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ARTICLES OF FAITH

I have just read the Articles of Faith in our church *Manual*. They are tremendous! Every time I read them I have a sense of awe and certainly a profound respect for them and the people who wrote them. They start on page 25 and conclude on page 31.

They deal with God and what we believe about Him, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Then there is a statement on the Holy Scriptures. Following these comes the belief in Original Sin and logically right after that comes our faith in the Atonement and what God and man do to make man a redeemed child of God.

The article on entire sanctification is a classic. It states in concise terms our concepts of the baptism with the Holy Spirit cleansing the heart from sin and empowering the believer for life and service.

Then comes our belief in the future for mankind who are

living their faith and are ready for the return of the Lord.

Following that is a clear presentation of our belief in the resurrection, judgment, and destiny.

Three more articles bring this tremendous set of scripturally based beliefs to a conclusion. They deal with baptism, the Lord's Supper, and divine healing. To read them is an exercise in intellectual satisfaction—so profound, so plain, so scriptural a creed.

To follow their ordered sequence of basic beliefs is to feel that surely the people who formed this new church, launching out on their faith, were divinely directed. Again the Holy Spirit was with His church! To realize that these Articles of Faith are so scripturally logical and correct is to accept them as the words of the Lord gathered to express the essentials of faith for a Spirit-anointed church.

To see their rugged strength is to know that such a church would be launched in power and proceed in conquest. To accept them is to rest one's faith and to quiet latent fears of life and to be encouraged to launch forth in belief and action on the Christian life so ordered—to the readiness for Christ's return.

Yes—they make good reading. They are so harmoniously related to the Scripture. They provide good preaching, for they are essential to basic life beliefs. They offer good living, for they are incentives and inspiration for obedience to God's will.

The Articles of Faith provide for each member of our church a basis for life decisions and actions. They bring the Scriptures into concise meaning and make it easy to relate our lives to them. They go into the moral dimensions that are necessary for good Christian living.

They give confidence to the individual who is privileged to accept what godly men have written and so many, many people have found worthy to live by.

Read them once again! □



by General Superintendent V. H. Lewis

“come to heel”

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THAT IS an arresting title, familiar to many, perhaps not known to some. It is a term dog trainers use to teach dogs the beginning lessons of obedience. A famous dog trainer said recently on television that a dog may have a high-class pedigree, but is useless until he learns obedience. But what does that have to do with me, a human being, created in the image of God? Altogether, it has very much to do with *you* and *me*.

We must “come to heel” with the great universal problem of human suffering and adversity. From our limited perspective, it is rarely possible for us to understand why some people suffer so much, and other people who live more sinful lives seem to go free. This was the problem of the ancient king in the Old Testament. It wasn’t until he went to the house of God and worshiped Him in the sanctuary that he began to understand. He was then beginning to trust and follow.

“Come to heel” means not only to follow, but to *follow closely*. The more sensitive we become in our relationship to God as an obedient follower, the sooner the perplexities of life will be untangled for us. A famous personality testified before millions of viewers that her grandchild had been born physically deficient. She called prayer warriors from across the country together in a two-day tryst of prayer. Many beautiful and some miraculous things began to happen in the lives of numerous people through those

prayers, but that child was not healed and after a while died.

This grandmother entered into the dark night of the soul. Her spirit was wrestling, resisting, rebelling. It was not until she began to trust *without understanding* that the darkness was lifted and the comforts of God encompassed her. I also can testify that trust is better.

Lack of trust is the seedbed for disobedience which finally matures into an attitude of rebellion. Rebellion never leads to fulfillment of the highest and best that is in us. We were made for obedience.

The famous breed of shepherd dogs are born and bred to serve the master and to protect and corral the sheep. The only way such a beautiful, high-bred animal can find fulfillment is to learn obedience. Only in obedience will there be worthwhileness for that animal creature. Stories are well known to us of shepherd dogs who have turned wild and have become wanton killers. We may not like the analogy, but the truth is that in any of us there is a destructive element which, if encouraged by disobedience, will lead to unwholesome and even wicked consequences.

Jesus in His humanity set before us the example. It is said of Him, in Hebrews 5:8-9, that “he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him” (NIV).

I was riding down the street in the city of San Diego, Calif., when a red light stopped me momentarily in the traffic. An open Bible was beside me on the seat, and so I used that moment to glance at it. The words that caught my eye were these: “I will reveal myself only to those who love me.” I said, “Yes, Lord, I love you.” And immediately a warm Presence filled that automobile.

The light still being red, I glanced again and saw another phrase which examined my relationship to God on a deeper level—“and obey me.” It wasn’t quite as easy to say “yes” to that also. But I said it and meant it, knowing that I would be in tough circumstances that day, where it might not be easy to be obedient. I had “come to heel” a long time ago. And now it was easy to reaffirm obedience. □



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WHEREVER Paul went there was either a revival or a riot"—so read one of the many eye-catching "mini-sermon" posters placed in strategic places at the PALCONS. Paul was the leader of religious rights of his day, and he reminds us of many of the civil rights advocates and martyrs of our day.

At Corinth there was a riot. Corinth was one of the few places, perhaps the only place, where the instigators of riot became the persecuted. Wherever Paul preached Christ, the stones of rebellion flew. But Paul was determined to preach Christ and Him crucified.

The church in Corinth was an integrated church. This is in contrast to the segregated church at Ephesus. Paul preached to the Jews in Ephesus for three months without any converts recorded. The positive proof that the disciples of Ephesus were all Gentiles is found in Paul's letter to Ephesus. Paul states in Ephesians 2:11-12, "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh . . . being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel . . ." In Ephesians 3:1, Paul directs his readers' attention to the Gentiles by saying, "For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles . . ." He further states in Ephesians 4:17, "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind . . ." Finally, throughout the entire book there is a distinct absence of any direct reference to Jewish converts.

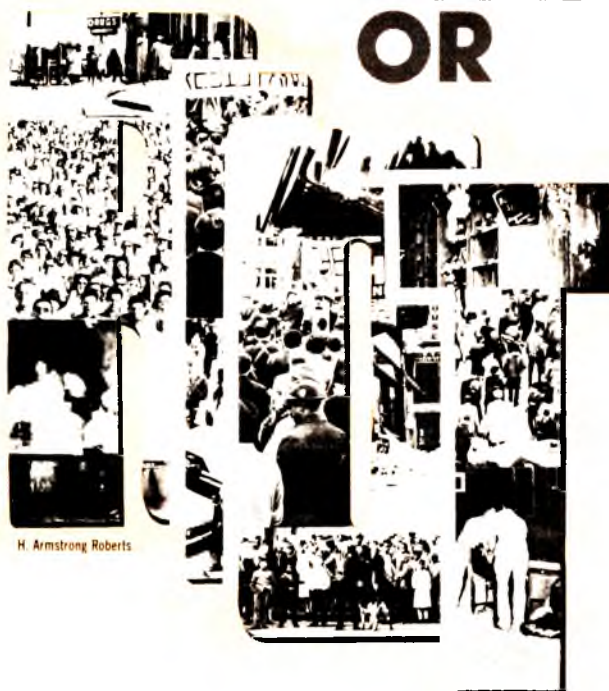
The church at Corinth is an example of a church handicapped by differences of race and language. Dr. Cadbury, in *The Book of Acts in History*, blames the tensions in Corinth on anti-Semitism. The Jews in Gentile lands were welded together by their Hebrew law, language, and worship. Their synagogues were islands in a hostile Gentile world.

Historical analysis reveals that the Corinthian church was a "hotbed" of contention, built on a shaky foundation of racial tension. The background of this trouble is recorded in Acts 18:6. Paul testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ, "And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles." After 18 months of preaching, Paul had won but one Hebrew family to Christ. But what a prize!

Crispus! He was the chief ruler of the synagogue and could naturally become the most promising leader in the new Christian church. He later was promoted to Bishop of Aegina. The Jews, meanwhile, led by their newly appointed synagogue ruler, Sosthenes, organized a mob and marched with Paul as

REVIVAL OR

their prisoner to the steps of the judgment seat and petitioned to see the deputy of all Achaia. However, the Greeks, who formed the majority of the church (as we are told in Acts 18:8) countermarched and rescued Paul! The new synagogue president, Sosthenes, was beaten on the courthouse steps (Acts 18:17). How different! Paul, who usually took his stoning alone is rescued from the Jews and the leader of the riot is beaten in his place!



H. Armstrong Roberts

Thus we find that the congregation in Corinth was different from the all-Gentile church of Ephesus, and from the all-Hebrew church located in Jerusalem (Acts 2:5). In his book *The Theology of Acts*, J. C. O'Neill states, "In the purely Greek-speaking church which had no scriptures apart from the LXX, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, it would be impossible for very long to follow that part of the church which read the Scriptures in Hebrew."

Why did they have disorderly services in Corinth? It would be natural for Crispus, the converted Corinthian Jew, to continue to read the Hebrew scriptures in the Greek-speaking church. But the language would be an "unknown" tongue and the Greeks could not say "Amen," as stated in 1 Corinthians 14:16. Paul compares the speaker of an unknown tongue to a barbarian because his words were strange to so many. Paul says, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). Paul describes the disorder by saying, "How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying" (1 Corinthians 14:26).

In *The Source*, James A. Michener describes an early synagogue service where 17 men "each conducted his own service, coming together now and then as some special prayer was reached; but even then they recited at 17 different speeds, so that the result was a mad jangle . . . there was no organization, no systematic division, and no apparent beauty." Michener's description is very similar to Paul's description of the situation in the church at Corinth.

Corinth has valuable lessons for us. Revivals are

hindered and riots are spawned where diversities of race, custom, and language are not overcome by love, the love Paul delineates as the "more excellent way" in 1 Corinthians 13.

Revival in Ephesus? Yes! Revival in Corinth? No! But in the final analysis it can be said that the riot intended against Paul "backfired" on Sosthenes, and the persecutor became the persecuted. For once someone else took the

stones intended for Paul! He preached a great sermon on the steps of the Judgment Hall but the stubborn Jews refused to listen. The Roman soldiers averted a riot, but it was the hardhearted Jews who prevented a revival.

The great "ringleader of . . . the Nazarenes," as Paul is referred to in Acts 24:5, continued to kindle revival flames on the streets, in schools, in private homes, and even in prison. The last two years of his life in Rome, while waiting to plead his defense before Caesar, were spent in preaching Christ. It was either revival or riot to his dying day!

We can have revivals in our churches today. To do so, we must learn to worship and work together, speaking the common language of love. □

The Best

People used to question me as to who was the best writer of all time and I would say, Jesus, the Author who wrote the script of our lives with His blood.

—CHRIS PARKER
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TAKE SIDES AGAINST SIN



I WATCHED her as she made her way through the hospital cafeteria line. My wife and I were having dinner there, and she was just ahead of us. She was perhaps in her late 40s; small lines of silver streaked her black hair. It seemed she would have been a most attractive lady. However, her back and arms, though of normal size, were twisted

and bent. As she clumsily made her way through the cafeteria line, she upset and knocked over one thing after another. Trying so desperately to be independent, she found that she could not. She finally turned to my wife, and with speech as twisted as her limbs, asked for assistance.

As my wife stooped to help her, tears filled my heart and my eyes. I thought of how this lady probably once was. Apparently her affliction was a muscular disease that came on in adult life. In my mind I saw that young wife, secure in the embrace of her husband. I saw a mother, arms straight and outstretched to that little one who loved her so. I saw busy days in the kitchen, holiday dinners and picnics, a straight back as graceful hands played the piano. In short, I saw a woman with the health and vitality that I have been fortunate to know.

Again I saw her now. She mumbled through twisted lips her gratitude to my wife, eyes so bright and glistening. And I asked, "Why?" With bitterness in my heart, I shouted to myself, "Why? Why am I standing here young, strong, and healthy, while she sits over there lacking all of these things? This is the most unjust of all injustices! It is not fair! It is not right!" Why does she, and a million others, lack what is normal and right and free to all of us?

Then it came to me: ultimately there is one reason for this and a host of other injustices and afflictions—and that one reason is *SIN*. I am not saying that this woman's personal sin resulted in her condition, or that anyone else's has ever done so. What I am grasping for the first time, however, is that such things result from demonic forces, a wicked world . . . *SIN*. We are living in a world that is at war with God. And the wickedness of our world affects both the guilty and the innocent.

While I watched this woman make her way to a table and sit down, I realized that God, too, looked down on this scene. And as my heart was pained, His hurt immeasurably more. As I wept for this lady, God wept, too. He wept and cared all the more. For you see, God knew the awfulness of sin from the beginning. He knew that these and a thousand other horrors would exist in a world in rebellion against righteousness. He tried so desperately to stop sin—but man withdrew from His presence. Sin reigned. And God must have wept.

God sent His Son as a remedy for this sin. He made a plan whereby we could be delivered from sin. Though we are born into a world "dead" in tres-

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passes and sin, He planned our deliverance from its power.

God knows that in the end righteousness and justice will triumph! Yes, by the atoning sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, sin will be defeated! There will be a final triumph of righteousness. And in spite of our world, we can know this victory within ourselves today!

But what about physical life now? What do we do in the days between Calvary and the coming of Christ? Well, as Christians, we endeavor to defeat sin. However, sin is more than murder, robbery, and rape. It is more than theft, and deception, and deviation. Oh, sure, I knew these facts. But, somehow . . . now . . . I really know them. This woman did not live normally—because of sin! Suddenly even the attractive sins were no longer attractive. The casual glance, the sensuous smile, the parading pleasures of our day—they were ugly in my sight. All of the promotions of our decadent age, the schemes of the drug culture (of which alcohol is number one), the competition of materialism, the apathy of modern-day churchgoers . . . it was sadly pathetic.

I asked myself, "Whose side are you on?" For the same forces that make looseness, liberalism, and sensuality so attractive, made a dear mother an invalid. The forces that make liquor so fashionable caused another to be crippled for life, another to be blind, and yet another young one to waste away in uselessness. And I realized that Christ Jesus came

not to defeat *sins* merely, but *sin*. We are either with Him, or we are not. We are for Him, or else we are totally opposed to Him. We stand for right, or we fall for anything, including sin.

If we dare to compromise with sin in our personal lives, our government, our churches, or our homes, we are taking sides. Only we are taking sides with a power that is the cause of all that we hate and fear. To condone or commit sin in one area, even when it is popular or brings momentary pleasure, is to stand with and for sin in every area. Whose side are we on?



I lifted a prayer heavenward as I left that dining room: "O God, make me loathe sin, in all of its faces and fronts, even as You loathe it. Make me acutely aware of and directly opposed to all of sin, the seen and unseen, that which manifests itself in civil crime,

and that which flares in stubborn rebellion to Your will in the secrecy of my heart. O God, help me to fight sin."

The great hymn writer Charles Wesley said it well:

*I want a principle within of watchful, godly
fear,
A sensitivity to sin, a pain to feel it near.
Help me the first approach to feel of pride or
wrong desire,
To catch the wandering of my will, and quench
the kindling fire.
From Thee that I no more may stray, no more
Thy goodness grieve,
Grant me the filial awe, I pray, the tender
conscience give;
Quick as the apple of Thy eye, O God, my
conscience make!
Awake my soul when sin is nigh, and keep it
still awake.
Almighty God of truth and love, to me Thy
power impart;
The burden from my soul remove, the hardness
from my heart.
O may the least omission pain my reawakened
soul,
And drive me to that grace again, which makes
the wounded whole.* □



LITTLE FOXES SPOIL THE VINES



*It is the little things that vex us
And erode our patience thin . . .
It's the little problems we can't solve
That mock our trained discipline.
The little foxes come at sunrise
And destroy the vineyard vines . . .
And when the purple clusters wither,
Some men search for redder wines.
It is the little jests that wound us
And cause us to mar the scroll . . .
Little barbs sire retaliations
And these crucify the soul.
The small resentments we have harbored
And have watered with our tears
Rise up to walk again at midnight
Like ghosts from forgotten years.
It is the little words we've spoken,*

*Words we've spoken carelessly,
That fly like sharp betrayal arrows
And make a Gethsemane.
It is the little notes unwritten
To a dear friend in deep loss
That hang dead regrets around our neck
Like a heavy albatross.
So I pray to be a guardian
Over all I say and do . . .
Remembering what I sow, I reap,
And that life will soon be through.
So I will think before I speak
And put a censor on my tongue . . .
And apologize when I have killed
A song before it's sung.*

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THE STAKES ARE TOO HIGH!

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GAMBLING is spreading rapidly across America, especially among teenagers. Gambling in the United States has doubled in the last few years. Over 55 percent of adult Americans gamble. Children as young as 14 are betting on lotteries and horse races. More money is being spent on gambling than on education. An estimated \$50 billion plus is spent on gambling. Over \$60 million changes hands on a typical weekend in bets on college and professional football games. The "numbers game," which is illegal, draws over \$5 billion annually.

Gambling is the act of playing for stakes, the act of risking anything on an uncertain event. Most gambling has been illegal in the U.S., but a growing number of states have legalized betting on horses and state lotteries. The FBI reports that states with legalized gambling have a crime rate twice as high as states that outlaw gambling. Nevada's crime rate is 1,993 offenses per 100,000 people; non-gambling states, 906 offenses per 100,000. What has gambling done for Nevada? During a certain year, Reno had the highest crime rate of all U.S. cities. It requires four times the number of policemen. Its welfare is much higher than a comparable city, its suicides twice the American average, and its murders rank with cities four times its size. Las Vegas has 15 times as many suicides as the national average, juvenile delinquency is twice the national average, prostitution income is second to gambling.

Gambling, legalized or not, cannot be controlled. Even when brought out in the open under the guise of legality, gambling still corrupts. A study of 1,300 legal lotteries held in the U.S. revealed that dishonesty and corruption became more prevalent, frauds increased, and large sums of money were diverted from businesses. Every investigation re-

veals that there are always certain ties between gambling and the underworld. Legalized gambling in Great Britain started many people in the habit of gambling.

It is extremely hard for a policeman to arrest youngsters for shooting dice when their fathers sit at a table loaded with money and cards in hand, while their mothers are at the local church trying to win at bingo. They say, "What's wrong with gambling?"

Gambling is not an inborn instinct; it is an acquired habit, and a habit that is as addicting and harmful as any chemical drug. Of the millions who are social gamblers, between 9 and 11 million are compulsive gamblers. Gambling is not an amusement. It is based on a desire to get something for nothing at someone else's loss. Even in bingo, the game is fixed for the operator to win, and the easy, painless game is addicting. Compulsive gamblers habitually take chances. Gambling precludes all other interests. The gambler knows he will lose, he will not learn from defeat, he finds a high thrill during the game trying to beat "the system." A compulsive gambler is a sick person.

Eddie Arcaro, the jockey, admitted he "lost like everybody else." Compulsive gamblers die poor. Lotteries rob the poor by making them think they might get rich. Forty-one percent of the poor married women expect their husbands to gamble, while only 20 percent of the more prosperous wives expect their husbands to gamble. Those least able to pay and those addicted to gambling pay a severe price. Gambling serves no community need. Surrounding gambling are absenteeism and unfavorable economic situations. When gambling is going full blast, so are collection agencies. New industries shy away from gambling states or locales. One manufacturer cracked down on gambling in the plant and production increased 25 percent. Legalized gambling has caused higher police costs, higher court costs, higher penitentiary costs, and higher relief costs. Lotteries cost vastly more to states than they bring in.

Gambling is a primary motive for embezzlement. As high as 75 percent of all embezzlement cases are due to gambling.

Gambling is an infectious idolatry. The gambler's god is lady luck. The casino, den, or parlor becomes a pagan shrine where the gambler pays all his dues and sacrifices to the operator. God declares, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground" (Genesis 3:19). Trying to make it through life by gambling is a parasitical attitude that offends the plan God has for man. In 2 Thessalonians 3:10, it says, "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

In spite of the facts that have proven gambling to be a source of evil, crime, and everything that is wrong, millions continue in its ways. The wisdom of Proverbs says, "The sluggard's craving will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work. All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing" (21:25-26, NIV).

Someone said, "You can bet your life on it; gambling is for suckers!" □

of what are we accused?

Peter and the other apostles were accused of zealous witnessing. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, . . . Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching," said the high priest, speaking for the Council (Acts 5:28, NIV). He would have fared better if he had never made the accusation for Peter responded, "You killed Jesus by hanging him on a tree." Though beaten and warned to desist, the apostles kept right on telling the Good News about Jesus and the bad news about His enemies.

After their Philippian jail experience, Paul and Silas

preached with such fervor that they merited an eloquent accusation by the enemies of Christ; "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:6). Little did the accusers realize that they were publicly attesting to the power of the Holy Spirit operating in the lives of men wholly committed to the cause of Christ.

What are Christians accused of today? Have we been in trouble for filling our city with teaching about Christ? Have we made enough impact on our society to disturb any sinful tranquility? Are we turning the world upside down

for Christ? Perhaps we would be accused of lacking zeal rather than too enthusiastically sharing Christ. Maybe our own consciences painfully reveal that complacency rather than compassion, drifting rather than discipline, and minimum witnessing instead of maximum effort are our problems. The Christ whom we serve has the answer, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel . . ." (Mark 16:15). Why shouldn't we start right where we are? □

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BROKEN THINGS

*There are so many things,
we're told,
That once were held most
dear;
But now they're crushed and
broken
And valueless appear.
There are broken vows and
broken ties,
And broken friendships
too;
There are broken homes and
broken hearts,
By those who proved
untrue.*

*But not all the broken things
of earth
Are thus to be despised;
For the greatest gifts to all
mankind
Are the broken things of
life.
'Twas by Gideon's broken
pitchers
His men their light re-
vealed;
Which gained for them the
victory
Upon the battlefield.*

*'Twas a broken alabaster box
Of precious ointment rare,
That a sinner poured on
Jesus' feet,
His blessings rich to share.
It was the broken loaves and
fishes—
The luncheon of a lad—
Which, owned and blessed of
Jesus,
Made hungry people glad.
Yet all these broken things
we see
In no wise can compare
With all the greater broken
things
Christ gave for us to share.
The broken ties of heaven
He chose,
To come to earth to dwell;
His broken body in death He
gave,
His wondrous love to tell.
But greater still was His
heart of love,
Bleeding upon that tree,
Broken in twain for your
sins and mine
When He died on Calvary.*

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GIVE PRIORITY TO PRAYER



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AT CREMONA in northern St. Mary's County, Maryland, the innovative Thomas family created a highly unusual hanging stairway about 150 years ago. The landing is suspended and open on both sides. It is believed that its purpose was to create a work area for musicians at social functions. As a result, it came in time to be termed "musician stairway." It is eye-catching and rare, although not unique.

Even more unusual was Jacob's vision and his stairway of prayer to God (Genesis 28:10-17). Prayer is a stairway to God. It allows for the comings and goings of unusual messages both to and from the place of God. Not always recognized at the first, it may well mark some of life's most sacred moments.

Since personal renewal depends upon our prayer power, it is imperative that we be honest with ourselves about our priorities. Do we feel the normal necessity to pray, or are we only interested in the effects and benefits of prayer? If our personal concern does not reach beyond the blessings of prayer, we may be involved in little more than a kind of psychedelic worship which majors on side effects.

In such a case, we want the feelings more than the facts. We unconsciously look for side effects of propriety and excitement rather than the normal relationship with the Father. As Christians, if our friends could follow us from our altars and overhear us in our secret closets, would it be a disappointing experience for them?

A seminarian went to his homiletics class one day where they did the whole routine of criticizing each other's sermons by means of audio tapes, class dis-

cussion, and criticism sheets. One critic wrote, "Well, sir, it seems to me that he had a sledgehammer introduction and a tack hammer development." Does this describe many of our prayer practices, "sledgehammer" personalities with "tack hammer" prayer closets? The disciples found Jesus' secret on the mountaintops where His prayers outlived the night.

Luke puts priority into perspective for us as he records the disciples' conversation with Jesus following the Resurrection. Jesus announced, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be undued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Those early believers prayed obediently and waited expectantly in an upper room for 10 days. "When the day of Pentecost was fully come," Luke tells us, "they were all with one accord in one place." Every pulpitering phrase-packer who ever lived has made sermonic play on this circumstance. Luke says simply, "They prayed 10 days, preached 1, and won 3,000 souls."

Today we pray 1 day, preach 10 days, and wonder why we have such poor results. This involves more than powerful phraseology and catchy cliches. Could this be a frightening revelation about the priority we place upon prayer as an instrument of personal power? Could this be our unconscious way of telling God we know a better way to power's destination than by the prayer route?

Consider our dynamics today. We propose programs. We turn cranks. We press buttons. We pull levers. We mimeograph reams. We do all those things involved in the mechanics of church machinery, and then in a feverish orgy of pious propriety we do that one "sacred" thing we are "supposed" to do. We call ourselves together "to pray down a revival" or whatever it is we are asking for.

One day a varsity lineman busted a tackle. When he did, the line coach yelled for him to "hit the track." That 250-pounder lumbered onto the track and gave the coach a plaintive look on the first lap which pleaded, "Isn't that enough, Coach?" The coach saw him from the corner of his eye and shouted, "Keep going!" The second time around the track the plaintive look was still there, and again the coach commanded, "Keep going . . . I'm going to run 35 pounds off you!" With that, the big lineman shouted back in a moment of jest, "But coach, you're not going to do it all in one day, are you?"

Do we try to run off our accumulated repentance, our overdue reconciliations, and our flabby earthliness in a crash program of powerful prayer? When the priority of prayer gets put back into the first-things-first column, those willing to pay the price of practicing such discipline will soon discover a new surge of personal and powerful renewal—directly from the storehouse of God. □

Book Briefs



Reviewed by
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LET'S TEACH WITH BIBLE GAMES

Looking for another good teaching tool? Donna Fillmore shows you how to with her book on teaching with Bible games.

This book can liven up your Sunday school, children's church, or weekday ministries. Here you will discover why Bible games are an important teaching tool, types of games suitable for church-related activities, principles for effective use of games, and how to build your Bible game library.

You don't need a degree in art or unlimited resources to put this book to use. None of the seven classes of games covered are difficult to make, and all may be constructed from the list of 15 simple materials.

Many of the games listed are ones you may have played as a child. Your middlers and juniors will enjoy playing these same games and will be learning biblical truths at the same time. Bible games can add a new dimension to your teaching ministry. Try one this Sunday. □



by *Donna Fillmore*
Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City

To order, see page 23.



WATCH YOUR WORDS

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In this life there always seems to be people who go about sticking pins into other people's bright balloons, dropping muddy pebbles into crystal-clear pools, and shattering rare, shining moments with discouraging comments. Sometimes the shattering remarks are made thoughtlessly; other times the damage is done by deliberate attempts to spoil the lovely, the good, the cherished.

All of us have had a few balloons burst, a few clear pools muddied, and at least one shining moment shattered in our lifetime.

I had lived in a big house for five years and had grown to love the place, although my nights alone in the large place were often filled with loneliness and nervous apprehension. Extensive renovations, flowered wallpaper and fresh paint had made my home attractive and enjoyable. One day I called in a carpenter to renovate one of the bedrooms. As he and I sat at the dining room table together sharing our noontime lunch, he thoughtlessly exclaimed, "This is the house in which the owner of the hardware store killed himself, isn't it? I wonder just why he did a think like that!"

Chills raced down my spine. Some of the coziness and attractiveness of the house fled, leaving in its place a sense of loneliness and chill.

That evening, alone in the silence of the gray fading daylight, I wondered, "Did it happen in this room where I sleep? Or maybe in the *front* bedroom?" I'd always felt a sense of gloom in one *particular* room of this house—perhaps that had been the room of the suicide!

JUST BETWEEN US

Long after the thoughtless remark had been made, a strange shadow of gloom shared the long dark nights in this house with me. It has only been through prayer that my nervousness about the house has lifted.

"Let them be acceptable
in YOUR sight,
O Lord."

And once I experienced some very special, exceptionally shining moments! Those shining moments were the crowning touch of my graduation from college when the graduating class of 300 students stood in Portland City Hall before a packed audience and sang in full volume the class ode for which I had carefully written the words. With pleasure I noted my name on the printed program: *words by Dorothy Kidney*. The gigantic pipe organ pealed its thunderous chords, the sopranos struck the high notes, the altos were strong and sure. Proudly and loudly the group sang the challenging words I had written. It was a fitting climax to the four years of college which I had completed during my middle age! Indeed, it was for me my shining moment.

Afterwards, still floating on a pale pink cloud of happiness, I went to the dressing room to change from my college robe to street clothes. The head music teacher from my college was there, and one of my classmates exclaimed eagerly to her, "Weren't Dorothy's words in that ode simply beautiful!" The music teacher said, "Well, I personally thought the words were rather high schoolish." She walked out of the room leaving me standing with the tattered shreds of my shining moment at my feet.

As I write this article, I am convalescing from an illness in a hospital room which boasts a gorgeous view of a river, an impressive falls and magnificent trees bordering the shores. The view has been wonderful therapy for me as I have lain here this week admiring the river's white churning and enjoying the fall's plunging rhythm. A visitor stopped in my room a few hours ago and said, "Too bad about the tragedy of that falls, isn't it! One fellow coaxed another to go over the falls in a canoe. With the shores lined with curious observers, the persistent fellow pulled the other man into the canoe and they paddled toward

the falls. The canoe went over the falls, and the fellow who had been reluctant to go was killed."

Looking out the window after my visitor left, I found the enjoyment of my view has been spoiled. Instead of enjoying the scenery, I am visualizing a small, helpless canoe caught in the current, overturning in the swirl, twirling like a chip over the roaring falls, and a battered body drifting lifelessly down the river. Some of the peacefulness of the scene has been destroyed. Its beauty has been marred.

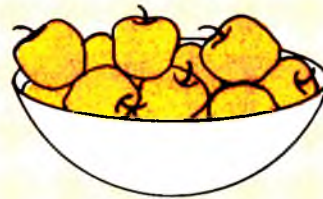
Thoughtless words. Ill-spoken words. Idle words.

O Lord, help me to watch my own tongue that my words will not destroy shining moments and mar the happiness of others. Forgive me for my thoughtless words of the past, and for unconcerned conversation which trampled with clumsy, muddy boots the pleasant, carefully tended flower beds of others.

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14). □

***"A word aptly spoken
is like apples of gold
in settings of silver"***

Proverbs 25:11, NIV



Working Out Our Salvation



by **LYLE P. FLINNER**

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First, this is no attempt to describe or advocate any self-help plan of salvation. Our ultimate salvation depends on the atoning and redemptive work of Christ on Calvary, with a merciful and forgiving God receiving us into the fellowship of the redeemed, and the gracious Holy Spirit empowering us for Christian life and service.

But accepting all of that, there is still a deep sense in which you have a great deal to do with your salvation.

In the first place, God does not force himself on you, but He creates conditions where you are faced with truth and confronted with Christ for your personal decision. Even beyond this initial choice on your part, all of your subsequent life becomes a series of choice-points where you have the privilege of opening or closing the door.

You are not, then, a mere creature of circumstances, but you have it entirely in your hands to determine your order of thought, your choice of action, and the ultimate influence of your life.

In your life you can keep hold of the rudder and determine exactly which course you will take and

what points you will touch, or you can fail to do this and drift—blown in every new direction by every passing breeze.

Many plan their lives seriously, pray expectantly, open themselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit, walk in all of their known light, and carefully choose and take advantage of every opportunity to fulfill their lives and thus their potential under God.

Thus, some Christians make more of their Christian lives than others. By their fervent application of thought and prayer and creative choice they have much more of an impact on the lives of others. They move far beyond the ordinary and the average.

Their sense of fulfillment grows as they move toward becoming a whole person—teaming up their talents and skills and inherent powers in a partnership with God.

We have only one life to live. The eternal question is: "What am I making of my life?" Are God and the Kingdom getting the most benefit from my Christian experience? Am I making the Christian impact I should be making? Am I stirred up to the possibilities of grace?

You don't need to stay where you are spiritually. A boundless horizon stretches before you as you "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

POINT TO PONDER: How seriously am I really working at becoming an adequate Christian? □

Becoming a Whole Person

PROBLEMS, difficulties, disappointments, unjust criticism, misunderstandings, misfortune, sickness, pain, sorrow, troubles!

“Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble” (Job 14:1).

Troubles come to saints and sinners alike. However, our relationship to God makes all the difference when we are faced with adversity. The sinner faces his problems on his own, whereas the believer has God to help and sustain him in times of trouble. In such times Christ proves to be “a friend that sticketh closer than a brother” (Proverbs 18:24). And we can testify with the Psalmist that “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1).

When the disciples were confused and uneasy, Jesus said to them “let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. . . . Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. . . . These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 14:1, 27; 16:33).

Christ has gone before us and knows the way with all of the difficult hills and mountains that lie on life’s road.

Some of our difficulties are God-sent, “for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul” (Deuteronomy 13:3).

Often the troubles we encounter are caused by the enemy of our soul and permitted by God, as in Job’s life. Regarding the church in Smyrna, Jesus said: “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).

More often than most people realize or admit, many of our troubles and problems are caused by ourselves, brought about by our own willfulness and lack of cooperation with God and His spiritual and physical laws.

If we maintain a right relationship with our Lord, we can be sure that God will furnish the necessary grace and help to encounter victoriously any trouble or difficulty that we might experience, for “God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

God has never promised to keep us from all trouble, but He has promised to keep us when trouble comes, and to deliver us in His own way and in His own time.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help *in* trouble” (Psalm 46:

1). God is very explicit when He says, “Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me” (Psalm 50:15).

And again: “Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my

CLIMBING ON TOP OF OUR TROUBLES



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name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him" (Psalm 91:14-15).

To keep our troubles in proper perspective, it is very important that we always keep our eyes on God and not on our troubles. Often when we first face our troubles they look like mountains to us, sometimes like insurmountable, gigantic mountains. But when they are viewed through God and His never-failing "exceeding great and precious promises" (2 Peter 1:4), they seem to become mere hills! God always makes the big difference, for He is greater than any trouble or problem that may confront us along our life's journey. Thus we can declare with the Apostle: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

As a precondition for surmounting his troubles, one should have a clear-cut and up-to-date knowledge of his sins being forgiven through the atoning blood of Jesus, and his heart cleansed from the carnal nature by the Holy Spirit. Being saved and sanctified is the most essential prerequisite for facing the numerous crises of life.

Once a right relationship with our Lord is established, then our daily personal devotional life helps to cultivate a growing and intimate relationship with Him, which in turn conditions us further to face our daily troubles and problems victoriously. God has promised strength for every day and every occasion as we walk with Him. "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deuteronomy 33:25).

With these preconditions taken care of, there are three simple but very important steps that we have to take every time we are confronted with some trouble, difficulty, or problem. These steps will help us climb on top of any trouble that might come into our lives.

THE FIRST STEP IS TO TRUST GOD.

We should always trust God and believe His never-failing promises in every individual situation. We should never forget that Jesus said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God" (Luke 18:27). God himself has declared: "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:27). We should always remember to trust God's wisdom as well as His power. Sometimes, when God in His wisdom does not see fit to remove "the thorn in the flesh" He gives extra grace which proves to be sufficient. "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3). If our trust in God is what it ought to be, then when trouble comes, "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

As an immediate result of such a trust in God "our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in

his holy name" (Psalm 33:21) for "whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he" (Proverbs 16:20).

THE SECOND STEP IS TO OBEY GOD.

We should always do as God directs. If we really trust God without any reservation, and believe that He knows best and never makes a mistake, it becomes much easier to obey Him, even though many times we may not understand everything that we experience. God always wants us to do the right thing. He says: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32:8). But we must keep our eyes on Him and our hand of faith in His hand of power.

When we find ourselves in a quandary and don't know what to do in any given situation, it is always wise to hold steady, wait, and "trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

As in the first step of trusting God, as an immediate result of our obedience, we experience a new measure of joy. Jesus said: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17).

God's promises are activated and energized by our trust and obedience. And as we remain committed to Him we will daily experience His wonderful promises, and thus become channels through which the Holy Spirit will be able to reach out and minister to others who have not experienced God and His precious promises.

THE THIRD STEP IS TO PRAISE GOD.

When God's peace and joy is renewed in our hearts because of our trust and obedience, it is much easier for our hearts to swell with praises to our wonderful Lord, who said: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Hebrews 13:5-6).

After we have trusted God and obeyed Him, we can and should praise Him for himself and His never-failing promises.

This third step should also include the praise of faith in anticipation of what God will do. This glorifies Him, for He has said: "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (Psalm 50:23).

Praise is essential for victorious living. We are actually commanded to take this culminating third step of praise and thanksgiving: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

When faced with troubles, problems, difficulties, and adverse situations of all kinds, we don't need to be troubled, for "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

It is helpful to remember that the first letters of trust, obey, and praise spell t-o-p. For only as we trust God, obey Him, and praise Him can we get on top of all our troubles.

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14). □

the editor's STANDPOINT

THE HOLY CAN BE HURT

To be holy does not make us less human; it makes us more truly human. Holiness is the will of God for humanity, and the ethical demands of both Old and New Testaments can be distilled into the command/promise: “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” The holier one is, the more genuinely human one is.

And this means that the sanctified heart is easily hurt. It is sensitive to sin, sin that wounds it and sin that wounds others. The notion that if I am holy then nothing others say or do can hurt me is nonsense. We are bruised and broken by words or deeds that are untrue, unfair, or unkind.

Where holiness makes a difference is not in the capacity to be injured but in the reaction to injury. The unholy heart will hate the offender and seek revenge for the offense. It will nurse bitterness and resentment until the inner life is poisoned, and the poison will spread into social relationships.

WE CANNOT DO IT

As I write this I have just returned from a camp meeting in the Northwest. While there I heard Hoyle Thomas tell this story: A huge elephant was showing off his strength before a mouse. He leaned his trunk against a boulder, gave it a mighty shove, and sent it tumbling down the hillside. Turning to the mouse he roared, “Can you do that?” “No,” the timid mouse replied, “I can’t do that.” The elephant wrapped his trunk around a tree, pulled it from the ground, and hurled it into a ravine. “Can you do that?” he roared proudly. “No,” squeaked the mouse, “I can’t do that—but I’ve been sick.”

People are like that mouse. In their pride they hate to admit that they cannot do some things, sick or well. But there are some limits to human ability in areas that vitally affect our character and destiny.

Sick or well, we cannot save ourselves from sin. No truth is made clearer in Scripture than man’s inability to rescue himself from sin. Man in sin is like a rat in mud. The harder he digs the deeper he goes.

By contrast, the heart possessed by the Holy Spirit—cleansed from sin and filled with love—will pray for the offender, bear its hurt without bitterness, and exercise a ready willingness to forgive. The holy heart will seek, not vengeance, but reconciliation.

Jesus died in the grossest miscarriage of justice in all history. His death was lonely, agonizing, and shameful. Its horror was intensified by the heartless gibes of hateful spectators. Yet Jesus looked upon His crucifiers with holy love and prayed, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Stephen became the first martyr to die for Christ. Religious men with hate-filled hearts stoned him to death. He responded to ultimate injury in the spirit of Jesus, praying, “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge” (Acts 7:60).

The holy heart is human and can be hurt. But it answers injury with love and prayer and forgiveness. □

As Paul puts it, “by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight” (Romans 3:20). There is one way of salvation, and one only. “Christ died for our sins” (1 Corinthians 15:3), and when we trust in Him, despairing of our own goodness and merit, God forgives and renews us.

Sick or well, the church cannot reach others for Christ except by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit alone can convict of sin and attract to the Savior (John 16:8). No measure of human knowledge, talent, or wealth can equip the church to succeed in doing the work of God. For this work the power of the Holy Spirit is absolutely indispensable. Without the Spirit, educated and gifted men will utterly fail.

A man boasted of being self-made. His weary wife responded, “You should have called in some help.” If the sinner is to be saved, if the church is to reach the world, help must be called in, for only God can do these things. □

The holy heart is human and can be hurt. But it answers injury with love and prayer and forgiveness.

OUR NAZARENE EDUCATORS

When fall comes and schools open, I think about our Nazarene teachers, those in public schools and those in our colleges and seminaries. When I say teachers, I include those who have moved from classroom to administrative offices—our educators.

What an exciting and fearful task they have—to awaken, instruct, and encourage the minds of children and youth. Their responsibility is towering, and so is their influence.

Nazarenes who teach gladden my heart. When I was a pastor some of the most gifted and dedicated members I served were public school teachers. My recent nine years of college teaching gave me a deep gratitude for, and pride in, the men and women who staff our colleges. When I pastored a college church, loyal Christian professors and administrators formed a large part of the backbone of the church. Our teachers are a choice group of people, for the most part overworked, underpaid, and uncomplaining.

Good teachers have to keep leaning their weight

against the cultural influences to which children are exposed beyond the classroom. Unfortunately, many children are more powerfully influenced by television stars than by teachers. Our teachers are to be commended for the quiet concern and courage that keeps them at their often disheartening task.

Compared to the astronomical salaries of entertainers and athletes, our teachers' salaries are a national disgrace. We will make an entertainer, even one with a poisonous influence, fabulously wealthy, while we do but little for those entrusted with the education of our young.

This fall, as you see students trooping and whooping off for a day at school, think about the enormous responsibility and opportunity of those who teach. And when you pray, include a special thanksgiving for Christian teachers, and a special petition for God's blessings upon their lives and work. One more thing, let them know that you appreciate what they are doing. □

AI AND ZIZA

I have a friend who thinks doing crossword puzzles is a foolish exercise. But I have been doing them since boyhood, and I think crossword puzzles have made a worthwhile contribution to my education. Not everything I've learned working them has been of value. I confess that knowing a two-letter word for a three-toed sloth is "ai" has never helped me or the sloth.

On the other hand, not everything I've read in the Bible has directly benefited me either. For example, the fact that Rehoboam had a child named Ziza hasn't proven useful to me in 40 years of Christian pilgrimage.

The point is simply this: The *total* experience has to be considered when making value judgments, and not just isolated elements of experience.

I've heard people say, I don't go to church anymore—the singing was too slow. Or the choir was too weak. Or the sermon was too brief. Or the sanctuary was too cold. Or the announcements were too dull. Or the

service was too long. Or the prayers were too emotional. Nearly everybody can find something wrong with a worship service. But the value of worship has to be determined by the total experience, by the full impact and influence of being in the Lord's house with the Lord's people on the Lord's day.

Any church member can find something wrong with his pastor. All God's chillun got warts! But the value of a pastor's work must be assessed as a total experience. It must be weighed in its overall effect upon the church.

You cannot judge a crossword puzzle by ai. You cannot judge the worth of the Bible by Ziza. And you cannot judge the value of a pastor's ministry or the value of worship by one isolated factor. Total experience is the real determinant.

I could add that you cannot estimate the worth of an editor by one editorial, or by one article, or by one question-and-answer; but that would be too obvious. □

A HIGH PLANE OF CHRISTIAN LIVING



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Holiness is a unique quality of disposition and life that is pure, clean, and powerful. It is a quality of character portraying that which is good, beautiful, pleasant, loving, and holy. Holiness casts out doubts and fears, and creates vision and optimism.

Religion is no good at all if it does not lift men up and create obvious holiness. Our God creates holiness of nature within, holiness of acts without, holiness of feelings, holiness in associations, and holiness in devotion to himself. God is in the elevating business. He reached down to grasp you and me that He might lift us up high. He has made no plans to leave us struggling along in the endless rut of mediocrity. His purpose is to save us, to cleanse and make us holy, imparting unto us a quality of life and spirit which is pleasing unto Him.

One day a missionary in New Guinea noticed that many villagers were coming toward the mission compound. In their hands they carried fetishes and images which they had formerly used in idol worship. They now were Christians and felt that they should give up these things.

The missionary asked, "Just a minute, are you really sure you want to destroy these things?"

A spokesman for the group answered, "We know that if we follow Jesus wholly and love Him with all our hearts, we must sever connections with all that formerly held us in bondage and spiritual darkness."

My friends, let's face it. The purpose of God is to impart to every Christian believer a quality of life and spirit which graciously lifts him up out of the practices and habits of past unrighteous living, and causes him to love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. The Christian henceforth endeavors to live a wholesome, good life, which is pleasing unto the Lord. This was confirmed by the apostle Paul in Titus 2:14, when he said that Jesus "... gave himself for us all, that he might rescue us from all our evil ways and make for himself a people of his own,

Helps to HOLY Living

clean and pure, with our hearts set upon living a life that is good" (Phillips).

Nowhere can I find a more vivid picture of this *high plane of Christian living* than the one drawn by the apostle Paul in Romans 5:2. After declaring that those who are "justified by faith . . . have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," the apostle goes on to say, "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand." The picture is that

of Jesus taking the Christian believer by the hand, lifting him up and leading him into a land of *abundant living*. The word "access" carries with it a sense of being *ushered into the presence of royalty*. This "grace wherein we stand" is a *high plane of royal living*; and it is through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Sanctifier, that a quality of disposition and life is imparted unto us which lifts us up to that high plane of Christian living.

Having emphasized the lifting power of Christ in our lives, let us also be aware that this abundant Christian living is to be lived out by the believer himself with purpose and endeavor. Over and over again we are exhorted in Scripture to "seek those things which are above," "run with patience the race that is set before us," "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called," and "follow . . . holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." We are responsible for living out that abundant life on the *high plane of Christian living* upon which Jesus has placed us. □



Henry Graham

Open to Light

*All day on prairie's long, green space
Where wild grass waves as soft winds
run,
The sunflower slowly turns its face
To match the roll of golden sun.
While earth things shift as clouds blow by,
Branches ripple and birds take flight,
The sunflower lifts to shining sky,
Opens its heart to warmth and light.
Beneath the world of change and rush,
Of days that flow with swirling pace,
In underlying Spirit's hush,
I turn toward God, and ever face
The glow that is His presence here
(As blossoms lift to light above)
And with a vision steady, clear,
Center my soul in His bright love.*

—JEAN HOGAN DUDLEY
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GOING HIGHER IN THE 80's

Over the One Million Mark



Sunday school is indispensable to the Church of the Nazarene. It is an invaluable outreach to new homes, families, and individuals, bringing them into contact with the people, homes, families, individuals—and with the church. It is the great evangelistic arm of the church. The format of class, teacher-pupil on Sunday, plus personal relationships developed during weekday ministries, provides an ideal setting for soul winning.

— V. H. Lewis

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT



A young child who was lost once said to a helpful stranger, “Take me to my church. Then I can find my way home.” Her statement reminds us that now—more than ever before—children need the Sunday school to help them find their “spiritual home.” In today’s society, which surrounds children with evil on every hand, many children are losing their way. Jesus said, “Let the children come to Me.” Help them to do this by keeping the Sunday school strong in your local church.

—Miriam Hall



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—Richard L. Spindle





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—Gary Henecke



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IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES

David K. Kline, pastor in Pickford, Mich., served as chairman of a community action group, the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Friends on the committee urged him to seek election to the Board of Education. He did and was elected.

His involvement in community programs, he says, has come about during one of his best years in ministry. The Pickford church has enjoyed "almost 50 percent gain in membership, raised about \$20,000 more this year than last, just closed an excellent revival, and is buying additional property." □

RETIRED PASTOR CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Rev. M. M. Snyder of the Kenner, La., church celebrated his 100th birthday on July 21. The church honored him the following day in the Sunday services and with an all-church dinner. Rev. Snyder received greetings from President Carter and Governor Edwards.

The oldest living elder in the church, Brother Snyder was saved 75 years ago. He was licensed in 1929 and ordained in 1932 on the Dallas District. Since that time he has pastored New Orleans First Church, Eldorado Central in Arkansas, New Orleans Central, and New Orleans West Bank. Most of these churches he helped build and "put out of debt." He can recall the time when he worked for as little as \$8.00 a week during the depression.

According to his pastor, Rev. Ray Faulk, Mr. Snyder attends services regularly, preaches occasionally, and shepherds a flock at a nursing home.

Rev. Snyder retired at the age of 87 and began receiving monthly retirement benefits from the Department of Pensions and Benevolence in 1966.

Dean Wessels, executive director of the Department of Pensions and Benevolence, was the special speaker for the Sunday celebration, and brought

to Rev. Snyder greetings from the general superintendents of the Church of the Nazarene. □

BRITAIN PLANS FOR CHURCH PLANTING

A British Church Planter Seminar jointly sponsored by the British Isles districts, British Isles Nazarene College, and the Department of Home Missions was conducted June 11-15 at the college in Manchester, England.

Participants in the seminar included District Superintendents Rev. Tom Schofield and Rev. David Tarrant; Rev. Harold Brown, field supervisor for the proposed new work in Ireland; Mr. Percy Davies, a church growth consultant for the South District; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harms, Jr., from Vereeniging, Republic of South Africa, who will assist Rev. Brown in Ireland for a year at their own expense.

College personnel who participated included Dr. Hugh Rae, Dr. T. A. Noble, Dr. Kent Brower, Dr. Herbert McGonigle, and Miss Norma F. W. Wilson.

Numerous pastors from the districts also attended the seminar.

Following in-depth discussions each morning of the biblical basis for church growth, Dr. Hurn led the group through several detailed stages of planning. This included the listing of known facts and assumptions that can be drawn from these facts. The assumptions were listed in priority order relating to church growth.



A group of pastors listen intently to one of the presentations at the Church Planter Seminar June 11-15 at British Isles Nazarene College.

Among the decisions reached by the participants were the following:

(1) The fact that the Church of the Nazarene is presently little known in Britain does not need to deter future growth. Other little-known groups are growing rapidly.

(2) If the desire to grow is present, there is a way it can be accomplished.

(3) There are immediate, practical steps that can be taken to achieve growth.

Following agreement on these assumptions, the participants tackled specific problems in each of the countries—Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and England.

After the seminar planning session, the British Isles South District Home Missions Board met and voted unanimous approval of a goal of 12 new churches during the 1980-85 quinquennium, with a net gain of 50 percent, or 1,000 in church membership.

The British Isles North District took similar action.

Dr. Hurn commented, "The British Isles districts have quickened the pace for aggressive growth in the future."

This new commitment to growth in Britain was taken in the face of massive evidence that Britain seems sure to increase its reputation as "the most secular nation in Europe." □



Instructors at the Church Planter Seminar at British Isles Nazarene College included (l. to r.) Dr. Kent Brower, Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, Dr. Thomas Noble, Miss Norma Wilson, Dr. Herbert McGonigle, and Dr. Hugh Rae.

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Hotel representatives confer with Dr. B. Edgar Johnson (at podium) in anticipation of 1980 General Assembly delegate and visitor housing needs.



Principles in the housing consultation; (l. to r.) Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, Nazarene general secretary; Gary Gardner, sales manager for Kansas City Convention Bureau; Major Leon Turner, Salvation Army Congress coordinator.

K.C. HOTEL REPS MEET IN ANTICIPATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A general assembly housing consultation, held July 21 at the Nazarene Publishing House under the direction of General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson,

brought together 30 Kansas City hotel representatives for a preliminary discussion of the room needs for the June, 1980, Nazarene quadrennial event. Because convention hostilities do not make space commitments in advance of one year, the meeting provided church leaders a first-time opportunity to explain the unique requirements of this denominational gathering.

Also present were Kansas City Convention Bureau Sales Manager Gary Gardner and Major Leon Turner of the Salvation Army. Major Turner is coordinating the Salvationists' North American Congress that moves out of H. Rowe Bartle Convention Center the day before the Church of the Nazarene takes up residency. Mr. Gardner is working closely with both denominations relative to all arrangements, including housing facilities.

This meeting was but one of a number of scheduled conferences in which Dr. Johnson and special General Assembly Coordinator Jesse Buchanan will be involved.

In discussing hotel reservations for the General Conventions and Assembly, Johnson indicated that all delegates will receive their hotel reservation forms in the mail by October 15. An announcement and reservation coupon for general public use will appear in the January 1, 1980, issue of the *Herald of Holiness*. □



Nick Regillo, Christian Life chairman of the Mannington, W.Va., church was honored recently for 29 years of service as Sunday school superintendent and also for 31 years of perfect attendance. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Irma Regillo, wife; A. J. Manckin, Secretary of State of West Virginia; Nick Regillo; Nickie Jo Regillo, son; and Pastor Robert Green.

HEADQUARTERS EMPLOYEES HEAR LIVING WORD

Portraying God's Word through drama, LIVING WORD conducted a chapel service on July 26 at 9 a.m. for all Headquarters employees. A one-act dramatization of the parable of the Good Samaritan, entitled

"TEN MILES TO JERICHO," was presented.

The group, directed by Debbie Salter, features a repertoire of humorous sketches with a biblical message . . . choral readings, mime segments, a fun melodrama, and a one-act, costumed, play presenting a serious biblical truth. Music and small-group Bible studies are also a part of their total ministry.

LIVING WORD is comprised of eight multi-talented collegians who have given their summer to this special project which is sponsored by the Department of Youth Ministries. They have traveled throughout the United States and Canada, performing in camps, churches, retreats, banquets, and in special projects of evangelism and outreach.

The drama troupe takes its name from John 1:1 & 4: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . in him was life; and the life was the light of men." The desire of LIVING WORD is to bring that Word alive . . . through drama. □

—NCN

AD HOC COMMITTEE PLANS SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

An ad hoc Sunday school promotion committee met in Kansas City July 16 and 17 for early planning of the quinquennial Sunday school promotion campaigns.

The committee members were:

- Richard L. Spindle, executive coordinator, Division of Christian Life;
- Melton Wienecke, promotion coordinator, DCL;
- M. A. (Bud) Lunn, executive director of Publication;
- Miriam Hall, executive director, Children's Ministries;
- Gary Henecke, executive director, Youth Ministries;
- Kenneth Rice, executive director, Adult Ministries;



Pictured (l. to r.) are William Taylor and Gary Henecke.

- William A. Taylor, superintendent, New England District;
- Carl Clendenen, Jr., superintendent, Oregon Pacific District;
- Milton B. Parrish, superintendent, Kansas City District;
- Riley Laymon, pastor, Lawrence, Kans.;
- Bud LeCrone, chairman, Board of CL, Northwest Oklahoma District;
- Don Hughes, chairman, BCL, Los Angeles District;
- Eugene Sanders, chairman, BCL, West Texas District, and pastor, Lubbock, Tex.

After a first session of sharing concerns, the committee arrived at a list of 18 basic Sunday school pluses. They then designed a promotional program for 1980 under the theme "Celebrating



Shown (clockwise) are: Bud LeCrone, Eugene Sanders, Carl Clendenen, and William Taylor.

the Year of the Sunday School." They further adopted the theme "Everybody Ought to Know" for the remaining four years of the quinquennium:

- Fall, 1981: "Everybody Ought to Know Who Jesus Is"
- Fall, 1982: Everybody Ought to Know Why Jesus Came
- Fall, 1983: Everybody Ought to Know What Jesus Said
- Fall, 1984: Everybody Ought to Know How Jesus Saves.

The general Division of Christian Life has already begun implementing the quinquennial program. □



Pictured (l. to r.) are: Riley Laymon, Don Hughes, and Milton Parrish.



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The committee created Sunday school outlines for adults for the year 1982-83, and reviewed, corrected, and approved the outlines of 1981-82 prepared at last year's conference. These approved outlines will now be presented for final review to the subcommittee of the General Board for the Adult Department of the Division of Christian Life.

The Wednesday evening family prayer meeting, including spouses and children of the committee members, was a spiritual highlight of the week's work. Jack Bierce, retired song evan-

gelist, and Willard Taylor, dean of the seminary, were our spiritual leaders for this devotional hour. Pictured above are members of the Curriculum Committee.

The annual meeting of the committee will be held next year in Kansas City, June 13-17, prior to the General Assembly. □

—Reporter

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT EVENT FOR NAMPA FIRST

Eight couples from Nampa, Ida.. First Church participated recently in a Marriage Enrichment retreat led by Phyllis and Randy Michael of Olathe, Kans. The retreat was held at Quaker Hill Retreat Center, overlooking Payette Lake in McCall, Ida. The focus of the retreat was on marital growth. The format was designed so that couples could dialogue both privately and in the group. The Michaels teach five commitments: Commitment to Jesus as Lord; commitment to one another; commitment to growth; commitment to communication; commitment to creative use of conflict.

The retreat is part of a long-term strategy to develop an ongoing marriage enrichment ministry in and through Nampa First Church. This strategy was planned jointly by Pastor Charles Higgins and the Michaels.

Currently the eight couples are meeting monthly to continue growing in their marriages and to be of mutual encouragement to each other.

An integral resource of the support group is David and Vera Mace's book *How to Have a Happy Marriage*. It is available at Nazarene Publishing House.

District and local church leaders interested in more information about Marriage Enrichment events and qualified leader couples may write J. Paul and Marilyn Turner, Marriage Enrichment Ministries, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. □

EWS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETS

The Lodge at Vail, Colo., was the setting for the annual meeting of the *Enduring Word Series* Curriculum Committee, July 9-14. The following members were present: John B. Niel-



The couples at the marriage enrichment retreat for Nampa, Ida., First Church.

SUMMER MINISTRIES UPDATE; JULY 4th

In a concert sponsored by Los Angeles First Church, Discovery and Living Word ministered to hundreds of July 4th beach-goers at the Santa Monica pier. Surf, sand, and sun formed the backdrop for the vibrant sound of Discovery's music.

The exciting combination of horns, guitar, drums, piano, and young voices captured the imagination of the holiday crowd and brought smiles to their faces. All along the beach people squinted up at the pier in surprise. Their bare feet began to pat the sand keeping time with the music. Then in a sketch about the Beatitudes, Living Word drove home the Christian message in a powerful way.

Many people were asking the question, "Who are those kids? What's this all about?" Members of the Inter/sect team and the Los Angeles First Church congregation were on hand to give their witness and supply information about the church services. Pastor Bill Boggs spoke briefly to the crowd saying, "There are no catches, no gimmicks; we love you because of Jesus, and hope you have a nice day."

The Fourth of July concert climaxed four days of activity sponsored by Los Angeles First. Sunday morning Rev. Mike Estep, director of Campus/Career Ministries, and Discovery were featured in the morning worship service.

The summer ministry of Discovery and Living Word continues through August. □



Living Word presents skit



Discovery in concert

The concert was well attended



Harold Ivan Smith (Jason Towner), director of the Singles Ministry, received the Henrietta C. Mears Award from two members of the selection panel. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Harold Ivan Smith; Dr. Sherwood E. Wirt, editor emeritus of *Decision* magazine; and Norman Rohrer, former executive director, Evangelical Press Association.



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ANDREWS, GEORGE: Hattiesburg, MS. Sept. 3-9; Meadville, PA. Sept. 11-16; Woodstown, NJ. Sept. 18-23; Maynard, MA. Sept. 25-30

ATTIG, WALTER: Mount Sterling, IL. Sept. 4-9; Lawton, OK (Lawton Hgts.) Sept. 18-23

BABCOCK, KENNETH & MILDRED: Spanish speaking ministry in Florida. Month of Sept.

BAKER, RICHARD C.: Barrett, WV. Sept. 4-9; New Harmony, IN (Harmony Chapel). Sept. 11-16; Belington, WV (Weaver). Sept. 19-30

BALLARD, DON: Frankfort, KY (Capitol). Sept. 4-9; Reserved. Sept. 11-16; Laurel, MS. Sept. 18-23; Tallahassee, FL (First). Sept. 25-30

BEARDEN, LESLIE: Albany, KY (First). Sept. 4-9; Warren, OH (Bohindale). Sept. 11-16; Flint, MI (First). Sept. 19-23; South Charleston, WV (First). Sept. 25-30

BELL, JAMES R. & JEAN: McAlester, OK (First). Sept. 11-16; Ponca City, OK (First). Sept. 19-23; Mount Sterling, OH. Sept. 26-30

BENDER EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Knoxville, IA. Sept. 9-16; Elk City, KS. Sept. 21-30

THE BERTOLETS: Muncy, PA (Fairview). Sept. 11-16; Milton, PA. Sept. 18-23; Greenville, PA. Sept. 25-30

BEYER, HENRY T., JR.: Gallatin, TN. Sept. 18-23

BISHOP, BOB: Temple, TX (First). Sept. 1-5; Kansas District. Sept. 12-13; Carthage, MO. Sept. 16; Kansas District. Sept. 18-20; Richardson, TX. Sept. 22-23

BLUE, DAVE & DANA: Los Angeles, CA. TV Taping Special. Sept. 14-16; Indianapolis, IN. Gather "Praise Gathering" Sept. 20-22; South Charleston, WV (First). Sept. 25-30

BOHI, JAMES: Tyler, ME (First). Sept. 11-16; New Orleans, LA (Downtown). Sept. 19-23; Pearl River, LA. Sept. 25-30

BOHI, ROY W.: Falls City, NE. Sept. 18-23; Edmond, OK. Sept. 25-30

BOND, GARY: Saginaw, MI (First). Sept. 4-9; Ottawa, IL (First). Sept. 11-16; Cortland, OH. Sept. 18-23; Blue Ash, OH. Sept. 25-30

BONE, LAWRENCE H.: Fremont, CA. Sept. 4-9; Anderson, CA. Sept. 11-16; Elgin, OR. Sept. 18-23

BRISCOE, JOHN B., FAMILY: Las Animas, CO (First). Sept. 25-30

BROOKS, GERALD & JUNE: Benton, AR (First). Sept. 3-9; Fayetteville, AR. Sept. 11-16; Burgettstown, PA (Parris). Sept. 18-23; Chesaning, MI. Sept. 25-30

BROWN, ARTHUR, JR.: Barberton, OH (Mount Summit). Sept. 11-16; Oil City, PA. Sept. 25-30

BUCKLEY, RAYMOND A.: Sedalia, MO. Sept. 4-9; Liberty, MO. Sept. 11-16; North Platte, NE (first). Sept. 18-23; Shelton, WA. Sept. 25-30

CAMPBELL, BILL: Clarion, IA. Sept. 4-9; Cozad, NE. Sept. 11-16; Falls City, NE. Sept. 18-23

CANEN, DAVID: Rockton, IL. Sept. 4-9; West Plains, MO. Sept. 11-16; Eldon, MO. Sept. 18-23; Kokomo, IN (Northside). Sept. 25-30

CAUDILL, STEVE & SUE: Sioux City, IA (First). Sept. 5-9; Springfield, OH (First). Sept. 12-16; Sidney, OH (First). Sept. 19-23; Flint, MI (West). Sept. 26-30

CAYTON, JOHN: Jefferson, PA. Sept. 4-9; Belle Vernon, PA. Sept. 11-16; Glassboro, NJ (Pitman). Sept. 18-23; Belmont, MA (Cambridge). Sept. 26-30

THE CELEBRATION TRIO: East Liverpool, OH (First). Sept. 9; Sistersville, WV. Sept. 9; Barrett, WV. Sept. 16; Lens Creek, WV. Sept. 16; Youngstown, OH (First). Sept. 22-23; Parkersburg, WV (Evang. Meth.). Sept. 23; Danville, WV (Baptist). Sept. 29-30; Charleston, WV (Elk River). Sept. 30

CHAPMAN, L. J.: Vinita, OK. Sept. 4-16

CLARK, GENE: St. Charles, MO (Harvester). Sept. 4-9; Linton, IN (Otterbein UM). Sept. 14-16; Bucyrus, OH (Crawford Holiness Assn.). Sept. 18-23; Huntington, WV (First). Sept. 25-30

CLINE, JERRY: Decherd, TN (First). Sept. 4-9; Jackson, OH (First). Sept. 11-16; Toronto, OH (First). Sept. 18-23; Athens, AL (First). Sept. 25-30

COBB, BILL & TERRI: Cimarron, KS. Sept. 5-9; Texas City, TX. Sept. 11-16; Cedar Rapids, IA (Oakland) Sept. 25-30

COLLINS, LUTHER: Goldendale, WA. Sept. 11-16; Pablo, MT. Sept. 18-23; Washougal, WA. Sept. 25-30

CONE, ANDREW F.: Gardner, ME. Sept. 18-23

COX, CURTIS B.: Blue Ridge, VA. Sept. 4-9; New Castle, IN. Sept. 11-16; Parkersburg, WV (Valley Grove). Sept. 18-23; Grafton, WV (Parkview). Sept. 25-30

COY, JIM & MARTY: Houston, MS (First). Sept. 11-16; Perry, MI (First). Sept. 24-30

CRANDALL, V. E. & BARBARA: Danville, IL (Cedar Grove). Sept. 7-16

CRANE, BILLY D.: East Charleston, VT. Sept. 4-9; Uxbridge, MA. Sept. 11-16; Easton, PA. Sept. 18-23; Philipsburg, PA. Sept. 25-30

CROFFORD, DON: Potsdam, NY. Sept. 16; Rome, NY (First Baptist) Sept. 30

CULBERTSON, BERNIE: Ketchikan, AK (First). Sept. 11-16; Nome, AK (First). Sept. 18-23; North Pole, AK (First). Sept. 25-30

DARNELL, H. E.: Beach City, OH. Sept. 6-16; Nevada, OH. Sept. 20-30

DELL, JIMMY: Mesa, AZ (First). Sept. 5-9; Fresno, CA (First). Sept. 12-16; El Paso, TX (Northgate). Sept. 20-23; Wisconsin Heights, WI (Weslyan). Sept. 26-30

DENNIS, DARRELL & BETTY: Barnesville, GA. Sept. 4-9; Rock Mills, AL. Sept. 11-16; Knox, IN. Sept. 18-23; Evansville, IN. Sept. 25-30

DENNISON, MARVIN E.: Fredericton, N.B., Canada. Sept. 9-15; Windsor, Nova Scotia, Canada. Sept. 17-23; Mount Pearl, Newfoundland, Canada (Children's Crusade). Sept. 24-30

DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: Chesterhill, OH. Sept. 4-9; Lorain, OH. Sept. 11-16; Westerville, OH. Sept. 18-23; Greensboro, PA. Sept. 25-30

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DUNN, DON: Norwalk, OH. Sept. 4-9; Lithopolis, OH. Sept. 11-16; Windham, OH. Sept. 18-23; Roseville, OH. Sept. 25-30

EDWARDS, L. T.: Eureka, CA (First). Sept. 16-20

EDWARDS, TERRY: Pontiac, MI (First). Sept. 9; Hammond, IN. Sept. 11-16; Seymour, IN (Peter's Switch). Sept. 18-23; Frankfort, MO. Sept. 25-30

ELLINGSON, LEE: New Castle, PA. Sept. 4-9; Anderson, IN (Ironwood). Sept. 11-16; Indianapolis, IN (Bridgeport). Sept. 19-23; Piketon, OH (Bethel Chapel CCU). Sept. 27-30

FELTER, JASON: Warren, IN. Sept. 11-16; Grinnell, IA (Chapman Mem.). Sept. 18-23; Knoxville, IA (First). Sept. 25-30

FILES, GLORIA; & ADAMS, DOROTHY: Harrisburg, (Bethany--Child Crus.). Sept. 4-9; Lansdale, PA. Sept. 11-16; Albany, NY (Child Crus.). Sept. 18-23

FINE, LARRY: Loveland, CO. Sept. 25-30

FISHER, WILLIAM: Plainview, TX (First). Sept. 11-16; Big Spring, TX (First). Sept. 18-23; Carthage, MO (First). Sept. 25-30

FLORENCE, ERNEST: Monrovia, IN. Sept. 10-16; Plainfield, IN. Sept. 17-22; Mooresville, IN. Sept. 25-30

FORMAN, JAMES A.: Reserved. Sept. 17-23; Huntsville, AL (Grace). Sept. 26-30

FORTNER, ROBERT E.: West Frankfort, IL (First). Sept. 4-9; Lewistown, IL (First). Sept. 11-16; Racine, WI (Taylor Ave.). Sept. 18-23; Menomonie, WI (First). Sept. 25-30

FRASER, DAVID: Elkhart, KS. Sept. 12-16; De Soto, MO. Sept. 26-30

FRODGE, HAROLD: Lacon, IL. Sept. 11-16; Mount Erie, IL. Sept. 17-23; Lakeview, OH (Indian Lake Northside). Sept. 25-30

FULLER, JAMES O.: Pine Mountain, GA. Sept. 3-5

GARDNER, GEORGE: Hurst, TX. Sept. 4-9; Pearl River, La. Sept. 25-30

GATES, KENNETH W.: Greenfield, IN (Stringtown). Sept. 4-9; Helena, OH (Shiloh UM). Sept. 10-16; Alexander City, AL (Newsite UM). Sept. 23-27

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GLAZE, HAROLD & MARILYN: The Dalles, OR (First). Sept. 9-16; Ellensburg, WA (First). Sept. 18-23; Moorhead, MN (First). Sept. 25-30

GLENDENING, PAUL & BOBBIE: Fairfield, IA (Free Meth.). Sept. 9-12; Flemington, PA (Wes.). Sept. 18-23; London, OH. Sept. 24-30

GOODMAN, WILLIAM: Mulvane, KS. Sept. 4-9

GORMAN, HUGH: Sundre, Alberta, Canada. Sept. 18-23

THE SINGING GORMANS: Elizabethton, KY (Hilltop Wes.). Sept. 4-9

GRAVAT, HAROLD: West Lebanon, IN. Sept. 2-9; Sylvania, OH. Sept. 9-16; Harrisburg, IL (First). Sept. 19-25

GREEN, JAMES & ROSE: New Castle, IN (Southside). Sept. 4-9; Hoopston, IL (First). Sept. 12-16; Pontiac, MI (Hillcrest). Sept. 18-23; Bridgeton, MO. Sept. 25-30

GRIMES, BILLY: Glenwood, AR. Sept. 11-16; Bonham, TX (first). Sept. 18-23; Mount Enterprise, TX. Sept. 25-30

GRINDLEY, GERALD & JANICE: Archdale, NC. Sept. 4-9; Cayce, SC. Sept. 11-16; Roanoke, VA (First). Sept. 18-23; Tifton, GA (First). Sept. 25-30

HAINES, GARY: Fredericksburg, VA. Sept. 2-5; Danville, VA. Sept. 7-9; Monte Vista, CO. Sept. 14-16; Chariton, IA. Sept. 18-23; Des Moines, IA (Eastside). Sept. 25-30

HALL, CARL N.: Tampa, FL (First). Aug. 28--Sept. 2; Wilmington, NC (First). Sept. 11-16; Cresaptown, MD (First Wes.). Sept. 18-23; Charleston Heights, SC (Dorchester Rd.). Sept. 25-30

HANCOCK, BOYD: Orange, TX (First). Sept. 18-23

HARRISON, ROBERT: Odessa, TX (Central). Sept. 9-16; Hillsboro, TX. Sept. 21-23 & 28-30

HATHAWAY, KEN: Tahoka, TX (Grassland). Sept. 11-16; Waterloo, OK. Sept. 25-30

HAYNES, CHARLES: Chattanooga, TN (East Lake). Sept. 4-9; Greenville, TN. Sept. 10-16; Church Hill, TN. Sept. 18-23; Liberty, KY. Sept. 25-30

HEASLEY, FERN: Stinnett, TX. Sept. 11-16; Goodland, KS. Sept. 18-23

HENDERSON, LATTIE V.: Tiffin, OH (Sal Army). Sept. 10-16; Hickory, NC (Sal Army). Sept. 17-23

HILDIE, D. W.: Meaford, Ont. (Kolapore) Sept. 11-16; Moncton, N.B. (Lutes Mountain). Sept. 24-30

HILL, HOWARD W.: Clearwater, FL (First) Sept. 14-16; Holt, AL. Sept. 18-23

HOLLEY, CLEVELAND D.: Eureka, IL. Sept. 4-9; Ogden, IL. Sept. 11-16; Monticello, IL. Sept. 18-23; Newburgh, IN. Sept. 25-30

HORNE, ROGER & BECKY: Indianapolis, IN (Westbrook). Sept. 5-9; Concerts. Sept. 12-30

HUBBARD, WILLARD (MRS.): Yucca Valley, CA. Sept. 25-30

HUBBART, LEONARD: Smithfield, IL. Sept. 4-9; Jerseyville, IL. Sept. 11-16; Rising Sun, OH. Sept. 18-23; Charlottesville, VA (First). Sept. 25-30

HUNDLEY, EDWARD J.: Salem, OH (First). Sept. 18-23

INGRAM, TED: Caddo, OK. Sept. 4-9; Stuart, OK (Friendship). Sept. 25-30

IRWIN, ED: Nashville, TN (Glen Cliff). Sept. 18-23

JACKSON, PAUL & TRISH: Hood River, OR (First). Sept. 4-9

JANTZ, CALVIN & MARJORIE: Cabin Creek, WV (Chelyan). Sept. 18-23; Mannington, WV. Sept. 25-30

JAYMES, RICHARD W.: Hollidaysburg, PA. Sept. 2-16; Clearfield, PA. Sept. 17-23

JOHNSON, RON: Northwest Dist. Labor Day Camp. Sept. 3; Concerts in California. Sept. 9-13; Concerts in Oregon and Idaho. Sept. 14-30

LANIER, JOHN H.: Columbus, OH (U.B.) Sept. 4-9; Williamsport, IN (UB). Sept. 14-23; Montpelier, IN. Sept. 24-30

LASSELL, RAY AND JAN: Dallas, TX (Lake June). Sept. 7-9; Fordland, MO (Dogwood). Sept. 11-16; Mexico, MO. Sept. 18-23; Indianapolis, IN (Southport). Sept. 25-30

LAXSON, WALLY & GINGER: Knoxville, TN (First). Sept. 5-9; Joplin, MO (Laymen's Retreat). Sept. 14-16; Arlington, VA (Calvary). Sept. 18-23

LECKRONE, LARRY: Pine River, MN (Pine River Tabernacle). Sept. 11-16; Wabash, IN. Sept. 18-23; Georgetown, IL. Sept. 25-30

LEE, ROSS: New Castle, IN (Southside). Sept. 4-9; Birmingham, AL (Huffman). Sept. 18-23

LEMASTER, BEN: Billings, MT (Rocky Mountain Dist. Laymen's Retreat). Sept. 1-3; Stockton, CA (First). Sept. 4-9; Montrose, CA (First). Sept. 11-16; Redwood Falls, MN. Sept. 18-23; Sacramento, CA (Arden). Sept. 25-30

LESTER, FRED R.: Pontiac, MI (Hillcrest). Sept. 18-23; Brighton, MI (Free Meth.). Sept. 25-30

LIDDELL, P. L.: Plattsburg, NY. Sept. 4-9; Hoopston, IL (First). Sept. 11-16; Bloomington, IN. Sept. 18-23; North Miami, FL. Sept. 25-30

LOWMAN, LANE & JANET: East Liverpool, OH (First). Sept. 18-23; Hendersonville, TN (First). Sept. 25-30

MACK, WILLIAM: Butler, IN. Sept. 25-30

MADDEEN, PAUL A.: Newton, IA. Sept. 24-30

MANLEY, STEPHEN: Gas City, IN (Eastview Wes.). Sept. 4-9; Fort Wayne, IN (Elmhurst). Sept. 11-16; Cadillac, MI (Cherry Grove). Sept. 18-23; Bay City, MI (Faith). Sept. 25-30

MANN, L. THUR & MARY KAY: Aurora, IL (First). Sept. 4-9; Hammond, IN (Woodlawn). Sept. 11-16; Pataskala, OH. Sept. 19-23; Covington, KY (First). Sept. 25-30

MATTER, DAN: Weedville, PA (Wes.). Sept. 9-16; Fort Wayne, IN (Elmhurst). Sept. 28-30

McDOWELL, DORIS M.: Monterey, CA (Mont. Peninsula). Sept. 11-16; San Leandro, CA. Sept. 18-23; Pittsburg, CA. Sept. 25-30

- McKINNEY, ROY T.:** McEwen, TN (Pine Hills), Sept. 4-9; Grand Rapids, OH (Wes. Meth), Sept. 11-16; Dresden, OH, Sept. 18-23; Greenfield, OH, Sept. 25-30
- MEREDITH, DWIGHT & NORMA JEAN:** Ropesville, TX, Sept. 4-9; Minot ND (Southside), Sept. 18-23; Taloga, OK (Camp Creek), Sept. 28-30
- MEYER, BOB & BARBARA, DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** Charleston, SC (Calvary), Sept. 2-7; Hartsville, SC (First), Sept. 9-13; Greenville, SC (First), Sept. 16-20; Savannah, GA (Central), Sept. 23-27; Atlanta, GA (Brookhaven), Sept. 30—Oct. 4
- MICKEY, BOB:** Paoma, CO, Sept. 4-9; Canon City, CO (Lincoln Park), Sept. 11-16; Williamsburg, KS (Free Meth), Sept. 18-23; Muskogee, OK (Trinity), Sept. 25-30
- MILLHUFF, CHUCK:** Cimarron, KS, Sept. 5-9; Phoenix, AZ (Baltimore), Sept. 19-23; Louisville, KY (Broadway), Sept. 26-30
- MONTGOMERY, CLYDE:** Bedford, IN (Davis Memorial), Sept. 4-9; Paris, IL (First), Sept. 25-30
- MORRIS, CLYDE H.:** Elkins, WV (First), Sept. 4-9; Alum Creek, WV, Sept. 11-16; Charleston, WV (Lauderdale), Sept. 18-23; Cedar Rapids, IA (Oakland), Sept. 25-30
- MULLEN, DE VERNE H.:** Chattanooga, TN (First), Sept. 4-9; Lynn, MA, Sept. 18-23; Cambridge, MA, Sept. 25-30
- MYERS, HAROLD:** Dolton, IL, Sept. 4-9; Kankakee, IL (Westbrook), Sept. 11-16; Springfield, IL (South), Sept. 18-24; Mattoon, IL (East), Sept. 26-30
- NEFF, LARRY & PAT:** Piqua, OH, Sept. 2; Adrian, MI (First), Sept. 4-9; Morgantown, WV, Sept. 11-16; Charleston, WV (Valley Grove), Sept. 18-22; Charlottesville, VA, Sept. 25-30
- ORNER TRIO MINISTRIES:** Fredericktown, OH, Sept. 9; Ironton, OH (Elm St.), Sept. 16; Sumter, SC (First), Sept. 22-23; Columbus, OH (Northland), Sept. 30
- OVERTON, WILLIAM D.:** Craigville, WV, Sept. 4-9; Harrisonville, PA, Sept. 11-16; Selingsgrove, PA, Sept. 18-23; Romney, WV, Sept. 25-30
- OYLER, CALVIN B.:** Burlington, IA, Sept. 11-16; Des Moines, IA (Southside), Sept. 18-23; Hays, KS, Sept. 25-30
- PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY:** Flint, MI (North Flint), Sept. 4-9; Lapeer, MI, Sept. 11-16; Crestwood, IL (Calvary), Sept. 18-23; Farmland, IN, Sept. 25-30
- PATTERSON, DORMAN:** Philippi, WV, Sept. 4-9
- PERDUE, NELSON S.:** Indianapolis, IN, Sept. 4-9; Morgantown, WV, Sept. 11-16; Decatur, IL (First), Sept. 18-23; Chillicothe, OH (First), Sept. 25-30
- PFEIFER, DON:** Chattanooga, TN (First), Sept. 4-9; Springfield, OH (Erie Ave.), Sept. 11-16; Silvis, IL, Sept. 18-23; Springdale, AR (First), Sept. 25-30
- PIERCE, BOYCE & CATHERINE:** Metcalf, IL, Sept. 18-23; St. Charles, IL (First), Sept. 25-30
- PITTS, PAUL:** Concert Tour, Illinois, Sept. 2-9; Concert Tour, Indiana, Sept. 16-23
- PORTER, JOHN & PATSY:** Louisville, KY (Trinity), Sept. 4-9; Ripley, OH (First), Sept. 11-16; Versailles, KY (First), Sept. 18-23; Amelia, OH (First), Sept. 25-30
- POWELL, FRANK:** Bingen, WA, Sept. 18-23
- QUALLS, PAUL M.:** Gallatin, TN (First), Sept. 18-23; Charleston, WV (First), Sept. 25-30
- RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS (COULTER):** Franklin, IN (Walter's Chapel), Sept. 25-30
- RICHMOND, RON:** Mount Joy, PA (Mennonite Retreat), Sept. 7-8; Helena, OH (Shiloh U.M.), Sept. 9-16; Millville, NJ (Wes.), Sept. 18-23; Reserved, Sept. 24-29; Lancaster, PA, Sept. 30—Oct. 2
- ROBERTS, WADE W.:** Beauty, KY, Sept. 18-23; Grayson, KY, Sept. 25-30
- ROBINSON, TED L.:** North Ridgeville, OH (Calvary Ridge), Sept. 4-9; Hastings, MI, Sept. 11-16; Mentor, OH, Sept. 18-23; Jefferson, OH, Sept. 26-30
- RODGERS, CLYDE B.:** York, PA (Wes.), Sept. 3-9; Stockdale, PA, Sept. 10-16; Speculator, NY, Sept. 18-20
- ROTH, RONALD:** Farmington, MO, Sept. 10-16; Hugoton, KS, Sept. 18-23; Georgetown, IL, Sept. 25-30
- ROTHWELL, MEL-THOMAS:** Cincinnati, OH (Springdale), Sept. 2-9
- SCHOONOVER, MODIE:** Bradford, OH, Sept. 10-16; Wren, OH (Countryside), Sept. 25-30
- SELFRIDGE, CARL:** Joplin, MO (Calvary), Sept. 18-23; Billings, MO, Sept. 25-30
- SHOMO, PHIL:** Huntington, IN (Faith), Sept. 4-9; Danville, IN (Calvary), Sept. 11-16; Modoc, IN, Sept. 18-23; Kendallville, IN, Sept. 26-30
- SHUMAKE, C. E.:** Poplar Bluff, MO (First), Sept. 10-16
- SIPES EVANGELISTIC TEAM:** Johnson, KS (Bethel), Sept. 4-9; Wichita, KS (Trinity), Sept. 11-16; Superior, NE, Sept. 18-23; Anthony, KS, Sept. 25-30
- SLACK, DOUGLAS:** Cynthia, IN, Sept. 4-9; Curtis, IN, Sept. 11-16; Muncie, IN (Mayfield), Sept. 18-23; Mooresville, IN, Sept. 25-30
- SMITH, CHARLES HASTINGS:** Oskaloosa, IA (First), Sept. 5-9; Joplin Dist. (Laymen's Retreat), Sept. 14-16; Danville, IL (Southside), Sept. 26-30
- SMITH, DUANE:** Larned, KS, Sept. 4-9; Shenandoah, IA, Sept. 11-16; Hull, IL, Sept. 18-23; Canton, IL, Sept. 25-30
- SMITH, HAROLD L.:** Hillman, MI (Pleasant Valley Free Methodist), Sept. 5-9; Houghton Lake Heights, MI, Sept. 18-23
- SMITH, LARRY & SHARON & FAMILY:** Grand Ronde, OR, Sept. 2; Milwaukie, OR (First), Sept. 4-9; Everett, WA, Sept. 12-16; Ephrata, WA, Sept. 18-23
- SMITH, OTTIS & MARGUERITE:** Fairfield, ME, Sept. 4-9; Saratoga Springs, NY, Sept. 11-16; Gloversville, NY (Wes.), Sept. 18-23; Wells, NY (Wes.), Sept. 25-30
- SNIDER, C. W. & VICTORIA:** East Chicago, IN, Sept. 5-16; Hammond, IN, Sept. 18-23
- THE SPRAGUE EVANGELISTIC FAMILY:** Akron, OH (East Liberty), Sept. 4-9; Binghamton, NY, Sept. 12-16; Wintersville, OH, Sept. 18-23; Wyoming, IL, Sept. 25-30
- SPROWLS, EARL:** Lowell, MI, Sept. 18-23
- STAFFORD, DANIEL:** Monticello, KY (First), Sept. 3-9; Somerset, KY (Kingbee), Sept. 11-16; Flatrock, IN (Wes.), Sept. 17-23; Adrian, MI (Camp), Sept. 27—Oct. 7
- STEGALL, DAVID:** Des Moines, IA (Hyland Park), Sept. 18-23
- STEVENSON, GEORGE:** Logan, WV, Sept. 4-9; Nashville, GA, Sept. 11-16; Covington, GA (First), Sept. 18-23; Somerset, PA, Sept. 25-30
- STREET, DAVID:** Clay City, IN (Union Chapel), Sept. 5-16
- SWANSON, ROBERT L.:** Reserved Sept. 4-7; Waldbridge, OH, Sept. 11-16; Harrisonville, MO, Sept. 18-23; Lacona, IA, Sept. 25-30
- SWEENEY, ROGER & EULETA:** Mount Carroll, IL (Church of God), Sept. 16-23
- TAYLOR, EMMETT E.:** Monet, MO, Sept. 4-9; Springfield, MO, Sept. 11-16; Cisco, TX, Sept. 18-23; Wichita, KS, Sept. 25-30
- TAYLOR, ROBERT W.:** Parsons, WV, Sept. 4-9; Fairfield, OH, Sept. 11-16; Alton, IL (Rosewood Heights), Sept. 18-22; Sheridan, IL, Sept. 25-30
- THORNTON, WALLACE O., SR.:** KY Dist. Pastors' & Wives' Retreat, Sept. 4-7; Kingbee, KY, Sept. 11-16; Danville, KY (First), Sept. 18-23; Youngstown, OH, Sept. 25-30
- TRIPP, HOWARD:** Indianapolis, IN (Clermont), Sept. 4-9; Moultrie, GA (First), Sept. 11-16; Gordonville, TN, Sept. 18-23; Bossier City, LA (South), Sept. 25-30
- TUCKER, BILL & JEANETTE:** Leawittsburg, OH, Sept. 4-9; Eaton Rapids, MI, Sept. 11-16; Parkersburg, WV, Sept. 18-23; Steubenville, OH, Sept. 25-30
- VARIAN, WILLIAM:** Kankakee, IL (First), Sept. 2; Strington, IN, Sept. 4-9; St. Albans, WV, Sept. 11-16; Battle Creek, MI (First), Sept. 18-23; Newport, KY, Sept. 25-30
- VAUGHN, VOLA L.:** Smyrna, GA, Sept. 11-16; Malden, MO (United Holiness Chapel), Sept. 18-23; Benton, IL, Sept. 25-30
- WADE, E. BRUCE:** Longview, TX (North), Sept. 11-16; Cisco, TX, Sept. 18-23; Overland Park, KS (Antioch), Sept. 25-30
- WELCH, DARLENE:** Kentucky Dist. Pastors' and Wives' Retreat, Sept. 3
- WELCH, W. B.:** Spartanburg, SC (Sharon), Sept. 4-9; Spartanburg, SC (First), Sept. 11-16; Lowell, MA (First), Sept. 18-23; Bradford, PA (First), Sept. 25-30
- WELLS, LINARD:** Whitesboro, TX, Sept. 4-9; Kosciusko, MS, Sept. 11-16; Phenix City, AL (First), Sept. 18-23; Mobile, AL (Riverside), Sept. 25-30
- WHEELER, CHUCK:** Sunbury, PA (Claytonia), Sept. 11-16; Hagerstown, MD, Sept. 18-23; Pittsburgh, PA (Sheraden), Sept. 25-30
- WILLIAMS, LARRY & LYNNE:** Denton, TX (First), Sept. 18-23; Amarillo, TX (Central), Sept. 25-30
- WILLIAMS, LAWRENCE:** Little Rock, AR (Rose Hill), Sept. 3-9; Dalhart, TX, Sept. 17-23
- WISEHART, LENNY & JOY:** El Sobrante, CA (Indoor Camp Meeting), Sept. 4-9; Concord, CA, Sept. 11-16; Porterville, CA, Sept. 23-26; Visalia, CA (First), Sept. 30
- WOODWARD, ARCHIE:** Holly, MI, Sept. 14-16
- WOODWARD, S. OREN:** Lynchburg, VA, Sept. 4-9; Milford, DE, Sept. 11-16; Oakland, MD, Sept. 17-23; Cumberland, MD (First), Sept. 25-30
- WYLIE, CHARLES:** Grove City, OH (Darbydale), Sept. 4-9; Port Clinton, OH (First), Sept. 11-16; Winslow, IN (First), Sept. 18-23; Hannibal, MO (First), Sept. 25-30
- WYRICK, DENNIS E.:** Langley, SC (First), Sept. 4-9; West Memphis, AR (First), Sept. 11-16; Grafton, OH (Midview), Sept. 18-23; Tifton, GA, Sept. 25-30
- YATES, BEN J.:** Jefferson, PA, Sept. 4-9; Belle Vernon, PA, Sept. 11-16; Bradford, PA (First), Sept. 25-30
- ZELL, R. E. & MRS.:** Granbury, TX, Sept. 11-16; Antlers, OK, Sept. 18-23; San Angelo, TX (Trinity), Sept. 25-30

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On July 8, 1979, the Corydon, Ind., church celebrated its 50th anniversary. The church was formed in 1929 by evangelist E. C. Tarin at the close of a tent meeting held in the county. The church has been served by 12 pastors, 5 of whom were present: Albert McMurrin, Morris E. Scutt, Clyde Montgomery, R. A. Ketterman, and the current pastor, Bill W. Lewis. Mrs. Ora Lynch was the only charter member present. A highlight was the presentation of the 50th anniversary book which was produced by Mr. and Mrs. Steven L. Jones and dedicated to Mrs. Lynch. The anniversary sermon was delivered by District Superintendent B. G. Wiggs, to a crowd of more than 320 people. Pictured (l. to r.) are Rev. Bill W. Lewis and Dr. B. G. Wiggs.

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

EASTERN KENTUCKY

The 28th annual assembly of the Eastern Kentucky District met at Ashland, Ky., First Church. District Superintendent John May, completing the third year of an extended call, reported the organization of new churches at Whitesburg and Winchester.

Presiding General Superintendent William M. Greathouse ordained Vernon Adams and George Tucker.

Elders elected to the Advisory Board were Clifton DeBord and Earl Pierce. Laymen elected were Lewis K. Edwards and Bob Steenberger.

Mrs. John May, NWMS president; Rev. Phillip Bowles, NYI president; and Rev. Norman Phillips chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were all reelected.

DAKOTA

The 11th annual assembly of the Dakota District met at Ellendale, N.D., with District Superintendent Phil Riley, completing the first year of an extended call, reporting.

Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent, ordained William Renner, John Power III, Glen Kell, Charles Chaffin, and James Edlin.

Elders George Johnson and David Belzer were elected to the Advisory Board, along with laymen Harold Lehrke and Steve Reisdorph.

Mrs. Phil Riley was reelected NWMS president; Rev. Larry Abbott was reelected NYI president; and Rev. Darrel Wiseman was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

UPSTATE NEW YORK

The 42nd annual assembly of the Upstate New York District convened at Brooktondale, N.Y. District Superintendent J. Wilmer Lambert was reelected for a four-year term. He reported the organization of a new church, St. Paul's in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained David C. Cramer, Dennis M. Scott, Frank Willoughby, and Albert W. Shaw.



The British Isles South District ordination class of 1979 is shown, back row (l. to r.): District Superintendent T. W. Schofield, Rev. D. Mentch, Rev. G. Austin, Rev. N. Somerville, Rev. T. Overton, Rev. P. Mann, and General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland. Front row (l. to r.) are: Mrs. G. Austin, Mrs. N. Somerville, Mrs. T. Overton, and Mrs. P. Mann.

Elders Arthur Hughes and Wendie R. Lahr and laymen Donald Bausman and John Bodine were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Vera McKim, NWMS president; Rev. Kenneth L. Akins, NYI president; and Rev. John E. Alder, chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were reelected to their respective positions.

NEBRASKA

The 67th annual assembly of the Nebraska District took place in Grand Island, Neb. District Superintendent Walter Lanman, who assumed the district superintendency of Northwest District immediately following the assembly, reported the organization of new churches in Columbus and Alliance. Rev. James Diehl was elected as district superintendent.

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Harold M. Johnson, Jr., and Milford D. Simonds.

Elders Harlan Heap and Ronald Nelsen and laymen Blaine Proffit and Jim Noffsinger were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Vadean Marshall was elected NWMS president; Rev. Aaron Knapp was reelected NYI president; and Rev. C. Howard Wade was reelected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

NORTHWESTERN OHIO

The 20th annual assembly of the Northwestern Ohio District met in St. Marys, Ohio. District Superintendent James Blankenship, completing the first year of an extended term, reported the organization of a new church in Delphos.

General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained A. Michael Brown and Kenneth L. Book.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Ronald Bishop, Douglas McAdams, and Wayne Stallings. Laymen elected were Ronald Borton, Dave Granger, and George Jetter.

Christine Blankenship was reelected NWMS president; Douglas McVay was reelected NYI president; and Rev. D. L. Huffman was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

MICHIGAN

The 66th annual assembly of the Michigan District convened at Indian Lake Camp. District Superintendent Harry T. Stanley was reelected for a one-year term.

Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent, ordained Daryl Edwin Burt and Timothy Alan Holcomb-Densmore.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Orville L. Maish, Jr., Paul K. Moore, Erwin A. Self, and C. Neil Strait; and laymen William C.

Damon, Arlyn Brower, James Schweigert, and M. R. Delbridge.

Mrs. Paul K. (Emily) Moore, NWMS president; Edwin E. Self, NYI president; and C. Neil Strait, chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were reelected to their respective positions.

NORTH ARKANSAS

The 27th annual assembly of the North Arkansas District was held at Conway, Ark., First Church. District Superintendent Thomas M. Cox, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

Dr. V. H. Lewis was the presiding general superintendent.

Elders Harry Evans and Jewell McKinney and laymen Wallace Nolen and Donald Cain were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Thomas M. (Wyoma) Cox was reelected NWMS president; Jim Lynch was reelected NYI president; and Terry L. Rohlmeier was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

COLORADO

The 71st annual assembly of the Colorado District convened in Englewood, Colo. District Superintendent M. Harold Daniels was reelected for a four-year term. He reported the organization of two new churches, Berthoud Garden Valley and Clarksville Buffalo Grass.

Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained David Seth Payne and recognized the credentials of D. Dawain Pratt.

Elders Allen Dace, Orlando Jantz, Robert Snodgrass, and Donald Wellman and laymen Keith Anderson, Willis Brown, Jarrell Gunstream and Dean Neff were elected to the Advisory Board.

NWMS president Mrs. Allen Dace, NYI president Earl Robertson, and chairman of the Board of Christian Life Robert Green were reelected to their respective positions.

CHICAGO CENTRAL

The 75th annual assembly of the Chicago Central District was held at College Church, Kankakee, Ill. District Superintendent Forrest W. Nash, completing the second year of an extended term, reported the organization of the Palatine, Ill., Northwest Korean Church with 25 charter members.

General Superintendent William M. Greathouse ordained Stephen L. Borger and John L. Kizsee.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders John J. Hancock, E. Keith Bottles, and Harold J. Westlund. Laymen elected were Dr. Willis Snowbarger, Lon Williams, and George Garvin, Jr.

Mrs. Forrest W. Nash was reelected NWMS president; Rev. Fred Fullerton was elected NYI president; and Rev. Gerald A. Parker was reelected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

The 20th annual assembly of the Southwestern Ohio District convened in Middletown, Ohio. District Superintendent Dallas Baggett was reelected for a one-year term.

Presiding General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained Danny R. Brady and Larry D. Hamilton.

Elders Virgil P. Applegate, Ira L. East, Harold J. Maish, and Newman Sheldon; and laymen Marvin Beam, Lewis Curtiss, James Randall, and Tom Waddell were elected to the Advisory Board.



The ordinands and wives of the North Central Ohio District Assembly are pictured with General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe (l.) and District Superintendent D. E. Clay (r.); (l. to r.) are Rev. and Mrs. Gerald G. Stroud, Rev. and Mrs. Michael Williams, Rev. and Mrs. David C. Pinson, Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Fellenger, and Rev. and Mrs. Tom L. Zuercher.

Mrs. Dallas Baggett, NWMS president; Rev. Michael Hancock, NYI president; and Rev. Ronald Barber, chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were reelected to their respective positions.

HOUSTON

The 32nd annual assembly of the Houston District met at Nacogdoches, Tex. District Superintendent D. W. Thaxton, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent V. H. Lewis ordained Scott K. VanBibber.

Elders Henry L. Mills and L. Eugene Plemons and laymen John Bundy and Ronald E. Emmert were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Duane McKay was reelected NWMS president; Rev. Tom Mixon was reelected NYI president; and Rev. Russell W. Branstetter was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

The 30th annual assembly of the Eastern Michigan District convened at Flint, Mich., Central Church. Retiring District Superintendent E. W. Martin reported the organization of Detroit Grace Church. Dr. Don Gibson was elected district superintendent.

Presiding General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Stephen T. Anthony, Amos Bowker, and Robert Hunter, Jr.

Elders John Z. Andree, James Mellish, F. Grant Cross and Carl R. Allen; and laymen John Q. Dickey, Vernon Lunn, Milton Mountain, and Norman Rucker were elected to the Advisory Board.

NWMS president Mrs. John Q. Dickey; NYI president Alan R. Dicer; and chairman of the Board of Christian Life Jerry L. Short were reelected.

MOVING MINISTERS

MARK ADAMS from Panama, Okla., to Calumet (Okla.) Coleman Chapel

ARLO J. ALDERMAN from Deer Lodge (Tenn.) Pleasant Green to Jamestown (Tenn.) Pinehaven

PAUL ANDREWS from Burlington-Williston, Vt., to Cortland, N.Y.

EDWARD BEATTY to Toledo (Ohio) Northpoint
CARLTON D. BELLAMY from associate, South Pasadena, Calif., to pastor, South Pasadena, Calif.

TIMOTHY BENDER from evangelism to Lenoir City, Tenn.

DAVID M. BEST from associate, Glendora, Calif., to associate, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

WILLIAM O. BLUE from Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) First to Bradenton (Fla.) Southwood

MARK L. BROWN from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to associate, Guyton, Okla.

DOUGLAS BRUMBAUGH from Carpinteria, Calif., to Newhall, Calif.

DONALD E. BURNES from Snyder, Okla., to New Albany, Miss.

DURWOOD CANNON from Millry, Ala., to Childersburg, Ala.

KEN CARPENTER to Brocton, N.Y.

LARRY CHANDLER to Seneca Falls, N.Y.

TERRY V. CONNALLY from Olton, Tex., to Garnett, Kans.

DAVID COONEY to Wainwright, Alberta, Canada

DAVID COTTAM from associate Shreveport (La.) Huntington Park to Greenville, Miss.

KUHRMAN COX from Rockwood, Tenn., to Carthage, Tenn.

QUENTIN CRUM from Inez, Ky., to London, Ky.

HEYWARD EVANS student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to associate, Bennettsville, S.C.

PAUL A. FICK from associate, San Fernando, Calif., to New Cuyama, Calif.

MICHAEL R. GENTRY from Republic, Mo., to Centralia, Ill.

J. RONALD GILLILAND from associate, Bethany (Okla.) First to Salinas, Calif.

ALAN D. GRIFFIN from student, Olivet Nazarene

College, Kankakee, Ill., to Airdrie, Alberta, Canada

DAN HALL from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to North Little Rock (Ark.) Rose City

DENNIS L. HANCOCK to Pittsburgh (Pa.) First
WESLEY HARRIS from Mena, Ark., to Missionary, Bolivia

WARREN O. HOLLOWAY to Pittsfield, Ill

WILLIAM HORNE from Vicksburg (Miss.) Calvary to Hazelhurst, Miss.

THOMAS A. HUNTER from Merrifield, Minn., to Grand Rapids, Minn.

JAMES JACKSON from Thaxton (Miss.) Union to Brookhaven, Miss.

COMER JOHNSTON from Lexington (Ala.) Mary's Chapel to Excel, Ala.

PHILLIP C. JONES from Hattiesburg, Miss. to Indianapolis (Ind.) Meridian Street

HOWARD KELLEY to Waco, Ky.

JOSEPH LIN to Los Angeles (Calif.) Second Chinese

BERNARD LITRELL to East St. Louis (Mo.) Maplewood

RICHARD LORD from Moultrie, Ga., to Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Faith

KERRY LUMLEY from Edmond (Okla.) Grace to Oklahoma City (Okla.) Warr Acres First

EDWARD A. LYKENS from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, to Brandon, Manitoba, Canada

KENNETH McCOY to Grahn, Ky.

RALPH MARCHBANKS from associate, Battle Ground, Wash., to Startup (Wash.) Skykomish Valley

JAMES MATHEWS from Venice, Fla., to Hattiesburg, Miss.

JAMES A. MEADOWS from New Iberia, La., to Forrest City, Ark.

THOMAS W. MORGAN from Cincinnati (Ohio) Montana Ave. to Bryan, Ohio

JAMES H. MULLINS from Minneapolis (Minn.) Spring Lake to Kirksville, Mo.

DANIEL L. MUND from student, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., to Lakeview (Ohio) Indian Lake Northside

GEORGE OCTOBER from Port Elizabeth (South Africa) Salt Lake to Capetown (South Africa) Strand Fontein

DON O'NEAL from student, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., to Edwardsville (Ill.) Glenview

ELMER W. PANNIER from Janesville (Wis.) Randolph Park to Racine (Wis.) Taylor Ave.

JAMES R. PERRY from Council, Ida., to Fortuna, Calif.

T. P. PHIPPS from West Columbia, S.C., to Tupelo, Miss.

ROBERT PRENTICE from Shreveport (La.) Huntington Park to Little Rock (Ark.) Rose Hill

FRANK PRIDDY from Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, to Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

OSCAR L. PULLUM from Evansville (Ind.) Beacon to Cynthiana, Ind.

NORMAN L. ROSE from Dellroy, Ohio, to La-Crosse (Wis.) First

MICHAEL B. ROSS from St. Louis (Mo.) Southwest to evangelism

D. L. RUNYON from Lake City (Fla.) First to Lake City (Fla.) Trinity

STEPHEN W. SEELIG from Newhall, Calif., to Los Angeles (Calif.) Westchester

WILLIAM R. SKEETERS from Mount Juliet, Tenn., to Madison, Tenn.

JAN SPIJKMAN from Koog aan de Zaan (Netherlands) Zuidende to Hoogvliet (Netherlands) Kaneelhof

LEROY STOREY to associate, Paso Robles, Calif.

JOHN STORY from Kempton, Ill., to Kankakee (Ill.) Westbrook

JAMES H. TRIMBLE from Dexter, Mo., to Fern Park, Fla.

WILLIAM O. WELTON to Gregory (Mich.) Southwest

DANIEL WHITE from Jamestown, N.D., to Camas, Wash.

W. JOHN WHITE from Clifton Springs, N.Y., to Watertown, N.Y.

H. A. WILCOX from Marmet, W. Va., to Grayson, Ky.

ROY WILLIAMS from Frank, W. Va., to Cumberland, Ky.

DANIEL WINE from student, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., to Sylvania, Ohio

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DAN BREWER, Bolivia, New Permanent Address: Casilla 5958, La Paz, Bolivia, South America

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DON WALKER, Papua New Guinea, Field Address: P.O. Box 456, Mount Hagen, WHP, Papua New Guinea

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Man, W. Va., church** will observe its 40th anniversary August 25-26. Special speakers will be former pastors, Rev. Brady Riffle, Rev. Robert L. Green, and Rev. Larry D. Foster. A fellowship dinner will be held on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at the Man High School cafeteria. Pastor Ken Morton and the congregation invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend and/or send greetings and current addresses. Anyone desiring further information should write to Rev. Ken Morton, 400 Main St., Man, WV 25635.

The **South Flint Church of Burton, Mich.**, will celebrate its 50th anniversary September 29-30. Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general Superintendent, will be the special speaker. Pastor Sammy R. Sheehy invites all former pastors and members to participate. Write the church at 4075 E. Atherton Rd., Burton, MI 48519 for complete details.

The **Akron, Ohio Goodyear Heights Church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary October 12-13. A special invitation is extended for friends and former members to attend the Homecoming Worship on Sunday, October 14, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. J. Grant Swank, Jr., serves as pastor.

Lansing, Mich Woodview Church (formerly North Street) will celebrate its 50th anniversary September 30. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send greetings. For further information write: Rev. Erwin A. Self or Roberta Bautel, c/o Woodview Church of the Nazarene, 880 E. State Rd., Lansing, MI 48906.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is a privilege to recommend REV. R. ERWIN BUSH, 4835 Nantucket Ln., Orlando, FL 32808

(Phone: 305-295-6564) as an evangelist. He and his wife will also assist in the music and visitation ministry of the church. He is an effective pastor and preacher. He has been recommended to the Department of Evangelism from the district.—*J. V. Morsch, Central Florida district superintendent*

REV. FLETCHER TINK has a long ministry in the church, pastoring in the United States, Canada, and England. I am pleased to recommend him to the field of evangelism. Our churches will benefit by his holiness preaching and his outstanding musical talents in singing, piano, and organ. His ministry has been characterized by a burden for the lost, a strong evangelistic ministry and love for God's people. You may contact Rev. Tink at 407 S. Hamilton, Watertown, NY 13601.—*J. Wilmer Lambert, Upstate New York district superintendent*

Evangelists may be reached through the Department of Evangelism's toll-free number, 800-821-2154.

VITAL STATISTICS

DR. CECIL EWELL DIES

CECIL D. EWELL, 68, died July 23 at his home in Villa Park, Calif.

Funeral services were held July 26 in Pasadena, Calif., Bresee Avenue Church. Dr. Nicholas Hull officiated.

Rev. Ewell had pastored churches at Victorville, Brea, Ontario, Pasadena (Bresee Avenue), and Garden Grove, in California; Nashville First; and Chicago First Church. He was a Navy Chaplain during World War II and the Korean War.

Dr. Ewell had served on the General Board. He was chairman of the founding Board of Trustees of Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, and served as vice-president in charge of financial development during the beginning years of the college.

Burial was in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif.

Dr. Cecil D. Ewell is survived by his wife, Loreen, and two sons, Cecil, Jr., of Dallas, and John Herschel of Cerrito, Calif. There are four grandchildren.

DEATHS

MRS. LEONA BRADSHAW, 74, died April 10 in Royalton, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gary Farris. Surviving are 2 daughters, Lois Emry Royalton and Omedia Cox Herrin; 1 son, Condon; 9 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 1 brother.

REV. FRANK D. BURNETT, 81, died July 16 in Brookfield, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Larry Scott and Rev. Steve Cakebread. Interment was in the Wyandotte Church Cemetery. Rev. Burnett pastored on the Colorado and Missouri districts. He is survived by two brothers and four sisters.

BETHANY MICHELLE CLARK, 6 died July 7 in a farm accident in Isanit, Minn. She is survived by her parents, Alan and Linda (Becker) Clarke, one sister, Carolyn; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Becker and Mrs. and Mrs. Guy Clark.

ESSIE PEARL DAVIS, 65, died June 28 in Fresno, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Wil Spaite and Dr. W. H. Deitz in Coalinga, Calif. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Carl Davis; three sons; and four daughters.

MAE E. GOURLEY died July 9 in Anchorage, Alaska. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Lyle K. Coblenz, R. W. Sheppard, district superintendent; and Rev. A. L. Haynes. Survivors include her husband, Jim; two sisters; and two brothers.

FLOYD HOTLE, 55, died June 19 in Indianapolis, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. William Griffin and Rev. J. C. Collins. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; one son, Phil; one daughter, Nancy; two brothers; and one sister.

FLORENCE REED KEITH, 94, died April 20 in Terre Haute, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Claude Wilson and Rev. Billy C. Goodpasture. Interment was in Paris, Ill. She is survived by three stepdaughters.

EFFIE MAY KINSEY, 88, died June 25 in Wichita Falls, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Dorough and Rev. James Heckathorne. She is survived by 3 sons, Paul C., Hugh D., Charles E.; 3 daughters, Audrey Steel, LaVetta Surber, Sudie Slusher; 29 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren, and 3 sisters.

STEVEN P. LYNN, 19, died June 30 in Anderson, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Raymond W. Hann. Surviving are his parents, Paul and Eva Lynn; and one brother, David.

LYNN PETRY, 57, died July 22 in Crowley, La. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Lewis and Rev. Winston Lowe. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; one son, Dwayne; one daughter, Mrs. Edwin Prather; four grandchildren; five brothers; and five sisters.

DANIEL GORDON SAMMONS, 28, died June 3 in Tallahassee, Fla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Dennis and Rev. Frank Shepherd. Interment was in Ashland, Ky. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sammons; and one brother, Paul M. Sammons.

CAROL SAMS, 34, died June 8 in Hughson, Calif. Funeral services were conducted in Oakdale, Calif., by District Superintendent Wil Spaite, Dr. W. H. Deitz, and Rev. Bud Thompson. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Dennis Sams; one son; two daughters; and her mother.

MR. RAYMOND SHULTS, 62, died May 31 in Duncan, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles Stroud and Rev. Bennie Grissom. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Shults; three brothers; and four sisters.

REV. EDWIN J. SIMMONS, 53, died June 9 in Lomax, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Floyd H. Pounds and former Wisconsin Superintendent Rev. R. J. Clack at the Beardstown Church. A memorial

service was held in Lomax, Ill., by Revs. Pounds, Hollis, and Carson. Rev. Simmons pastored in Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Illinois. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; one son, Dale Simmons, one daughter, Mrs. Janet Pepper; and two grandchildren.

MRS. ELIZABETH (BETTY) SOULE died March 5 in Spring Lake, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. E. Vickery. She is survived by her husband, Robert; three sons, Robert, Jr., Thomson, and Richard; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Gleason and Marylinn; her mother; two brothers; and two sisters.

MRS. RUTH LINN SOULE, 82, died April 25 in Spring Lake, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. E. Vickery. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Nichols; and two sons, Robert and Benjamin.

J. CURTIS SPELL, 69, died July 14 in Crowley, La. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. H. Hoffpauir and Rev. Winston Lowe. Crowley First Church was organized in his home. He is survived by his wife, Sadie, and one son, J. Curtis, Jr.

REV. RAYMOND G. TAYLOR, 61, died May 31 in Ashtabula, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. E. Clay, district superintendent. He pastored in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Survivors include his wife, Ruby (Burdine); two sons, Robert and James Brent; two daughters, Irene and JoAnne; two brothers; and a stepmother.

MYRTLE ANN WHITAKER, 95, died July 7 in Arcadia, Calif. Funeral services were conducted in Pasadena Bresee Avenue Church by Dr. J. George Taylorson and Dr. O. J. Finch. She is survived by 3 sons, Carl, James, and John; 4 daughters, Mrs. Geraldine Finch, Mrs. Bernice Layton, Mrs. Ruby Lawson, and Miss Juanita Whitaker; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

MATTIE FRANCIS WILLIAMS, 91, died July 14 in San Diego, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Thomas Goble. She is survived by 1 son, James; 1 daughter, Mary Abras; 7 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

(on a first-come, first-served basis)

In June, 1980, the international district superintendents will be coming to Kansas City for General Assembly. Some of them will be interested in speaking in churches in the United States.

These superintendents would be available the Sunday before General Assembly (June 15) and the Sunday after (June 29).

If you are interested in scheduling one of the International district superintendents, please fill out the form below.

NAME _____

CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____

PREFERRED DATE: June 15 June 29 Either (circle one)

Please mail this to the
Department of World Mission
 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131

MRS. NETTIE WILSON, 95, died July 11 in Wewoka, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. R. F. Lindley, Donald A. Milsap, and Rev. Mrs. Eva Lawler. Survivors include three daughters, Miss Lucilla Farmer, Miss Neely Farmer, and Miss Lee Farmer.

MRS. LOTTIE WININGER, 86, died June 29 in Duncan, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles Stroud. She is survived by 1 son, Jack; 3 daughters, Mrs. Estelle Pruitt, Mrs. Cletus Sapp, and Mrs. Reba Thompson; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 1 sister.

BIRTHS

to RICHARD AND LYNETTE (SANDERS) BACHMAN, West Covina, Calif., a boy, Eric Lee, June 5

to MIKE AND SUSAN (EBY) BLANKENSHIP, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Jared Michael, Apr. 25
to JAMES AND CYNTHIA (DABNEY) BRISCOE, Yuba City, Calif., a girl, Amy Margaret-Fauneil, July 1

to REV. GARY AND BARBARA DAMRON, Derby, Kans., a boy, Garrett Nathan, July 15

to REV. JAY AND MARIAN (SIMMONS) DICK, Mannford, Okla., a girl, Rachel Kay, July 16

to MARVIN AND CONNIE (DICKSON) GEORGE, Beaufort, S.C., a girl, Amy Diane, June 7

to LARRIE AND CAROL (SHOEMAKER) HOWERTON, Brookfield, Mo., a girl, Tiffany Elaine, March 23

to JERRY AND JOY (JORGENSEN) KERN, Nampa, Ida., a boy, Jeffery Dean, Apr. 3

to DUANE AND DEBORAH (JONES) MARGAGE, Waukagen, Ill., a girl, Aubrey Erin, Apr. 16
to HAROLD AND JOYCE (RUMMEL) PARRY, Visalia, Calif., a boy, Evan Matthew, July 12

to REV. GARY AND CAROL (CLUGGISH) SIVEWRIGHT, Shawnee, Kans., a boy, Chad Michael, July 26

to LOU AND MARY (SMITH) SOMERVILLE, Onslow, Ia., a boy, Scott Clayton, June 15

to DOUGLAS AND BARBARA (HORNOR) STRICKLAND, Lawrence, Kans., a boy, Jason Douglas, July 7

to REV. NOAH AND LINDA (WARD) THARP, Candor, N.Y., a girl, Kimberly Ann, March 16

to REV. JOHN AND BECKY TODD, Logan, Ohio, a girl, Faith Elizabeth, July 7

to HARDY AND PAT ULMET, Denver, Colo., a boy, Hardy Justin, June 9

to RONALD AND LINDA (STROMAN) VAN LOENEN, Goodland, Kans., a boy, Steven Lee, June 16

to REV. DAVID C. AND JANET (BENSON) WRIGHT, Morton, Ill., a boy, Matthew Cheston, July 21

MARRIAGES

SHERRY KAY SMITH and LOYD RAY BRANNUM at Boise City, Okla., May 12

"Showers of Blessing"

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 9

"Inspection and Judgment"

by W. E. McCumber

September 16

"Have Faith in God"

by W. E. McCumber

HOUSE PROTECTS PRIVATE SCHOOLS' TAX EXEMPTION.

Three amendments affecting church-operated schools were added to the Treasury-Postal Services Appropriations bill by the U.S. House of Representatives before sending it to the Senate for action. By a margin of nearly 5 to 1, the House adopted two amendments which would have the effect of stopping an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) procedure threatening private school tax exemption because of alleged racial discrimination.

One amendment would "prohibit the use of appropriated funds to formulate or carry out any rule or policy which would cause the loss of tax-exempt status to private, religious, or church-operated schools unless in effect prior to August 22, 1978."

The second amendment attached to the bill specifies the particular procedures private schools have objected to since the announcement in the Federal Register last August. The IRS proposal threatens the loss of tax-exempt status unless private and religious schools meet certain quotas of minority students and staff.

The third amendment attached to the appropriations bill would allow an individual to claim a charitable deduction on income tax even if the contribution was, in effect, payment for tuition at a religious school. The Senate Appropriations Committee has not yet begun consideration of the measure, so it is expected to be several weeks before the full Senate acts. □

"TRUTH" UPHELD AT CHURCH OF GOD CONVENTION. The International Convention of the Church of God, headquartered in Anderson, Ind., met on the theme: "We Hold These Truths." Amid a variety of programming, including leadership training, conferences for all ages, special attractions, and traditional worship services, some 30,000 conventioners celebrated six signal "truths."

A major feature of the convention each year is the General Assembly, the legislative body of the church's cooperative ventures. Major resolutions passed in this year's June assembly included a resolution stating the assembly's stand against the acceptance of homosexuality as "normal, desirable, or Christian."

Next year both the World Conference and the International Conference of the Church of God will be held in Anderson. This will be in celebration of the Church of God's 100th year. □

CHINESE RESPONSE TO CHRISTIAN BROADCASTS INCREASING.

Christian broadcasters report a large increase of letters from listeners in China responding to Bible reading radio programs beamed into that giant nation, the American Bible Society announced.

"In fact," said one broadcasting official in Hong Kong, "listener response has been 'increasing spectacularly.'"

Over 10,000 letters have been received from mainland Chinese listeners thus far this year. This represents a phenomenal increase over 1978, when only 53 letters were received the entire year, and 1972, when no letters came at all. □

MANY EAST GERMANS STILL CHRISTIAN AFTER 30 YEARS OF COMMUNIST RULE.

After more than 30 years of Communist rule, 10 million citizens of East Germany still register themselves as Christians.

According to the Evangelical Church Federation in the German Democratic Republic, 8 million are members of one of the eight provincial churches of the federation, 1.2 million belong to the Roman Catholic faith, with the rest in free churches and other religious groups. The current population of East Germany is 16,700,000. □

MRS. C. DEAN (GWEN) GALLOWAY and DR. W. RAYMOND McCLUNG at San Antonio, Tex., June 8

JOYCELYN K. BLES and RICHARD EUGENE WAINWRIGHT at Sullivan, Mo., June 9

JO LORRAINE COLGREN and STANLEY MARK DOERR at Jamestown, N.D., June 9

DANA ENGLE and DAN SPAITE at San Diego, Calif., June 30

SHERYL MUMBOWER and DAN YODER at Monte Vista, Colo., June 30

SUSAN EMILY IVANISH and GREGORY OWEN BULLOCK at Great Falls, Mont., July 14

MARCELLA DIANE SMITH and MARK TWYMAN at Boise City, Okla., July 14

PAMELA DARLENE ROBERTS and RICHARD JERRY EITEL, JR. at Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 17

ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS BLAND of La Junta, Colo. celebrated their 60th anniversary July 8. A reception was given in their honor at the

home of their daughter and son-in-law, hosted by their six children.

Their children are Mrs. Earl (Agnes) Blevens, La Junta, Colo.; Mrs. Doyle (Hazel) Delaney, Portland, Ore.; Otis Bland, Twin Falls, Ida.; Mrs. Deanie Willmsore, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Richard (Wilda) Carver, Las Animas, Colo.; and Vern Bland, Mountain View, Calif. They also have 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Their six children, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren were present for the occasion.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM "BUD" THOMPSON celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 15 at the Oakdale, Calif., church. About 250 persons attended the reception hosted by the church and their three sons, David of Phoenix, Charles and Steven of San Diego. Rev. Thompson pastored churches in Duluth and Winona, Minn.; Denver; Lincoln, Neb. First; Upland, Calif.; Moreland, Ore.; and Oakdale, Calif.

Friends of MR. AND MRS. F. ELTON WAY helped them celebrate their 67th wedding an-

niversary after prayer service July 18. Mr. and Mrs. Way have been members of the Church of the Nazarene for almost 60 years. They are members of Dayton, Ohio, First Church but are now attending Cincinnati Springdale Church.

They have one daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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THE ANSWER

CORNER

Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

It grieves my heart so to sit in a Nazarene congregation Sunday after Sunday with members who are obviously suffering from the socially acceptable sin of gluttony and never hear one word preached against it.

Could this be because our ministers do not have their bodies under subjection?

My pastor certainly needs to shed a good 50 pounds.

I can never be sure of why any pastor is silent on any subject. But if a pastor is seriously overweight, or many of his people are, this would seem to explain why he doesn't preach on gluttony.

The Bible is not silent on the subject. The following passages deserve careful reflection: Deuteronomy 21:20-21; Proverbs 23:21; Isaiah 22:13; Luke 21:34; Romans 13:14; Philippians 3:19.

Notice that gluttony is condemned along with drunkenness, and has damaging, even destructive, spiritual consequences.

Not all obesity is the result of gluttony, but all that is should be deplored and corrected by turning the controls of life over to the Holy Spirit. □

Do you think the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:28 (and Luke 17:37) refer to the Rapture of the Church? Can they mean that God's people will be executed and their bodies left to the vultures?

No, I don't think it refers to the gathering of the Church to Jesus, either in the Rapture or, as some of the Puritans taught, in worship where they feed upon His broken body.

I don't think "carcase" is a figure for Christ or "vultures" for the Church. In context, it seems to me, Jesus is referring to the destruction of Jerusalem. His proverb would mean that judgment would fall upon the city where He was

rejected as surely as vultures flock to a dead body. Or, in a wider context, when the world is ripe for final judgment it will come, as certainly as vultures to a corpse. I like the comment of C. B. Caird: "The rejection of the Son of man by Israel was the beginning of a process which was to end only with the day of the Son of man; and once it had occurred, the judgment was bound to follow, as surely and swiftly as vultures gather round a camel that dies in the desert."

For a good discussion of the various interpretations that have been held, I commend Dr. Ralph Earle's commentary on Matthew in *The Wesleyan Bible Commentary* (vol. 4). □

Food gluttony was a topic of conversation in our Sunday school class recently. Since obesity isn't a problem with me I felt unable to contribute to the conversation. But in light of the first commandment, how can extremely overweight people say they love the Lord with all their heart when food is their god? Or is the problem more complicated than that?

The question isn't personal, since I have no idea what you look like.

I don't look good, but my problem isn't obesity. I look like I was put together from spare parts of unrelated models.

Not all fat people are gluttons, just as not all thin people are saints. With many extremely overweight persons, there are physical and psychological problems other than a simple lust for food. These persons need medical and emotional help.

But there are many people who simply overeat and underexercise, with dangerous consequences. They need to discipline themselves, seeking guidance from Scripture and help through prayer.

The body is the Spirit's temple, and it should be placed under His control. Gluttony is a sin, and God can deliver from it. He can help us to keep food from being too important, to consume less ourselves, and to share more with the hungry. □

Wellington, Kans.: The church had an outstanding revival with *Evangelist Chuck Millhuff*. This was preceded by a prayer campaign of 13 weeks. About 9 weeks before the slated revival, the actual revival began. Over 130 seekers at the altars sought definite help. Advertising included 200 yard signs, posters, handbills, a bank rotating sign, and the newspaper. Rev. Millhuff did an outstanding job as an evangelist. In his ministry with us, we saw over 80 additional seekers in six evangelistic services and two morning seminars. □

—Dave Figg, *pastor*

Winchester, Ind.: **First Church** had a revival with *Evangelist Bob Hoots*. The altar was lined repeatedly. One of the highlights of the revival was a Saturday morning family prayer time when the church families gathered for praise, testimony, and prayer. □

—Clarence C. Hildreth, *pastor*

Longmont, Colo.: **First Church** had a revival with *Evangelist Marvin Jagger*. Brother Jagger's clear biblical messages were an inspiration throughout the week. Daily during the meeting, calls were made on shut-ins and families associated with the church. The Sunday morning service saw a positive response to the invitation. Two people, in the church for the first time, accepted Christ as Savior. □

—Duane C. Brush, *pastor*

Hattiesburg, Miss.: **First Church** had a revival with *Evangelists Rev. and Mrs. John Porter*. The Porters are God-anointed evangelists. Two teenage girls were sanctified and several received spiritual help. Over 520 contacts were made with 97 new people attending the revival meeting. □

—Phillip C. Jones, *pastor*

New Carlisle, Ohio: The church had a revival with *Evangelist C. D. Holley*. The Holy Spirit came in mighty fullness in each service, as over 30 people knelt at the altar. Many were saved, several were sanctified, and numerous others received definite spiritual help. □

—Rod Trim, *pastor*

Springport, Ind.: **The Luray Church** had a revival with *Evangelist Luther Collins*. There were 20 to 30 people who responded to the Spirit of Christ and the gospel messages of Rev. Collins. About half of these were

praying for entire sanctification. On Saturday night we held a healing service that proved to be a very precious time of healing and reconciliation. □

—Peter E. Albertson, *pastor*

Milan, Ill.: The church had a revival with *Evangelist Dr. Lyle E. Eckley*. The church is two years old and growing. A spirit of revival prevailed and 16 seekers became happy finders at the altar. The revival climaxed a very successful spring drive that brought in a number of new people, many of whom found spiritual victory. □

—J. C. Leatherman, *pastor*

Camden, S.C.: **First Church** had a revival with *Evangelist J. C. Crabtree* and *Song Evangelists Paul and Bobbie Glendinning*. The church was truly revived, "hard cases" won; people promised to tithe amid tears of joy. New people attended and were impressed with the church and its message. There was not a barren altar service from first to last. New members are being received. □

—Harold M. Liner, *pastor*

Dixfield, Me.: The church had a revival with *Evangelist Chuck Wheeler*. Rev. Wheeler preached with the anointing of God's Holy Spirit, resulting in two people saved and eight people experiencing entire sanctification. Many others also found help at the altar. A young Viet Nam veteran of Catholic background was saved in the very first service he attended. His wife, a former Catholic, but recently saved, prayed for sanctification. □

—Robert Pulkkinen, *pastor*

Man, W.Va.: The church had a revival with *Evangelist Clyde Morris*. The services were scheduled for one week, but were carried over an additional week. During the two weeks, Rev. Morris prayed, fasted, and preached with the anointing of God upon him. Whole families were won to the Lord. Because of God's promise and the people's obedience, God gave an increase—32 saved, 5 sanctified, and 15 seeking spiritual help. □

—Ken Morton, *pastor*

Palisade, Colo.: The church had a revival with *Evangelists George and Charlotte Dixon*. There were 18 seekers. One man and wife were saved for whom the church had been praying for a long time, and a mother of six children was reclaimed. □

—James P. Bailey, *pastor*

Memphis, Tenn.: **The Frayser Church** had a revival with *Evangelists Rev. and Mrs. Russell Coffey*. In the providence of God, the evangelists had

their next week of meetings canceled and the Frayser Church invited them to stay over for another week. Attendance nearly doubled as the church reached out and brought new people in. Several brand-new families found Christ, and many others were sanctified. □

—James L. Stewart, *pastor*

Ashland, Ky.: **Grace Church** had a revival with *Evangelist Dennis Wyrick*. There were 38 seekers at the altar, but one of the real helps was the new life and enthusiasm that engulfed the church. □

—William O. Hull, *pastor*

Philippi, W.Va.: The church had a revival with *Evangelist Richard Jaymes*. This meeting was originally scheduled for one week. However, the meeting was continued for an additional week. Attendance was good at all services, with 10 being sanctified and 12 new converts as a result of the moving of the Holy Spirit. The altars were lined twice in the last Sunday morning service, with many children, young adults, and college students finding spiritual renewal. □

—Jack E. Capps, *pastor*

Catlettsburg, Ky.: **Southside Church** had a revival with *Evangelist Claude W. Jones*, who conducted a school of prayer each evening before the service. The new insights to prayer were valuable to many who needed to enrich their prayer lives. Mrs. Jones conducted a special children's evangelistic service each evening. Seven children sought and received spiritual help. The Sunday evening service climaxed with souls being reclaimed, and people being reconciled one to another and to God. □

—Robert W. Brown, *pastor*

THE CHURCH SCENE

July 1 was proclaimed Heritage Day at **Oklahoma City Lake View Park Church**. The day's activities centered around the spiritual, musical, and cultural heritage of the Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Cliff Walton, guest speaker from Kalamazoo, Mich., spoke on the Nazarene heritage of justification and sanctification by faith. The choir, directed by Darryl Miller, presented a program of songs that were uniquely Nazarene. Eleanor Whitsett arranged the music that highlighted the songs of William Kirkpatrick, Haldor Lil-

lenas, and Floyd Hawkins. Bethany Nazarene College music professor John Rosfeld wrote the accompanying biographical, historical text.

Two teenagers, Sandy Runion and Tom Woodward, were awarded scholarships for their winning essays on "What the Nazarene Church Means to Me."

The offering climaxed the events of the day. Coining the phrase, "Success Comes in Cans, Not in Cannots," Pastor Howard Rickey had challenged the congregation earlier to give 90 percent of one week's earnings to God and keep 10 percent for themselves. The people responded by giving almost \$33,000—the church's largest single offering. □

Police Officers from Warren, Pa., had their second annual Christian Police Officers' Retreat sponsored by Warren, Pa., First Church at a nearby retreat center. The Bishop and Evensen Gospel Team (formerly "The Gospel Singing Policemen") conducted seminars and ministered musically to the officers and their wives. A Christian growth and unity was felt by all who attended.

Officer Richard Kiehl of the Warren Police Dept. reports plans are being made for the third annual retreat. □

On June 24 the Rising Sun, Ind., church held a ground-breaking ceremony marking the official beginning of a church building program.

The church, designed by architect L. E. Byfield of Indianapolis, is to be built by contractor Gilbert Hall of Madison, Ind.

Participating in the ceremony were Pastor Donald R. Padgett; Gilbert Hall, contractor; and trustees: Russell Slack, Frank Bodle, Ron Baker, and Raymond Slack. Frank Bodle, who was a trustee when the present church in Rising Sun was built in 1946, turned the first shovel of dirt for the new church. □

NEW CHURCH BUILDING PLANNED FOR CAPE VERDEAN CONGREGATION

Rev. William Taylor, New England district superintendent, wrote to the Department of Home Missions, "... a miracle happened!"

Rev. Taylor, a district Home Missions Committee, and Rev. Antonio Leite visited the Rumford, R. I., Bethany Church—a Cape Verdean/Portuguese-speaking congregation—to raise pledges for a new building. The congregation of 68 members now meets in a little frame, clapboard church of 25 ft. x 40 ft. The average attendance is 140 people and is steadily growing—outgrowing the building.



The Harrison, Ohio, church and educational unit were dedicated May 20. District Superintendent Dallas Baggett was the guest speaker and the Dole Singers provided special music. Over 250 people attended the service. The new church and new parsonage are located on four acres. The sanctuary will seat 200 and is furnished with padded pews and public address system. The new building contains 10 classrooms and a large fellowship hall. The total value of the property is \$250,000, with an indebtedness of \$117,000. Arno Wilson is the pastor.



The Steele, Ala., church dedicated their new brick sanctuary on Sunday, May 13. General Superintendent Dr. William M. Greathouse and District Superintendent Dr. W. Charles Oliver were in charge of the dedication service. Rev. Herbert Thompson is pastor. The structure was built at a cost of \$51,000, including pews, carpet, and piano.



Jacksonville, Fla., Westside Church, celebrated Homecoming on June 24, recognizing 31 years of service to God. Special morning services were held, honoring former pastors and evangelists. Dinner on the grounds preceded an afternoon singspiration, and the history of the church was read. Over 200 people attended.

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In a Saturday evening meeting, this Cape Verdean congregation pledged \$18,000 for their new building. On Sunday, more pledges were given, totaling \$25,000, payable in two years.

When Taylor reported the Rumford Bethany miracle at the New England District Assembly, people across the

district pledged \$28,000 to the district Development Fund to aid the church. The general church will also assist through Alabaster funds, and Rumford Bethany will have a new place of worship.

They will build on the present property and use the original building for a

fellowship hall.

With 20,000 Cape Verdean/Portuguese-speaking people entering the country, and the majority settling in the New England area, Rumford Bethany believes they can double their average attendance when they are in their new building. □

GOD IS FAITHFUL



by CRYSTINE YATES SOYARS
Nashville, Tennessee

MY FIRST MEETING with Frances Mae Justus was on the eve of her marriage to my nephew, Robert Leslie Yates. When I arrived at her apartment in Toledo, Ohio, I was greeted from the top of the stairway with a cheery, "Is that you, Aunt Tina? Come on up!" Her invitation to stay for spaghetti supper was so warm and enticing that I hastily changed my plans and accepted.

Back in her apartment following the wedding rehearsal at the church she recounted for me the story of how she met Christ. It is a classic example and positive confirmation of my belief in the simplicity of the gospel and the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit in meeting the need of every sincere believing heart.

Frances was stricken with polio and left handicapped at four years of age. When her father died a year or two later, she and her brother were placed in an orphanage. They were soon moved to a foster home where they remained until grown. The foster parents provided food, clothing, and shelter, and did not physically abuse the children, but never recognized them as part of the family or included them in family activities. They received no spiritual training, never hearing the Bible read or a prayer prayed. Frances says she did not realize she had any more personal worth than a cat or a dog. On graduating from high school, one of the town's civic clubs sent Frances to Toledo to attend business college. After completing her training she obtained a position in the Community Chest office. She readily made friends with the girls with whom she worked.

Robert Leslie was a Christian young man, reared in the Church of the Nazarene. On his first date with Frances he suggested they attend church on Sunday evening. He was a victim of cerebral palsy, so the two handicapped young people walked to the church nearest her apartment where both were total stran-

gers. At the close of the service a couple introduced themselves and invited them to their home for coffee and to get acquainted.

After Robert Leslie had gone Frances became conscious of an intense longing for something she had never experienced. She wanted to pray, but was not sure how to approach God. She believed the correct posture was on one's knees, so she knelt by her bed and said very simply: "God, those people have something I do not have. If You have the same thing for me I'd like to have it." She had no concept of what it was like to receive forgiveness, and had no expectation of an emotional experience when she prayed this simple prayer of faith. To her great surprise, the love of Christ surged through her being, filling her with joy and happiness beyond her ability to contain. She walked the floor praising God. When morning came she realized her entire life was changed. She was a new creature in Christ. She could scarcely wait to share the good news with her closest friend. When she reached the office she told her co-workers the wonderful experience she'd had.

As she walked in the light God shed on her pathway, she became uncomfortable about going to night-clubs and other places of worldly amusement. When she told her friends at the office she could no longer participate in such activities, they joined with her in more acceptable forms of recreation. She read and studied the Word of God, committing long passages to memory. Communion with God became her way of life.

Her zeal and fervor have not lessened as the years have gone by. Her joy in serving God is evident in all she says and does. As she and her husband celebrated their silver anniversary on December 29, 1978, they had much for which to be thankful, including two fine sons, both of whom are dedicated Christian workers. Frances says: "We know that it is the Lord who has made the difference in our lives."

All this because a couple who loved God was sensitive to the leading of the Spirit, showing friendship to two strangers at the right moment.

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HOST CHURCH FOR GEORGIA ASSEMBLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Macon, Ga., Trinity Church was destroyed by a fire which started about 11:30 p.m. Monday, August 6.

Although the assembly convened at the Hilton Inn August 16-17, this was the host church for the convention. Pastor Thomas Rash reported that only a few boxes of materials for the assembly had arrived at the church at the time of the fire. Providentially, the large shipment of books from Nazarene Publishing House arrived that day but could not be delivered because no one was there to receive it.

The main structure of the church was completely destroyed, and the basement suffered water damage. This includes the pastor's study, with the loss of his entire library.

Pastor Thomas Rash said that insurance would cover only a portion of the loss, which is estimated to exceed \$150,000, not including the contents of the building. □

—NCN

CANADIAN PASTOR SUFFERS LOSS IN TORNADO

Rev. Glenn L. Outhouse, district NYI president on the Canada Central District and pastor of the Woodstock, Ont., church, lost his home, car, and furniture when a tornado struck the new subdivision Tuesday night, August 7.

The Woodstock church also suffered considerable damage.

District Superintendent Lorne MacMillan reports that there have been no other reports of damage to the property of Nazarenes there, and no Nazarene deaths or injuries by this tornado which took 3 lives and injured 142. □

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MVNC ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMED

A 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools for Mount Vernon Nazarene College was officially approved July 24. The official word was received by President L. Guy Nees from the Chicago office of North Central, that "continuing accreditation had been approved at the bachelor's degree granting level for 10 years and that the next evaluation visit be scheduled in 1988-89."

This action followed the recommendation of the examining team of North Central that had reviewed the total operation of the college in March, and is the maximum period allowed between reviews. This feat was achieved after having graduated only four bac-



President Nees of Mount Vernon announces the reaffirmation of accreditation.

calaureate classes, making Mount Vernon unique among colleges approved by the North Central Association.

MVNC was first accredited by North Central in 1974, with a review scheduled in 5 years. The 1979 examining team recommended continuing accreditation with the 10-year evaluation based on the following statement: "Mount Vernon Nazarene College has clearly defined goals and purposes and the resources both human and fiscal to achieve these goals and purposes. It can count on financial support from the church equivalent to the income from a very large endowment. It has made remarkable progress since the 1974 report and has eliminated or is taking steps to eliminate almost all weaknesses listed in that report. Most notable has been the improvement in the college's financial position and in the upgrading of the faculty."

In announcing the action to the campus community, President Nees stated, "This is a great victory and a historic event in the life of Mount Vernon Nazarene College. It makes it possible for us to pursue our goals without any official interruption of the college calendar for an evaluation for the next 10 years." President Nees expressed thanks and congratulations to

"GRASS ROOTS GATHERINGS" CANCELED

Due to the transition in the office of the director of the Department of Evangelism, the Board of General Superintendents has notified Rev. Dwight Neuenschwander, coordinator of Special Programs for the department, who is handling its affairs, that the "Grass Roots Gatherings" should be canceled.

None of the scheduled gatherings on Nazarene college campuses will be held this fall. □

—NCN

all who worked so hard toward this goal.

Deeply involved in the preparation of the Institutional Self-study for North Central was Dr. Robert G. Lawrence, vice-president for academic affairs. Dr. Lawrence had high praise for all involved in the accreditation process. "The reaffirmation of accreditation by the North Central Association is the result of the combined efforts of the entire college community: Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, students, and staff."

Mount Vernon Nazarene College concluded its 10th year of academic work in May, with 140 receiving baccalaureate degrees. Dr. Stanton P. Parry, vice-president for finance and management, recently reported to the president that the college has just concluded, on June 30, another successful year financially, and reported that this is the sixth year in a row that the college has operated with a balanced budget. □

NEW SUPERINTENDENT IN NICARAGUA

Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent, appointed Rev. Alfredo Moraga district superintendent for the Nicaragua District, August 3.

Rev. Ernesto Bello, former district superintendent, has accepted the pastorate of the First Spanish Church in San Antonio, Tex., on the Central Latin American District. His family is now in El Salvador and will be moving to the United States soon.

Rev. Jonathan Salgado is acting as liaison for the Department of World Mission in Nicaragua. He has sent word from Managua that he has contacted government leaders in Nicaragua and assured them that the Church of the Nazarene wants to work for the betterment of the Nicaraguan people.

Emergency funds have been sent from the Hunger Fund of the Department of World Mission to aid Nazarene families who suffered loss of property and jobs in the recent political unrest.

Rev. Salgado reports that the missionary home in Rivas has been destroyed and the day school there has been taken over by the government for a public school.

In the remote valley of Pantasma, the clinic has been taken over by the government.

He also reports that the churches at Esteli and Chinandega were damaged, and the parsonage of the Third Church in Managua was also damaged.

He plans to return to Nicaragua soon for an in-depth study of the situation. □

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