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—General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe



## ON KEEPING OUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT

Consecutive issues of the largest evangelical Christian journal recently pointed up a study in contrasts. One news item indicated that a large denomination had announced that it would not be sending out any new missionaries in 1975 due to rising costs and decreasing income. Two weeks later another item reported that the Church of the Nazarene emerged from 1974 in "good health" with substantial increases in membership and Sunday school enrollment and a 10 percent increase in per capita giving. The magazine could also have noted that, in the January meeting of our General Board, 43 new missionaries were placed under appointment.

Whatever else this may say, it indicates that our church still places a high priority on world evangelism. We have always been a missionary church. Pray God we shall always be one. If in times of economic stress we must practice some ecclesiastical "belt tightening," it must not be in this area. Our commitment to giving Christ to the nations is irrevocable!

May I share a letter from two of these new missionaries which personalizes this priority:

"Dear Dr. and Mrs. Stowe: This is simply a letter of praise for the way in which our church takes care of us. We are in language school with students representing 21 different mission boards and churches, and it is becoming increasingly obvious that none of these boards take care of their personnel in the same manner as the Church of the Nazarene. . . . Many have financial worries; others do not even have their medical expenses cared for. Some of the students are quite discouraged because of these kinds of problems. But for the Nazarenes here things are quite different, and we want to thank the church for its great support of its missionaries. We would appreciate your passing these words on to those responsible as you have opportunity."

Readers of the *Herald of Holiness* and Nazarenes everywhere are "those responsible" for this much appreciated care of our missionaries. Continued attention to payment in full of the General Budget will guarantee their support and will free them to give their total effort to the winning of the lost and the building of the church.

By ROSS W. HAYSLIP  
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# Growing in Love

**J**OHN WESLEY, writing in his *Journal* on July 18, 1764, quotes a statement of John Eliot, the great New England Christian who said to his friends as his life drew toward a close, "My memory is gone; my understanding is gone; but I think I have more love than ever."

It is very easy for a person to become bitter and critical of others as he journeys down life's pathway. Too often we fail to adjust to the natural changes that life brings.

The beautiful passage in Ecclesiastes 12 poetically describes the process of the aging of man. We cannot escape the fact that the day will come when the keepers of the house will tremble and the strong men will bow themselves. All this must happen as the years draw nigh.

Physically we must slow down as our joints stiffen and our muscular coordination becomes more difficult to achieve. Our eyes will dim and our steps will become slower. There is no fountain of youth that we can find in spite of our frantic searching.

Mentally our powers will not be as alert as we grow older. Names will be harder to recall and events of recent date will be more difficult to call to mind than those in the distant past.

Thank God, our mental powers usually last much better than our physical, and many brilliant achievements in the field of the mind have been accomplished by folks well along in their years.

We can increase more and more in our love for God and our fellowmen as the days go by. No matter what place in life I may occupy, I could well be the only light in someone's darkness. It could be that someone whose life I touch might need a lift of love.

Paul in his beautiful poem in 1 Corinthians 13 sings of the eternal existence of love. Many good things will pass away as evil things are destroyed, but love will never perish.

On October 19, 1780, Mr. Wesley wrote in his *Journal*, "I went to Otley; but Mr. Ritchie was dead before I came. But he had first witnessed a good confession. One telling him, 'You will be better soon;' he replied, 'I cannot be better; for I have God in my heart. I am happy, happy, happy in His love.'" □





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## LISTEN FOR GOD'S ANSWER

When you pray, withdraw your interest  
from the world's unceasing care;  
then just listen for God's answer  
to the burden of your prayer.

It takes God to make the circuit  
of a prayer complete and true;  
pray, then listen for God's answer  
to sustain and comfort you.

Go to God when you are troubled,  
whether needy, lost, or ill;  
then just listen for God's answer,  
ready to obey His will.

Pour your heart out to the Master;  
He will hear each word you say.  
Listen, listen for God's answer;  
listen, listen when you pray.

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## PEN POINTS

### NEGATIVE MINDS AND BAD PICTURES

It takes very little exposure to print a bad picture on a negative mind.

People with negative minds tend to form ugly pictures even with little or no real acquaintance. Once an image is stamped upon their minds, they are slow to change. In case they find later that the picture and the man are very different, they usually tear the man down rather than tearing the picture up.

It is very difficult for a seriously insecure person to form a genuinely honest picture of the people about him. The fear of unfavorable comparison, even within his own mind, is likely to show up in the background of the snapshot.

Once an opinion has been erroneously formed, it is very difficult to change it or truly discard it and form a better one. A person who is inclined to doubt people feels his intelligence is insulted by being shown new evidence.

Christian love demands that we put the best possible construction upon the behavior of others. It is better to believe the best and occasionally be disappointed than to believe the worst and find it correct.

If you believe the best and it proves wrong, you have harmed no one and have kept your own integrity. If you believe the worst and find you are wrong, you have already diminished both yourself and the person you doubted.

All of us incline to form prejudiced opinions; but when our prejudices petrify, ossify, or putrify, everybody is loser. □

By Milo L. Arnold  
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# are our WORDS & WORKS ONE?

**S**OMETIMES we laymen like to reach out beyond the boundaries and programs of the local church to work in our given areas of training or interest. We see areas of social need through which to express our belief. Thus the message of the Christian faith is exemplified in the behavior of believers.

As Christians we cannot close our eyes to human deprivation which surrounds us. We want disadvantaged persons to enjoy the blessings of our country in the same measure as we enjoy them.

Near Olivet Nazarene College, where I teach, is Pembroke, a community of from 8,000 to 10,000 people, many living subhuman existences. These blacks, whom I have learned to appreciate deeply, are either disenchanted Chicagoans or migrant workers from the South.

I could write of other facts which would tell of a high crime rate, excessive number of public-aid recipients, phenomenal educational dropout rate, and inadequate health-care programs.

To analyze the plight of these human beings is almost counterproductive today, since our psychological and sociological rhetoric is exceeded only by our huge, impersonal, bureaucratic poverty programs. What the poor are crying for today is the action of people who care, people who accept them as valuable human beings, and people who begin to move local communities in their behalf.

Our love for Christ must exceed our prayer meeting platitudes and polemics. True, nothing will take the place of the "means of grace," but the "means of grace" should become a "means to an end," the end being our positive and affirmative behavior as Christians directly involved in assisting our fellowmen in their quest for fulfillment as persons.

Following the leading of the Spirit, Olivet Nazarene College students and I have sought to assist Pembroke youth toward realizing a better life by assisting them toward high school graduation. After four years of tutorial assistance in the public schools performed by ONC students,

many black youth now attend nearby colleges or hold jobs in local industries, thus saving taxpayers' expense in welfare payments.

However, many youth never left their community to attend a public high school 20 miles away in an exclusively white area. To meet this need my students and I dreamed of an alternative high school for Pembroke.

After approaching various community and state agencies we located a trailer, pulled it into a sand dune, enlisted community support, and opened the doors to anyone interested in a high school diploma.

Funding sources multiplied until we could hire three teachers and some aids. Presently we must turn students away due to limited facilities.

Today we are pounding on the doors of legislators. Doors are opening, as evidenced recently when several state officials from the governor's office visited the community with us to discuss further plans for the alternative high school.

I wish space would permit sharing further experiences with my fellow Christians. Truly this experience at exercising Christian faith has multiple rewards.

I hope my students become concerned laymen and effective teachers of the poor. I know my own attitude toward needy people has changed drastically.

I have observed human beings benefiting from our concern and interest. Perhaps the best testimony we could give to the Pembroke community is that Christian people are active in helping them achieve a better life.

As a layman, may I sermonize? Often what we say and what we do as Christians turn out to be two different things. Let's make our works consistent with our words. This means involvement and activity in our local communities. This means assisting less fortunate people in their quest for security and happiness. □

By J. W. FURBEE

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**P** EOPLE! PEOPLE!  
 People everywhere,  
 and they are important.  
 Discovering people, especially  
 young parents, and reaching them for  
 for Christ is the prime aim of our year-round  
 Cradle Roll outreach ministry.

“ENCIRCLE THEM WITH LOVE” is a  
 special Cradle Roll campaign to this end. The  
 emphasis and the specially designed materials  
 are available to enable you to build a bridge of  
 love and interest into that unchurched home,  
 with the goal ever before you—to *win those  
 parents to Christ and give the baby a Christian  
 home.*

**WHO?** You! The whole church!

Begin with an intensive *Cradle Roll awareness  
 program.* Let the whole church know its part in  
 this ministry of outreach.

Enlist everyone in the discovery of prospects,  
 appoint special prayer warriors, train callers,  
 place posters throughout the church to arouse  
 interest, distribute cards for turning in names of  
 prospects, plan an effective **BABY DAY** for  
 May 4.

**WHAT?** A well-planned program of  
**OUTREACH.** This is a caring ministry enabling  
 you to do what God has called you to do (*Go ye  
 and make disciples*) at a time the greatest  
 results can be achieved because:

1. We approach young parents with our love

- and interest when they  
 are most open to change. (New  
 baby causes many home adjustments.)
2. We offer help and service at a time parents  
 feel the need because of the awesome  
 responsibility of a baby. (Pediatricians are  
 kept busy because young mothers need to  
 talk to someone about their little one.  
 They want us to come.)
3. We win young parents when their influence  
 potential is highest—the greatest  
 influencers of a child (good or bad) are the  
 parents.

**WHY?** It's God's plan. The parents of today  
 are the architects of tomorrow.

What a child will be is determined to a great  
 extent by the home. A baby will absorb the  
 home's atmosphere. He will acquire the virtues  
 and magnify them. He will pick up tiny  
 weaknesses of the parents and enlarge upon  
 them.

The value system of the home will be learned  
 unconsciously. Research has substantiated the  
 truth that the most powerful influence felt by a  
 child is that of his parents.

The ministry of the Cradle Roll is to give to  
 each little one a Christian home, so that, from  
 birth, foundations of love for God may be

By **RUTH GIBSON**

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established.

We seek young parents for Christ: (1) for their own value (today's Church); and (2) that they may exert a steady Christian influence on their baby (tomorrow's Church).

Each child brings with him a new chance for a better world provided his parents and the Church can be awakened to their respective responsibility.

**WHEN?** April 6—May 4 (BABY DAY). Use the whole month of April for an extensive **BABY HUNT**.

Regardless of the type of outreach a church may be planning, the discovery of prospects is always an essential step in that ministry.

Conduct an **INSIDE SURVEY**. Give every Sunday school member opportunity to turn in names and addresses of children under four who do not attend Sunday school. These may be found in neighborhoods, among relatives and friends, or even in their own homes.

People should be encouraged in many ways and at a variety of times to turn in names of unchurched babies. Forms may be given to adults as they enter departments on Sunday morning.

Printing forms in Sunday bulletins may produce results. Boxes for collecting these forms should be placed around the church near Cradle Roll campaign posters.

Don't neglect the children's classes. Follow the inside survey with an all-out **COMMUNITY SEARCH**. You may try any or all of the following sources of prospects:

Vital statistics (births) in newspaper.

New mothers in hospitals who have listed *no church preference* on hospital

admittance form

Welcome Wagon or Newcomers organizations

Neighborhood Bible study groups

Grocery stores (mothers at Pampers counter or baby in grocery cart)

Neighborhood laundramats (posters or personal contact)

Neighborhood Avon lady

**WHERE?** at *YOUR* church. Exciting results will follow earnest endeavor. Don't miss out. See that your church is involved all the way.

Christian love is more than talk and warm feelings. It is **ACTION**—involvement in the needs, hopes, dreams, and possibilities of people—especially new parents. The future of a young child depends on your doing. In other words . . .

**LET THE UNCHURCHED FAMILY**

**KNOW THEY MATTER TO GOD**

**BY SHOWING THEM**

**THEY MATTER TO US**

**IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY**

**LET OTHERS MATTER TO THEM.**

**LOVE** is the motive—the inner push.

**LOVE** is the oil—that keeps our working together running smoothly.

**LOVE** is the attitude—that keeps us enthusiastic.

**LOVE** is the fortitude—that keeps us working when the going gets tough.

**LOVE** is a universal language—understood by the world.

**LOVE** is . . . showing you care . . . by your actions (1 John 3:18).

**CRADLE ROLL OUTREACH** is the **LEGWORX OF LOVE**. □

## PEN POINTS

### AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE!

When I hear the words that my Lord Jesus spoke 2,000 years ago, I sit back with tears of joy because I have been made free, and free indeed.

I spent 15 years of my life in and out of prison, on parole or probation. And then a year after being released from a federal prison I met Jesus and accepted His grace and forgiveness. Glory to God for the changes in my life, through Christ and the Holy Spirit!

I met Jesus through the witness of a teen-age girl who one day shed a tear in my presence, for me! I had never seen tears shed for me, nor had I shed any tears for myself. You see, I didn't care either. But the love of Christ came through that day and I saw it. I was hard, I was hurt, and I was down. No-body had to care. Then a teen-ager brought me to

the Lord.

Earlier I mentioned 15 years of record making, the wrong kind, the kind that haunts you for the rest of your life. It goes with you; it keeps you from getting jobs; it tells you what kind of people you hang with; it destroys you.

But something happened to mine. It got lost: the FBI can't find it, the U.S. Army couldn't find it; and I quit looking. But I know where it is . . . **THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE**.

Jesus Christ has promised to pardon us. Not to put us on parole, which has someone checking on us all the time. But to set us free! And He gives us the power to be the sons of God. Praise God! □

—Jim Whelpley  
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# MY FOUR SILENT YEARS

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**E**XACTLY FOUR years ago, I was admitted to the psychiatric ward of a nearby hospital after having tried to take my own life. I was diagnosed as suffering from severe mental depression and underwent a three-month therapeutic program which included electroshock therapy and medication.

For several years prior to this time, I had been a faithful follower of Christ—saved, sanctified, and walking close to God. Somehow, I think perhaps through neglect of private devotions or just being too busy, I let the insidious enemy of our souls get a foot in the doorway.

Almost without realizing what was happening I lost what had been the guiding force of my life. As my road became broader, confusion increased.

Soon I was walking that wide road of sin and disobedience which leads to destruction. I found myself doing things I never, in my wildest imaginings, thought I would be capable of. I became burdened with guilt and anxiety and, because I could no longer pray, sought release in oblivion. My feelings are expressed in lines I call "Despair:"

*As I sit here and ponder my lot in life  
And wonder, Where did I go wrong?*

*I think of the many roads in my life;  
The ones I have chosen seem long.*

*I feel such despair and contempt for my life;  
It seems not to be worth all the stress.*

*What can I do? Where can I go?  
Who can relieve all this mess?*

*I search for someone who will offer me peace,  
Someone to help me find rest.*

*Everything mocks the cry of my heart;  
To find peace in oblivion seems best!*

For many months after my release from the hospital, I desperately fought the black depression which continually tried to engulf me. My marriage on the verge of collapse, my teen-age children causing disappointment and, at times, almost despair, it seemed my life was a constant battlefield.

I sought help, many times, at the altar of my church. I believe God did help me—but I was never able to forgive myself and did not have enough faith to believe God could.

The devil took full advantage of my doubts and constantly defeated me in this area. However, I never completely gave up—and with the help of my husband and friends, I tried and tried again.

During one of those periods of help and refreshing, I wrote—



*Happy, carefree days of spring  
Once more do grace my life;  
Budding trees and robins' song  
Erase remembered strife.*

*The joy of living bubbles up  
From deep, forgotten wells.  
The earth, with life all new and fresh,  
Once more before me swells.*

*Hope that once I buried deep  
In winter's long, dark night  
Now once again invades my heart  
And puts despair to flight.*

It has been a long, long four years. Even though it has been desperately hard, I've learned more about compassion and respect for human dignity and acceptance of my fellowman than most people learn in a whole lifetime.

But . . . this is not the end of my story. Two weeks ago, after hearing Dr. Lawrence Hicks, superintendent of the Kentucky District, preach on Christ's second coming, I became so desperate to be included in that band of Christians who will be the bride of Christ that I once again went to the altar.

I was determined not to get off my knees until I knew, beyond any doubting, that God had forgiven me and that He would help me live for Him. I wanted, more than anything to know that, this time, it was REAL, and there would be no way the devil could defeat me again.

However, I left the church that evening still doubtful—and very much afraid that God was

done with me forever. That night, as I lay in bed, I began to talk to God—and, wonder of wonders—for the first time in over four long years, God began to talk to me!

The Holy Spirit quoted scripture after scripture to me—ones I had long forgotten. All night long God and I talked together. It was almost like old friends getting together after a long separation, and talking for hours to catch up on all that has happened while they've been apart.

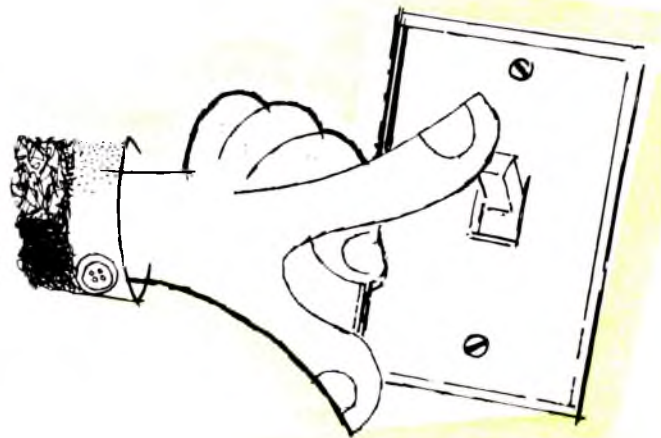
The Holy Spirit asked me to pray for people I hadn't even thought about for ages. We even sang songs together! I wish I had words enough to tell you how I feel! It's like a cool breeze when you're very hot, or a drink of water when you're very thirsty. It is the satisfying of a need too deep to express.

I've only just started for Home; but with God's help and the lessons I've learned as a prodigal child, I have great faith that I shall endure until the end. I shall step so carefully, because I know what a desolate, confusing, hopeless world this can be without Christ as my Strength and Guide.

In summary, the reason I can bring myself to share my innermost feelings is the thought that perhaps someone can learn from my experience and not have to suffer such pain as the consequence of sin. If there is just one person who is feeling a gulf in his relationship with God and who will take this as a warning of what can happen if the devil is given the least bit of opportunity, then this will have been worth the cost. □

# SHUTTING THE DOORS & TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS

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**A**S A PARENT, how often have you instructed your children, "Shut the door," or, "Turn out the lights"?

It seems that, no matter how often we remind them, they never seem to remember our admonitions.

Yet in the spiritual realm just the opposite is true. Unless we are careful, it is so easy to shut

the door and turn off the light!

God had this problem with Israel. They had “turned their backs” on God, and then we read their rueful epitaph: “Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps . . .” (2 Chronicles 29:7).

**T**HE LIVING BIBLE offers a unique rendition of this scripture: “The doors have been shut tight, the perpetual flame has been put out.” Once the spiritual door has been tightly shut, little effort is required to extinguish the light.

Some people have become *rheostat Christians*. Their lamps may burn brightly for a season, but rather than increasing in intensity, weaken and dim as time progresses. Perhaps they have slipped into the habit of shutting their spiritual doors. The chain of events begins by “turning our backs” on something God asks us to do.

Consider for a moment why shutting the spiritual door will lead to losing the light.

First, there is a door of opportunity. There is a saying that “opportunity knocks only once.” This may or may not be true; nevertheless we can choose to walk through this door or we can close it.

**W**ITHOUT A DOUBT you have had an opportunity at one time or another to share the good news of Jesus Christ with a friend, but just as you were ready to begin, you had second thoughts and closed the door. When you did, out went the light of joy.

Then there is the door of obedience. Perhaps it may be God has asked you to do something in His vineyard. To preach or teach? Maybe to sing? Or was it to pray for someone’s soul or spiritual need—even your own?

**A**T THE TIME it seemed impossible to fully obey God. Maybe the cost was too great. In any event, you procrastinated and told yourself, I’ll do it another time. You mentally shut the door; but along with a closed door, the light of surrender was snuffed out.

Perhaps it was the door of faithfulness. It has often been stated that God never required us to be successful, just faithful. Yet to be faithful is in a great measure to be successful.

In all probability God has asked you to place the building of His kingdom over some material

desire. To obey would require faithfulness on your part—yet to be faithful is to receive a blessing beyond comprehension.

Somehow, though, our priorities get mixed up and we are less faithful than we know we ought to be, so we shut the door. But, when we do, we extinguish the light of peace in our souls.

**C**OULD IT BE THE DOOR of God’s Word? We know that, if we are to mature fully in our Christian experience, we must read God’s Word daily. From it we derive God’s message to us and find God’s will for our lives. The Bible contains the great oracles of truth necessary to set us aflame spiritually.

Reading God’s Word is similar to eating. Without physical food, we starve. When we do not read the Word on a daily basis, we shut the door to what God has to say to us, thereby turning out the lights of knowledge and truth.

Might it be the door of bearing “one another’s burdens”? The advice of the Apostle Paul to us is to become burden bearers (Galatians 6:2). There are many who need just a word of encouragement or a helping hand. We would like to help—God knows we would—but there is cost involved in bearing another’s burdens, especially when we have so many burdens of our own to bear. So we wrestle with ourselves until we finally shut the door and turn out the light of compassion.

**T**HE MESSAGE IS CLEAR. If we are to maintain a perpetual spiritual flame, we must keep the doors open and, when God directs, move through the door regardless of the cost.

John said it so clearly: “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another . . .” (1 John 1:7).

Jesus clarified this matter of spiritual light by saying, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house” (Matthew 5:14-15).

**K**EEPING THE DOORS OPEN will mean a shining light within. What a difference there is in our spiritual temperature when we are no longer servants to self but to God! □

# FEAR KILLED THE REST

**T**HERE IS an ancient legend from the East that tells of Cholera riding high upon his camel. He met an inquiring Bedouin, who asked where he was going.

Cholera answered, "I am going to Baghdad to kill 20,000 people."

The legend states that the two met again later and the Bedouin chided Cholera, saying, "You lied to me. Not 20,000 died in Baghdad but 100,000."

Cholera's reply was, "I killed 20,000; fear killed the rest."

Fear, like a great octopus, is wrapping its slimy tentacles of despondency, nervousness, worry, anger, and hatred around the lives of many individuals today.

No one is immune from the danger. We live in a neurotic age. People are full of all kinds of fears. Christ characterized the time before His coming again as a day when "men's hearts [would be] failing them for fear" (Luke 21:26).

The earliest fear recorded in the Holy Scriptures is that which gripped Adam and Eve after they had lost their estate of holiness and bliss through their disobedience. Once they had sinned, they knew what it meant to be afraid, to fear punishment, to feel pangs of conscience and the gnawings of remorse.

Thus fear came into the world through sin, through the estrangement of God and man. And sin has caused men to fear ever since (Genesis 3:10; Hebrews 2:14-15).

Fear drives people to do strange things. Some try to drown their fears in self-explosion by following the motto "Eat, drink, and be merry."

Others attempt to quiet their torments with drug-stained needles or cheap wine.

A few absorb themselves in their work or possessions to quell nagging fears.

However, none of these really work—as is obvious by the sickness we find in our society.

Lest we despair, there is an answer. The Bible gives us Paul's message to young Timothy, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

Fear is the opposite of faith. To be full of fear is to have no faith. Faith in God means victory over fear.

It means victory over the fear of failure. "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 3:11).

Over fear of war: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). "Fear not . . . I am thy shield" (Genesis 15:1).

Over fear of old age: "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God . . . will come and save you" (Isaiah 35:3-4).

Over fear of death: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).

To conquer the kind of fear that haunts you and makes you desperately unhappy, you must fear God and not man.

Psychiatrists and psychologists are doing a booming business, and they have a function to perform. But they can never permanently help the person who is trying to bypass his conscience. They can never give peace and joy to the person who practices sin.

The Bible says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). And man instinctively knows that he will reap for his sowing, regardless of the psychological tricks he tries to play on himself with his mind.

The late Dr. William Stidger once told the story of a transcontinental plane ride taken by one of his business friends. From San Francisco east to Kansas City it had been an extremely rough trip, and nearly every passenger on the plane had been sick.

At Kansas City very early in the morning a fine-looking, mature, gray-haired lady got on the

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plane, and heard the passengers tell about how sick they had been for hours, and what a rough trip it was. But she only smiled kindly and confidently, as if to say, "But I don't expect to be sick."

Soon the plane took off again, just as the sun was coming up. No sooner had the plane reached cruising altitude than the roughness of the flight was resumed. The plane began dropping and regaining altitude like an elevator in a skyscraper. Almost immediately all the passengers were sick all over again. However, the gray-haired lady sat calmly, benignly, and undisturbed.

Dr. Stidger's friend, sitting beside the calm lady, finally said to her, "I'm surprised that you don't get sick!"

She turned to him, smiled graciously, and said, "I have a preventative for airsickness this morning."

"For goodness' sake, what is it?" asked the gentleman beside her. "Tell me, so that I can try it."

She replied confidently, "I keep my eyes on the sunrise."

If we would get the best of fear, we must keep our eyes on Jesus Christ—our spiritual Sunrise—the Sun of righteousness, who arises with healing in His wings.

What do you do when fear knocks at your door? Do you stand there shaking? Do you crumble into anxiety, or get loud and blustery? Or run for a bottle or a pill?

You don't have to do that. You can exercise faith. You can say with the Psalmist, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." Or better still, you can say with Isaiah, "I will trust, and not be afraid."

Face your fear; yes, that is necessary. Replace your fear with faith; yes, that is essential. But if you really want to move beyond it, beyond its grip and its tyranny, you must learn to live in loving honesty with yourself and with others and with God. This is more than a step or a formula; it is a way of life. And it is God's way. □

## ABIDING IN CHRIST

PRINCIPLES OF IDENTITY AND INTEGRATION



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### A JOYFUL WORD

Good news brings joy. Paul, John, and other writers of God's Word in the new covenant were convinced they had seen and heard the Word that would bring lasting joy to every believer. The Word had finally come from God and, surprisingly—nay, astoundingly—it was a message, not of judgment, but of mercy; not of anger, but of reconciliation; not of destruction, but of redemption.

Can you see them running, hear them panting from the pace as this fantastic news is spread? God sent His only Son, Jesus, because He loves the world so much. That's right; not to condemn us, but to save our lives, conserving the best in us. The Word rightly speaks, "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18, NASB). How true! Not believed in our worth to God, our inheritance in His kingdom, the adequacy of Christ's death to provide fellowship with the Father.

So we are judged by our own disbelief; not by Jesus or the Father. We stand self-condemned for believing and ordering our lives around the monstrous lies of the evil one—thinking we must earn such a love relationship, certain that it takes a lot of work to maintain if ever achieved, then finally giving

up because *we can't* do it.

It is true that many life experiences suggest love must be earned. Most of us as children grew up thinking that we were loved when "good" and rejected, at least partially, when "bad." That's one difference between parents' capacity and our awareness of human love and the divine outpouring of life revealed in Jesus. God's love is unwavering and perfect in its concern for the fullness of our lives. HIS LOVE IS A GIFT! We can quit trying to earn it—or deserve it after we first accept it. He does love us for who we are this moment. Do we believe it? What relaxation and joy come from hearing and receiving that good news! The cycle of self-condemnation and despair is broken by love and hope.

We can make it with God! Not because of us, but because of Him. *We can't* do it, but *He is* doing it. No need to pretend to be strong enough even to hold on. It is in Him that we are held. Abide . . . abide . . . abide . . . as He said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9, NASB). His grace—love given, not because we deserve it, but simply that He made us to need it. *God, no one ever loved me so purely before. Oh, that does fill me with joy! I do want to stay in You. Thank You, God, for believing in me!* □



# The Expositor's Corner

## CONFESSSION

**W**hen Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke 5:8).

We do not, as a church or congregation, use the General Confession in services or sacraments. Its language and imagery suggest an ignorance of saving faith and the power of grace. "We have erred and strayed from Thy ways and are as sheep going astray. . . . We have left undone those things we ought to have done, and done those things we should not have done: there is no health in us."

Strange words for born-again believers! It is better to magnify than minimize the blessings of divine grace, but the greatest confessions of unworthiness in scripture were made by the choicest servants of God—Isaiah, Daniel, and John.

"My comeliness was turned into corruption," said the beloved Daniel as God drew near. When God moves in revival, the best souls are often first at the altar; the most sincere join in a general confession of shortcoming. The darkened box, secluded priest, works of penance, and formula of absolution are alien to our worship and pastoral office.

When personal confession at the feet of Jesus is possible, a weekly confession is unnecessary. Peter is not confessing the coarse, vulgar sins of swearing and cursing. These ended, apart from an unforgettable lapse, when he was baptized by John the Baptist. He is a disciple, excitingly won to Christ through his brother. Dedicated to becoming a rock-man, and so willing to serve that he leaves net washing to make his boat a makeshift pulpit for the Master.

Yet he admits there should be a great gulf between himself and Jesus—a confession that paradoxically brings the comforting assurance, "Fear not. From henceforth your life will be linked with Mine in closer, dearer company."

### A CONFESSSION OF "NOTHING" AND "NEVERTHELESS"

A particular confession of reluctant obedience; of contrition for expressed, if pardonable doubt. Either as confirmation of His teaching or in compensation for the use of Peter's boat, probably both, Jesus gave command and promise: "Let down your nets for a draught." No delay, no doubt, a *catch!*

Peter's reluctance and resignation could not be unvoiced. "A night of failure—another try?—but only because You say so—with little, if any faith for a change in our fortunes." If there had been even a grain of faith, he would not have been astonished at the catch and overcome with shame for his doubts. Behind reluctant obedience lay two things common to all.

### A COMBINATION OF PRIDE AND WEARINESS

"We have toiled all the night, and have taken

nothing." A full work shift, all night; the best equipment, nets mended daily; the best time—lamps suspended from the boat to attract fish; and the best of teamwork and skill rooted in generations of fishers, making Peter a legend among his fraternity. A man's natural pride surely permits him to question one further attempt in daylight! And a Carpenter presuming to dictate to fishermen?

Pride in our endeavors, experience, skill, and teamwork is essential in life and service; always, it must be secondary to willing, wholehearted obedience to Christ's leading and command. Misplaced pride caused Naaman to lose his temper and almost forfeit a perfect cure; muddy, Jewish Jordan indeed! Pride of church and tradition caused Wesley to shrink from open-air preaching to unchurched miners. It was almost a sin for souls to be saved outside the Church of England sanctuary and service.

Natural pride is a God-given safeguard, but a stumbling block if it hinders obedience to Christ.

Natural tiredness was added to legitimate pride: ". . . toiled all night . . ." Sleep sacrificed, strength and heart lost, disappointed and drained—unreasonable time for fresh endeavor. Unquestionably, with any other preacher than Jesus, Peter would have slept through the sermon.

### A CIRCUMSTANCE MADE FOR TESTING

Often when we are proud, tired, disappointed, least feel like it, the test comes; "Let down your nets . . ." Will we heed the Master's voice, obey His word, and trust His judgment rather than our own?

To Peter's credit he passed the test. ". . . nevertheless at *thy word* . . ." In spite of doubts, feelings, and frailty, Peter obeyed, though faith did not extend to or expect a catch.

In God's mercy, even hesitating, reluctant obedience is overwhelmingly rewarded. "They enclosed a great multitude of fishes," an overload for two ships!

Prostrate, Peter confessed the queries, doubts, and reluctant obedience that disqualified him from his Master's favor and service. So swiftly too came the reassurance of a greater life and future—saved souls for shining fish.

Days and nights of toil ahead, heartache, disappointment, misgivings; but obedience would bring a harvest of "men alive."

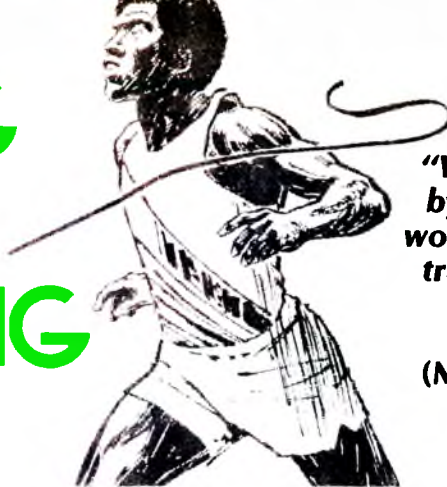
### APPLICATION:

It is a great thing to confess reluctance, as Ananias did before visiting Saul the persecutor. A greater when we sense God's mercy and hear His reassurance. The greatest when we learn our lessons as Peter did. No miracle in landing the fish but *immediately* following, "they forsook all, and followed him": chastened, complete obedience.

Confession is good for the soul, and service. □



# WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING



**“What will a man gain by winning the whole world, at the cost of his true self? Or what can he give that will buy that self back?”  
(Matthew 16:26, NEB).**

**I**F ANY residual good can come out of the whole sordid episode called “Watergate,” it certainly should be in the belated realization that *winning* isn’t everything.

The scandal and shame that finally swamped those men in high places who had operated under the callous premise that winning was not merely the important thing—it was the *only* thing—should be a warning to others who are more concerned with prizes than with principles.

And surely no one is naive enough to believe that *all* the guilty have been brought low. There are others who ran for office on false credentials, and shoved the skeletons of their past in every available closet, and brainwashed their constituents, and covered up financial shenanigans or moral lapses with callous indifference to truth, to integrity, and to principle, who are still riding high.

But politicians are just more visible than others. There are plenty of others, in other fields, who believe that prizes are more important than principles and whose motives and methods prove that winning, to them, is *everything*.

You can see them in business, for instance. There are men, and women, who will sacrifice any principle, shade any integrity, cut any corner, blur any line, misrepresent any product, vilify any colleague—if it means an increase in their profit or position or prestige. It is *winning* that is important to them; it is the prize, not the principle, that interests them.

You can see them in school. There are students who will cheat on any exam, hire others to write their reports, plagiarize any author, copy any paper—if it means an A or a scholarship or a degree or admission to some prestigious professional school.

You can see them in sports. There are athletes who will try any trick, fake any situation, disparage any colleague, break any rule—if it will help them win the game, or the scholarship, or the bonus contract, or a Super Bowl or World Series check.

And why not, when some coaches drill it into them that “good guys always finish last,” and that winning is the only thing that counts? The old idea that “it’s not whether you win or lose but how you play the game” is looked upon with increasing disdain and cynicism from soapbox derbies to Super Bowls.

But you can also see some, even in religious work, who believe that winning is *everything*. As the wife of one preacher said of her husband, “Charles decided early in his career that he would succeed, at any cost.”

But there are many “Charleses” who are more concerned about ecclesiastical prizes than about ethical or moral principles and who rationalize the falsification of Sunday school records, justify clever but unethical promotional gimmicks, pull every string and grease every wheel—if it means a promotion, or a higher “rating” in the numbers game, or a little more prestige

and personal power.

Not all of those, of course, who have reached the top have done so because they were more interested in winning than in how they won. But there are those, in every field, who are experiencing the disillusionment and discontent and even disgust of finally standing on the top rung and finding that, when they take time to look around, they don’t like the view; and that in sacrificing their principles for the prize, they have sacrificed too much for too little.

“There comes to every man,” Kierkegaard said, “a midnight of the soul when he must unmask.” And when he faces himself as he really is, without the fancy facades he has built up, without the props of publicity or position or prestige that bolster his ego, it can be a shattering experience.

For it is then that he begins to wonder if the prize is really worth a reduced self; a flawed self; a dishonest, compromising, selfish self. And he wonders if maybe, just maybe, he hasn’t climbed the wrong mountain, or climbed the right mountain in a dishonest way; and if the prize is flawed by the way he won it; and if winning, after all, really isn’t *everything*.

So, what if the majority are more interested in prizes than in principles? More interested in success than in sincerity? More concerned about winning than in how the game, or grade, or promotion is won? “To thine own self be true,” was said long ago, “and you will not be false to any man.” And it is *there*, on the battleground of one’s inner being, that the real battles are fought, and the real victories are won—or lost.

“If a man does not keep pace with his companions,” said Thoreau, “perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.” And a true Christian is always listening for the cadence of God’s beat, the directives of God’s will, the challenges and priorities of God’s love—and thus is always more concerned about principles than about prizes, more about how he wins than about winning. For he knows, even as the Apostle Paul knew, that the “prize” is not only what a man *gets*; it is what he *becomes*.

It is Jesus, of course, who has the final word, and He cuts across a success-oriented society with the warning: “What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Matthew 16:26). Or, as *The New English Bible* puts it, “at the cost of his true self?”

According to those, then, who knew the true values, the real priorities, the ultimate integrities, *winning* definitely isn’t *everything*. □

**RADIO SERMON OF THE MONTH**  
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# LIFE'S UPPER CIRCLE

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helps to holy living

**Y**ESTERDAY I heard Cor Holleman from Holland give his testimony. He said:

"My Christian pilgrimage can best be pictured by the figure 8. For years I moved round and round in the circle of the lower half. I was a dissatisfied Christian. Often I tried to break out of the limits of that lower circle of life, but instead I travelled the dreary rounds again.

"In desperation one morning I said to my wife, 'I intend to pray until I find a new level of life or I will give up my Christian profession.'

"She went into one room to pray and I to another. For three hours I opened my heart to God—then a miracle happened.

"I seemed to approach the intersection of the figure 8, as I had done so often before. But that day, instead of turning downward again, God moved me on through the intersection into the upper circle.

"My wife found a similar breakthrough and liberation of her spirit. We did not know what to call it. But from that day I have lived a new life of joy and freedom in God.

"When the Nazarenes came to our town in Holland, we heard preaching on holiness. I said to my wife, 'That is what God gave to us the day that we sought Him!'"

To be filled with God's Holy Spirit does move us into life's upper circle. And is this not the sphere that God has planned for us? Jesus declared, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). This is what we hunger for when we sing,

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand,  
By faith, on heaven's tableland,  
A higher plane than I have found.  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

In Romans 6:11, Paul exhorts us, "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin." But in the same verse he urges, "Reckon ye also yourselves to be . . . alive unto God."

What does it mean to be alive to God? Simply this, that I am unusually alert to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and that I respond readily to every intimation of His will for me.

To do God's will always brings a sense of rightness; and always we have a sense of satisfaction as we look back on those decisions. Seeking to do God's will in every circumstance brings a blessedness to life that cannot be known in any other way.

The radiance of life's upper circle is not kindled merely by a new location. Rather, it comes from our deeper companionship with God. The upper circle is better because we have committed ourselves to walk always in full fellowship with Him.

The clearer our vision of God's will for our Christian maturity, the more earnestly we press toward that goal. The sanctified Christian grows in grace more rapidly because he sees more clearly what the will of God is. We are promised, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

The sanctified man strives more earnestly to realize the full will of God in his life. His heart has already been filled with love for God. And he has fully devoted himself to the will of God.

Moreover, when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we overcome spiritual weaknesses more readily because we have more of the power of God within. The Bible tells us, "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities" (Romans 8:26).

We are sanctified wholly in order that we may more rapidly "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

In a Sunday school class a layman testified, "The sanctified life is as good as it can get."

Here is the upper circle of Christian living which Paul envisioned when he prayed; "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith . . . that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:17, 19).

*All the fulness of God.* What a wonder! The sanctified life begins in a moment of glorious crisis, the moment when we give ourselves utterly to God and He gives himself fully to us. But the sanctified life is more than a glorious beginning—it can be a yet more glorious fellowship across the days of our years.

Begun in consecration and faith, our new fellowship with God continues in obedience and trust. Started by coming to God with a fundamental soul need, it is deepened and enriched by our continued sharing with Him every need of our lives. Beginning with a heart-warming certainty of the presence of the Holy Spirit, we may continue with this glad assurance of His unseen presence until the day when we shall see God face-to-face.

Half a loaf is better than no bread. Some religion is better than none. But low-circle religion is not very satisfying. The Bible does not offer a better-than-thou religion, but it does promise a better-than-yesterday fellowship with God. The Christian's aim is never to be more holy than others. But our goal is always to be more like Christ. Whenever I am discontented with the lower circle, God offers me this higher circle of fellowship with Him. □

# NO PEACE WITHOUT REPENTANCE

**T**HE CHRISTMAS proclamation of the heavenly host still startles a sin-sick and a war-weary world: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” (Luke 2:14). It has a joyous ring, with an all-inclusive message. But it is not an unconditional pronouncement, as some have supposed.

Despite the truth of the message, the world seems no better for having heard it. The “Scrooges” of the world still declare that Christmas is “humbug.” They argue: “If the Prince of Peace has really come, then why is there no peace?”

Actually, the peace of Christmas depends upon a believing, repentant world. There never has been, and there never will be, peace without repentance—a turning from sin to the Saviour. He came bringing peace. But He must be personally received if we would experience His peace and goodwill.

When this standard is applied to the angelic announcement, we see that its blessing is conditional. Certainly, God cannot receive glory from sinful men except they repent. There can be no peace on earth unless they receive the heaven-sent Saviour. And there can be no goodwill among men without walking in the light of His righteousness.

As we behold the wonders of Christmas, we should also remember these truths: (1) The message requires repentance; (2) Peace on earth is possible; and (3) Goodwill is the partner of peace.

## **The Message Requires Repentance**

Many times, men have looked at the miracle of Christmas but have ignored the message. So any association of the angelic words with a call to repentance seems foreign to their meaning. However, the proclamation that night affirmed that God had done His part to give men peace. They, in turn, must properly respond and turn from sin unto righteousness.

God revealed His glory by sending the Prince of Peace. Yet we must receive Him as our Saviour and King. We must allow His saving power to transform our lives. The continuing tragedy of

that first Christmas is that so few respond to the divine revelation.

In due course, the good news of the angels coincides with the prodding words of Jesus: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near” (Matthew 4:17, NIV). From the birth of Christ, throughout His earthly ministry, we are told that to participate in God’s kingdom—we must repent.

## **Peace on Earth Is Possible**

Viewing the continuous turmoil and strife in the world, from then till now, it might seem that the angels were mocking our chaotic plight. After all, what good could a tiny Babe born in a lowly manger do? Nevertheless, the Son of God was not sent on an impossible mission.

At Christmas, we are assured that Christ came to bring peace. He said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27, NIV). This affirms that there can be no lasting peace on earth except through the Saviour.

Then the apostle declares, “For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility” (Ephesians 2:14, NIV). Becoming our Sacrifice for sin and our Saviour from sin, Christ initiates peace on earth and reconciles us with the Father. Thus, if we confess and repent, “he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

## **Goodwill Is the Partner of Peace**

God surely manifested goodwill towards men when the Son was sent in love and mercy to such impoverished and rebellious people. It is by this supreme divine example that peace may be established and goodwill propagated here on earth. Christ’s birth is thus meaningful to believing men who will receive Him.

The Saviour came that by faith in Him peace and goodwill could enter men’s lives. Our present life and destiny depend upon our personal response to God’s Christmas. We must repent of our evil works, so there can be peace with God. Then we can also be men of goodwill.

By the very nature of repentance, one must act to right his wrongdoings in restitution. Such action will make peace with God and one’s neighbors, restoring fellowship and goodwill. But without the power of God in salvation, there can be no lasting peace or goodwill.

Thus, the birth of God’s Son is inseparably connected to peace. Jesus came preaching, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near” (NIV). At the time of His departure, He said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you” (NIV).

The promised peace of Christmas is the peace that Jesus gives. It is the peace and goodwill that this world has ignored—the glorious peace of repentance—of accepting the salvation of God. □

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## THINGS DON'T "JUST HAPPEN"

Every year I try to go to one writers' conference. It's really fun to be with other people who write. It's even more fun to just talk and talk and talk about writing.

There are two extremes of people at writers' conferences: those who write a lot and are published and those who talk a lot and are never published. The rest of us are somewhere in between. We talk a lot about writing and we also do a little of it.

A writer whose first novel became a runaway best seller responded to the question "How does it feel to be an overnight success?" with a chuckle and "I worked 10 years to be an overnight success."

In our age of instant pudding, direct-dial long-distance telephone connections, nonstop jet flights over the North Pole, microwave ovens that bake a potato in three minutes, instant-on TV and minute rice, we expect instant success and instant gratification; and unless we get it immediately, we are not willing to wait and work for it. Then when we see someone who has attained something good, we chalk it up to "luck" or some other non-worked-for entity.

Mildred has two lovely, Christian teen-age daughters who are exemplary in many ways. She and I were sitting together at a shower when a lady leaned over and said something complimentary about one of Mildred's girls. Then she said, "You are so lucky. Those girls of yours have turned out so nicely."

Smiling wistfully, Mildred said, "Thank you. They are nice girls, but it hasn't been easy."

The leader of a seminar I attended last week said, "Because of the importance of the family and the effect it will have upon your child, I challenge you: *Are you willing to give your very life's blood for that family?* A successful family will cost just that. Would you be willing, especially while your children are growing up, to freely give up some other activities—even good activities? This may be necessary so that you can concentrate on the tremendous and awesome privilege and responsibility that God has called you to in carefully tending the flock of God committed to your charge."

Good relationships don't just happen. Men and women don't just fall in love and luckily live happily ever after because their body chemistries happen to jibe. Kids don't learn basic Christian principles of character just because there's a Bible in the house and it is read to them occasionally.

Children don't develop deep, meaningful relationships with their parents by accident. Somewhere along the line, parents have to realize and then act on the realization that in really loving, close families there is sacrificing and self-denial and lots of time given.

The same is true in spiritual relationships. God doesn't randomly bless some people more than others. There's a direct cause-effect relationship, the old "you reap what you sow" principle.

"Nothing that happens in this world happens by chance," writes Henry Drummond. "God is a God of order. Everything is arranged upon definite principles, and never at random. The world, even the religious world, is governed by law. Character is governed by law. The Christian experiences are governed by law. Men, forgetting this, expect Rest, Joy, Peace, Faith to drop into their souls from the air like snow or rain. But in point of fact they do not do so; and if they did they would no less have their origin in previous activities and be controlled by natural laws. Rain and snow do drop from the air, but not without a long previous history. They are the mature effects of former causes. Equally so are Rest, and Peace, and Joy."

Don't let the enemy dupe you into believing that you have no control over the circumstances of your life or that what you do really doesn't matter. It does. It will. It has.

We are saved by God's grace and it is a free gift. But even with salvation, we have to act. We have to acknowledge our sins, confess them, repent, and ask Jesus Christ into our lives as Lord. It's more than just knowing. Many people who are not saved know God's plan of salvation, but they are still lost because they haven't acted on that knowledge.

So it is with the abundant life Christ offers us. We must act on our knowledge. Insight is not growth.

"Our faith and our friendships are not shattered by one big act, but by many small neglects." □





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## ***On Demon Possession***

One of the disturbing things about much recent popular religious writing is what, to some of us at least, seems to be an unhealthy interest in demons and demonology.

That Satan and his demons are real is something no one can deny who takes the Bible at face value. There are "principalities" and "powers," "the rulers of the darkness of this world," "spiritual wickedness [or wicked spirits] in high places" against which we wrestle and in defense against which we need the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:11-13).

But in some circles, the "doctrines of demons" which Paul said would characterize the last times (cf. 1 Timothy 4:1) have become a veritable preoccupation.

Dr. Vinson Synan, a leading scholar in the Pentecostal Holiness church and himself part of what in the broadest terms would be known as the "charismatic movement," has spoken clearly to this point:

"In recent months a disturbing practice has begun to appear in certain parts of the world which is contrary to the Word of God and the unanimous understanding of the holiness churches from the beginning. The supposed act of casting demons out of Spirit-filled Christians has become quite popular among those influenced by the teachings of certain so-called leaders in the charismatic movement.

"In their services, hundreds of sincere people are encouraged to submit to exorcism for 'demons' of fear, lying, blasphemy, cancer, discouragement, etc. Numbers of such 'demons' are 'discerned' in individuals without any questions asked whether they are Christians or not. Many victims are so confused that they question their salvation as they are told to spit up demoniac substances in dramatic deliverance services.

"This practice probably has resulted from a recent fad concerning the occult which has produced scores of books about demonology and Satan worship. There is, to say the least, an unhealthy preoccupation with the occult which could evoke the same type of public hysteria that caused the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts in 1692.

"Anyone who majors in 'doctrines of devils' is failing to emphasize the doctrines of Christ and His power to save to the uttermost. Born again Christians can rest assured that 'no man can serve two masters' (Matthew 6:24), and that 'greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world' (1 John 4:4)."

**T**HIS IS WELL said. Dr. Synan goes on to make some other observations, some of which are given below.

No Christian can be filled with the Holy Spirit and possessed by a demon or demons at the same time. Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). The only way they could be inhabited by Satan or his demons would be if they were emptied and left bare (Luke 11:24-26).

While, as in Ephesians 6, demonic powers are engaged in battle against the Christian, they are foes attacking from without, against which we wrestle, and against which the whole armor of God is completely adequate protection.

This in itself is sufficient proof that demons cannot invade and indwell the Christian heart. An armor by definition is defense against external enemies. We have the assurance that God has "delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13).

The Holy Spirit seals the believer against Satan's overwhelming power. 2 Corinthians 1:22 speaks of the seal of the Spirit as a guarantee within our hearts of all God has promised (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30).

Nowhere in the Bible are believers commanded to have spirits cast out of them. Even Simon, who had fallen into "the gall of bitterness" and "bond of iniquity," was not called on to submit to exorcism but to "repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee" (Acts 8:22-23).

One of the most damaging results of this new teaching is that it enables people to avoid responsibility for their own actions. "The devil made me do it" is more than the laugh-getting line of a TV comic; it is a convenient phrase for many of these people.

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demon of anger, or malice, or whatever." He does say, "Put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth" (Colossians 3:8).

Dr. Synan rightly says, "The victory over these sins and human weaknesses is gained not in exorcisms of demons but by the grace received in sanctification. Early holiness people had a high view of the power of the Blood to cleanse from all inbred sin and deliver from satanic power in a crisis experience of sanctification. Thereafter, they testified, Satan and all of his imps could not cross the 'blood line' that protected the believer.

"What many people need is not deliverance from demons, but deliverance from 'the old man' and all his works. Those who are rooted and grounded in a true experience of holiness never need fear demon possession. (See Romans 6:6; Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:9)."

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As Dr. Synan says in conclusion, "It is time for holiness people the world over to stand firm upon the promises of the Word of God, and close ranks against this teaching, a dangerous error which could eventually open the door for voodooism, spiritism, and unspeakable occult practices within our midst."

The better way is to glory in the Cross. For, as J. B. Phillips translates Colossians 2:15, "And then, having drawn the sting of all the powers ranged against us, he exposed them, shattered, empty and defeated, in his final glorious triumphant act!"

## ***The Continuing Problem of World Hunger***

The *Herald* of February 12 carried a strong statement on world hunger passed by the General Board in its January annual meeting. Response has been growing across the church as compassionate giving over and above tithes and offerings has been channeled into the General Treas-

urer's office and the Department of World Missions.

Part of the General Board statement bears repeating:

**Fifteen thousand people will die today from malnutrition, 10,000 of them children. On the other hand, net world population rose by 128,000 today, far faster than means of food production have increased.**

It is estimated that in the 1980s, unless the problem of world hunger is solved, one billion people will starve to death. Starvation is a cruel killer, as Lamentations 4:9 declares, "They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field." . . .

**We declare our concern in the face of this unparalleled human need. Our General Rules as well as New Testament imperatives pledge us to "do good to the bodies and souls of men; feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and ministering to the needy, as opportunity and ability are given." . . .**

In view of this, the Department of World Missions is administering relief funds given through the General Treasurer's office.

**Money contributed for world relief should be sent to General Treasurer Norman O. Miller marked, "Hunger." Such funds will be used solely for the provision of food, clothing, or medicine in areas of greatest world need.**

Let us not forget that we give not only for the sake of others in need. We give because in the long run we cannot receive unless we do. An unknown author has written:

*Love that is hoarded molds at last,  
Until we know someday  
That the only things we ever have  
Are those we give away.*

*And kindness that is never used,  
But hidden all alone,  
Will slowly harden till it is  
As hard as any stone.*

*It is the things we always hold  
That we will lose someday.  
The only things we ever keep  
Are those we give away.* □

# PEN POINTS

## A PARSONAGE GLIMPSE

I am a very ordinary Nazarene pastor's wife . . . but I am a very privileged woman to live in a Nazarene parsonage! I have recently read a book written for pastors' wives and the thought that seemed to thread its way throughout the book was how difficult life in a parsonage is. Not so for me! Let me share some recent happenings in our life.

Recently it became necessary for me to undergo major surgery. This, of course, meant confinement at home for some weeks. The doctor would not permit me to even go to church for several weeks—and how my heart ached to be "over there" with the people I love so much.

So typical of them, our people devised several plans to help speed the days of recovery. I say "typical" because this congregation never forgets an anniversary, our birthdays, or any other excuse

to shower kindness on us.

When I came home from the hospital, there was a laundry basket filled with gifts, marked with the days when I might open them. What a source of joy and anticipation each day to open the gifts and to feel the love wrapped up in them!

Not only did the people look after me; they cared beautifully for my pastor-husband and children. One dear lady did the ironing, and they "took turns" bringing in the meals . . . not just for a few days, but for three weeks!

Our 10-year-old son made the poignant statement, "Mom, you ought to be sick more often!"

To add to his enthusiasm for their goodness when they brought in such delicious, attractive meals, he remarked several days later, "Boy, they sure know what to bring in, don't they!"

What an impact their love and

kindness have made on his 10-year-old heart! I shall always be grateful for the tender memories thus generated for my children. I am sure it will help tie them to the church in years to come.

This isn't superficial love that says, "Let me know what I can do." This is love in action.

My heart brims over with appreciation and thankfulness for people who care, whose love and concern go far beyond the call of duty, who daily pray for us and our children, and who make life in this Nazarene parsonage such a pleasant experience.

I, an ordinary pastor's wife, can truly say with the Apostle Paul when he wrote to Philemon: "I myself have gained much joy and comfort from your love" (TLB). May this also be said by your pastor's wife! □

—Mrs. W. Perry Winkle  
Spokane, Wash.

## A PRAYER OF DEPENDENCE

O GOD,

*Our souls are restless until they find rest in Thee.*

*Our souls are joyless until they find praise in Thee.*

*Our souls are narrow until they find breadth in Thee.*

*Our souls are lonely until they find love in Thee.*

*Our souls are self-reliant until they find dependence in Thee.*

*Our souls are bitter until they find sweetness in Thee.*

*Our souls are hard until they find tenderness in Thee.*

*Our souls are weak until they find strength in Thee.*

*Our souls are divided until they find unity in Thee.*

*Our souls are impure until they find holiness in Thee.*

*Our souls are grudging until they find forgiveness in Thee.*

*Our souls are selfish until they find the spirit of sharing in Thee.*

*Our souls are despondent until they find hope in Thee.*

*Our souls are careless until they find enthusiasm in Thee.*

*Our souls are proud until they find humility in Thee.*

*Our souls are cowardly until they find courage in Thee.*

*Our souls are self-centered until they find Christlikeness in Thee.*

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# APRIL BOOK OF THE MONTH

## THIS IS GOD'S COUNTRY

Yesterday I went walking through  
God's country.  
Drifting through the summer  
heat,  
Watched a field of waving wheat,  
Saw where sky and water meet.

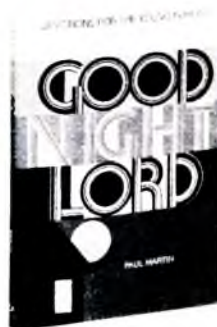
Today I went walking through  
God's country.  
Saw the beautiful colors of fall.  
The pine trees so tall;  
Heard the wild geese call.

Tomorrow I'll go walking through  
God's country.  
Through the frosty, chilly air  
Watch a snowshoe rabbit pair.  
How can they say God doesn't  
care?

Someday I'll go walking in  
God's country,  
A place where living waters flow,  
Where nothing dies and flowers  
grow.  
All living things a peace will  
know.

This is God's country.  
—ROSE WIDMER  
Coeur d'Alene, Ida.

## GOOD NIGHT LORD



BY PAUL  
MARTIN

*And the evening and the morning  
were the first day* (Genesis 1:5).

Good night, Lord. Seems just  
right, doesn't it . . . for God to  
begin the first day with the night?  
. . . "And the evening and the  
morning were the first day." It  
was evening, then night, then  
morning . . . and God's first day  
was born.

Yes, it is "Good night, Lord."  
. . . It is a good night, for night is  
beautiful when You are here. An  
ancient relative of mine, named  
Adam, walked in the evening  
with You. In the cool evening he  
talked with You. Your Son,  
Jesus, spent many nights with  
You. . . Wonderful God! . . . It  
is as if we are saying, "School's  
out, shop closed, work done.  
Time for God-talk."

Good night, Lord. It's a happy

greeting. When in Barbados, our  
happy Christian friends would  
meet us at the tabernacle in the  
evening with this good greeting  
. . . "Good night." . . . Nor is it a  
farewell. They were saying by  
this . . . You are here, we are  
here, we are both with the Lord.  
. . . It is a good night.

Now, Lord, I have important  
work to do tomorrow, so get me  
ready for it. . . . Put love in  
my words, bless my efforts in Thy  
name, strengthen my arms to  
help.

### MAKE IT A PRAYER:

Lord, as I go to my place of  
rest, make it a good night. And  
"Good night" means "Good  
morning" . . . here or there. Here,  
where You are, or there where  
You are. □

—From: *Good Night, Lord*



Pastor Byron C. Ford lays the corner-  
stone of a new building for the  
Conejo Valley Church. Thousand  
Oaks, Calif., while Dr. L. Guy Nees,  
superintendent of the Los Angeles  
District, looks on. A new parsonage  
is also being built on the four-acre  
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## BIBLE COLLEGE SENIORS VISIT HEADQUARTERS

Ninety seniors from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, visited the Kansas City International Headquarters of the church on Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14.

Accompanied by Bible College President L. S. Oliver and Dean of Students Harold McKellips, the seniors toured the Nazarene Publishing House, Headquarters, Seminary, and Mid-America Nazarene College during their visit.

The Nazarene Publishing House hosted the group for dinner Thursday evening at the Glenwood Manor with Manager M. A. (Bud) Lunn as master of ceremonies.

Music for the dinner was provided by the Connexions, a group of musicians and singers from Kansas City First Church, Headquarters, and the Publishing House.

Dr. George Coulter represented the Board of General Superintendents, and department executives were introduced.

Dr. Leslie Parrott, president of Eastern Nazarene College and president-elect of Olivet Nazarene College, was the dinner speaker, reviewing the many phases of Nazarene work around the world.

Each of the seniors was presented a *Pastor's Plan Book*, a new hymnal, and a briefcase inscribed with the Bible College insignia. The presentation was made by the Nazarene Publishing House.

The seniors were the guests of the Headquarters Executive Fellowship for breakfast at the Plaza Inn on Friday morning, and later at Headquarters chapel heard Dr. Richard Taylor, associate in the Department of Education and the Ministry, in a devotional message.

The visit concluded with lunch at Mid-America Nazarene College in nearby Olathe, Kans.

The Bible College will graduate approximately 140 seniors in June, most of whom will go directly into the pastorate.

President L. S. Oliver expressed the appreciation of the group for the insights gained into the wider aspects of denominational work; and to the Nazarene Publishing House, whose support made the trip possible. □



Two chartered buses brought Nazarene Bible College seniors to Kansas City from Colorado Springs to visit Headquarters and the Publishing House.



General Superintendent George Coulter (left) talks with Major Snell, USAF (ret.), a student at Nazarene Bible College (center); and NBC President L. S. Oliver (right).



Dr. Leslie Parrott, president of Eastern Nazarene College and president-elect of Olivet Nazarene College, describes his vision of the Church to the students.

Bible College seniors receive briefcases inscribed with their school insignia as a courtesy from the Nazarene Publishing House.







Part of the outreach ministry of the Nashville, Ind., church is conducting services in the Brown County jail. Pictured left to right are Sheriff Harry Snyder, prisoner-convert Carl Wells, Pastor Richard L. Fisher, and assistant Sunday school superintendent Don Miller. Sheriff Snyder reported that the prisoners requested religious services and specified the Church of the Nazarene to conduct the services. The church conducts a radio ministry over two nearby radio stations, WWVY and WDFR.



Pastor Gene Anspach, Coos Bay, Ore., church, left; NWMS president, Mrs. Richard Reynolds; and Mrs. Phillip Thompson, NWMS box work secretary, present a variety of stuffed animals to the pediatrics ward of the Bay Area Hospital as a goodwill project by the local NWMS. Mrs. Walden Thompson, seated, foreground, pediatrics ward clerk for the hospital, accepted the toys on behalf of the children of the ward.

### BIBLE COLLEGE AWARDS OFFERED

Dr. Russell V. DeLong of St. Petersburg, Fla., has made possible a new annual evangelistic sermon award as well as an annual essay award at Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs. These are to be initiated in the current college year.



The evangelistic sermon competition for seniors will be known as the Thomas Walter DeLong Award in honor of Dr. DeLong's father, a pioneer Nazarene pastor in New England, ordained

in 1910 by Dr. Bresee.

The essay competition for wives of Nazarene Bible College seniors will be known as the Charlotte Gunter DeLong Award in memory of Dr. DeLong's mother. The essay title will be "The Minister's Wife" and will express the writer's ideal for the minister's wife.

Dr. DeLong is an honored educator and evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. He served as president of both Northwest and Pasadena Nazarene colleges, and as the first dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary. He was for many years the featured speaker on the "Showers of Blessing" radio broadcast. □



North Florida District Superintendent J. T. Gassett preaches to a full house at the dedication in February of Jacksonville First Church's new sanctuary. The church began its fifty-seventh year of service to the community with the dedication service, 268 in Sunday school, and overflow crowds for the services. Pastor Aubrey R. Ponce, Sr., reports that church membership has increased by 39 in the past nine months. The church maintains a day school with an enrollment of 77. Congregational giving has increased by \$20,000 annually in the last two years.

### WESSELS REPORTS INSURANCE CHANGE

Dean Wessels, executive secretary of the Department of Pensions, reports the latest revision in the Department's policy concerning insurance for the Nazarene ministers.

Formerly all ministers had to show that they were participating in social security as ministers and earning a minimum of \$400 net annually in the ministry. This requirement has been dropped for *ordained* ministers. It will remain for *licensed* ministers.

The change has been brought about by action of the General Board and became effective April 1, 1975.

All *ordained* Nazarene ministers on a local church staff as well as those who are retired and simply members of the local church should hold a Primary Group Term Life Insurance Policy (GL-2459).

This policy is supplied at no cost to the policyholder and requires *no* statement of physical health. It will pay at least \$1,000.

On districts that have paid 90 percent of their Pensions and Benevolence Budget, the primary policy is for \$2,000.

With the accidental death and dismemberment clause included, the policy is worth \$4,000 on a 90 percent district if the policyholder is *accidentally* dismembered or killed.

*Ordained* ministers without this policy should contact the Department immediately for enrollment information. Write: Dean Wessels, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. 64131. □





A large crowd of villagers from Büsingen and Schaffhausen gathered at European Nazarene Bible College for dedication of the new dormitory building in January.

## CROWD ATTENDS DEDICATION OF NEW ENBC DORMITORY BUILDING

A large crowd of villagers, including Burgermeister Herr Weiss, attended dedication ceremonies, January 19, 1975, for a new dormitory at European Nazarene Bible College in Büsingen, Switzerland.

Also attending the dedication were several pastors from nearby Schaffhausen.

The Olivet Nazarene College Treble Clef Choir from Kankakee, Ill., sang; and Dr. John Riley, president emeritus of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Ida., was the speaker.

The dedication service was read in English (by President Bill Prince) and German (by Middle European District Superintendent Richard Zanner).

District Superintendent Roy Fuller of the Italian District spoke briefly in Italian, and Rev. Steve Gunter of the Haarlem Church of the Nazarene in the Netherlands spoke in Dutch, representing the Northwest European District.

The building has 10 utility apartments to be used for married students and staff members.

Cost of the building is estimated at 500,000 Swiss francs or about \$200,000 U.S. money.

Construction costs in Europe are very high and are still rising, according to Rev. Prince, who has asked Nazarenes everywhere for their prayers for the "completing of payment for this much needed building."

European Nazarene Bible College has an enrollment drawn from six nations and is jointly sponsored by the Departments of World and Home Missions.



New dormitory at European Nazarene Bible College provides housing for staff members and married students.



Dr. John E. Riley, president emeritus of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Ida., now a visiting professor at European Nazarene Bible College, speaks at dedication services for a new college dormitory.

Standing beside him in the center of the photo and interpreting for the German-speaking people in the audience is Rev. Richard Zanner, district superintendent of the Middle European District. Standing at left is Rev. William Prince, president of the college.

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## HOME MISSIONS COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCE FIRST VIDEOTAPE PROGRAMS

Videotape took its place as a versatile new tool for Nazarene Christian communication early this year as the Communications Commission and the Department of Home Missions taped a series of programs on church growth.

Actually, the first presentation on videotape was the annual report to the General Board of Communications executive, Paul Skiles.

It was followed within a few days by the Home Missions programs, which received their first public showing during Missions Week at



**COMMUNICATING PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH GROWTH**—Three Nazarene church growth leaders: Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, Home Missions executive; Dr. Paul Orjala, seminary professor; and Dr. Kenneth Rice, Church Schools executive, explore the principles of church growth while the television camera records their conversation.



**ON CAMERA**—Mike Pandzik, video recording specialist, operates the control panel during a recording session for Nazarene home missions.

Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Other videotape projects are in process and will be announced shortly.

Mel Schroeder, director of media research and special applications, has been the Communications staff specialist in charge of the projects.

One of the principal advantages of producing communications tools by videotape, he says, is the immediacy of the medium. Unlike film, videotape requires no developing time; it can be replayed immediately just as the audio tape recorder, which it resembles.

The home mission series includes discussions on *Planting the Suburban Church, Team Concept*; *Planting the Suburban Church, ABC's of Church Planting*; and *Spontaneous Church Planting*.

The programs are intended for viewing by home mission boards, district home mission seminars, college religion classes, and local churches interested in multiplying the church and reaching the unreached.

The programs are recorded on 1/2-

inch magnetic videotape. They can be shown on any home television set by use of a videotape player.

Advantages of videotape in small-group instructional settings are many. The programs can be viewed in a lighted room, so that the audience can take notes; there is no distracting noise, as in the case of 16-mm. sound film; the program can be stopped and backed up at will; the audio quality is excellent.

In addition, there is the fact that most people are adjusted mentally to receiving much of their learning through television.

Producing videotape programs is also less costly, and the tapes can be edited and brought up to date.

Some of the videotape programs have been taped with the Nazarene Communication Commission's own camera and recording equipment, but lack of adequate studio space has forced some of the taping to be done in Kansas City's Crown Center Multimedia Forum, a commercial television studio with outstanding facilities for such programming.

Home Mission programming currently available on videotape includes:

#### **Planting the Suburban Church #1 Team Concept**

Dr. R. W. Hurn, executive secretary, Department of Home Missions

Rev. and Mrs. Rick Withrow, Danville, Va.

Rev. Edward Husband, Gainesville, Ga.

#### **Planting the Suburban Church #2 ABC's of Church Planting**

Dr. R. W. Hurn

Rev. Melvin McCullough, executive secretary, Department of Youth; and Mrs. McCullough

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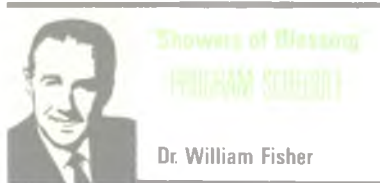
Rev. James Ingalls, pastor, Kansas City First Church

## OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

**Missionary Dennis Schmelzbach** spoke in each of the seven east Portland, Ore., churches during the week of February 10-16. Capacity crowds attended the services. □

**The Nease-Gray Lectures** on theology were given at Bethany Nazarene College, February 20-21, by Dr. Timothy L. Smith, pastor of the Wollaston, Mass., church and professor of history at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Smith spoke on "Wesleyan Ideals in Modern America." Dr. Smith is the author of *Revivalism and Social Reform* and the history of the Church of the Nazarene entitled *Called unto Holiness*. □

**Bobbie Jo Steward**, a member of Peter's Switch Church in Seymour, Ind., has been chosen for membership in the American Musical Ambassadors Band. This highly select concert band, composed of outstanding high school and college students, will tour several European countries. Bobbie is the first student from the 1,400-student Seymour High School to be selected. Pastor Derl Keefer reports that Bobbie is an active member of the church, helping out in VBS, Sunday school, and with the church music program. □



**April 13**—"How Long Do You Listen?"

**April 20**—"The Cure for Heart Trouble"

## NEW CHURCHES REACH 146

A new Church of the Nazarene in Woodland Park, Colo., is the result of the efforts of a team of two professors from Nazarene Bible College.

Woodland Park Church of the Nazarene was organized on February 2, 1975, with Rev. Harold McKellips and Rev. Dwight Neunschwander as co-pastors.

Dr. M. Harold Daniels is the superintendent of the Colorado District.

Woodland Park is the fourth new Nazarene church to be organized in 1975, and the one hundred forty-sixth church to be organized this quadrennium.

## NEWS OF REVIVAL

**The Caney, Kans., church** reports a revival with evangelist Robert Gaut. The Sunday school averages in the seventies. During the revival there was an average of 68 in attendance at all services. There was a total of nearly 40 seekers. The church made 720 contacts during the week.

Musical highlights of the revival were provided by visiting groups—Nazarene Singers from Elk City, Kans.; The Happy Side Quartet from Caney, Kans.; Coffeyville (Kans.) First Church choir; Longton Country Gospel Singers,

Longton, Kans.; and God's Young Believers from Kansas City. James L. Runyan is pastor. □

**The Morenci, Mich., church** reports a total of 39 seekers during a seven-day revival with evangelist Gene Clark. On a Saturday evening, there was an attendance of 112 and there were 10 seekers. Rev. Verian Traver is pastor. Since the revival, the Sunday school has shown continual attendance increases. □

**Texhoma, Okla., First Church** recently closed a 10-day revival with Evangelist R. F. Lindley, Bethany, Okla., in which a number of seekers found help. Rev. Bill G. Smith is the pastor. □

**Rev. R. B. Kelly**, Bethany, Okla., was the evangelist for a meeting in the Idabel, Okla., church, February 10-16. Pastor E. Milo Martin reports the altar lined with young people and young adults in the Sunday morning service, as well as seekers throughout the week. □

**Bethany, Okla., First Church** sponsored an all-church Prayer Clinic under the leadership of Glaphre Gilliland, beginning with a two-day Prayer Retreat for junior and senior high students. Afternoons were given to children in age-groups, and three evenings were devoted to adults with lecture and small-group sharing on steps in prayer, developing a personal prayer life, hindrances to prayer, and other topics. Cyndi Burrows and Becky Morsch, prayer ministry coordinators, report that approximately 600 were involved in the clinic, "many of them claiming it to be the best week of their lives." □

What was described as "the greatest revival meeting in the history of the church" with evangelist Jimmy Dell, Phoenix, Ariz., was recently held in Kansas City Grace Church with more than 100 finding help at the altar. Rev. Bob Calvert is the pastor. □

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Mr. A. M. Gibbs**, secretary and treasurer of Chattanooga, Tenn., First Church Sunday school for 30 years, died February 5. The funeral was conducted by Pastor John Andrus assisted by Rev. Roy A. Bettcher and T. Perry Brannon. Mr. Gibbs was a prominent Chattanooga businessman for 40 years, and served on the district advisory

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board and on the Trevecca Nazarene College board of trustees. He is survived by Mrs. Gibbs and one daughter, Mrs. Louise Lawwill, wife of Pastor John Lawwill, Calvary Church, Memphis, Tenn. □

The recently organized Stockton, Calif., North Church is being served by a unique arrangement with three team pastors of equal status: Wayne Folmer, youth and music; Carl R. Henson, evangelism and outreach; and Russell T. Powell, Sr., administration. Mrs. Emilene E. Henson, secretary, is the reporter. □

Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kans., reports a total of 919 full-time students for the spring semester, 1975. This represents an increase of 14 percent over last year for the same semester. An increased number of evening courses are being offered in a wide range of subjects. □

Mr. C. R. Sawrie, manager of market planning for the Arkansas Power and Light Company, Little Rock, and Sunday school superintendent for 10 years at Little Rock First Church, was named "Man of the Year in Service to Agriculture." The award was announced in *Progressive Farmer* magazine, which cited Mr. Sawrie's contributions to farm mechanization, the "Farm Family of the Year" awards, and promotion of Arkansas rural youth activities. In addition to his local church responsibilities, Mr. Sawrie has been a member of the district advisory board of the South Arkansas District since 1969. □

Nicaragua Mission Director Louis Ragains reports that Rev. and Mrs. Robert Childs Wellmon, former missionaries to Nicaragua and Uruguay, visited Nicaragua early in February with Lois and Cecil Holcomb. Rev. Wellmon preached in seven different

churches with Mrs. Wellmon singing. Over 100 people received spiritual help at the altar during the time. □

### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

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(Central) Florida	May 20-21
Eastern Latin American	May 23-24
Canada Central	June 5-6
Maine	June 11-12
Chicago Central	June 27-28
Eastern Kentucky	July 2-3
New England	July 9-10
East Tennessee	July 24-25
West Virginia	July 31—August 1
Virginia	August 7-8
Kansas City	August 20-21
Southeast Oklahoma	September 4-5
<b>George Coulter</b>	
Central Latin American	April 24-25
San Antonio	May 7-8
Arizona	May 15-16
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**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION**

**HAWAII**—April 17-18 Honolulu First Church, 408 N. Judd St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96817. Host Pastor: Henry Mills. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

**WASHINGTON**—April 23-24. Baltimore First Church, 8801 Rogers Ave., Ellicott City, Md. 21043. Host Pastor: George E. Teague. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe

**WASHINGTON PACIFIC**—April 23-24. Kent First Church, 930 E. James St., Kent, Wash. 98031. Host Pastor: Larry Lewis. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville W. Jenkins.

**WESTERN LATIN AMERICAN**—April 23-24. Boyle Heights Latin American Church, 213 S. Breed St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90033. Host Pastor: Abel O. Curup. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

**SACRAMENTO**—April 25-26. Sacramento First Church, 1820 28th St., Sacramento, Calif. 95816. Host Pastor: A. E. Woodcock. General Superintendent: Dr. Edward Lawlor. □

**MOVING MINISTERS**

**BARNEY S. BAGGOTT** from associate, Gainesville (Fla.) First to New Smyrna Beach, Fla.  
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**EDWARD F. COX** from Nashville McClurkin to Nashville Donelson  
**LARRY DENNIS** to New Lebanon, Ohio  
**WILLIAM DODY** to Houston Oak Glen  
**PHILLIP E. FERGUSON** from associate, Walla Walla (Wash.) First, to Hemlock (Clowerdale, Ore.)  
**S. D. GARRETT, JR.** from Meridian (Miss.) Central to Amarillo (Tex.) Central  
**HENRY L. GREEN** from McKinney, Tex., to associate, Midwest City (Okla.) First  
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**KENNETH HIZELMIRE** to Burrville, Tenn.  
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**I. W. JUSTICE** from Fort Pierce, Fla., to Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Manor  
**CLARK E. LANGFORD** from Panama City (Fla.) First to Victoria, Va.  
**MERLE R. MANSELLE** from Kings Mountain, Ky., to Central City, Ky.  
**IRA WILLIAM MOOTS** from Countryside (Columbus, Mo.) to Olivet, Ill.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The First Church of the Nazarene, Hoopeston, Ill., will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary, April 27. Guest speakers: Dr. V. H. Lewis and Dr. F. W. Nash. There will be four services planned for the day. For more information write: Rev. W. D. Huffman, 610 E. Penn, Hoopeston, Ill. 60942. □

The Batesville, Ark., Church of the Nazarene is planning the observance of its fiftieth anniversary for September, 1975, and would like for former pastors and members to join in the celebration. If possible to attend, contact: Mrs. Inez Jobe, 1159 Sidney, Batesville, Ark. 72501. □

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**DEATHS**

**EARL M. ADKINS**, 78, died Feb. 16 in Belle, W.Va. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Russell Downs. He is survived by his wife, Dora; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Alice Blackburn.

**ELZIE C. BROWN**, 72, died Feb. 19 in Albuquerque, N.M. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Merle Gray and Rev. Howard Groves. Surviving are his wife, Audie Mae; three daughters, Sherryl Baros, Armatha Pacht, and Louise Paylant; a son, Elzie C., Jr.; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three brothers. Burial was in the Mountainair Cemetery.

**LILA KEELER CRITCHER**, 70, died Nov. 10, 1974, in Petersburg, Va. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Dayton. She is survived by one son, Gerald W.; two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Porter and Mrs. Doris Schmidt; seven grandchildren; and one brother.

**MRS. LULA FRANCIS**, 83, died Feb. 15 in Auburn, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harold Bonner and Rev. George Grawburgin. She is survived by her husband, Ernest; 1 daughter, Corinne Thompson; 4 sons, Arthur, Ray, Therman, and Waldon; 19 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters; and 1 brother.

**EMMA HATFIELD**, 94, died Feb. 24 in Kingfisher, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Forrest Woodward.

**FLOYD J. HENBEST**, 78, died in Oklahoma City, Jan. 19. Funeral services were held in Cassville, Mo. He is survived by his wife, Mae Wallen; 1 son, F. J. Henbest, Jr.; 4 daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Reitha Jean) Morgan, Mrs. Wendell (Fleta Mae) McGraw, Mrs. Kelly (Trela Sue) Graham, and Mrs. Gordon (Irma Lou) Ingle; 13 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; 2 sisters; and 2 brothers.

**CATHERINE McCAY**, 82, died Nov. 25 in Elizabeth, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Donald Long; and sister, Ruth Pritchard. She is survived by 3 sons, 3 daughters, 27 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

**T. K. MOORE**, 88, died Sept. 1, 1974, in De Ridder, La. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Byron LeJeune. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; a son, Paul; a daughter, Mrs. Ava Sims; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**MITZI GAIL SHELLEY**, three-month-old daughter of Mike and Lana Shelley, died Feb. 11 in Farmington, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. David Worcester. She has one sister, Sharon Rose.

**MRS. CLARA VIOLET (TREVITHICK) STEELE**, 79, died Feb. 19 in Beaver Lake, Ark. She was the wife of Rev. J. J. Steele, evangelist. A memorial worship service was conducted by Rev. Ted Ingram and assisted by Dr. James Hester, Rev. Andrew Rushing, and her three sons. Her husband delivered the eulogy. She is survived by her husband; 3 sons, Rev. Herbert L., Rev. Lee W., and Rev. Danny J.; 3 daughters, Mrs. Lewis (Leona) Ferree, Mrs. Elbert (Esther) Overholt, and Mrs. Howard (Evangeline) Oliver; 21 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and 1 brother.

**LEWIS H. WEST**, 83, died Feb. 4 in Phoenix, Ariz. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Clyde A. Rhone. He is survived by his wife, Elva; four daughters, Julia Huston, Margie Collins, Ethel West, Joann Richmond; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister.

**AXEL F. WIKSTROM**, 90, died Dec. 28, 1974, in Sioux City, Ia. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Thomas A. Crider. He is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Ben (Charlotte) Johnson, Mrs. Lyle (Velma) Welty, and Mrs. Ed (Fern) Dunn; 5 sons, Joe, Leonard, Paul, Alfred, and Glen; 23 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.



# NEWS

## OF RELIGION

MRS. ALMA WONCH, 88, died Feb. 5 in Stockton, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by W. H. Burton and Dr. D. Shelby Corlett. Members of the family surviving her are: Mrs. Neva Powers, Dr. Erwin G. Benson, Mrs. Mary Ellen Dornbuesh, Mrs. Christine Johnson, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Interment was in Ontario, Calif.

### BIRTHS

to REV. MIKE AND JUDY ALLEN, Casper, Wyo., a girl, Vonicia Marie, Feb. 16

to DAN AND JOAN (LADD) BAKER, Sarcoxie, Mo., a boy, David Otis, Nov. 26, 1974

to RONALD AND BARBARA (NANCE) BENSON, Long Beach, Calif., a girl, Deidra Janae, Dec. 18, 1974

to REV. AND MRS. DANIEL BREWER, missionaries, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, South America, a girl, Crystal Andrea Joy, Feb. 18

to REV. JIM AND LAURA (KURZ) KOONS, Kona, Hawaii, a girl, Janel Lorraine, Feb. 27

to RANDY AND PHYLLIS (JONES) MICHAEL, Lenexa, Kans., a girl, Sara Jeanne, Dec. 24, 1974

to BOYD AND SANDRA (JESSEE) MOORE, San Diego, Calif., a boy, Tad Wesley, Feb. 20

to WILL A. AND RUBY (DOERKSEN) PARKER, Kent, Wash., a girl, Amy Elizabeth, Feb. 23

to REV. BUDDY AND SUE (MEEK) PRENTICE, Springfield, Mo., a girl, Jennifer Kathleen, Feb. 20

to BOB AND AMY (GETTINGS) PROHASKA, Spokane, Wash., a girl, Julie Beth, Dec. 9, 1974

to WARREN AND PAT RITZ, Reading, Pa., a girl, Elaine Elizabeth, Jan. 18

to RICHARD AND CAROLE SNYDER, Reading, Pa., a boy, William Paul, Jan. 24

to REV. GORDON AND JUDY (JABLECKI) WATKINS, Kansas City, a boy, Adam Thomas, Jan. 31

to RONALD T. AND DIANA (MOORE) WILLIAMS, Wichita, Kans., a girl, René Michelle, Feb. 7 □

### ADOPTED

by REV. AND MRS. KENNETH ROWLETT, Saugus, Mass., a girl, RuthAnn Lori, Feb. 27; born Feb. 5, 1975

### MARRIAGES

CINDY FISHER and RANDY NEWBY at Orlando, Fla., Dec. 27

KAREN LEE AKINS and GLEN LAWRENCE GOSLAW at New Brighton, Pa., Feb. 14

EVELYN M. ANDERSON and HAL M. VON STEIN at Fort Bragg, Calif., April 6

DEITRA KAY EVANS and MICHAEL RAY BRINKMAN at Louisville, Ky., Nov. 30, 1974

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### EVANGELISTS' OPEN DATES

William D. Overton, 798 Lake Ave., Woodbury Heights, N.J. 08097, has open dates for April 29—May 4 (Ohio or Pittsburgh districts) and May 27—June 1 (Illinois District).

Glen W. Williams, 2200 Elva Dr., Kokomo, Ind. 46901, has open dates for spring and fall of 1975 and the year of 1976.

**CONGRESSMAN CITES EVANGELICAL INFLUENCE ON "PUBLIC AFFAIRS."** In his 15 years as a member of Congress, one thing that has "encouraged" Rep. John B. Anderson (R-Ill.) most has been what he believes to be the "growing influence" of evangelical churchmen and laymen to have "more of an impact on public affairs," he said in Washington, D.C.

Addressing a breakfast gathering during the annual Washington Leadership Briefing sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals, the congressman said this impact is effected "through organizations like the NAE."

Mr. Anderson, a member of the Evangelical Free church, told the group of pastors and laymen from evangelically oriented churches around the country: "We've shed some of that self-imposed isolation that we as Evangelicals were once guilty of as far as secular things like government are concerned."

This has come about, he added, "particularly in view of the fact that a great moral crisis is still very much with us. We didn't really have the total purging and cleansing from Watergate that some people hoped." □

**DR. ORVILLE WALTERS DIES AT 71: HEADED CHRISTIAN STUDIES UNIT.** A noted evangelical scholar, Dr. Orville S. Walters, 71, president of the Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, died in Peoria, Ill., on Feb. 16.

The third president in the institute's history, he was also in the fourth year of his appointment as clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of Illinois—Peoria. A member of the Free Methodist Medical Fellowship, Dr. Walters had been director of health services for 10 years and a research professor for three years at the University of Illinois—Urbana. □

**SCRIPTURES PUBLISHED IN 1974 EMBRACE 23 NEW LANGUAGES.** Scriptures were published in 23 new languages in 1974, bringing the total "scripture language count" to 1,549, according to the American Bible Society in New York.

Complete books of the Bible were newly published in 22 languages, or dialects.

The twenty-third new language was Yapese, a South Pacific language that was used in a translation of the New Testament.

Included in the overall total of 1,549 languages are the publications of the entire Bible in 257, the New Testament in 368 more, and one or more individual books in an additional 924. □

**RELIGIOUS BOOK SALES BOOMING.** A survey by the Christian Booksellers Association of 150 stores indicated that the industry was up in average gross sales 14.2 percent over 1973.

The increased sales, according to CBA Executive Vice-president John T. Bass, indicate that when there are uncertain conditions in the world people turn to spiritual matters.

Mr. Bass, speaking to more than 50 publishers gathered at King of Prussia, Pa., also attributed the growth to new writers in the field.

**FEBE BUILDING 250,000-WATT AM RADIO STATION IN PHILIPPINES.** AM Radio Station DWRP in Luzon, Philippines, is expected to be completed by April 20, 1975, according to officials of the sponsoring Far East Broadcasting Company.

The station, says FEBE President Robert H. Bowman, will beam the Bible message to millions of people in Communist China and southeast Asia.

Five times larger than the strongest AM station in the U.S., the 250,000-watt transmitter was designed and constructed under the direction of David Hudson. Total cost: \$195,219. □



# the answer corner

Conducted by W. T. Purkiser, Editor

■ **Please answer this question for me concerning 2 Peter 1:20, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." If no prophecy is of private interpretation, why are there so many different churches?**

In its context, 2 Peter 1:20 means that the prophets did not speak on the basis of their own ideas but as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (cf. verse 21).

It would also mean that no person can properly interpret the Scriptures merely on the basis of his own private human judgment

apart from the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

Most major doctrinal differences among churches are based on emphases on one particular aspect of biblical truth rather than the whole.

One of the curious things is that most people who make such a fuss

about the number of denominations usually do it in the process of starting yet another—as, for example, Herbert W. Armstrong and his "Worldwide Church of God." He gives a notable example of what Peter warned against in "private interpretation." □

■ **Is Jesus misunderstood in His comment "Men ought always to pray and not to faint"? Does not overpraying imply unbelief and in a strong sense negate the promise, "Ask, and ye shall receive. . . . Every one who asketh receiveth"? When could one be accused of overpraying, if at all?**

"Overpraying" is not the problem with most of us, unless it be by the mindless repetition of requests for little things.

When we have prayed about something until we have confidence that God has heard and the answer is assured, then we become what

Isaiah called "the Lord's remembrancers" (Isaiah 62:6, marg.).

We then thank Him for the answer that is coming, even though yet unseen. Praise is an authentic part of total prayer.

The context of the statement you quote, "Men ought always to pray"

(Luke 18:1-8), shows pretty much what Jesus meant. Casual, haphazard praying never accomplishes much. Persistence is necessary in prayer as in any other activity.

"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). □

■ **Is there any biblical basis for health food diets? Are any foods now considered unclean? If advocated religiously, what would be the result to Christians who disagree with the need to follow health food diets?**

Apart from the need to preserve physical health, there are no dietary laws in the Bible now applicable to Christians.

The New Testament quite definitely says this—for example in Mark 7:19, "Thus He declared all foods clean" (NASB—and virtually every translation since the KJV; see also Luke 11:41; Acts 10:15; 11:

9; Romans 14:1-12; Colossians 2:16).

This does not mean that a Christian may not choose to follow a particular diet which he feels is best for him. It just means that he should follow it for health reasons, and not because it is a specific biblical requirement.

Since dietitians differ as widely as they do, Christians should approach this and similar problems according to the principles laid down in Romans 14. Where there is no direct word of God, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind" (verse 5), and not try to impose his scruples on others. □

■ **Did God need and derive pleasure from the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross to appease His anger at the sins of human mortals?**

If this is a serious question with you, I strongly urge that you buy or borrow a copy of Volume II of *Christian Theology*, by H. Orton Wiley, and read pages 217-300, especially the section on "The Godward and Manward Aspects of the Atonement," beginning on page 290.

In brief, Romans 5:8 comes very close to expressing the whole truth about the Cross: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in

that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

The Cross is not an appeasement of the wrath of an angry God, but the expression of the Father's infinite love.

The death of Christ was necessary, not to appease the Father's wrath, but to express His love and to make possible forgiveness of sin without contempt for the holy law that sin violates.

What the New Testament really teaches is that God took upon himself the consequences of our sins, and in the death of Christ made it possible to be both forgiving and just (Romans 3:26).

If any other remedy for sin would have been effective, I cannot believe the Father would have sent His Son to die. After all, it is harder for a loving Father to give His Son than to give himself. □

# church schools

## HAPPENING

### SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

The First Church of the Nazarene in Wooster, Ohio, had a Sunday they will not forget for days to come. December 8, designated as *Superbowl Sunday*, turned out to be an overwhelming success.

Featured speakers for the special services were Ohio State University football superstars Cornelius Greene and Steve Luke; Tom Phillips, former football coach and present director of athletics at Kent State University; and Daryl Griffith of the KSU football team.

Other special attractions were "The Living Proof," a musical group from Mount Vernon Nazarene College, and a ventriloquist who chatted with the youngsters.

Associate Pastor Phil Batten contacted the athletes through the Wayne County Fellowship of Christian Athletes Association. Invitations were sent to all the high schools within a 50-mile radius of Wooster, encouraging them to bring their students and especially their football teams to the service.

Attendance reached an all-time high of 733 in Sunday school and 275 in outreach classes for a total of 1,008, breaking all records in the history of the church.

Guests spoke of their deep involvement in their faith and how it had influenced their lives. At the conclusion, 24 football players stood to their feet to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

### CURRICULUM MEETING

Miss Rose Handloser, missionary from South Africa, met with some of the children's editors from the Department of Church Schools in January.

Miss Handloser is responsible for guiding curriculum planning and preparation for all Nazarene Sunday schools in Africa. She and a



Left to right, church schools children's editors are: Ethel Bailey, kindergarten editor; Robert Troutman, children's editor; Miss Handloser; and Donna Fillmore, middler editor.

committee, composed of at least one representative from each of the districts, provide a master lesson for both pupil and teacher each week of the year. This material is then used by the districts as the

basis for their translation into the various dialects used—13 of them!

*Norman Brown* reporter

### CENTRAL FLORIDA CHURCH SCHOOLS HOLD RETREAT

More than 200 pastors and wives and Sunday school superintendents from the Central Florida District met Friday and Saturday, February 28—March 1, at the Rodeway Inn, Orlando, Fla., for their second annual district retreat.

Special speaker for the occasion was Sunday school specialist Dr. Elmer L. Towns, president of Baptist University, Atlanta, Ga., who spoke on "Bigger and Better Sunday Schools" and "Twenty Ways to Double Your Attendance."

Music was provided Friday evening by the Orlando Gorman Memorial Youth Choir.

The retreat planning committee was composed of Robert Bearden, Cocoa; Jim Page, Pine Hills; Gary Arnold, Clearwater First; Norman Collins, Ocoee; James E. Hill, Winter Park; Paul Kendall, Orlando First; in cooperation with District Church Schools Chairman Merton H. Wilson and District Superintendent J. V. Morsch.

Superintendent Morsch presided throughout. □

### WHITTIER PRAYER CLINIC HELD

College Avenue Church in Whittier, Calif., recently concluded a

very profitable Prayer Clinic with Glaphre Gilliland.

Featuring morning and evening workshops, Miss Gilliland spoke on such helpful subjects as "Steps to Prayer," "Hindrances to Prayer," "Praying with Your Children and Grandchildren," "Praying for Unsaved Loved Ones," and "Praying in Faith."

Pastor Charles W. Ogden reports that "the Holy Spirit used Glaphre to open up many new areas of prayer and faith for our people." □

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## MOTHER'S DAY—

May 11

### HIDE OUR SEEK

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Delightful plastic bonnet with bright yellow daisies. "Church of the Nazarene" is imprinted on each case. (WKA) **AW-1040**  
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The double, plastic-cut white rose has a tiny gold cross attached to the lowest green-enameled leaf. Approx. size, 2 1/4"-2 3/4" in length. Boxed (GO) **PI-2836** Each, **\$1.50**

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Now you can find your pen when you need it. Sticks on to telephone by self-adhesive tape. Use handy end to dial. Imprint: "White You Wait, PRAY." Luminous. Assorted colors. (MCB) **GI-2N** **\$1.00**

## MOTHER'S DAY EASEL PLAQUE

Wood-grain finish with inscription "God Blessed Our Home: He Gave Us MOM." Stands on tripod easel. Yellow-and-white daisy in center of plaque. Plaque size, 3 1/4" x 3 3/4". (JS) **GI-59R** **\$3.95**

## FATHER'S DAY—

June 15

### FOR MEN ONLY

Mothers on salt and pepper shakers are "Learn to Do Well" and "Love One Another." On the butter dish it is "Daily We Will Praise Thee", and on the napkin holder, "Bless Our Home, O Lord, We Pray." Choice of two attractive colors. (MCB) **GI-70G** Green **GI-71Y** Yellow Each, **\$2.98**

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39-inch, retractable tape features a cross on one side and the fish with Greek letters on the other. Give to every father present. (WA) **GI-6008** **69c**

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Wood-grain finish with inscription "God Blessed Our Home: He Gave Us DAD." Stands on tripod easel. Plastic house in relief in center of plaque. Plaque size, 3 1/4" x 3 3/4". (JS) **GI-60R** **\$3.95**

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A useful gift for father in a black leather sheath. Nickel-plated blade with cross and religious text. 10" long. (EPN) **GI-4-18** **\$3.00**

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Comes in bright assorted colors. Imprint, "Father's Day Greetings. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15b." **PE-499F** 25c/Box of 24, **\$4.95**

### CREDIT CARD CASE

Vinyl holder has place for 12 credit cards and has imprint, "One Way, Jesus Said, I Am the Way." 3 x 4". Assorted colors. (MCB) **GI-49M** **49c**

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Precision-ground cutting edges and fold-away file. "Praying Hands" engraved on top. Size, 2 1/2" long. (MCB) **AW-39A** 45c; 12 for **\$4.95**

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Walnut-finished wood is set off by delicately sculpted copy of Durer's *Praying Hands* in gold antique. Deluxe pen included. Gift-boxed. **GI-150** **\$4.95**

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**"BY ALL MEANS...  
SAVE SOME"**

# **"JUST A BIBLE STUDY"**

**R**unning a bit late, my thoughts were rambling as I drove by to pick up a friend for our newly organized women's Bible study. All the things I had to do that day whirled through my mind: phone calls to make . . . type the church bulletin . . . don't forget farmer-hubby's tractor parts.

My prayer was automatic as we arrived, "Lord, bless us today." Disappointment was the first reaction—so few were there.

But as we prayed for God's blessing on us, a sense of calm and quiet crept in. The study was thought-provoking, inspiring. Using several scripture translations brought different views and ideas, all directed towards one prevailing idea—God cares for *you!* He *created you!* He *knows you!* He *loves you!* He *made you* part of His family.

Like a soft breeze, it swept into our hearts—we'd heard it so often, but the thrill comes anew—just to know it and share it again.

As we ended the study and were starting to dismiss with prayer, a shy voice asked, almost apologetically, "How can I be in His family?"

The spontaneity, the unexpectedness

of it took us by surprise. Our tears of concern soon became tears of rejoicing as we prayed together and a precious soul became a "new babe" in Christ!

Smiling through tears, she apologized for the "interruption"! She expressed a concern that she could really feel she "belonged" since she was of Catholic background. How wonderful it was to assure her that God's "family" is non-denominational!

As I went about my errands, the phrase kept coming to mind: "From a small beginning." The church office seemed more like a sanctuary as I typed.

The bench along the wall became an altar, and again I thanked Him for His faithfulness and love. When my own heart was woefully lacking in being prepared, my mind was so full of all the things that seemed necessary, another heart was longing . . . and His Spirit was there—always faithful, ever searching.

*Thank You, Lord, for letting me be there—forgive my stumbling ways—and I'll NEVER, EVER think of this again as "just a Bible study"!* □

—MARITA YORK  
Montague, Calif.



**IVAN BEALS  
ACCEPTS  
"HERALD"  
POST**



Rev. Ivan A. Beals, 47, pastor of First Church, Clinton, Ill., has accepted the position of office editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, previously held by Rev. Jack M. Scharn.

Rev. Beals has been pastor of the Clinton church since June, 1973. He has also served on the Illinois District as secretary of the Board of Ministerial Studies since 1965, as trustee of Olivet Nazarene College since 1969, and a member of the Church School Board since 1971.

Prior to the present pastorate, Rev. Beals pastored for almost 9 years at Quincy, Ill. His pastoral ministry has been to churches in Iowa and Illinois, serving a total of 22 years.

Rev. Beals graduated from Bethany Nazarene College in 1951. He received the M.A. degree in religion from Drake University in 1959, and he has done further graduate study at Iowa University.

Since 1952, Rev. Beals has been an occasional contributor to the *Herald of Holiness* and to other church periodicals. He is the author of *Communion with Christ*, published by Beacon Hill Press in 1964. Also, a book manuscript, *The Great Expectation*, is scheduled for publication by Beacon Hill Press in 1976.

Rev. Beals and wife, Evelyn, have one teen-age daughter, Evangeline, at home. They have a married daughter, Verna Jeanne, wife of pastor Herbert Heavner of the Vermontville, N.Y., church.

Rev. Beals will be assuming his responsibilities later this month. □

**DR.  
LAURISTON  
DuBOIS  
DEAD AT 62**



Dr. Lauriston DuBois, 62, chaplain and professor of philosophy at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Ida., was stricken Monday morning, March 12, and died of a cerebral vascular hemorrhage at 3:30 that afternoon.

He had suffered a serious heart attack two years ago and had undergone open-heart surgery last April.

Dr. DuBois had been at NNC since 1968. He was pastor of Denver, Colo., First Church from 1960 to 1968.

Prior to his Denver pastorate,

Dr. DuBois served four years as professor of practics at Nazarene Theological Seminary and editor of the *Preacher's Magazine*.

He was executive secretary of the Nazarene Young People's Society from 1944 to 1956, during which time he was editor in chief of the denomination's youth publications.

Earlier pastorates were served in Parkdale, Ore.; Spokane, Wash., Bethel Church; and Newton, Kans.

Dr. DuBois was the author of five books and a major contributor to the *Beacon Bible Commentary*.

He was a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College and received an M.A. degree from the University of Idaho. His alma mater honored him with the Doctor of Divinity degree.

He is survived by his wife, Fern, and one son, Bayard, a dental student in Seattle, Wash.

The funeral service was held Thursday, March 13, at College Church, Nampa, with Rev. Clarence Kinzler, pastor, in charge. □

**EVANGELIST  
FORREST  
McCULLOUGH  
DIES**



Rev. Forrest H. McCullough, 39, well-known Nazarene evangelist, died March 11 at his home in Tullahoma, Tenn.

Rev. McCullough had suffered a severe break as the result of unremitting work over a period of years, and had been hospitalized in Nashville prior to his death.

Prior to entering the evangelistic field in 1960, Rev. McCullough pastored Nazarene congregations in Selmer, Tenn.; Nashville Radnor Church; and Greenville, Tenn.

During his years in full-time evangelism, he preached in more than 600 revivals, youth camps, and camp meetings.

In addition to strenuous evangelistic labors, McCullough, with singers Wally and Ginger Laxson, conducted a radio broadcast, "The Heartwarming Hour," released in many states and overseas for nine years.

He supervised the work of Evangel Book Store in Tullahoma, and planned and directed Holy Land tours.

Rev. McCullough was the author of *Ready, Get Set, Go*, a widely used booklet in preparation for revival. He recorded the dramatic reading, "Flight Final," which has sold approximately 500,000 copies.

He will be remembered as an effective and totally dedicated evangelist.

Rev. McCullough is survived by his wife, Jayne; his mother, Mrs. Jessie McCullough; one daughter, Beth, 21 (Mrs. Donnie Hawkins); one son, Forrest II, 17; a brother, and four sisters.

The funeral was held in Tullahoma, March 14. Participating were Dr. Glenn Jones, East Tennessee district superintendent; Dr. Donald Gibson, executive secretary, Department of Evangelism for the church; Rev. Talmadge Johnson, general president of the NYPS; Pastors Richard Reed and Ralph Lee; and Song Evangelists James Bohi and Wally and Ginger Laxson. □

**SANDERS TO  
BE CENTRAL  
OHIO D.S.**



**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

With the unanimous endorsement of the Board of General Superintendents and in consultation with the District Advisory Board, I have appointed Terrell C. (Jack) Sanders, Jr., (now superintendent of the North Carolina District) superintendent of the Central Ohio District, effective April 10, 1975.

—Eugene L. Stowe  
General Superintendent

Dr. Sanders, 48, is a native of Barnesville, Ga., and a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College and of the Nazarene Theological Seminary. Trevecca honored him with the doctor of divinity degree last June.

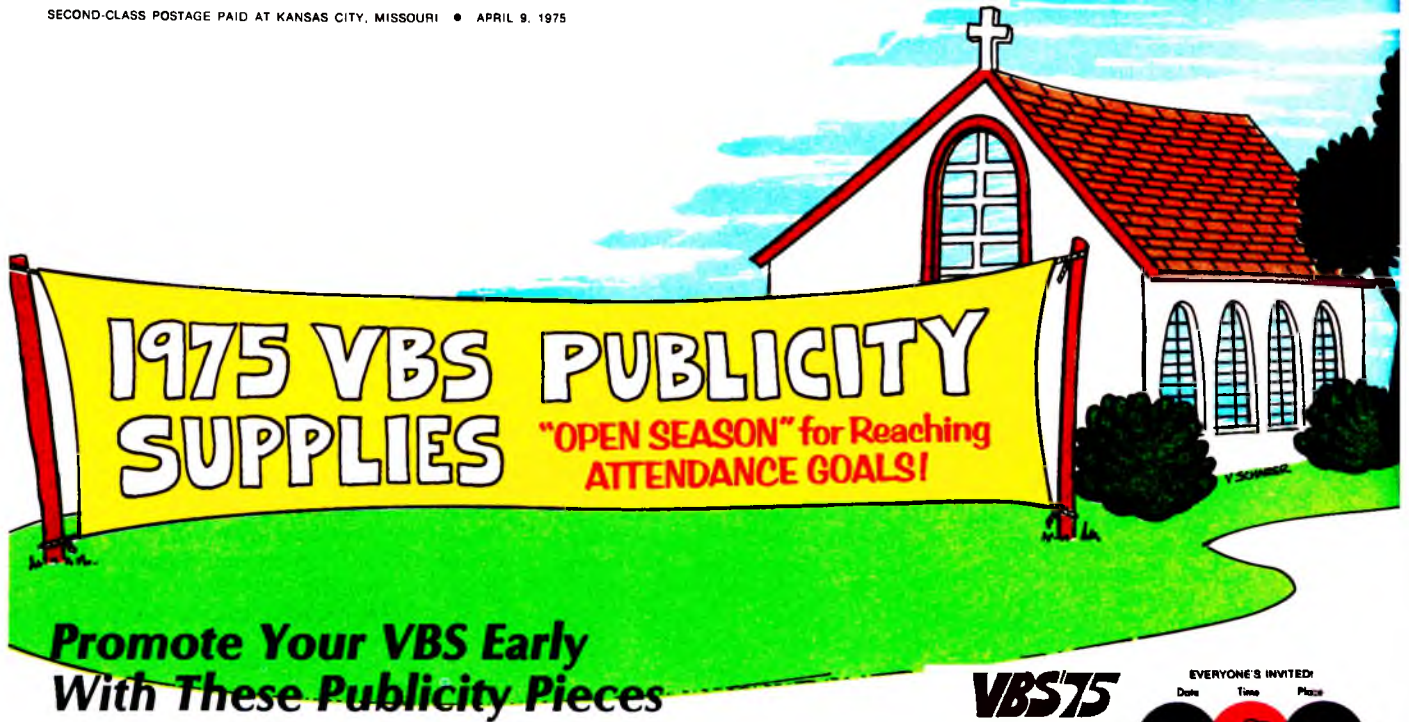
He has pastored Nazarene churches in Rome, Ga.; Kansas City, Kans.; Clinton, Ill.; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Pensacola, Fla.

Dr. Sanders has been superintendent of the North Carolina District since 1966, during which time the district has shown outstanding growth. He is a member of the denominational Book Committee and the Commission on Church Program, Organization, and Structure.

Dr. and Mrs. Sanders (nee Edrell Whitman) have three children: Terrell, a student at Nazarene Theological Seminary; Nelda, 15; and Timothy, 12.

Dr. Sanders replaces Dr. Don Gibson as Central Ohio superintendent. Dr. Gibson resigned to become executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism in Kansas City. □





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