. One of the students, Edward Spencer, saved 17 people from the sinking vessel. Later in life, he was asked what stood out in his memory about the ordeal. Spencer replied, "Only this. Of the 17 people I saved, not one of them ever thanked me."

Our immediate response is: "What a bunch of ingrates!" But perhaps some of us may be as guilty in forgetting to give thanks to God for all the good things He has done.

A French proverb says, "Gratitude is the heart's memory."

Gratitude is from the same root word as "grace," which signifies the undeserved favor of God given to save sinful mankind from destruction. Thanksgiving is from the same root word as "think." In the old Anglo-Saxon language, thankfulness means "thoughtfulness." Sir Moses Montefiore, a Hebrew philanthropist, had as his family motto, "Think and Thank."

When one thinks, he is apt to be thankful. Thinking of all God's goodness inspires gratitude. It is born as the heart takes time to count God's past mercies. Expressing gratitude must exceed the bounds of one special day of thanksgiving a year.

Life's adverse mixture often disrupts our thanks, muddling the brain and numbing the heart. One becomes speechless. The sunshine of pleasant living is sometimes blotted out by dark clouds bearing thunder and lightning. Laughter is inevitably drowned by tears. Pleasure is pierced by pain. How can anyone manage thanks at such a dismal time?

It's not easy. Some people drop into the rut of complaining. They only see the thorns guarding the rose, forgetting the beautiful and fragrant blossom. Others exercise faith and encourage roses to bloom amidst the

thorns. They are rewarded, and the developing buds stir the "heart's memory."

Voicing such faith, David exclaims: "Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:1-2, NIV).

An unknown poet makes a similar response:

*I thank Thee for a daily task to do,
For books that are my ships
with golden wings,
For mighty gifts let others offer
praise—
Lord, I am thanking Thee for
little things.*

Remember to Give THANKS

by IVAN A. BEALS

All of the good things of God, both those which seem big or little, come our way because He remembers us. The Psalmist further declares: "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust" (103:13-14, NIV).

God remembers who we are, what we are, and what we need. He even knows us by name. His unfailing love offers us salvation and courage during our deepest distress. God has not forgotten what He has commanded or what He promised obedient believers.

A paradox throughout human history has been: If God remembers to provide for mankind, how can people forget Him? How can they remain unthankful for all the things He has done?

How easy it is to forget! Ask a child why he didn't say "Thank you" for something given to him. He will almost certainly reply, "I forgot." Many adults are like forgetful children when it comes to giving thanks to God.

Selfish people are too blind, too careless, and too busy to thank God—the Person who saved their lives. Pride kills thanksgiving. A proud person cannot be grateful, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.

But a humble mind and heart provide the soil out of which thanks naturally grows. This gratitude is more than the "heart's memory"—it is also one's true worship and praise to God for His mercy. A thoughtful

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person thus becomes thankful, knowing that without God his life would be eternally lost.

This is what thanksgiving is about. We remember all the things God has done for us personally. We praise Him for salvation and recall the "big" blessings He has allowed to come our way. We also think of the common things that constitute the very fabric of life.

Just a passing smile lifts one's spirits. Think of how the brief beauty of a rainbow inspires. Consider the loving meaning of a homemade card—the encouragement of a fitly spoken word. How barren life would be without such seeming "little" things.

We tend to take the basics of life—food, clothing, and shelter—for granted. Our gratitude to God should include the total range of our lives, from the "little" things to those that are more highly prized. Above all, we should give thanks to the Savior who reached us when we were drowning in the sea of sin.

Think anew of God's faithfulness. Remember His promises to you. Trust His fresh mercies each day. See His guiding hand through the critical crossroads of life. Feel the comfort of His presence as tests and storms engulf you. Give thanks and praise Him for all the good things He has done. Remember, He gave His life to save you! □

REFLECTIONS

*For all our yesterdays,
Dear Lord, we give Thee praise;
The mem'ries sweet,
The work, the play,
Your faithfulness day after day.*

*For our todays,
Dear Lord, we give Thee praise;
For friends and loved ones,
Tasks well done,
Your faithfulness from sun to sun.*

*Tomorrow dawns with shining ray,
Your faithfulness will guide our way
To hours of peace,
Touched by Thy grace,
Until we see Thee face-to-face.*

—E. RUTH GLOVER
Pasadena, California

NAZARENE ROOTS

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our first Thanksgiving offering for missions was taken in 1918.

Disturbed because missionaries on some fields had unfit living quarters, an unnamed man offered to give \$1,000 to improve the situation, providing another \$4,000 was raised.



C. Warren Jones, pastor at Spokane, suggested a "Sunday School Thanksgiving March." The *Other Sheep* for November 1918 reported the idea, adding, "It would certainly be splendid if all of our Sunday Schools would join in the Thanksgiving missionary march on Sunday, November 24th. . . . Please



pray about this. Begin to announce it in your school and expect a great time."

After 1918, this offering shifted between Thanksgiving and Christmas until 1931. Since then it has been a Thanksgiving offering, one of two major offerings taken throughout our church annually for world evangelism.

C. Warren Jones later resigned the Northwest District superintendency to become a missionary to Japan. When serious illness forced him and his wife to return to a pastorate in the U.S., his zeal for missions did not abate. In 1937 he began 11 years of service as Foreign Missions Secretary for the Church of the Nazarene. □

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The Everlasting Arms

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I GLANCED UP from watching TV to see my neighbor standing at our front door. "What are you doing out so early in the morning?" I asked in surprise.

"Coming back from the body shop," she answered, as I hastened to open the door and bid her to come inside.

"The body shop!"

"Yes, my car is there."

I stared dumbfoundedly.

"We had an accident."

"An accident? What else is going to happen to you? Come, have a chair. When . . ."

"Saturday night. The kids were headed back to Butterworth. They had been to see Carol and were at the intersection of 28th Street and Eastern when the light turned. They started up but had to stop for the cars in front of them and an 18-year-old girl rammed into them from behind."

"Was anyone hurt?"

"I was in Dad's room when Karen called. She said they were bringing Kevin to the hospital in the ambulance, so I hurried right down to Emergency to meet them."

Gladys' husband was confined to Butterworth Hospital where he had had back surgery the week before. On the day of his operation we found her in the waiting room. Bill was due out of surgery at any time. "Kenny is dead on his feet,"

by PAULINE E. SPRAY

she said with concern when we sat down beside her. She went on to explain that Carol, her son's wife, was in Blodgett Hospital, across town, delivering their first child. "My mother is in the hospital in Muskegon (30 miles away) undergoing tests."

All at the same time!

And now this! \$2,000 damage to their car. I marveled at Gladys' composure.

"I just feel lifted up above it all," she said.

"I know exactly what you're talking about," I returned, remembering my own experience a few years back. When my husband was in the hospital, I had had to drive on the freeway, a new challenge for me, in a speedy new car I had never driven before. Besides, each evening I returned to spend the night alone in a 10-room house which was located in the country between a graveyard and an empty church building. "When I was going through so many troubles, I felt like I was floating about a foot off the ground. That's being upheld by the Everlasting Arms."

Fortunately, Kevin was unharmed. Husband Bill was recovering nicely. Carol gave birth to a beautiful nine-pound baby girl, making our friends grandparents for the first time. Gladys' mother was still undergoing tests but cancer had been ruled out. And the car was getting fixed.

Three months before, Gladys

herself had undergone major surgery and suffered a heart attack while in the recovery room. Now a short while later, during this time of great stress, she was saying, "I just feel lifted up above it all."

Amazing?

Not really. God's Word never fails. It declares that "the eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27).

I understood clearly how my friend felt. Like many others, I had heard the roaring of troubled waters and felt the mountains shake—yet through it all I had sensed the uplifting presence of the Everlasting Arms.

Mrs. C. H. Morris has aptly written:

There is naught too hard for my Lord to do;

I can safely trust all life's journey thro'.

He will bear me up and my burdens too,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

No one in his right mind enjoys tribulation. And no one is so self-sufficient that he does not need the prayers and support of fellow Christians when he is passing through turbulent trials.

Everywhere we turn today we confront Christians who are experiencing tribulation as never before. In these last days perhaps God is preparing us for what lies ahead, toughening us up for a purpose, "that the trial of your [our] 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).

About three weeks after Gladys stopped in that morning, Bill called rather late one Monday evening. "I just got back from the hospital," he said wearily.

"Who's in there now?" I asked shocked.

"My wife."

Not Gladys again!

She had taken violently ill on Sunday, so ill he had taken her into Emergency. Following two days of extensive examination, she was scheduled for an operation again. The evening before her surgery for an obstruction in her upper intes-

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tine, I talked to her. Although it was difficult for her to talk with the tube extending down her throat, she assured me she was still aware of the Everlasting Arms uplifting her.

When she was finally released from the hospital, Gladys called. Before hanging up, I asked again about her sense of God's presence. "Do you still feel the same way?"

"I sure do!" she replied. "More than ever."

The storms will come. The earth will shake. But if God is our refuge and strength, we need not be overwhelmed. His great arms will bear us up above it all.

Oh, the everlasting arms how they hold me!

Ever hold me, and enfold me!

I am safe in life or death, for around and underneath

Are the mighty, everlasting arms.

—Mrs. C. H. Morris* □

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GIVING THANKS

*A day has been set for Thanksgiving and praise
For all the good things we enjoy,
But hearts can be burdened with sad yesterdays
And think of the things that annoy.
Some blessings of life are too often unseen,
Enjoyed as if fittingly due—
The peace and the joy and leisure serene,
Are items for thankfulness, too.*

*Just one special day, but one day's not enough
To express all the praise we should feel:
For days when the pathway was lonely and rough
And God brought a calm, sweet and real.
The heart truly thankful for blessings of life
Will offer a prayer that conveys
A gratefulness, whether in gladness or strife,
And maintain a habit of praise.*

—PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY
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DIVINE MONITORING

by RAYMOND C. KRATZER

JUST RECENTLY I enjoyed the experience of observing some of the marvels of medical science. A catheter was inserted into the vein of a man suffering from an aneurysm. The tiny tube was pushed gently through the vein in the man's forearm until it reached his heart.

A computer registered its progress and monitored the blood pressure, heart beat, the tensions resident in the area, and recorded the data in the great brain of the computer memory bank. When the surgeon gets ready to operate to repair the aneurysm, he will be able to get a printout of all the data with the necessary guidelines and precautions to insure a successful operation.

As I looked at the massive "brain" of the computer serving more than 70 Veterans' Hospitals, with its thousands of wires and electronic devices, my mind reeled in wonder at the genius of man. But all of this is only elementary to our God who created man and gave him the marvelous ability to invent and operate such an instrument.

We may be heartened to understand that God "knows the way we take," and He is monitoring our every thought and desire. Furthermore, His purpose in

watching over us, in a much more efficient way than man's computer method, is to help us experience spiritual and moral health. When He observes a weakness (a spiritual aneurysm) He directs some providential circumstances to alert us, and provides the cure through obedience to His instructions and corrective measures.

It should bring comfort to us to know that God knows all about us. He understands our weaknesses and strengths. He does not alert you to His will to make you miserable, but rather to show you that conformity to His purposes will enhance the joy of your life.

Perhaps the biggest lie Satan ever tells a person is that if he walks according to God's directives, he will be most miserable. The contrary is the truth: a person's highest welfare is that which coincides with God's will. It is only that a perverse nature clouds the issue until people will seek peace and happiness through wrong avenues, rather than to submit to God's plan for their life.

May we always listen to the "still, small voice" as it monitors our thoughts and activities, and abide by its computations. "He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). □

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by STAN MEEK

that PERFECT CHURCH

THERE IS A BEAUTIFUL PLANT called "The Wandering Jew." Its lush vines wander off in many directions. No doubt its name derives from the dispersion of the Jewish people throughout the world.

While it is a beautiful plant, its virtues are not necessarily transferable to people who wander. Neither are Jews the only wanderers in the world. Many who follow the Christian religion wander from church to church looking for a "Christian utopia" that is not to be found.

Edith Schaeffer, in her book *What Is a Family?*, wrote something about the family that is equally true of the church as a family. She said, "People throw away what they could have, by insisting on perfection which they cannot have, and looking for it where they will never find it."

There is a perfection that can be found. The problem is, people look for it in the wrong places. They look for it in church organization or government. They look for it in church ministers or ministries. And unfortunately they look for it in interpersonal relationships.

Some people drift from one church or denomination to another searching for a perfect church climate where the winds of differing opinion never rise and the sea of human relationships is never disturbed. Often, too, people hope that all their personal tastes in worship, education, and fellowship will be catered to. They forget that they are only *one*, and that even their own moods vary from week to week. No church could possibly satisfy every individual equally all the of time.

The church is composed of imperfect human beings. Admittedly, it ought to be a constituency of *redeemed* human beings whose lives and conduct are characterized by sanctified, Spirit-controlled actions and reactions.

Nevertheless, there will never be a church body that will not evidence ample amounts of humanity, notwithstanding the holiness of its people. The very existence of different temperaments and personality types, different cultural backgrounds and training, and different tastes and understandings will give rise to inter-relationship problems from time to time.

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In addition, one must never discount the power of carnality in some believers, nor the direct effort at church sabotage by the master churchwrecker, Satan himself. He will use even good people whenever he can, for he comes as an "angel of light" to deceive.

Not all "wandering" is done from church to church. Some do not change church locations; nevertheless, they wander from one church crisis to another, or from one mood to another. They oscillate between highs and lows.

While on a search for a perfection which they will never find, people often not only forfeit spiritual values, but sometimes inflict terrible damage upon the very thing that could offer them the most comfort, support, and hope. This is true of marriage, the family, and the church.

Again, in speaking of the home, Edith Schaeffer says, "There is a beauty and continuity which can never be had unless someone in the family has the certainty that the whole art form [home or family unit] is more important than one incident, or even a string of incidents."

How true this is of the church also. Church members must be convinced that the church, as a whole, is more important than any single issue or problem, or even string of problems. Without such a conviction, and without a deep commitment to the church's total life and witness, issues can divide the church, weaken its witness and nullify its message.

How careful one must be in church relationships to be committed not only to the worth of the *individual* soul, but also to the worth of the countless souls the church is collectively responsible for.

No one in the community of believers is permitted the luxury of nursing any personal injury or hurt along to make it a divisive church issue. To do so is to put self above the Lord's work. The Christian way is not to brood over injuries, imagined or real, but to give them to Jesus Christ, let Him purge the attitudes, and seek to be an effective part of the "ministry and blessing potential" of the church.

One shudders to think how many souls may have been lost while the church's energies were dissipated

on internal issues. The world has a right, then, to say, "Physician, heal thyself."

Again, speaking of the family, Schaeffer said, "A terrible loneliness is ahead for people who have torn up their homes with their own hands." Perhaps the penalty will be even greater for people who have torn up their churches over their own petty, personal problems.

No, the perfection people seek in the church will not be found in organization or doctrine; it will not be found in ethical standards or guidelines; and it will not be found in beautifully balanced worship services. Least of all will it be found in interpersonal relationships.

There are no perfect pastors, no perfect church board members, no perfect committees or congre-

gations; therefore, no perfect churches here on earth—but there is a perfect Christ.

The perfection sought in the church can only be found in the Lord of the church. He is the perfect Christ who accomplished a perfect salvation to provide a perfect rest for His people.

That perfect rest does not depend upon, nor is it altered by, the imperfections in people, relationships, or circumstances. Indeed the genius of Christianity has always been that it can take a people who are so different and imperfect and fill them with the perfect Christ. He then helps them to function so self-forgetfully that His mission is supreme, while a baffled world can only exclaim, "Behold how they love one another," and He adds to *His* church daily. □

MAKING BETTER PASTORS

by NEIL E. HIGHTOWER

THE LOCAL CHURCH, to a significant degree, makes the kind of pastors who shepherd our churches. To be sure, in a fundamental sense the man makes himself—albeit under the permissive will of God. However, the attitudes of the people, their responses to ministry and service, and their nonverbal definitions of leadership share in the moulding process of making a pastor. He is what he is by the grace of God, mediated through his own personal choices; but he is also what he is by the acceptance and willingness of his people.

Living in a "glass house," as Nazarene pastor families do, is an interesting but demanding way of life. They are models of the Nazarene way of life, whether or not they choose to be. We know exactly where they live, what their salary is, whether they're in town or out of town at any given time, and a host of other details about them that is normally private knowledge in other people's lives. The idea of being "public property" puts a great deal of pressure on the pastoral family.

Further, pastors are people-helpers, and this requires such an expenditure of time, effort, patience, and emotional identification that it makes them unduly subject to burn-out physically and emotionally. Pastors need to take regular time out from people to renew their inward stamina. They need to forget the burdens and problems of their people for a block of

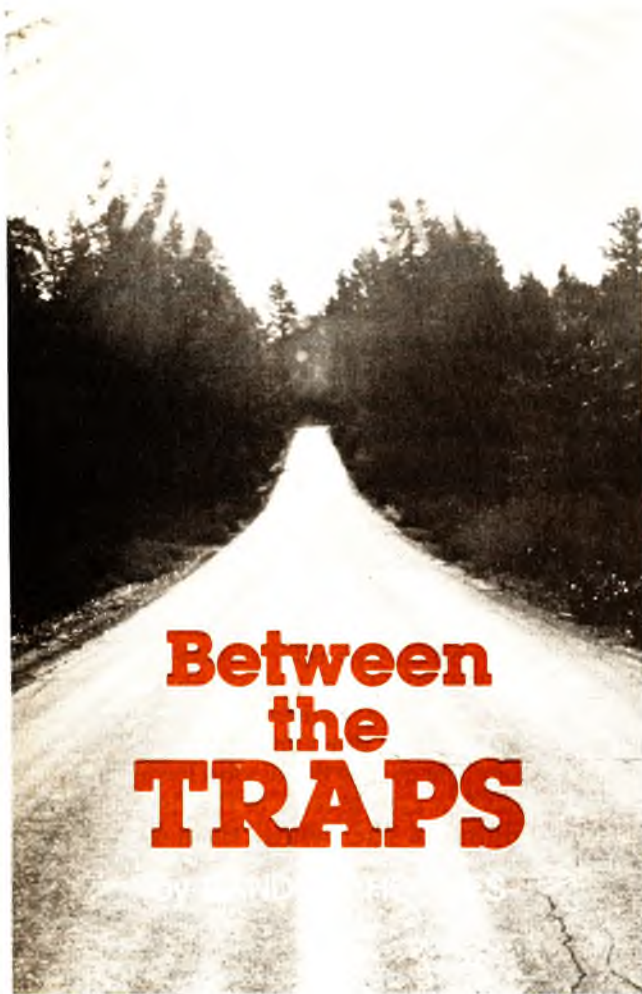
time, so that they may return to them with a rested mind and body. Perhaps one of the most sensitive things a church could do for their pastor would be to insist that he and his wife take a weekend away from their children and the church several times a year. This very likely would mean laymen volunteering to look after the children, and providing pulpit supply, but it would enhance the quality of pastoral leadership.

Pastors need to keep abreast of the field of knowledge pertaining to counseling, theological development, organizational leadership, and other skills. They need also significant time blocks to spread their goals before the Lord and to creatively plan. This takes time and financial resources. Industry has to retool periodically; doctors and other professionals have to retrain. Perhaps the church would be wise to consider the idea that once every three to five years, our pastors should take a "sabbatical" with pay of four to six months. The purpose would be for continuing education and personal development, to formally add to the store of knowledge in pastoral skills. This would require financial planning by the church finance committee, and rethinking on the part of the people, but it would produce the dividend of a more useful leader. It would also require a clear idea of the narrow focus of its purpose, and commitment to that purpose by pastors.

Church boards can help lighten the burdens and pressures upon their pastors by insisting that a time-inventory of the church programme be taken; and that its findings be related to the priorities of the Body's purposes and goals. Such an inventory would certainly reveal where work-responsibility could be spread and shared. It would also likely reveal places where the pastor's time was being subjected to the stress of trivia and the tyranny of the unimportant—often by unthinking, self-centered people.

Everything we can do to relieve the stress and distress that is a natural by-product of helping people will enhance the effectiveness of our pastors. We cannot remove all stress because some of it is inherent in dealing with people. Nor is it desirable to attempt to create a mechanical, museumlike atmosphere in church relationships. However, better pastors lead better churches, and better churches have a better saving impact on their communities. □

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Between the TRAPS

THE HIGHWAY of Christian love steers safely between the twin traps of lawlessness and legalism. Today Christians must avoid these two pitfalls by wisely remaining on the roadway of love. These twin errors representing opposite extremes have plagued believers throughout the ages. While avoiding these extremes is an impossible task in our own strength, God has provided a plan by which believers can avoid both lawlessness and legalism. An understanding of each of these traps is necessary if Christians are to remain on the highway of love.

Lawlessness (antinomianism) is the attitude that God's grace will forgive our unrestrained sinning. The lawless person actually misrepresents God's grace by discounting the need to live a disciplined Christian life. The person who follows this philosophy may reason like this: Salvation is not by works but by grace. Since grace has made provision to set aside the consequences of sin, then as Christians there is no longer need to avoid or fear sin. Grace will cover it anyhow! So, let's live it up!

In actuality, seldom does one hear of an individual who states the matter so crassly. But the lives of countless so-called "believers" exhibit this philosophy exactly. The professing Christian who says, "I really do love God but I just can't see why I must give up this one

habit," is saying God's grace will excuse his or her willful transgression. The young lover who professes Christ yet marries the nonbeliever in direct opposition to God's Word (2 Corinthians 6:14) is exhibiting the philosophy of lawlessness. The lover could probably even be heard to say, "But I love him/her so much. God will understand just this once!"

The attitude of lawlessness fails to recognize the demands of disciplined obedience in the life of the believer. Lives put under the Lordship of Jesus Christ means turning from sin, not finding excuses to continue in it. The apostle Paul forthrightly states the essence of the matter in Romans 6:1-2: "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?" (NASB).

While lawlessness tends to overemphasize grace at the expense of Christian discipline, legalism is prone to negate the importance of grace altogether. Legalism overemphasizes Christian discipline by accentuating the "dos and don'ts" of the Christian life. Perhaps it would be good to characterize legalism. A legalist is a person who sees only the rules of religion. There is a great emphasis on external actions. The legalist is often critical of the lives of others to the point of being judgmental. Basically, the legalist disregards the truth that obedience is the *result* and not the *cause* of man's relationship with God. Unfortunately, this leads to a very sad religion. It is a heavy-hearted faith because it tends to overwhelm persons with their inability to keep all the regulations. It strips them of the joy of their freedom in Jesus Christ. Paul fought the legalistic tendency just as he opposed lawlessness. He called the rule-centered way "self-made religion," the *appearance* of wisdom and "of no value against fleshly indulgence" (Colossians 2:20-23).

An event in the life of my father humorously illustrates the judgmental and often self-condemning attitude of the legalistic mind. A road crew was working at the difficult task of building a road through the treacherous terrain of West Virginia. Much blasting of the rocks had to be done to build a road over the mountains. One day the dynamite man was finishing a job started just before lunch. He had to detonate the explosives which were set to blast a large rock into pieces. He called out impatiently, "Whoever owns the lunch bucket setting on that rock had better move it or else I'll blow it to bits with the rock!" No one moved. There was silence. Again, he called out, "Move it or I'll destroy it!" Again, no response came. Angrily, the man blasted the rock and lunch bucket into oblivion. Loud choruses of laughter came from his fellow workers and he realized he had destroyed *his own* lunch!

This is much like many people today. They are ready and quick to condemn those around them, often in harsh and hurtful ways. Forgetting that the intent of the heart is more important than external rules, these people busy themselves judging others. Without realizing it, they are only condemning themselves for no person can earn his way to God.

What, then, is the proper attitude and life-style for the Christian believer? It is not lawlessness with its disregard for the commands of God. Nor is it legalism

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that overemphasizes rules while often forgetting the supreme importance of the condition and intent of the heart. The proper roadway between these two traps is the *truth of love*. When Jesus Christ was asked which of the commandments was most important, He replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:30-31, NASB).

Christian love provides the proper balance between the extremes of lawlessness and legalism. Love avoids the irresponsible use of Christian freedom by seeing it not as an opportunity to sin but as an avenue of service (Galatians 5:13). Love evades slavery to rules and the accompanying critical spirit. Love recognizes that salvation is not purchased from God by works nor is it kept by what one does. Salvation is totally a free gift given by the Lord Jesus Christ. Still, love retains a healthy respect for the commands shared in the Word of God. John Wesley said of love, "It is the end [goal] of every commandment of God. It is the point aimed at by the whole and every part of the Christian institution. The foundation is faith, purifying the heart; the end love, preserving a good conscience" (*Works*, XI, p. 416).

Love like this comes from a divine source. God can and will share it with us if we let Him. Romans 5:5 says, "... the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (NASB). Let us strive to remain on the highway of Christian love as God works in our lives through His Holy Spirit. □

God's Loving Hand

*It is a Father's loving hand
That chastens and corrects;
All those He loves and calls His own
From evil He protects.*

*I've come to see what oft' seems ill
Is God's purpose for me;
Is really working out for good
That I might holy be.*

*So knowing that God's hand of love
Is in each trial and test,
I trust His love, accept His will,
Convinced His way is best.*

*In everything I give Him thanks,
However dark the day;
Fully assured God's loving hand
Is leading all the way.*

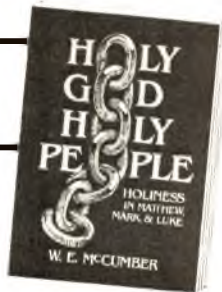
—BYRON H. MAYBURY
Santa Monica, California

Book Brief

HOLY GOD— HOLY PEOPLE



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LOVE AND DISCIPLESHIP are two popular subjects currently making the rounds. For a good many years, discipleship was on the back burner, while the word *love* belonged to the world. Through the widespread use of *agape* to describe God's unique tenderness and bring it to the fore, love has moved back into religious circles, with "I love you" being tossed about now in many churches as commonly as "good-bye." And discipleship has come back into vogue.

In light of this phenomena, W. E. McCumber's

message is timely, for he sets the record straight: "Love is not an abstraction that can somehow be substituted for personal obedience to His Lordship." The call is to discipleship—in the true sense of the word—which means "living under the rule of Christ, wherever that leads and whatever the cost."

How quickly do we humans tend to follow trends that come and go! How readily do we grasp at half truths, eager to find an easy route to heaven! McCumber draws us back to reality, calling us to a "gallows experience."

"'Dying out' is an expression we seldom hear in our churches these days," he writes. "But living crucified is still the only legitimate discipleship."

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the editor's STANDPOINT

A GOOD DAY

I used to think Thanksgiving Day was a great day unless you were a turkey. I've come to think it's a great day even for a turkey. After all, turkeys can't live forever, so why not be sacrificed for an occasion where God is honored, families are united, and happiness prevails. Such occasions are never too plentiful.

The first national Thanksgiving Day in America was observed during a war—a cruel, costly, civil war. If we can't honor God with special thanksgiving during evil times, when will we do it? Unfortunately, in our sick world there are always wars going on somewhere. Crimes, riots, and wars fill our streets with blood and our homes with sorrow.

Some argue from this carnage that God does not exist, or if He does, He is not love. Men abuse their God-given freedom by rebelling against Him on the very ground of their evil-doing. This only deepens and intensifies human guilt. Wise men prefer to blame themselves for all sins and praise God for all good.

The Psalmist declared, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord" (92:1). There are some good things of which you can't get too much. The Psalmist mentions a good time to do this good thing—"in the morning and . . . every night." If giving thanks daily is a good thing, doing it on Thanksgiving Day can't be a bad thing. Of course, if we are not thankful every day, our formal thanks on a holiday is hypocrisy.

The Psalmist supplies also a good reason for giving thanks—"thy works." The works of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Preserver are worthy of our constant praise. His righteousness and faithfulness, celebrated in this 92nd psalm, guarantee the ultimate defeat of evil and triumph of good. We who believe that can sit down to a turkey dinner (even turkey soup or turkey hash) and give thanks to God in the midst of wars, griefs, recessions, and other harsh situations.

Yes, Thanksgiving Day is a good day, even for turkeys. And every day is a good day to offer sacrifice of praise to God. □

AGGRESSIVE HOLINESS

In my library I have some books written by S. M. Merrill, who was a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church. These books have been read and reread with profit, especially one on doctrinal aspects of Christian experience. Bishop Merrill was an advocate of entire sanctification, and set forth experienced holiness as crisis and process.

In this book he insists that "The blessing of holiness is needed to keep alive the aggressive spirit in the Church." He goes on to deplore the fact that "The Church too often sleeps, while the restless activities of sin rush the multitudes to perdition." Though he wrote 100 years ago, his description of sin's "restless activities" fits modern society like a tailor-made suit. The conditions he protested still prevail—drunkenness, Sabbath desecration, political corruption, profanity, materialism, sensuality, amusements destructive to family life, literature teeming with infidelity, and widespread addiction to gambling. Indeed, the moral climate of our society is worse than ever.

"By whom shall the Spirit of the Lord lift up a stan-

dard against the flood of evil, if the Church be not girded for the conflict? Who shall beat back the hosts of sin, and gather the outcasts into the fold, if the Church possess not the aggressive spirit? And how shall this spirit be maintained without the baptism of the Holy Ghost upon the ministry and membership?" The bishop's questions are as probing and relevant to us as they were to his own generation.

Holiness, which he defines as "freedom from sin" and "power over sin," is our deepest need. Only a people filled with the Spirit, clean and strong within, will vigorously attack sin in the Church and in the world. The alternative to aggressive holiness is moral decline and spiritual death.

Experienced holiness doesn't just happen. To quote Merrill again, "Earnestness in seeking will hasten success in finding. A clear understanding and definite aim will bring victory much sooner than indefinite pursuit." To aggressive holiness, God is calling us today. Let it be clearly preached and earnestly sought and faithfully demonstrated! □

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SOME NAZARENE ROOTS

The Church of the Nazarene has some roots in Pietism, a movement that began in Germany with Philipp Jakob Spener in the 17th century. Spener was disturbed by the disparity between the warm, devotional atmosphere of his home and the cold, theological instruction at his university. He wanted to inspire his Lutheran Church with an ardent faith.

Among the steps taken in his effort was the publication of a little book titled *Pia desideria*—“Pious desires.” He expressed six of these desires:

1. That Christians gain clearer, deeper understanding of Scripture through small-group Bible studies in private homes;
2. That laymen take prominent and responsible part in these meetings, implementing the Reformed doctrine of the priesthood of every believer;
3. That essential Christianity be seen as more than correct doctrine, as a total way of life, an experiential and practical faith;

4. That religious controversy, which was unavoidable, be conducted in a loving spirit;
5. That pastoral education be devotional and practical, as well as logical and theological;
6. That the pulpit ministry of pastors be aimed at teaching and inspiring believers, and not the delivery of learned sermons on irrelevant matters.

Spener had profound influence and met virulent opposition. His work has some drawbacks. Individual experience was emphasized to the detriment of communal experience. Small groups became competing cliques, churches within churches, fostering spiritual smugness in some participants. Orthodox belief was sacrificed to the authority of experience by some. Overall, however, Spener and his followers were a good influence for vital Christian life and aggressive Christian missions.

We reflect these same strengths and weaknesses. What we must aim at is right beliefs wedded to fervent practice. That is an unbeatable combination. □

PRESS ON

One of the “Brother Juniper” cartoons shows the little monk staring at a caged bird. The bird is scrawny and rumped. It looks like it was pulled through a knothole backwards. The identification label reads, “Bird of Paradise.” Juniper comments, “I don’t think he quite made it.”

Scripture makes it clear that none of us birds, bound for paradise, have yet arrived. We are in process, with a long stretch to go before we are fully Christlike. Paul writes of this goal in Philippians 3:7-11, and adds, “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me” (v. 12, NIV). Toward that goal, however, he singlemindedly presses forward, and calls upon us to “live up to what we have already attained” (vv. 13-16).

The purest hearts and holiest lives in the Church still fall short of the perfection they shall experience beyond the resurrection. None of God’s people are “faultless” until they reach “the presence of his glory.” As Thomas Cook says, in *New Testament Holiness*,

“Through lack of knowledge, defective memory, a fallible judgment, slowness of understanding, and numerous other infirmities, we are as liable to err as it is natural for us to breathe.”

More important, then, than the point we have reached, and the pace at which we travel, is the direction in which we are moving. To quote Mr. Cook again, “If we would grow in grace we must be always aiming at something above and beyond us . . . Our motto must always be forward, onward, upward.”

We must be patient, therefore, with the faults and failures of ourselves and others. We are not what we shall be, but we are not what we once were. God will not abandon His purpose for us: “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6, NIV).

Don’t turn back, don’t go in circles, just keep headed homeward. Our Captain gives no orders to retreat. “One thing I do,” cried Paul. “I press on toward the goal.” Press on! □

more Christians would volunteer to correspond with those now confined in various penal institutions, telling them of the "saving grace" of Jesus Christ. Everyone, old and young alike, can become involved in the Prison Pen Pal Program by sending their name and address to Mr. Harold A. Baker, 1818 S. Sumner Ave., Orlando, FL 32806.

H. J. Gamba
New Castle, Colorado

BENEFITS ENJOYED

Donald Gollhofer's reflections on

"Evangelical Benefits" drew a fervent "Amen" from me. Like him, I appreciate them, but unlike him my delight is not from a lifetime experience but new—as I am new in Christ.

I, too, treasure lyrics that warm my heart and imagery that kindles my imagination. Praise God for His infinite variety!

How thrilling to know that the inspiration, guidance, growth, and sheer joy I have so recently experienced will continue fresh and beautiful over the years!

I might say that when I began to read the Bible, I was amazed to find there many titles and phrases I had encountered during years of secular readings. Among such old friends: "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes," "The Little Foxes," and "A Few Figs from Thistles"—all, obviously, right from the fertile pages of God's Word.

Thank you for presenting Mr. Gollhofer's thoughts. They gave me fresh insights and new blessings to count!

Frances L. Tullin
Pompano Beach, Florida

"You Deserve a Break Today!"

by DON C. FARNSWORTH

ON A TUESDAY EVENING I had just finished a softball practice with our men's team in time to rush up to the church to attend a Sunday School workers' meeting. Somehow, later I would learn why, everyone but myself, the Christian Life director, and his wife, forgot about the meeting.

While waiting around and talking about the Sunday School, my wife, Jerry, drove up. We noticed she seemed excited about something as she hurried into the church, still wearing her McDonald's uniform. For the past year she had been working part time for this popular fast-food chain. When she came into the church she asked me if we had any Bibles we could give away. I located one for her and then asked her why she needed it. This is the story she shared with us.

That particular day was her day off, but she received a telephone call from the manager asking if she could come in for a couple of hours. At first she didn't want to go, but then the inner voice said, "Go." She thought to herself, I might as well go in. The boys are at softball practice, and I'll be back before they are finished. So she said she would come in for a couple of hours.

After completing her two-hour shift, she went to the back to have her usual cheeseburger, fries, Coke, and a caramel sundae. She noticed Gerald, the night manager, standing at the back flipping through a Bible. She commented to him that the Bible looked just like her new one. Without any other comment, Gerald looked up at her and said, "I need to get saved!"

Jerry was caught by surprise by Gerald's statement. She took the Bible from him and began to show him some verses. He told her that he had been having hor-

rible dreams of burning in hell and he didn't want to go to hell. He wanted to go to heaven. Now Gerald had absolutely no church background, so it was clear to Jerry that the Lord was dealing with him. She told him she would go and get him a Bible he could keep for his own. The one he was looking through belonged to one of the other workers at McDonald's.

This was when I met her coming into the church. I told her that I was hungry, so why not go back together to McDonald's for a Big Mac and give Gerald the Bible.

When we got there we noticed Gerald was talking to one of the other managers who was very cynical about Christian experience. We started to order something to eat, then Gerald spotted us standing in line. Without any hesitation, he came around the counter, took my wife by the arm, and said to her, "Come on. I need to get saved right now!"

Well, we hurried to the back of the restaurant, into the "Birthday Room," where no one would bother us. I started sharing Scripture from the booklet *Life Can Have Meaning*. With each verse I shared with him he eagerly responded, "Yes, yes! That's what I need!"

In the somewhat unlikely surroundings of a McDonald's Birthday Room, Gerald gave his heart to the Lord and was "born again." Tears of joy flowed from his eyes as I assured him that Jesus had forgiven him and that he had nothing more to fear.

As we left the Birthday Room I passed by the other manager who was cynical. He asked us if Gerald got any help. We said yes, and thanked him for allowing us to help Gerald. We believe the Lord prevented cynicism from interfering with what we were trying to accomplish in Gerald's life.

The following Sunday Gerald was baptized in his new faith and at this writing is serving the Lord and growing in stature with each day.

There are a lot more Gerald's who "deserve a break today"! I am grateful for a spiritually sensitive wife who was willing to be used of God to help Gerald break away from the shackles of sin that bound him. □

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

DON C. FARNSWORTH pastors the Rolla, Missouri, First Church.

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



David E. Miller of Columbus, Ohio, received his Ph.D. in family relations and human development on June 11, 1982, from Ohio State University. He is a graduate of Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio, as well as Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. His dissertation topic was "Altering the Use of Seclusion with Emotionally Disturbed Children in a Residential Treatment Center."

Currently Dr. Miller is director of Residential Treatment for the Hannah Neil Center for Children—a treatment center for emotionally disturbed children. Previously, he has worked as deputy superintendent for the Juvenile Court and Center in Indianapolis, and executive director for the Western Ohio Youth Center in Troy, Ohio. Residing in Columbus, Ohio, with their two children—Scott (age 7) and Lori Anne (age 4)—the Millers are members of the Whitehall Church where they have both served in various capacities, including the Board of Trustees, as Sunday School teachers, director of youth ministries, and NYI president. □



On Saturday, August 28, Wellsburg, W.Va., First Church held an open house reception in honor of **Rev. Paul Darulla**. He retired from the active ministry after 41 years of service to the Lord and church.

His former pastorates have included Nazarene churches at East Liverpool, Ohio; and Point Pleasant, Alum Creek, Wheeling, and Charleston, W.Va. He had pastored the Wellsburg Church since February 2, 1960. His wife, Mary Elva Jean Wilson Darulla, ministered with him until her death March 8, 1980.

He has two sons, David Paul Darulla of Orlando, Fla., and Rev. Daniel James Darulla of Kingwood, W.Va. He also has seven grandchildren. Following his re-

irement from the active ministry he will reside in Wellsburg. □



The committee of vice-chancellors and principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom has announced that **Dean Flemming** has been awarded an overseas research scholarship for 1982-83, renewable for a second and third year. In October he will begin doctoral studies at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, in the area of New Testament and Missions, preparing for missionary service in the training of national pastors.

A graduate of Mid-America Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary, Dean is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Flemming, superintendent of the Akron District. □

TWO MVNC FACULTY RECEIVE DOCTORATES

Paul Mayle, assistant professor of history, and Garen Milton, assistant professor of music, were recently

awarded their Ph.D. degrees at West Virginia University and the Ohio State University, respectively.



Mayle's dissertation was titled, "Agreement in Principle: The Anglo-Soviet-American Alliance and the Tehran Conference of 1943."

Mayle obtained his B.A. in history in 1971 and his M.A. in history in 1975 from West Virginia University. He is a member of the Academy of Political Science and the Center for the Study of the Presidency.

Mayle and his wife, the former Ruth Elaine Chaplin, reside in Bellville. Ruth is currently completing her third year at the Ohio State University School of Law. Mayle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Mayle of Morgantown, W.Va.



Milton used as his thesis, "The Effects of Selected Factors on the Choice of Freshmen Instrumentalists in Small Colleges to Participate or Not Participate in the College Concert Band."

Milton obtained his B.A. degree from Olivet Nazarene College in 1973 and his M.A. in music education from the University of Northern Iowa in 1974. He is currently a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the National Band Association, and the Fellowship of Christian Musicians.

Milton and his wife, Patsy, live in Mount Vernon. □



Susan A. Jiménez was recently presented with the Director's Award for Achievements in the Field of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). Ms. Jiménez, a management analyst for the Defense Communications Agency in Washington, D.C., is a 1965 graduate of Olivet Nazarene College and a member of Washington, D.C., First Church. The award citation reads: "Ms. Susan A. Jiménez has contributed outstanding assistance to the Defense Communications Agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Program. Her dedication and commitment to the Department of Defense's Human Goals, demonstrates the principle that each individual has infinite dignity and worth. Her outstanding leadership in the Federal Women's and Hispanic Programs is recognized by this Agency as a model of professionalism and responsible citizenship. Susan has been consistently concerned and sensitive to the needs of minorities and women, and she is a credit both to the Defense Communications Agency and the Department of Defense." At the presentation, pictured (l. to r.) are Lt. Gen. W. Hilsman, Susan Jiménez and children, Lisa Lunsford, Jeff Lunsford, Leah Lunsford (center), and parents, Frances and Sunday Jiménez.



Pictured (l. to r.) are Harry (Trippy) Brown, Rev. Gerald B. Cook, and Rev. Ron Adams during the Senior Youth Camp at Indian Lake, Mich. Trippy is a blind 18-year-old who is a member of the Otsego, Mich., church, and feels the Lord is calling him into the ministry. Rev. Cook, his former pastor, is presenting him with the 10-volume set of the King James Bible Concordance in Braille. Ministers and friends purchased the set through the American Bible Society. Rev. Ron Adams, director of the youth camp, assisted in the presentation. Trippy was also elected "King" of the camp by the campers.

LOS ANGELES CHURCH MODELS CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY

Nazarenes were involved in the recent National Convocation of Christian leaders (NCCL) at Pasadena,

LAST-MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

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Calif. Dr. W. Donald Wellman, pastor of Denver First Church, held plenary sessions and Dr. Paul Benefiel, superintendent of the Los Angeles District, and his son, Rev. Ron Benefiel, senior pastor of Los Angeles First Church, conducted workshops on ethnic ministries, "America—Our Newest Mission Field," and on "Leadership, the Key to Church Growth."

Dr. Paul Benefiel has been instrumental in developing the ethnic work on the Los Angeles District, which includes new churches for Filipinos, Latins, Koreans, Chinese, Thais, Armenians, and Blacks. Plans are underway for other ethnic congregations to begin for Samoans, Japanese, and other immigrant groups. The district has 31 existing churches ministering to ethnic groups, many of which have their own ethnic pastors.

Rev. Ron Benefiel is initiating the establishment of an Urban Ministry School in the Wilshire Center area surrounding Los Angeles First Church, the most rapidly growing section of Los Angeles. The influx of Hispanic and Asian migrant/immigrants continues to increase the already high density population around the church. Four ethnic congregations now share the facilities of Los Angeles First Church: Filipinos, Korean, Spanish, and Southeast Asian peoples. First Church is one of the models displayed by Fuller Theological Seminary for observation of cross-cultural work and ethnic congregations.

This was the third NCCL convocation. The organization is sponsored by the Lowell Berry Foundation, formed 28 years ago for the purpose of strengthening and extending Christian ministry, and by Fuller Theological Seminary. The Nazarene Bible College is one of the cooperating institutions.

NAZARENE RECEIVES AWARD FOR VALOR

In June 1981, a fishing trawler was overturned off the coast of Oregon. A savage storm had stirred the ocean to fury and huge waves suddenly smashed into the Odyssey, turning it upside down. Trapped in the engine room, which was rapidly filling with water, were crewmen Terry and Todd Mason.

A reported sighting of the stricken vessel reached Coos Bay Air Station, and a Coast Guard rescue helicopter was sent to investigate. Over four hours after the trawler capsized, it was



Shires was also presented with a painting depicting the rescue.



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spotted by the copter crew.

Four divers volunteered a rescue attempt, but two backed out. One of those who effected the rescue was Bill Shires. Despite 45-knot winds and blinding rain, he and his partner, Pat Miller, located the trapped men. Shires made three trips underwater to find and rescue the Mason brothers. On one of those trips his air line ruptured and he nearly lost his life. But 13 hours after the mishap took place, all were safe, thanks to the heroism of these divers. Shires and Miller were presented with the Gold Lifesaving Medal, the Coast Guard's highest civilian award for valor.

Bill Shires is a member of the North



Pictured after the college service at the Oregon Pacific district assembly (l. to r.) are Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent; Rev. Delbert Laws, pastor of the North Bend-Bay Area Church; Bill Shires; Dr. Kenneth Pearsall, president of NNC; and Myron Finkbeiner.




Mr. Myron Finkbeiner (r.), executive secretary of Northwest Nazarene College Alumni Association, presented the Citation of Merit Award to Bill Shires, as his pastor, Rev. Delbert Laws (l.), looks on.

Bend-Bay Area Church of the Nazarene, and an alumnus of Northwest Nazarene College. In the college service of the Oregon Pacific district assembly, Shires was given a Citation of Merit Award. Shires is the co-owner of All

Coast Commercial Divers, Coos Bay, Ore.

A detailed, dramatic account of the heroic episode can be found in the May 1982 issue of *Reader's Digest*, titled "We're Dying Down Here." □



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Blanche Listen was honored on her 100th birthday August 3. She has been a devout Christian for many years and was able to attend Sunday School and church until a year ago. She is now a Home Department member of the Bruceon Mills, W.Va., Little Sandy Church. Walter Speece is the pastor.

CAPE VERDE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORT

The 29th assembly of the Cape Verde District met on the Island of St. Nicholas, August 6-10. Dr. L. Guy Nees presided, with missionary Roy Henck interpreting. Rev. Daniel Barros was host pastor.

After a challenging report, District Superintendent Gilberto Evora was re-elected with a near unanimous vote.

Elders Antonio Barbosa and Daniel Barros and laymen Antonio Duarte and Lourenço Lima were elected to the District Advisory Board.

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

TNC APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Edmond P. Nash, pastor of the Nashville College Hill Church, was appointed by President Homer Adams of Trevecca Nazarene College as executive assistant to the president for church relations and development. Dr. Nash succeeds Dr. H. Harvey Hendershot and assumed his duties at the beginning of the academic year. A grad-

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uate of Olivet Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary, Nash holds the D.Min. degree from Vanderbilt University.

Carol Anne Eby, 1956 alumna, has been appointed to a teaching assignment in the English Department, beginning with the fall term. Mrs. Eby has a masters degree in English from Peabody College and has served with her husband, Lee, on the mission field in New Guinea.

C. Lee Eby and Jeanne Orjala Serrao were added to the part-time faculty staff in the Religion Depart-

ment. Eby, a 1958 graduate of Trevecca, holds a master of divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary and has served for 19 years under a General Board missionary assignment for the Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Serrao will serve as resident counselor to Tennessee Hall in addition to teaching part time. A 1974 graduate of Mid-America Nazarene College, Mrs. Serrao holds a master of arts and a master of divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary. She taught for two years in European Bible College in Switzerland. □

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Mr. Moriya Wachi (r.) and his pastor, Rev. Seo No, of the Japan Christian Junior College Church, were in Kansas City with a group of students on an American culture study tour. They took time from their schedule to visit Nazarene Publishing House. During his seminary days, Mr. Wachi was employed at NPH.

WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83 UPDATE

Combine a beautiful vacation center, 11 inspirational holiness speakers, creative resource materials geared for youth needs, and over two years of planning, preparation, and prayer, with 2,148 teens and youth leaders from around the world. Add the power of the Holy Spirit, teaching, convicting, and training. Mix with the international flavor of Mexico City and delegates from around the world. The result—World Youth Congress 1983! The goal—to make disciples of youth who will in turn make disciples as they return to their local churches and districts.

World Youth Congress is a week-long event sponsored by the General NYI Council and Youth Ministries. The congress, last held in 1978 at Estes Park, Colo., is scheduled for June 20-27, 1983, at Oaxtepec, Mexico. The staff of Youth Ministries, along with the General NYI Council and the WYC Advisory Committee, are now preparing for the event.

The theme of the week will be "Follow the Son." Each day teen participants will engage in personal and group Bible study. They will be trained in evangelism and discipleship principles and techniques, worship together in evening sessions, and enjoy the recreational facilities of Oaxtepec Centro Vacacional, site of the event.

During the past several weeks, district leaders have distributed literature and encouraged their teens to apply for WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83. Interviews are scheduled on each district to select participants to fill a specific quota for that district. Teens selected will involve themselves in an intense

preequipping program, to prepare them spiritually for WYC.

WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS is scheduled so that every teen in the Church of the Nazarene is eligible to participate one time. With the dynamics of spiritual growth offered and the excitement of worshipping with teens

from around the world, WYC '83 is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

For more information concerning WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83, contact your district NYI president, or Mike Estep, director of the event, at 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Watch for further WYC Updates in future issues of the *Herald of Holiness*. □

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NEW CABINET MEMBERS ANNOUNCED BY BNC PRESIDENT

Dr. John A. Knight, president of Bethany Nazarene College, has announced the filling of two administrative vacancies at the vice-presidential level, following the reorganization of his cabinet this spring, with the appointments of Dr. Ronald R. Schmidt and Dr. James N. Mowry.

Named as director of institutional advancement is Dr. Ron Schmidt, who comes to BNC from Wichita, Kans., where he has served as vice-president of development for Friends University since 1980.

Schmidt came to Wichita from Sacramento, Calif., where he was development officer for Los Rios Community College District from 1977-80, and executive director of the Los Rios Community District in 1977.

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TNC ATTENDANCE UP

Trevecca Nazarene College began its 82nd year with a record on-campus attendance. The enrollment of 972 is an increase of 11 over last year. The student body is 49 percent male and 51 percent female.

Tennesseans account for 35 percent of the student body (347). Florida is represented by 14 percent (138). Enrollment by states include: Alabama 53, Kentucky 49, Georgia 48, North Carolina 47, South Carolina 43, Virginia 41, Ohio 27, and Mississippi 22.

Also represented are: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

International students are from: Canada, China, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jamaica, Korea, Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Portugal, Sweden, and Venezuela. While 86 percent of the student body come from the Church of the Nazarene, more than 14 other denominations are represented. □

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

NORTH CAROLINA

The 55th annual assembly of the North Carolina District met at Pineville. District Superintendent Oval L. Stone, completing the second year of an extended term, reported a new church in Hayesville.

Presiding General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained Stanley Parker, James Thrower, Jr., and John Bledsoe, and commissioned Geron Gambill a minister of Christian education.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Paul Pearson and J. C. Whitener, and laymen Odie Page and Bill Tate.

Joyce Pearson, Michael Jackson, and Dan Boone were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

AKRON

The 40th annual assembly of the Akron District met at Canton First Church. District Superintendent Floyd O. Flemming, reelected to a four-year term, reported a new church, North Canton Price Park.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, presiding general superintendent, ordained Kevin Carl Donley, Dean Ellis Flemming, Dennis Kirk Huddlestone, Dennis Eugene Kelley, Edson Ernest Myers, Leopha Chester Randolph, Jr., Edward Lee Richey, recognized the credentials of James Carl Conkey, Jr., and commissioned D. Nial Caltrider a minister of Christian education.

Elders Kenneth M. Culbertson, George A. Gribben, Sr., and Paul Merki and laymen James R. Couchenour, William R. Davis, Del Sanford, and Glenn Thorne were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Floyd O. Flemming was reelected NWMS president; Rev. Gerald L. Whetstone was reelected NYI president; and Rev. Michael T. Burns was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

MOVING MINISTERS

MARVIN W. BUNDE from Hebron, Ohio, to Waterford, Ohio

BOB DOSS from associate, Calgary (Canada) First, to associate, Cincinnati Springdale

GEORGE A. HAZLETT from Warren (Ohio) Champion to Salem, Ohio

DAVID L. JORDAN from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Canada Quebec District

RANDY A. O'NEAL from student, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., to Jamestown, Ky.

B. CURTIS SELLERS from Newark (Ohio) Central to Thomasville (Ga.) First

ISAAC G. SHUPE from Waterford, Ohio, to Jackson, Ohio

DUANE SNAVELY from Arkansas City, Kans., to Waco (Tex.) Trinity Heights

RON L. THORNTON from Rogersville, Mo., to Whitney, Tex.

CHARLES R. TONE from Louisville (Ky.) Greenwood to Moravia, Ia.

DAVID C. TRAN from associate, Covina, Calif., to Redwood City, Calif.

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Pictured at the Akron District Assembly (l. to r.) are: front row, Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent; ordinands and wives, Rev. and Mrs. Kevin Donley, Rev. and Mrs. Edward Richey, and District Superintendent and Mrs. Floyd O. Flemming; second row, ordinands and wives, Rev. and Mrs. Leopha Chester Randolph, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Edson Myers, and Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Kelley; third row, Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Huddleston, Rev. Dean Flemming, and Rev. and Mrs. James Conkey, Jr., whose elder's orders were recognized; back row, commissioned minister of Christian education, Mr. D. Nial Caltrider and wife.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Muskogee, Okla., Trinity Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary December 5. District Superintendent W. T. Dougharty will be the special speaker in the morning service. Other guests for the occasion will be former pastors, Rev. Vane Anderson, Rev. Richard Harper, Rev. O. M. Milburn, and Rev. Bob Adams. The Markoma Bible Academy Chorale will bring special music.

Pastor Don Nichols and the congregation invite all former members and friends to attend. Contact Pastor Nichols for further information: Rte. 7, Box 61, Muskogee, OK 74401.

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

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

MARJORIE CANNELL, 65, died Aug. 18 in Reading, Pa. Memorial services were conducted by District Superintendent Paul Mangum and Revs. Art Fallon, Lloyd Gordon, and Ronald Moss. Surviving are her husband, Russell; two sons, Gene and Robert; one daughter, Alice Pepper; four grandchildren, one great-grandchild; her mother; two brothers; and two sisters.

GRACE CROUCH, 90, died Aug. 20 in Texas City, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert C. Brookins. Interment was in Alvin, Tex. Surviving are 3 sons, J. D., Willis F., and Robert J.; 4 daughters, Lucile Weaver, Winnie Slentz, Alyce Bock, and Viola Crouch; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

DANIEL ELFRING, 20, died Aug. 20 in a work-related accident in Eugene, Ore. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Kent Anderson. He is survived by his parents, Lanny and Carole Elfring; one brother, Kevin; and one sister, Tammy.

SHELLEY BALDWIN GOODWIN, 31, died Aug. 23 in Olathe, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Curtis Smith, Rev. Wendell Paris, and Rev. Malcolm Eudaley. Survivors include her husband, Bill; two sons, Jason and Travis; one daughter, Melissa; her father; two brothers; and one sister.

RUBY V. HOLLAND died Sept. 7 in Little Rock, Ark. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Larry Lewis, District Superintendent Donald Irwin, Rev. Doyle Frazier, and M. V. Scutt, Northwestern Ohio district superintendent. She is survived by one brother, and four sisters.

REV. J. AUSTIN McNAUGHT, 65, died Sept. 2 in Clackamas, Ore. Funeral services were conducted in Oregon City by Revs. Bertrand F. Peterson, Elvin Leavell, Bill Kitchen, and Ernest C. McNaught, and memorial services were conducted in Hermiston, Ore., by District Superintendent Walter F. Lanman and Rev. Ronald Kearns. Rev. McNaught pastored churches in Colorado, California, Idaho, and Oregon.

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Survivors include his wife, Pauline; one son, Rev. Larry; one daughter, Cheryl Chapin; five grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother; two sisters; his step-mother; one stepbrother; and two stepsisters.

GOLDIE L. "GRAMMIE" McNEECE, 84, died July 9 in Warrensburg, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Will Stemen and Rev. Robert Atkinson. She is survived by 2 sons, Forrest J. and John R.; 2 daughters, Mrs. Rolla (Jo Anna) Marr and Mrs. Milton (Lucille) Clifton; 9 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters.

GEORGE B. MOBLEY, 76, died May 24 in Sapulpa, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Art Evans and Rev. E. H. Sanders. Survivors include his wife, Lena; one son, Rev. Orville; one daughter, Katherine L. Potts; and six grandchildren.

TIMOTHY CHUTE SABINE, 32, died Sept. 7 in Thomas Pond, Casco, Me., in an industrial accident. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Verne A. Haskell. He is survived by his wife, Davida (Gray); and one daughter, Megan Elizabeth.

JOHN SYKES, 85, died Sept. 8 in South Gate, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Zane Holland. Interment was in Coffeyville, Kans., with services conducted by Rev. Floyd Hess. Survivors include his wife, Stella; one son, John; two daughters, Naomi and Doris Ruthrauff; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

W. H. THOMPSON, 70, died Aug. 23 in Florence, S.C. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dana Snodgrass and Rev. W. C. Osborne. Survivors include his wife, Lois; three sons, Don, Darrell, and Danny; and eight grandchildren.

HARRY M. WILL, 92, died Sept. 6 in Anderson, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Carl Greek, Richard J. Dickson, and James D. Browning. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Richard J. (Zelma) Dickson and Mrs. James D. (Marilyn) Browning; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Kay Schriber and Mrs. Olive Chapman; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother; and six sisters.

REV. HAROLD JAMES WOOD, 72, died June 23 in Cadillac, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Kenneth Anderson and Rev. U. B. Godman in Traverse City, Mich. Rev. Wood's entire ministry was on the Michigan District. He is survived by his wife, Loretta; one son, Ronald; two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Donna) Barrigar and Mrs. Thomas (Judith) Nelson; eight grandchildren; two brothers; and three sisters.

BIRTHS

to **REV. JOHNNY AND DEBRA (SOLES) BLEDSOE**, High Point, N.C., a boy, Benjamin Brett, Sept. 6

to **GARY AND CHARLENE (HUBBARD) BURKHART**, Wenatchee, Wash., a boy, Christopher Alan, Sept. 10

to **JOHN B. JR. AND SUSAN (BRINKERHOFF) CLOPTON**, Satellite Beach, Fla., a boy, John Brian, Sept. 3

to **WILLIAM EDWARD JR. AND ANITA (FITZ-**

CONGRESS PRESERVES CURRENT NONPROFIT POSTAL RATES. The stopgap funding measure approved by Congress before it adjourned for the November 2 general election maintains, for the time being, existing nonprofit postal rates. The measure will fund federal agencies and programs through December 17, by which time Congress must pass the regular appropriations bills for fiscal 1983 or be forced to come up with another stopgap measure.

Rates for nonprofit mailers were like a roller coaster during 1982. In January, due to a shortfall in another continuing appropriations measure Congress passed in late 1981, nonprofit rates jumped from step 10 to step 16 of a 16-year phasing process begun in 1970 to gradually move preferred mail rates toward the full attributable costs by 1987. Then, when Congress included a \$42 million postal subsidy in an emergency supplemental appropriations measure last July, nonprofit rates were brought back to step 13. Nonprofit rates are expected to climb again when Congress enacts the regular funding bill for the Postal Service, but not nearly as drastically as the January 1982 increase.

Consideration of fiscal 1983 funding bills for the Postal Service and other government departments is anticipated when Congress reconvenes in a lame duck session November 29. Both Senate and House appropriations committees have approved \$708 million revenue foregone subsidy for the Postal Service—a figure that would put rates somewhere between steps 14 and 15. Final approval of the postal subsidy figure remains uncertain, however, since the Treasury-Postal Service appropriations bill of which it is a part exceeds President Reagan's spending request for these agencies. □

COMMISSION MEETS TO CREATE NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH. Representatives of three Lutheran churches, meeting for the first time since the euphoric September 8 vote to join together to form a new church, began the slow and sometimes frustrating task of creating that church at a recent meeting in Madison, Wis.

The 70-member Commission for a New Lutheran Church started its work by trying to lay the foundation for the work of the new church without any designs for its structure. At the meeting, the commission set up a 14-member planning committee and two task forces. One task force will study the theological basis for the structure of the new church and the other will look at its cultural, political, and sociological underpinnings.

The three leaders of the 2.9-million-member Lutheran Church in America (LCA), the 2.3 million member American Lutheran Church (ALC) and 110,000-member Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC) all expressed the hope that the original timetable for the creation of the new church will met. The original proposal approved by the three churches called for a new church created by 1988. □

SEARS CANCELS CONTRACT; PRAISED BY CHRISTIAN RIGHT. Sears Roebuck Inc. has cancelled its contract with Home Box Office due to HBO's "R" rated films, according to Dr. Robert Grant, chairman of American Christian Cause. One of the nation's largest Christian/Conservative organizations, American Christian Cause led a boycott of Sears in 1980 for offering *Playboy* magazine through its catalogue. Sears withdrew the offer.

"As a courtesy we pointed out to Sears what was going on with HBO before we called another boycott, in order to give Sears time to voluntarily remedy the situation. This they did in an exemplary fashion and we are happy to recommend to our 10,000 ministers and 150,000 members, that they totally support Sears," stated Dr. Grant.

American Christian Cause was upset about "adult only" films filled with sex, drugs, and violence being offered through a family oriented store like Sears. "We suspected that Sears' National Headquarters did not know about these films and we were right," continued Grant. □

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 to CHARLES P. AND CYNTHIA (DEATON) HOULROYD, New Orleans, La., a girl, Stacy Renee, Sept. 11
 to PAUL AND LISA (BENNETT) INGLE, Dallas, Tex., a girl, Taylor Leigh, Aug. 17
 to DENNIS AND BEVERLY (HASLEY) KNIGHT, Perryton, Tex., a boy, Jason Paul, Sept. 20
 to LT PHIL AND BETH (SELVIDGE) LEATHERMAN, Hill AFB, Utah, a girl, Cynthia Lee, Sept. 27
 to PETER AND SUSAN PERCY, Eugene, Ore., a girl, Jennifer Louise, Sept. 10
 to JERRY AND DEBBIE (SHUPE) REEDER, Beverly, Ohio, a boy, Jason Michael, June 6
 to REV. THOMAS AND SHEILA RITCHIE, Clovis, N.M., a boy, Andrew Reed, Sept. 17
 to STEVE AND RUTH (ROBERTS) SHUFORD, Hendersonville, N.C., a girl, Sarah Elaine, July 1
 to SCOTT AND MELISSA (BROWN) SKILES, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Zachary Paul, Aug. 5

to BILLY AND GAYLE (MOORE) THOMPSON, Great Falls, Mont., a girl, Tamara Nicole, Sept. 8
 to PARRY AND DONNA (PHILLIPS) WALBORN, Salem, Ore., a boy, Steven Michael, July 15
 to KEVIN AND KATHY (ADLEMAN) WALTERS, Montrose, Calif., a boy, Jeremiah James, Sept. 14
 to GLENDON A. AND DAWN (ENNIS) WILLS, Shawnee, Kans., a boy, Timothy Joel, June 24
 to LAWRENCE AND MARTHA (MILLER) WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif., a girl, Noel Christine, Aug. 8

MARRIAGES

PATRICIA A. HOFFMAN and ROBERT D. BERRY at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., July 24
 PAULA JEAN CANTRELL and BRADLEY JON NELSON at Norman, Okla., July 31
 CATHY CRESSWELL and JAMES BARTHOLOMEW at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., Oct. 9

ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. LEO C. THEOBALD, of Shel-

byville, Ind., First Church, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on October 1.

Brother Theobald was converted when 13 years old, and his wife, Blanche, was converted at the age of 4. Both joined the Morristown, Ind., church in September 1938 under the ministry of J. C. Collins. Brother Theobald is now 91 years of age and his wife is 87.

To this union were born three daughters: Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley, Mrs. Marjorie Fall, and Mrs. Frances Simmermon (deceased). The Theobalds have five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one step-granddaughter, and one stepgreat-grandson.

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THE ANSWER

CORNER

Conducted
 by W. E.
 McCumber,
 Editor

Regarding the question about the Great White Throne Judgement appearing in the July 1 issue: The reference in Revelation 20:12 says those who appear in that judgment will be judged by their works. Why would Christians be judged by their works?

Because Christians, like all other people, are accountable unto God for what they do. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10; compare Romans 14:10-12). Whether or not you identify "the judgment seat of Christ" with the "great white throne," there is no ground for questioning a coming judgment of Christians according to their works.

Look up Psalm 62:12, Jeremiah 17:10, Romans 2:6, and 1 Peter 1:17. There is no doubt about judgment according to works for every person. This does not contradict the grand biblical truth, that we are saved by faith, not by works. Rather, it is harmonious with the truth that faith works. True faith is evidenced by the kind of life it produces.

Why is it that our pastor never uses any of the ritual provided in the Manual? He completely ignores the statements provided for such occasions as: The reception of church members, the dedication of babies, the marriage of young couples, the funeral service, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the installation of church officers, etc. One wonders if he thinks liturgy is pagan, or that he is wise above what our church leaders have given us. I would be interested in your comments.

Many readers are interested in my comments only so far as those comments agree with the question writer's opinion—but present questioner excepted!

I can't tell you why your pastor does not use the rituals in our *Manual*. Only he can tell you why.

I can guess, and the two possible reasons you suggest would not be my guess. My guess is that he found them awkwardly phrased in spots to use comfortably. Someone would do our ministers a good service by preparing a handbook of rituals, containing more than one form for each event, written differently than those in the *Manual*. These ritual forms are not "inspired" and should not be required—in my opinion. □

Don't you think God is greatly grieved with Christians of the Western nations who eat so much and take it so easy when so many Christians are in Communist concentration camps? Many pastors have died.

Miss Galina Vilchivskaya of Brest, USSR, is in a Russian prison accused of teaching children about God. She gets so little to eat that all her hair and teeth fell out. She is compelled to work about 10 hours a day.

Yes, I think self-indulgence displeases God, and so does indifference to the plight of others who are suffering in our world. We should all do what we can to relieve human sufferings by sharing our resources, by influencing humane and just legislation, and by any other means compatible with the Spirit and aims of Jesus Christ. □

Speaking of heaven, why do people think we will spend eternity there? The Bible says the saints will inherit the earth and dwell there forever.

Certain scriptures depict an exciting future for the earth. According to Paul, "the whole creation," which has been affected adversely by man's sin and fall, will share gloriously in his completed redemption (Romans 8:18-23). According to Peter, there will be a purification of heaven and earth, resulting in "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13). According to John, "a new heaven and a new earth," to which the New Jerusalem descends, will be the home of "the nations which are saved" (Revelation 21, 22). I am sure that such an environment, free from sin, pain, death, and grief, and filled with the glory of God and the Lamb, will be heaven enough for any of us. □

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

Brunswick, Ohio: The church recently had a revival with the *Buckles-Burke Evangelistic Team*. A variety of musical styles was presented in solos, duets, and trios by the talented group. Their music was an inspiration to the people. Evangelist Bill Burke preached

Bible-centered messages that spoke to individual needs. Thirty or more received spiritual help, and attendance ran near 100 every night. A three-hour Sunday evening service of prayer, praise, and fellowship highlighted the meeting. □

—Michael M. Hancock, *pastor*

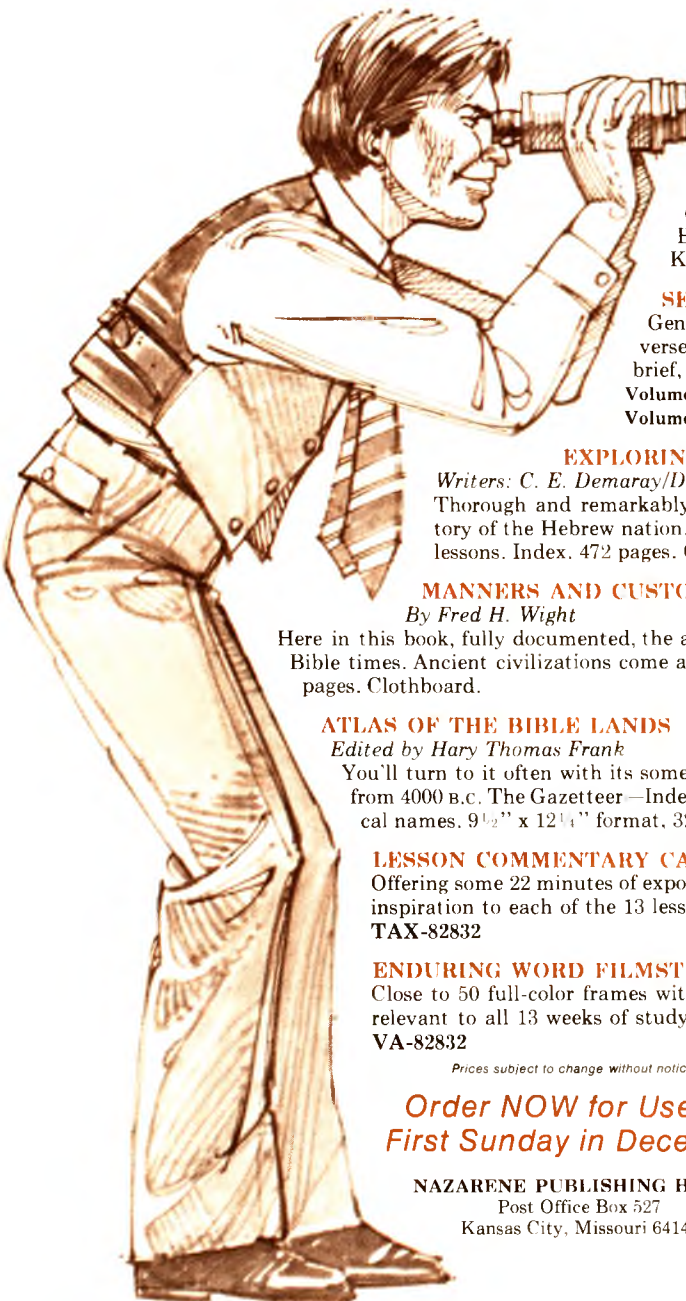
Lincoln, Ill.: A recent youth revival was held at **First Church** with *Evangelist Rick Eastman*. A youth revival weekend with Eastman the previous

year produced positive results, with some young people involved in the drug scene finding Christ as Savior. The call to preach realized by a young man this year was the direct result of his conversion and deliverance from drugs the previous year.

The three-day weekend this year was well attended by the church's youth as well as by the adults who support the yearly revivals of Lincoln First Church. □

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THE CHURCH SCENE

Rev. Wayne Hicks, minister of youth of **Bakersfield, Calif., First Church**, reports 20 teenagers and 5 adults took a summer tour that included going to Point Loma College to work. Room and board was furnished for four days in exchange for their labor.

The teens worked hard, but they had



Coffeyville, Kans., First Church dedicated its new facilities on June 27, 1982. The dedicatory message was delivered by Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent. Pastor C. L. Armstrong led the congregation in the act of dedication with Dr. James C. Hester, district superintendent, giving the prayer of dedication. The new sanctuary and educational facilities of 8,875 sq. ft. was built at a cost of \$243,000. The construction was done primarily by the congregation. The sanctuary will seat 280 with an overflow area seating an additional 200. This completes a relocation program. A parsonage and activity center were previously built on the property.



Nine months of fund raisers and planning climaxed in a mission trip to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, for Nashville Grace Church teens. The group is shown at the Nazarene Compound in Port-au-Prince. Under the direction of youth minister Randy Dodd, 23 teens and 6 sponsors raised over two-thirds of the total expense of the trip. The purpose of the trip was to work at Grace Children's Antituberculosis Hospital in Port-au-Prince. The group completed some much-needed remodeling and expansion at the hospital, as well as assisting in the preparation of a nationwide tuberculosis vaccination campaign. They also sang and shared testimonies at three different Nazarene churches during their visit.

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fun. They worked, played, argued, shared, cared, and grew spiritually. During the Wednesday night devotions, seven teens accepted Christ.

A program called "The Hidden Message in Rock Music" was recently presented at the **Muncie, Ind., Forest Park Church**. A standing-room-only crowd was present. Many of the Muncie Zone churches were represented, and some students from Ball State University attended.

There were 35 seekers at the altar following the presentation. The pro-

gram disclosed the hidden message of Satan in "Rock" music. The program was put together by Scott and Earlene Lamperd, Rick and Lynette McFerrin, and Pastor Charles E. Bertram.

MEMO

to church board members:

Is your pastor enrolled in the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program? This program, which supplements the "Basic" Pension, is part of the total retirement program for Nazarene ministers.

Did you know that this program is available for all your ministerial staff and lay church employees as well? More and more churches are enrolling their pastor and staff in this Tax-Sheltered Annuity (403b) Plan.

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Imprinted "Trust in the Lord" on the top and comes in assorted colors. Diameter: 1 1/2".

AW-215 .59; 12 for \$6.49

BALL AND TOSS

Have fun for hours trying to get ball attached by string into cup.

AW-216 .85; 12 for \$9.35

RETURN TOP (YO-YO)

Imprinted with "Jesus Loves You" and smile face on side. Size: 2" diameter.

AW-55 .49; 12 for \$5.39

BIBLE POCKET PUZZLES

Slide little squares into proper place for making a design on front. Size: 2 1/2" square.

AW-7877 Smile, God Loves You

AW-7890 Days of Creation

Each, 98c; 12 for \$10.78

GA-4 Child's Religious

GA-3 Plan of Salvation

Each, \$1.19

BIBLE PICTURE-STORY PUZZLES

Each puzzle features a caption with Bible reference. Size: 6 x 8 3/4", inlaid in its own tray

GA-1681 Jesus Loves the Children

GA-1682 Baby Moses Is Found

GA-1684 Moses and the Ten Commandments

GA-1685 A Little Boy and His Lunch

GA-1686 David Plays for the King

GA-1687 Shepherds Visit Baby Jesus

Each, 79c; 12 for \$8.69

PICTURES AND PLAQUES

DELUXE MINIATURES

Sallman reproduction in ornate plastic frame. Has easel back or hanger. Size: 2 1/2 x 2 1/4 x 3/8" thick. Picture of Christ at Heart's Door

P-257 .59; 12 for \$6.49

MIRRORS

Famous Sallman pictures are on back with mirror on the front. Each picture is sealed in clear plastic. Size: 2 x 3"

AW-3200 Head of Christ

AW-3203 The Good Shepherd

AW-3212 Christ, Our Pilot

.69; 12 for \$7.59

BEDTIME PRAYER REMINDERS

The cross will quickly absorb enough light to make it glow for hours after light is turned off. Scripture verse on each. Size: 2 3/4 x 5 1/4"

AW-9500 Head of Christ

AW-9502 Christ at Heart's Door

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DECORATIVE WOOD PLAQUES

The colorful illustrations and verses are screened on lacquered, natural wood. Notched on the back for hanging. Size: 5 3/4 x 3 3/4"

M-208PL Jesus Colors My World

M-203PL Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord

M-205PL Happy Day

.75; 12 for \$8.25

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LUMINOUS STAND-UPS

Finely molded plastic figurines and symbols remind children of prayer and Christ. At night they give off a soft luminous glow and each have a snap-on base. Heights: 3 1/2"

Stand-ups

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AW-5325 Praying Boy, "God Is Love"

AW-5326 Praying Girl, "God Is Love"

AW-5327 Shepherd, "Jesus Cares"

AW-5328 Praying Hands, "Remember to Pray"

AW-5329 Jesus and the Children, "Jesus Loves Me"

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Colorfully Hand-Decorated Stand-ups (not luminous)

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Joan, whom he married in 1957, and two sons, Robert and Gregory; also his parents, three brothers, and three sisters. □

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Editor's note: The December 1 issue of the *Herald* will carry a tribute to Rev. Crew.

THE FALL REPORT ON NAZARENE HIGHER EDUCATION

The fall report on Nazarene higher education reveals only a slight drop in college and seminary enrollments.

While national economics and late revisions by the government of student eligibility rules for loans threatened, Nazarene enrollments were down only 1.8 percent, and full-time equivalency total was down 3.4 percent. This year's grand total enrollment in Nazarene higher educational institutions is 11,782, down 219 from last year. The FTE total is 10,541, down 366 from last year. □

—NN

REV. ROBERT CREW DIES IN CAR MISHAP



Rev. Robert Crew, director of Life Income Gifts Services at Nazarene Headquarters, died instantly October 20, when the car he was driving struck the back of a state highway dump truck parked on the shoulder of Interstate 35 near Olathe, Kans.

He was traveling alone and there were no injuries to the maintenance crew working near the dump truck.

Rev. Crew was 53 years old. He was born in Akron, Ohio, where he attended school, including the University of Akron. He received his A.B. from Eastern Nazarene College (1956) and the M.Div. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary (1959).

His pastorates on the Kansas City District were from 1958 to 1967 at Independence, Mo., Trinity and Lawrence, Kans., First; and 1967 to 1971 at Washington, D.C., First.

The last 11 years he has been the executive for Estate Planning as director of Life Income Gifts Services.

This year, the proceeds from this ministry directed into channels of the church will exceed \$1 million for the first time.

The funeral service was held October 23 at the Olathe, Kans., College Church. Dr. Paul Cunningham coordinated the memorial program and General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins brought the message.

Rev. Crew is survived by his wife,

DR. MEL-THOMAS ROTHWELL DIES



Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell died October 10 in Bethany, Okla. The funeral service was held October 13 in Bethany First Church. Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent emeritus, brought the message. Other participants in the service were Dr. Ponder Gilliland, Dr. John A. Knight, Dr. Roy Cantrell, and Rev. Sam Stearman.

Dr. Rothwell received his Ph.D. from Boston University. In 1951, the New England District recognized his credentials from the Pilgrim Holiness denomination. He taught at Eastern Nazarene College until moving to Bethany Nazarene College in 1958. Dr. Rothwell left teaching in 1974 to go into evangelism. He retired in 1981. Dr. Rothwell's latest book, *Preaching Holiness Effectively*, was released last April.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, and a son, Dr. Paul Rothwell. □

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ANNOUNCEMENT

With the approval of the Board of General Superintendents, and in consultation with the regional director and the District Advisory Board, I have appointed Rev. Max W. Stone, pastor of the Melbourne, Wantirna Church of the Nazarene, as superintendent of the Australia Southern District effective November 1, 1982. □

—Eugene L. Stowe
General Superintendent

MAX W. STONE NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Rev. Max W. Stone has been appointed the superintendent of the Australia Southern District by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe.

Rev. Stone succeeds Rev. Jay Hunton, who will pastor the Kansas City Nall Avenue Church.

Rev. Stone was ordained in 1961 and has been the secretary of the Australia Southern District since it was formed in 1978. He has also served on the Dis-

trict Advisory Board and the Board of Orders and Relations.

Rev. Stone and his wife, Janet, have three sons, Garry, Mark, and David.

Rev. Stone assumed his duties November 1. □

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TEACHING/LEARNING CONFERENCES REACH 10,000 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Teaching/Learning Conferences will have reached over 10,000 Sunday School teachers this year with 22 local/regional conferences.

The Teaching/Learning Conferences are structured as five workshops, one each for preschool, elementary, youth, adult, and administration workers. Workshop leaders are both practicing professionals and active in their specialty within their local ministry. □

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DR. L. GUY NEES TO VISIT CHINA



Dr. L. Guy Nees has accepted the invitation of former missionaries to China to join them on an exploratory trip to the Peoples Republic of China where arrangements have been made with a travel agency to visit the former Church of the Nazarene mission station in Taming Fu (da-ming-foo).

The former missionaries who are returning to the scenes of service for the church are Rev. John Pattee, having served in China and the Philippines, and the family of the late Rev. F. C. Sutherland, pioneer missionary to China. It is expected that Rev. Jack Holstead, missionary to Hong Kong, and Dr. Donald Owens, regional director for Asia, will become part of the delegation to Hong Kong.

The purpose of the trip is to follow up on reports of continued work by Nazarene people since our missionaries left in the late 40s and to update information concerning the former church property there. □

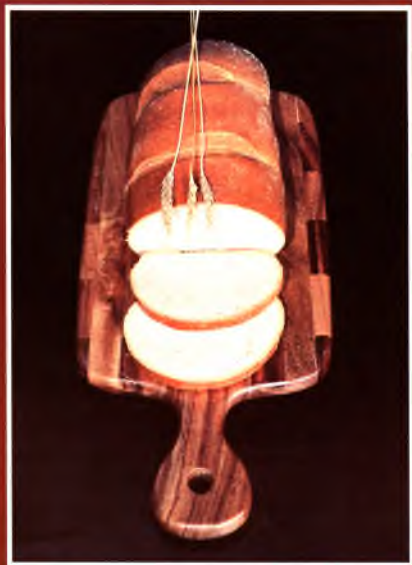
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MEN IN MISSION GOING TO MEXICO

Central Ohio District Men in Mission has a team of 36 who will be leaving for Chihuahua, Mexico, on November 20. They will start construction on the educational unit of the Chihuahua Second Church of the Nazarene. They hope to have the project completed in one week. □

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JOHN 6:35

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