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# NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE— THE UNCOMMON COLLEGE

On a windy hill near the Colorado Springs airport in 1966 a group composed of city commissioners, a land developer, and officials of the Church of the Nazarene arrived at a decision to accept the 100 acres as the site for the proposed Nazarene Bible College. This began the assignment given by the General Assembly of 1964 to establish a Bible college whose purpose would be "to supplement the educational program of the Church of the Nazarene in the field of ministerial training and provide training for those who do not choose to complete the broader, more intensive training provided by our college-seminary program."

One hundred nineteen students registered for the first semester in September, 1967. Classes opened on September 26 in temporary facilities made available at First Church of the Nazarene, and the unique type of training offered by this institution was begun. Represented in this first

student body were men whose education had stopped and who had been taking the home course of study. Some were veterans from Korea who had made a promise to answer God's call to service if they returned safely from the conflict. Some were older men who received their call to preach after they had already completed training in other professions and vocations. All were concerned with making a living for their families as well as moving back into the routine of college study. Classes were held mornings and evenings to accommodate these working students. Motivation was high and a new chapter began in Nazarene education for many who needed a second chance.

From these humble beginnings a dedicated administration and faculty have developed a beautiful college campus in Colorado Springs. The faculty has been increased and student enrollment has advanced beyond all expectations. Time

has established the value of the training offered at Nazarene Bible College. Hundreds of students have entered the stream of the church's ministry in pastoral and evangelistic service as well as missionary service. Many have transferred to our regular colleges for completion of degree programs.

Because the Bible college has no zone support, it receives a grant from the General Budget. In addition, the church authorizes a special offering annually for the college. Every church is asked to participate in this offering to insure the continued success of the institution and its contribution to the ministry of the church. It is worth of our full support, and we trust our people will be generous in their offerings. □



*by General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland*





# HAT A DIFFERENCE WORSHIP MAKES!

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**ISAIAH** was never again the same man after his worship experience personally told in chapter six of his prophecy. He exclaimed, "My eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Worship, spiritual and true, both public and private, alone and in the supporting fellowship of kindred minds, lies close to the core of victorious Christian living.

Who knows what changes, stresses and distresses, economic or political, social and personal, may overtake the people of God in the next generation? One thing is sure. Our clear and sustained vision of the Almighty will make the difference.

We, like Isaiah, need *the vision of His beauty to establish the norms for our own imaginations*. Once in the Swiss Alps my wife and I gazed speechlessly from a lofty, secluded place upon the indescribable beauty of forest, stream, lake, and sky that lay around and beneath us. Through the calm air, from another mountainside far across the valley, came the distinct notes of tinkling cowbells. The pressures of our hectic tourist pace fell away. Our whole world was washed in waves of peace.

Like the Psalmist who desired to "gaze upon the beauty of the Lord," I too need that corrective from the sordid, the sensual, and the selfish which crowds my experience.

We need *the vision of His truth to nourish our minds*. The fundamental question of our Christian

existence is not, "Is it pleasing?" nor yet, "Is it exciting?" but rather, "Is it true?" I need the Word opened to my understanding until the truth shines splendidly and gloriously upon my quickened mind. The Father, Jesus said, seeks out those who worship Him in Spirit and in truth. "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts."

We need *the vision of His purity to quicken our consciences*. A man may well cry, "Woe is me!" when he discovers in the blazing light from heaven the dark blotches on his garments that have tended to go unnoticed. Worship is the place to adjust one's moral compass until it again points true and straight.

We need *the vision of His love to assure our hearts*. The altar seraph bearing in his tongs the burning coal was the messenger of unfailing redemptive compassion. Infinite love responds to my helpless cry. "Your sin is purged." At the core of worship is simple appropriation of amazing grace.

But also, in our worship, we need *the vision of His sovereign purpose to enclose our wills*. Julia Ward Howe sang, "Mine eyes have seen the glory," and it was because of that that she could cry, "Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on!"

For Isaiah it was, "Here am I! Send me."

The dark clouds that seemed to obscure my future way were gone when I gladly strode forward in His company. Life has blessed meaning in His purpose.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!" □



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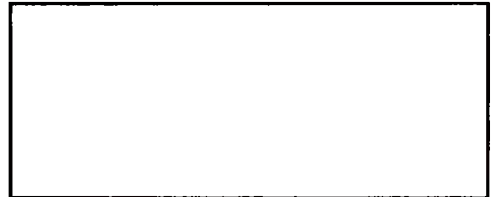
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# "and with all your mind"



**A** WISE MAN," said William Jennings Bryan, "gets an idea in the head: a fool gets it in the neck." It helps a great deal to get it in the heart also.

"Heart and Mind." These are the Siamese twins of Christian culture and education. We come into full salvation heart first . . . "with the heart man believes unto righteousness" . . . but it is not so full as it might become unless we bring our heads with us. Sanctification is the "head" part of heart holiness. It may not ever, in the nature of things, be as "entire" as sanctification, but it will ever be its twin. We will spare no effort to serve the Lord "with our understanding also" and to love the Lord with all our heart and with all our mind.

Many spiritual tragedies result, not from lack of devotion, but from lack of thought and understanding. Heresy begins usually with bad theology rather than with poor devotion. For a while a person may be either better or worse than his doctrine suggests, but eventually the twins get together again with blessed or tragic results. Probably the statistical swell in the stomachs of the cults results from their swallowing credulous and uninformed evangelicals.

There are at least three emphatic facets to mature Christian living:

1. Love for God.
2. Devotion to truth as contained in the Scriptures.
3. Openness and submission to the Holy Spirit.

A scribe in search of the "the greatest" once asked Jesus, "Which is the greatest commandment?"

The Lord's reply was, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul," adding ". . . and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37); which almost makes it a direct quote from Deuter-



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onomy 6:5. Almost—but not quite! A comparison of Matthew 22:37; Deuteronomy 6:5; and 1 John 2:3-11 will show that Jesus had in mind an intense personal devotion to the pursuit of divine truth and a steadfast obedience to it.

Now add Ephesians 4:23; Romans 12:2; and 1 Peter 1:13, and the end product becomes established Christian character. No doubt someone will say “mind” is included in all that “soul” means. That will but help to reinforce the truth by repetition.

How seldom we hear sermons emphasizing the fact that devotion to truth is a fundamental element in loving God with all the heart. Obedience is the gateway to growth in love. “He that is willing to do, he shall know of the doctrine.”

Rufus Jones had a letter from a friend. In it, his friend wrote, “Whenever I go to church, I feel like unscrewing my head and placing it under the seat, because in a religious meeting I have never any use for anything above my collar button!”

Overstated, of course, and perhaps by a sophisticated cynic, but all too often true. We sometimes edge into the state described by a contributor to the *British Weekly* some years ago:

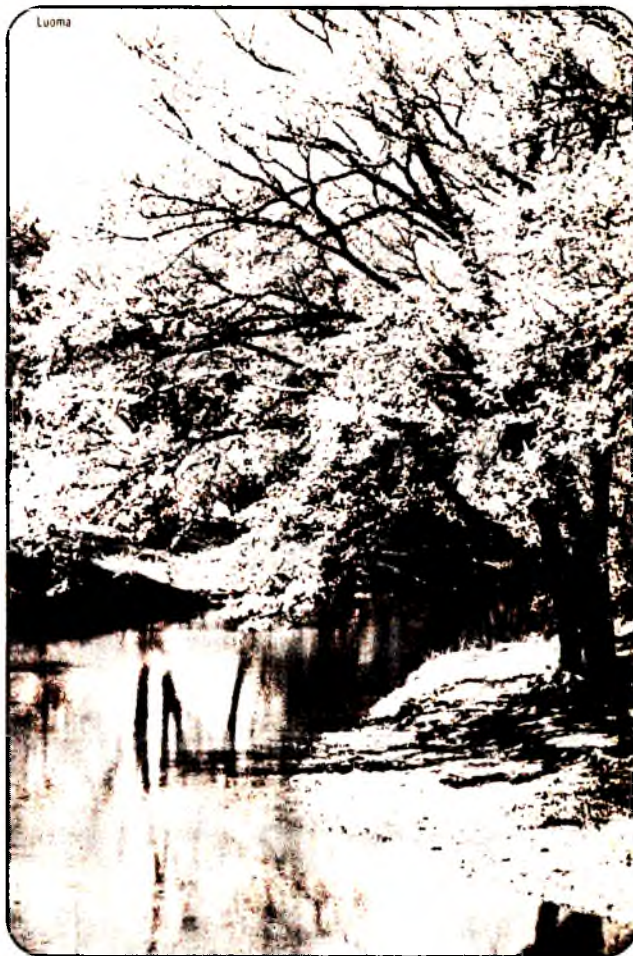
“I’m a Christian in my way,  
How it’s difficult to say:  
I’ve the haziest sort of notion  
What I *mean* by my devotion.  
Cliches clutter up my head,  
Catchwords are my daily bread:  
Exquisitely undefined  
Is the thing I call my mind.”

An inescapable obligation to the sanctified life is to seek “the mind that was in Christ Jesus.” Paul claimed that “the mind of Christ” is part of the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Corinthians 2:6-16). An obedient person may believe that the Spirit will guide his thinking processes as he reads his Bible for truth to live by.

Pastors and preachers are needed who will specialise, not in Hollywood stereophonics, but in “taking heed to themselves and to the doctrine”; who can help God’s people shoulder the responsibility of understanding their Christian faith. Church growth is really not the point, but loyalty to the gospel.

NBC exists, not to provide pat answers at basement prices, but to help create and foster an open, unashamed, and unembarrassed biblical and spiritual approach to the whole of life; to condition minds to the evangelistic spirit and the evangelism of the New Testament Church; to provide an atmosphere of Christian devotion and prayerfulness in which to pursue these studies and activities; and to assist persons to

Love God supremely,  
Seek His Truth obediently,  
Submit to His Spirit sensitively. □



## Beside a Gentle Stream

*Beside a gentle stream  
In the shade of a teenage tree,  
God spoke to me today—  
Stirring words with rich melodies  
Reaching deep inside my soul,  
Melting a depressive mood . . .  
Words that quickened my heart,  
That gave my mind a fresh,  
good thought  
Of life and beauty and giving.*

*And I walked home  
With a spring in my steps  
And stars in my eyes,  
Not merely for the moment  
(Though the moment was precious).  
I know now—my age does not matter  
For I am attuned to God.*

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**T**HEN HE got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Lord, save us! We're going to drown!'

"He replied, 'You of little faith, why are you so afraid?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

"The men were amazed and asked, 'What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!'" (Matthew 8:23-27, NIV).

Remember the last time, perhaps as a child, you were frightened by a powerful thunder and lightning storm? Have you expe-

# DOES JESUS CARE?

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rienced the force of a hurricane or tornado or blizzard that has left you feeling helpless and weak; powerless to protect yourself or your loved ones?

Recorded in three of the Gospels, this incident of the sudden

storm reminds us not only of the physical elements that can surprise and frighten us, but also the situations of life that leave us shaken and exhausted because of their uncontrolled power.

A few of these men were sailors and fishermen who were familiar with the unpredictable weather over that particular lake. The ferocity of this storm was evident in the fact that these seamen were panic-stricken and horrified. They responded to their emotions much like any of us would. They bailed out the water that flooded the craft. They steered, maneuvered, and rowed the boat attempting to find safety on shore. They were terrified even more when their furious attempts to humanly control the situation were thwarted by the onslaught of the elements.

Jesus was calm and asleep in the stern of the ship when the disciples, convinced that their efforts were in vain, approached their Lord with the declaration, "We're going to drown!" (NIV); "Carest thou not that we perish?" (KJV). They were convinced of their fate. They were *sure* that all hope was gone. That was when they decided to seek help from God. How often we do the same. Strive and try and work—and if that doesn't succeed, then we pray.

It seems at times that "God in His heaven" is too far removed from our earthly existence. Asleep, "caring not that we perish." But as always there is a purpose for God's seeming withdrawal.

How do you respond to the uncontrollable situations? Like the disciples? Bailing, rowing, steering, or knocking down the door on God's chambers screaming, "Don't You care?" An important aspect, according to Matthew's account, is seen in Christ's immediate response, not to the elements that were out of control, but to the persons whose faith was misplaced. Jesus did not respond as we sometimes wish God would to our requests in the midst of strife. He was not a "heavenly errand boy" apologetically saying, "Oh, sorry, let Me get that for you." He tended to the lesson of faith that was so important to the lives of those 12. He did not condemn, but in a loving, gentle, probing man-



ner convicted the men about their lack of faith. "Why are you afraid?" (Matthew). "Do you still have no faith?" (Mark). "Where is your faith?" (Luke). It is interesting to note that these three writers interpreted the lesson of faith according to their own needs.

Where is the storm raging in your life right now? Is everything out of human control? Are you doing everything humanly possible

to steer your small craft to shore, only to be frustrated and disappointed? Does it seem as though God is asleep and cares not that you'll go down with your ship? What is your response? Are you still trusting in your human resources and power? Can you not hear the Master's loving voice because of the fury of your efforts to bail and row? Give up. Surrender. Listen to the gentle voice

of the One who cares for you and your small craft. He not only controls the elements; He is in control of every conceivable situation and circumstance.

Jesus is asking each of us today, "Where is your faith?" Only the storms of life can bring us to the point of honest appraisal. Do not fight the storm . . . surrender to the One who controls the winds and the waves of life. □

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## FAITH TESTED AND TRIUMPHANT

**I**N JUNE OF 1977, my husband and I, with our daughter, Cheri, left our Florida home to pursue a new goal in our life. Pulling all we owned behind us, excitement high, we headed for Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colo. The peace that we had about our decision to uproot and move was not comparable to any other decision we had ever made. The peace of that decision has never left us, but it has been tested to the very limit many times.

Our first test came only five days after we arrived in our new home. Our second daughter, Stephanie, was born two months prematurely. As we watched her struggle for life, we claimed Bible promises for calmness. We reminded God that we knew we were in the center of His will, no matter what the outcome of this crisis would be. He honored our faith; seven weeks later we brought Stephanie home, and we now have a healthy, full-of-life reminder of God's goodness to us.

My husband, Mike, has often said in testimony, "Everyone should go through this experience." It is one that causes you to bare your soul before God in helplessness, and then to know the depth of His love as He gives you strength that is beyond any human capacity.

In December, after Stephanie was born, the hospital sent us their bill, due "upon receipt of this notice." As I shook, alone in our apartment, staring at a bill of \$9,348.59, I was helpless again and could only commit it to the Lord. Again our faith was tested to the limit, now in a financial way. On December 26, 1977, we went to the hospital, explained that we were Bible college students who couldn't possibly raise that kind of money. But God can and did. After a brief discussion we were told that we had to pay only \$180 of the total bill; the rest would be taken care of by a financial program of the hospital. Our thanks to God could not be contained until we got out to the car, or got home; we simply cried right there in the office of that

hospital. Again, as God said He would, He provided because we asked in faith.

This first test at NBC opened the door, early in our college career, to realize the power of our God. Our faith has been multiplied many times since as we have turned one crisis after another over to Him.

Like many other college families, we know the burden of wondering where the food for the week will come from. Many times, as I made out the grocery list, I had to pray that the Lord would provide the money. He always supplied, sometimes through an unexpected gift of money, or through an invitation to a meal (usually in another Bible college home).

When tuition funds had to be spent on car repairs, Mike enrolled in school on faith. Again the Lord provided, and the tuition was paid by many friends who gave us gifts of money at Christmas.

One of my most personal blessings came when I committed my need of a winter coat to the Lord. For weeks I searched the Goodwill stores for a "bargain." I finally gave up and went to K-Mart one day, knowing that we could never afford a new coat. But standing by the coatrack in that store, I explained to the Lord that winter was coming, I had no coat, and it gets cold in Colorado. In less than a month, I had my coat. The Lord supplied it through a person who is very dear to me, but who had no idea of my need.

I wore that coat proudly last winter, and it was a source of testimony many times. I think perhaps the Lord gave me such a beautiful coat so that people would admire it, thus giving me the opportunity to testify again to His goodness.

Why have our needs been met in ways that have left us in amazement? I am sure it is because we have continually sought His will and claimed promises like the one found in John 14:21, which reads, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." □

Here is one person's solution  
for having peace of mind and heart.

**I** DON'T CLAIM to be one of the saints who finds it easy to "count it a joy to fall into trials." In fact, I'd do most anything to avoid conflicts and trouble. But one day I discovered that it is possible to exchange one's burdens for joy.

I was packing a lunch for my two-year-old Jennifer to take to "Mother's Day Out" at church. And I was sure of just one thing—only the Lord could solve the problems which seemed to be attacking our family like a swarm of hostile bees. As I closed the lunch box, I pictured myself packing up our troubles—gathering the twisted, broken pieces of our once close-knit family—and placing them in a "trouble chest" to entrust to the Lord.

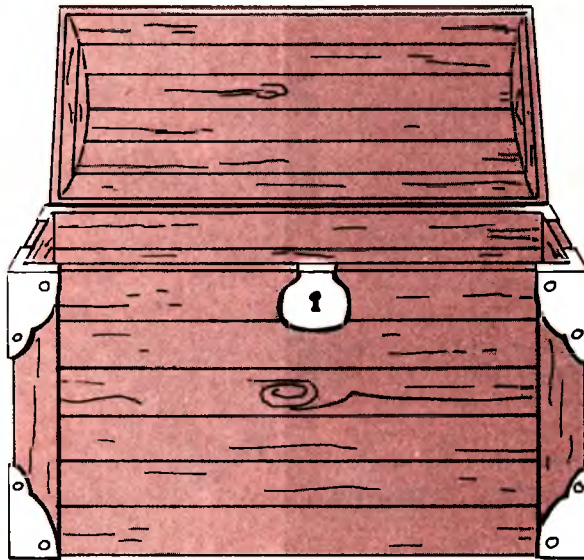
I started with my husband, Mark, and the 19 years he had devoted to the carpet mill his father had started. Then I added his dad's longtime promise to leave Mark stock-control of the business as an inheritance.

Along with my late father-in-law's promise, I tucked in his tendency to procrastinate and the unchanged will he'd written 20 years ago; then his sudden death 2 years ago. I added the family gathering when the dying man explained his plans for his estate to the whole family, assuring his wife of her financial security and trusting her to carry out his unwritten requests concerning Mark and the business. I included the advice from interested friends that Mark get these things in writing and our prayerful decision not to dampen his father's spirit or weaken our prayers for his healing by such an action.

I remembered how agreeable the whole family had been at first. But gradually the same relatives had become critical and suspicious. My mother-in-law had recently denied her late husband's requests as well as her promise to carry out his wishes.

I added the ironic fact that after two years of faith in his family, hard work, and careful management, Mark had tripled the estate value of the mill, only to learn that family members now wanted to sell the

## THE TROUBLE CHEST



prospering business with no conscience for Mark's contribution or security. Mark's angry reaction to this only weakened his family's faith in him and gave him a burden of guilt in his Christian walk.

With a prayer, I included the loyal employees who felt a part of the mill and depended on it to support their families. And I added the financial security of Mark, myself, and our three children.

I was just about to "seal" the fragile chest when I remembered my own clumsy efforts to patch things up. I'd bungled several times when discussing the situation with Mark's family, but I really blew it the morning I picked a bouquet and set out to clear things up with my mother-in-law and invite her to Sunday dinner.

I shuddered at the memory of how she'd glared at me and refused my invitation, accusing me of trying to butter her

up to get my hands on the estate. She had once treated me like a daughter, but now I felt less than a stranger and like the target for shocking accusations. In that moment of crisis, I reacted to my hurt feelings instead of responding to God's love. My efforts had backfired. Now the relationship was even worse than before. So into the "trouble-chest" it went. I sealed the chest of mistakes and misunderstandings with a prayer.

I imagined myself addressing a label to "The Lord God, Master Problem Solver," and stamping "Fragile, Handle with Prayer" across the chest. I pictured myself carefully placing it in the Master's outstretched hands.

Even though I'd prayed about this situation daily and carried it to the altar Sunday after Sunday, this was somehow the first time I'd actually surrendered it to the Lord. I declared my dependence—not on relatives' decisions, not on the mill, or even on Mark—but totally on God. A weight was lifted from my spirit and three commands seemed to replace the burden: "Trust the Lord," "Forgive others," and "Bear fruit." It wouldn't be hard to trust God. He had never failed me. And I wanted to forgive, realizing that the others involved also needed to forgive



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me. But exactly how was I to bear fruit? I was to gain new insights on these abstract words before the day was over.

As we entered the building housing the nursery, Jennifer tripped over her shoe string and landed in a heap on top of her lunch box. I listened to her wail and studied her thick pad of car coat, resisting the temptation to swoop her up in sympathetic arms. I'd learned that a wise parent must sometimes stand back in order to grow a strong child.

"Hop up, big girl!"

Her wide brown eyes tested me. Then she jumped up, recovered her lunch box and bounced down the corridor to her classroom.

I was almost back outdoors when the cordial voice of our associate pastor greeted me.

"Good morning, Marianne!"

"Well, hello, Brother Jim."

Then he surprised me with, "You are so *radiant* this morning. Things must be going well with you."

Deciding not to wear a mask, I answered, "No, not really. In fact, our family is in the middle of a complex problem. If it weren't for our faith in God, I guess we'd be worried sick."

His compassionate eyes comforted me. "Sorry to hear about that. But you are radiant. At least you must approve of *yourself*."

Recalling the blunders I'd packed in the "trouble chest," I answered, "No—I can't say that I do. But I approve of the Lord!"

His words about my countenance both puzzled and lifted me. As I drove away, I caught a glimpse of my face in the rearview mirror. There was a sparkle in

my eyes and color in my cheeks. Perhaps I was radiant. But I'd never have realized it if Brother Jim hadn't told me.

"Lord," I pondered, "Your grace is fantastic. Thank you for shining through my burdens. And thank you for Brother Jim's encouragement."

And then I realized that we bear fruit when we allow other people to bloom. Like Brother Jim, I could allow the spirit of Christ in me to acknowledge and encourage the spirit of Christ in others. And since God was taking care of my "trouble chest," I could use my energy to live and love for Him.

Before the day ended, I'd written several notes to thank people for inspiring me, witnessing to me, and caring about me. (One of them was to Brother Jim.) I took time to compliment a young mother's patience with her fretful child at the supermarket and watched her take on a glow. I praised my teenage daughter for her kindness in dealing with a disgruntled friend, and she rewarded me with a big hug. I thanked the service station attendant for his courteous manner and his shocked smile showed me that he was starving for a little appreciation. Then he insisted on vacuuming out my car.

But, most important, I greeted my husband with a calmness I had lacked for many months. He had enough problems without the burden of a worried wife. I complimented him for not having let his pressures affect his relationships with the children and me. He hadn't even realized this until I praised him. My attitude of faith seemed far more uplifting to him than all my former words of counsel.

I don't know just how or when God will see us through the problems in the "trouble chest," but I'm excited to have traded my worries for the *joy* of watching people bloom when I just let the Son shine through. □

## PEN POINTS

# I SAW A MIRACLE, AND IT GOES ON

One beautiful, bright September day the phone rang—long distance! My heart jumped! Who? What? A voice 150 miles away said, "Are you home? We want to stop and see you." Great! What a relief!

Three hours later a lovely lady and her husband walked into the front room, smiling and happy. How we rejoiced as we greeted them!

For 20 years she had been an invalid. Malarial headaches had caused intense suffering. She had gone through five surgeries, hours of casts and tractions. X-

rays revealed that five vertebrae in her spine had disintegrated. Medical expenses had averaged \$1,200 a year for years. Nothing helped. A few hours up and about and then the headaches and nausea returned, until there was nothing to do but go to bed with heavy medication. Life was depressing.

How we prayed! A year ago we felt that God had heard and He would have His way. Four months ago she called in the night and said God had healed her. We rejoiced all over the house. Her husband wept. We all cried and laughed for joy.

Then last Thursday she walked in, laughing and smiling, her old happy self. How we praised God and enjoyed talking about His greatness!

They returned to their home on Saturday. A letter came Monday saying, what a wonderful trip—and no sickness. Also, her husband wants a Christian home and asked that they pray together.

Praise God, the miracle goes on. Thank the Lord for giving back my youngest sister. □

—ALYCE M. FIGG  
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Series from

# "THE STRONG-WILLED child"

by Dr. James Dobson

## The Scourge of Sibling Rivalry

If American parents were asked to indicate the most irritating feature of child-rearing, I'm convinced that sibling rivalry would get their unanimous vote. Children are not content just to hate each other in private. They attack one another like miniature warriors, mobilizing their troops and probing for a weakness in the defensive line.

I know one child who so deeply resented being sick with a cold while his older sibling was healthy, that he secretly blew his nose on the mouthpiece of his brother's musical instrument! The biggest loser from such combat is the harassed mother or father who must listen to the noise of the battlefield and then try to patch up the wounded.

Columnist Ann Landers recently asked her readers to respond to the question, "If you had known then what you know now, would you have had children?" Among 10,000 responding women, 70 percent said no! A subsequent survey by *Good Housekeeping* posed the same question and 95 percent of the respondents answered yes. It is impossible to explain the contradictory results from these two inquiries, although the accompanying comments were enlightening. One unidentified woman wrote, "Would I have children again? A thousand times, NO! My children have completely destroyed my life, marriage, and identity as a person. There are no joys. Prayers don't help—nothing stops a screaming kid."

It is my contention that something *will* stop a screaming kid or even a dozen of them. It is not necessary (or healthy) to allow children to destroy each other and make life miserable for the adults around them. Sibling rivalry is difficult to "cure" but it can certainly be treated. Toward that objective, let me offer three suggestions which should be helpful in achieving a state of armistice at home:

(1) *Don't inflame the natural jealousy of children.*

Sibling rivalry is not new. It was responsible for the first murder on record when Cain killed Abel.

This article is one of a series, abstracted from Dr. James Dobson's most recent best-selling book, *The Strong-Willed Child* (Tyndale, 1978). The theme of this series is the discipline and training of more assertive boys and girls who are inclined to test the limits of adult leadership.

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Since then, it has been represented in virtually every two-child family. The underlying source for this conflict emanates from old-fashioned jealousy and competition between children. Marguerite and Willard Beecher, writing in their book *Parents on the Run*, expressed the inevitability of this struggle:

"It was once believed that if parents would explain to a child that he was having a little brother or sister, he would not resent it. He was told that his parents had enjoyed him so much that they wanted to increase their happiness. This was supposed to avoid jealous competition and rivalry. It did not work. Why should it?"

"Needless to say, if a man tells his wife he has loved her so much that he now plans to bring another wife into the home to 'increase his happiness,' she would not be immune to jealousy. On the contrary, the fight would just begin—in exactly the same fashion as it does with children."

If jealousy is so common, then, how can parents minimize the natural antagonism which children feel for their siblings? The first step is to avoid circumstances which compare them unfavorably with each other. Lecturer Bill Gothard has stated that the root of all feelings of inferiority is *comparison*. I agree. The question is not, "How am I doing?" It is, "How am I doing compared with John or Steven or Marion?" The issue is not how fast can I run, but who crosses the finish line first. A boy does not care how tall he is; he is vitally interested in "who is tallest." Each child systematically measures himself against his peers and is tremendously sensitive to failure within his own family.

Accordingly, parents should guard against comparative statements which routinely favor one child over another. This is particularly true in three areas.



First, children are extremely sensitive about their physical characteristics. It is highly inflammatory to commend one child at the expense of the other. Suppose, for example, that Sharon is permitted to hear the casual remark about her sister, "Betty is sure going to be a gorgeous girl." The very fact that Sharon was not mentioned will probably establish the two girls as rivals. If there is a significant difference in beauty between the two, you can be assured that Sharon has already concluded, "Yeah, I'm the ugly one." When her fears are then confirmed by her parents, resentment and jealousy are generated.

Beauty is the most significant factor in the self-esteem of Western children, as I attempted to express in my book, *Hide or Seek*. Anything that a parent utters on this subject within the hearing of children should be screened carefully. It has the power to make brothers and sisters hate one another.

Secondly, the matter of relative intelligence is another sensitive nerve to be handled with care. It is not uncommon to hear parents say in front of their children, "I think the younger boy is actually brighter than his brother." Adults find it difficult to comprehend how powerful that kind of assessment can be in a child's mind. Even when the comments are unplanned and are spoken routinely, they convey how a child is "seen" within his family. We are all vulnerable to that bit of evidence.

Thirdly, children (and especially boys) are extremely competitive with regard to athletic abilities. Those who are slower, weaker and less coordinated than their brothers are rarely able to accept "second best" with grace and dignity. Consider, for example, the following note given to me by the mother of two boys. It was written by her nine-year-old son to his eight-year-old brother, who had beaten him that day in a race.

Dear Jim,

I am the greatest and your the badest. And I can beat everybody in a race and you can't beat anybody in a race. I'm the smartest and your the dumbest. I'm the best sport player and your the badest sport player. And your also a hog. I can beat anybody up. And that's the truth. And that's the end of this story.

Yours truly,  
Richard

This note is humorous to me, because Richard's motive was so poorly disguised. He had been badly stung by his humiliation on the field of honor, so he came home and raised the battle flags. He probably spent the next eight weeks looking for opportunity to fire torpedos into Jim's soft underbelly. Such is the nature of mankind.

Am I suggesting that parents eliminate all aspects of individuality within family life or that healthy competition should be discouraged? Definitely not. I am saying that in matters relative to beauty, brains and athletic ability, each child should know that in his parents' eyes, he is respected and has equal worth with his siblings. Praise and criticism at home should be distributed as evenly as possible, although some children will inevitably be more successful in the outside world.

And finally, we should remember that children do not build fortresses around strengths; they construct them to protect weaknesses. Thus, when a child like Richard begins to brag and attack his siblings, he is revealing threats he feels at that point. Our sensitivity to those signals will help minimize the potential for jealousy within our children. □

Editor's Note: This article will be concluded in the October 15 issue.

# Book Briefs



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## SUNRISE DEVOTIONS

What an appropriate and significant title for a collection of devotional articles by senior adults in the Church of the Nazarene.

These are not *sunset* devotions as they hastily might have been entitled. The spirit throughout the book is one of expectancy, anticipation, fulfillment. Not *sunset* devotions . . . but *sunrise* affirmations, with the accent on vitality, assurance, and victory.

If, as has been said, "Age is a quality of mind," this series is indeed a tribute to the acumen of the 91 contributors. All through there is a high level of radiant faith, optimistic outlook, and spiritual refreshing.

I totally agree with "Brother Sam" that the writers included are a representative group of our ministers, laymen, general and district superintendents, educators, editors, and pastors.

Your senior relative or friend will be spiritually enriched by this collection of sermons in miniature, gems of spiritual insight, abbreviated Scripture homilies. □

*Sunrise  
Devotions*

by **Sam Stearman**  
Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City

To order, see page 23.

# A CHEERFUL GIVER

## THE LORD LOVES



by C. D. HANSEN

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Some time ago an Internal Revenue Service agent told the following story:

"The other day I checked a strange return. A fellow with an income under \$10,000 claimed he gave \$1,248 to some church. To be sure, he was within the limit but it looked mighty suspicious.

"So I decided to drop by and ask him about his contributions. I thought he'd get nervous like most and say that he might have made a mistake. But not this fellow! He came back at me with that figure of \$1,248 without batting an eye.

"Do you have a receipt from the church?" I asked, figuring that I would make him squirm.

"Sure," he said confidently. "I always keep them in the drawer where I keep my budget envelopes." And off he went to fetch his receipts.

"One look at them and I knew he was on the level. So I apologized for bothering him and explained that it was my duty to check on deductions that seemed unusually high. As we shook hands at the door, he said, 'I'd like to invite you to attend our church.'

"Thanks," I replied, "but I belong to a church myself."

"Excuse me," he said. "That possibility hadn't occurred to me."

"As I rode home, I kept wondering what he meant by that last remark. It wasn't until Sunday morning when I dropped my usual dollar into the offering plate that it came to me."

## PERSPECTIVE

It took the miserliness of the IRS agent to reveal his own attitude and explain why the tither had not considered him a religious person.

Although many people shy away from a discussion about giving money to God, Jesus did not. In 17 of 37 parables, Jesus dealt with man's responsibility of using property wisely, including money. He also dealt with the proper relationship between the spiritual and the temporal. He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

Unfortunately, some do not take the words of Jesus literally and see no need to give very much, if any-

thing, to God. Such a person has allowed money to shape his thinking and mold his character, making him a slave to a merciless tyrant.

Commenting on this point, Leslie B. Flynn has written, "Money reveals where our interests lie; it can direct our attitudes; it even exposes us to the danger of worshipping it."

And an unknown author has put in cogent, poetic form the effect money can have on the individual.

*Dug from the mountainside, washed in the glen,  
Servant am I or the master of men.*

*Steal me, I curse you,  
Earn me, I bless you;  
Grasp me and hoard me, a fiend shall possess you;  
Lie for me, die for me;  
Covet me, take me,  
Angel or devil, I am what you make me.*

So it is important that the Christian shape his attitude about money around a biblical perspective. The scriptural perspective demands that God be honored with the tithe and offerings (Malachi 3:8-10).

While tithing is a divine imperative, there are also promised blessings. Let us look briefly at four.

### First, tithing strengthens the believer spiritually.

Giving and spirituality are interwoven. The man with the sanctified pocketbook is a maturing Chris-





tian. He has learned to consider his money in the light of spiritual values, realizing that spiritual growth cannot come without tithing.

### **Second, tithing offers rich dividends.**

Paul wrote to the believers at Corinth, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Corinthians 9:6, NIV). He nails it down by stating that those who follow this admonition will enjoy increased riches for even greater service (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).

### **Third, tithing makes us partners with God.**

Paul put it this way: "For we are God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9, NIV). He cannot save the world alone, and when we tithe we become His partner in sending the gospel to the world and in extending His kingdom on earth.

### **Fourth, tithing is an investment in heaven.**

Jesus said, "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:20-21, NIV). Someday you will collect interest on your investment—a greater yield than any financial institution on earth can offer.

The late R. G. LeTourneau said, "If you get a vision of what our salvation cost, see Christ on the Cross, the cruel nails in His hands and feet, the mocking crowd, and the weight of sin, paying the penalty for you and me, it will put your service and giving on a different plane. He gave himself willingly to give us salvation from our sin. If this grips us, we can't help but love Him. We will then say with the songwriter, 'Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.'"

It pays to be a cheerful giver! □

# HELPING OUR IGNORANCE



by LYLE P. FLINNER

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Before you conclude that someone is accusing you of being ignorant, you need to realize that we all need a little help in a lot of areas.

According to the dictionary, ignorance means "the state of not being informed, the lack of knowledge, unawareness, unenlightened." Thus the most learned man is still ignorant of many things. The so-called ignorant savage may be well-instructed in matters of the field and the chase, but still not know many things that you know. So, you see, ignorance is highly relative.

There are some areas in which we definitely need to improve our knowledge, awareness, and enlightenment so as to become the whole person God has in mind for us to be.

Sometimes we are relatively ignorant of the unfailing love of God. At least, we lose the keen edge of our consciousness of His love. It is difficult for the finite mind to grasp the expansiveness of His love for us. We are partially aware of it because we read and sing about it so much, but our real knowledge of His boundless love can come only through a more intimate relationship and personal experience. It is good to *know about* the love of God, but we really need to *know* the love of God.

Again, we are relatively ignorant of the unfailing power of God. You can probably see the exercise of His power in your past. You can surely see it in the Scripture. But often the press of circumstances causes us to temporarily "forget" the limitless resources of God which are available for every difficulty.

Sometimes we are relatively ignorant of the unfailing concern of God. We look around and become unduly impressed with our smallness. The universe is so vast, the needs are so great, the multitudes are so many we cry out with the Psalmist, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" But we really need to grasp the truth that, in spite of our apparent insignificance, the Bible clearly teaches that man is the very center of God's attention! You are important to God. He is concerned.

Finally, we are often relatively ignorant of the unfolding will of God. His will for you involves much more than the decisions made at the choice-points in your life. His will is cosmic and eternal in its significance and encompasses all of life here and hereafter. God has something tremendous in mind for you! If you could only see the good things He has in store for you, you would take heart and rejoice.

**POINT TO PONDER:** What am I doing to correct my relative ignorance of God's love, power, concern, and will? □

Becoming a  
Whole Person



# New Beginnings



by **BETTY MARTIN**  
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To many people, January 1 signals a new beginning.

Sometimes people have several new beginnings. Last year I did.

- We just closed the assembly year on our district. The birth of the new church year has already taken place. This is a highlight for our church family. The church books close, and we take inventory of the past year. The pastor's report, and others, challenge us to a new and better church year ahead.
- A move from Oklahoma to Florida started a new beginning; new church, new area of living, new faces, new tasks, but the same God who still hears and answers prayer.
- Last year we began a new relationship with a beautiful Christian daughter-in-law. With our son gone, a quietness settled in upon the house and we experienced the "empty nest syndrome."

Even the washing machine rebelled with a whine that said, "I can't adjust to not being overloaded."

The lonely refrigerator seemed to ask, "Why is my door not constantly being opened?"

- Last year I visited with my mother in the nursing home. Someone had cared enough to tie a green ribbon in her hair. Before leaving, I kissed her good-bye, whispering, "I love you." Smiling, she replied, "I love you too," and gave me a big kiss on the cheek.

When I saw her again, her lips were silent, cold, but peaceful. New pain, emptiness, and loneliness marked a new beginning of life without a mother.

## PATTERNS

- Last year introduced our first Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day with no family present. Thousands of miles marked our separation.

When we started our home, there were just the two of us. Our love was fresh and new. Now the cycle has been completed. Not only is our love still fresh and new, but it has, through the years, grown deeper and richer.

Christmas Day was celebrated like our first one, just the two of us—hiding presents, reading the

Christmas story and praying together around the tree.

- Last year I launched upon a plan of action to help my husband remember my birthday.

On his daily calendar I jotted in big, bold letters, in pencil, BETTY'S BIRTHDAY. Later I discovered "Flint Mops" written in *ink* over my important date. My self-esteem might have gone right into the pits, except Don remembered.

- Last year I accepted an assignment to do a series of articles for the *Herald of Holiness*.

That monthly due date *seemed* to come faster than the daily news. But thanks to God, the patience of my editor (God bless him), and you, I have made it thus far.

Sometimes after dropping my manuscript in the post office I would pray, "O God, I've gone dry. I just can't write any more." Then a letter would arrive in the mail from one of you—a note of encouragement and appreciation. Thanks for your love.

While the year brought some new beginnings, yet certain things remain the same.

God's grace is sufficient for every problem and need.

Victorious, abundant Christian living still requires daily devotional time with God.

Unless I have bathed my soul in God's presence through Bible reading and prayer, my Christian life will be weak, ineffective, and unfulfilling.

How many new beginnings will I experience in days to come? I do not know. It does not matter, God will direct me.

Possibly I may start a new beginning tomorrow, or perhaps next week. Maybe I will take the first step into the "Great Beginning" He has prepared for me. It is His timetable and He is not limited by January 1.

I know I can walk into each new beginning with the promised Presence, because He said, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Exodus 33:14). □

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**I**F GOD were my employer, would I produce slipshod products or perform so as to just get by? Wouldn't I always strive to do the very best that I knew how, because the quality of my work would be a reflection of my employer? Would I be satisfied with less than my best, or would I redo some jobs, and constantly strive to gain knowledge so as to improve my methods and techniques?

If God were my employer, would I produce only as much as required, or would I not strive for the most that I could accomplish within the limits of producing quality items? Would I not regulate my time to be as efficient as possible? Wouldn't I limit my coffee breaks and eliminate bull-sessions and time spent daydreaming, knowing that my employer needed the most and best from each employee? Wouldn't I cheerily arrive at work early so as to be ready at the start of each shift, and wouldn't I remain at work until the end of each work period? Wouldn't I also limit my absences from work to legitimate holidays and vacations, and use sick leave only when I was actually ill?

If God were my employer, would I conduct myself on the job in a disrespectful manner? Would I be discourteous or unfriendly toward my fellow employees or to my employer's customers and agents? Would I limit my endeavor to those tasks assigned, even though I sometimes had slack time, or would I seek out other jobs that needed to be done? And wouldn't I also be pleased to perform the incidental

# if God were my employer

by ARNOLD FOGLE

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chores such as making the coffee, cleaning up the messes, getting my own supplies, etc., which now requires an extra person on the payroll? Wouldn't I strive to be as efficient as possible in order to facilitate the completion of my employer's business and plans? And would I steal my employer's supplies, or help myself to goods off the shelf assuming that it's only fair because the pay isn't adequate anyway?

If God were my employer—I'm sure that most Christians would agree that the answers to the above questions are obvious, but the thing we all need to realize is that God *IS* our employer. He created everything, and He owns everything. So whether I work for a company or a corporation, or whether it's a government organization or institution, the one at the top of the chain of command is God. I am slighting God if I don't do my very best. I am disappointing God if I don't meet my commitments and try to improve my workaday world, no matter how small my contribution might seem to be. □

## A MIRACLE

*I'm not a gifted traveler;  
My memory's limited;  
Sometimes I can't tell east from west  
Or what town lies ahead.  
That astronauts with courage rare,  
Can leave our atmosphere  
And land undaunted on the moon,  
Fills my poor heart with fear.  
I don't know how your voice reached me  
Upon our telephone;  
It's more than I can comprehend  
Or figure out alone;  
How pictures clear can ever reach  
Our television set,  
Is very hard to understand—  
It baffles me, and yet . . .*

*This morning in the quietness,  
Before I scarce could see,  
I reached out toward my Maker  
And He reached out toward me.  
I knew just when I touched Him,  
And though I can't explain,  
His presence was refreshing,  
Like gentle drops of rain.  
He drenched my soul with glory  
While kneeling by my bed,  
So please don't try to tell me  
The King of kings is dead.  
I know God's throne in heaven  
Is countless miles away;  
It must have been a miracle,  
I talked with God today.*

—ELMA BROOKS COMFORT  
*Clean, New York*

# the editor's STANDPOINT

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## THE PRESENCE OF GOD

There is a holy moment in every worship service when the truth is impressed upon me that God is present.

That moment often comes early in the service, as hymns are sung or prayers are made. Suddenly I know that God is in the place with His people.

At other times the moment does not arrive until later in the service, when the Scriptures are read or while the sermon is being preached. It has occurred as late as the benediction or during an altar service.

Ideally, I suppose, the moment should precede the entire service, and my awareness of the awesome Presence should be intensified as the service proceeds. But really, it doesn't happen that way.

Two things need to be said about this.

First, I certainly distinguish between God's presence and the impression of that truth upon my mind and heart. God does not begin to be present in my moment of awareness. He is there, but I am not sensi-

tive to His presence. Oh, I know theoretically that He is there all the time. But I only experience the reality of it when my "moment" occurs.

The second thing is this: whenever that moment comes it keeps any part of the service from being wasted. By the gifts of memory and reflection I can set all that has happened before that moment in the light of that moment. In that way, I derive the same values and benefits I would have gotten had the whole worship service followed my moment of truth.

I use the words "impressed upon me" very deliberately. The awareness that God is present is not something conjured up or worked up by me. Rather, it is impressed upon me by Him to whom my worship is given.

I go to church to worship God. What detracts from that distresses me. What assists in that pleases me. My soul needs worship, and God never disappoints its thirst. The moment may tarry, but it comes. □

## THE DIVIDED SELF

From childhood most of us have been acquainted with Robert Louis Stevenson's story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Jekyll was an amiable physician with a good practice, a man respected for his character and work. But under the influence of a potent drug he underwent a radical personality change. He became Mr. Hyde, a man guilty of bestial crimes.

There are people in the church with a similar problem. They seem to be sincerely and sweetly Christian much of the time. They speak graciously and act kindly. But under stress, when they are sufficiently provoked, they act and react selfishly, lashing out at others, speaking in anger and rancor, and doing things that are destructive.

Such persons are deeply remorseful when the storm passes. They bitterly regret what they have said or done. They are penitent and apologetic. Fresh resolutions to be Christlike are earnestly made. Or, frustrated by their inability to control themselves, they may become defensive and rationalize their conduct.

There is a remedy for this double-minded condition. Consistent Christlikeness of spirit is possible. The blood of Jesus can cleanse from all sin, and the Spirit of truth can reside and preside in the heart. Mr. Hyde can die and Dr. Jekyll live in peace.

The world labels sin as broad-mindedness and libels holiness as narrow-mindedness. Scripture does not speak in these categories, but it distinguishes between being carnally minded and spiritually minded. The carnal mind can be abolished, and the follower of Jesus can be spiritually minded, with life and peace as its result.

Preachers used to ask, and be asked, "Is the old man dead?" They weren't inquiring about our fathers but about our hearts. The "old man" of sin, of selfishness, must be put to death so that the "new man" of righteousness might live unhampered and undefiled.

Is Mr. Hyde dead? □



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## TWO MAJOR OFFERINGS

Two important offerings will be received soon in our churches.

One is the annual offering for Nazarene Bible College on October 7. The Bible college, unlike our liberal arts colleges, does not have an educational zone to which it can appeal for funds. It is supported from general funds, and many of its special needs, such as buildings, depends upon the generosity of our churches in this annual appeal. You are urged to participate in this offering.

Our Bible college has proven its worth. Its purpose is to educate for ministry those who are unable to pursue the ordinary college and seminary route. From its doors have gone a host of dedicated and capable men and women. If there have been some who did not make it, that no more disproves the worth of NBC than the same truth does about the graduates of our other colleges and of NTS.

Get behind the Bible college with a generous offering;

and when you send it in, follow it all year with your prayers.

The other offering is our annual Thanksgiving offering for world evangelism. It is one of the lifeline offerings by which our mission program is sustained. This year our goal is \$6,250,000, enough to challenge the sincerity of our stewardship, not enough to intimidate our resources.

The firstfruits of the Thanksgiving offering come from our Canadian churches. Canada observes Thanksgiving on October 8 this year. Once again our wonderful Nazarenes in that great country will challenge the rest of us by their generosity and loyalty.

It is time to think and to pray about what the Lord would have each of us do in these two vital offerings. The soundest advice ever given to anyone is found in the words of Mary to the servants at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee: "Whatever He says to you, do it" (John 2:5, NASB). □

## PREACHER'S RELIGION

Paul accused the church at Corinth of being childish, because they were badly divided. One of the major problems was the "cult of personality" that had developed in the church. The church was divided into competitive and quarreling groups, each claiming to be followers of a different leader. Some extolled Peter, others Apollos, others Paul. And one group of smugs claimed to be the Christ party in the church.

This undue attachment to a human leader has always been a problem for the church. We used to call it "preacher's religion." Some people would be loyal to the pastor and supportive of the church, only to drop out or withhold support when a new pastor came. They were determined that no other preacher could have the place in their hearts or in God's work that the former pastor enjoyed. Others would transfer membership from church to church, trying to find a preacher who suited their tastes. This constitutes a kind of idolatry, an unhealthy personality worship.

In my very first pastorate I was shown a house where a certain woman lived who had once belonged to our church. What happened? Well, she loved the first pastor so much that when he moved, she quit. There had been eight other pastors in the meantime, and she had refused to give a hearing or help to any of them. Preacher's religion in a terminal state!

Paul reminded the Corinthians that he, Peter, and Apollos were servants, each with work to do assigned by the Master. Imagine people quarreling over which servant they belong to! I belong to the butler. And I belong to the upstairs maid. But I belong to the chauffeur. Well, I belong to the cook. That is just how ridiculous it becomes when the affection and loyalty that belongs to Jesus Christ is transferred instead to one of His servants who preach.

Every honest preacher would like nothing better than to have the church regard him in the light of what the Bible itself teaches about the ministry. He wants to be neither puffed up nor knocked down, but just accepted as the servant of Christ. □

# GOD'S CARE

by LOUIS J. MEDARIS

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**I** WAS AFRAID. My stepfather told me if I wasn't out of the house by the time he came home from work he would kill me. Where could I go? I was 15 and had only \$2.30. The beating I had received the night before convinced me that he would probably follow through on his threat. I had no choice but to leave.

It has been some 17 years since that frightful day, but I can look back now and see how God's hand of love was guiding my life. One of my favorite verses of scripture is Psalm 27:10, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." As I walked down that long driveway, leaving home with only \$2.30 and a little suitcase to my name, I was to find out just how true that was. I had been on the road but a short time when the Lord sent a "good samaritan" along. I stood there hitchhiking toward Chicago from Saginaw, Mich. A man pulled



Thomas E. Satter

over to give me a ride. I entered the car and not too long afterward he started telling me about God's love. He stopped and bought my dinner. Farther down the highway at a point where he had to go one way and I another, he let me out and gave me \$5.00, assuring me that he would be praying for me. I don't remem-

ber his name but God does. He demonstrated true Christian love.

As I continued down the highway I received another ride and ended up just outside Chicago. I took a short train ride to the loop of Chicago. As I stepped off the train a man came up and spoke to me: "It looks like you're lost, Son." For no reason I can think of, except that God was in it, he handed me 75 cents. After a short conversation he left. With the money those two men gave me I was able to obtain a sleeping room and buy a loaf of bread and a jar of peanut butter. Two days later I had a job and I stayed in Chicago until I was 17. I had not accepted Christ, but I knew He was dealing with me.

In 1964 I decided to return to Michigan to see if I could make it at home. I soon found a job and a sleeping room. I started back to school and arranged to work when I wasn't in class. I was discouraged, since I had previously quit school three times.

About this time the Holy Spirit really began to work with me. He reminded me that as a small boy neighbors had taken me to a Wesleyan Methodist church. My parents never had taken us to church. I decided to go to church that coming Sunday. The people were friendly and they were having a revival. The message was good and I was miserable, under deep conviction. I did not accept the Lord that day, but two weeks later, because of the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit, on September 22, 1964 in my room, I asked the Lord to come into my life. He did! The next day I visited the pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church. Two days later I was living in their home. There I stayed for a year and a half and finished high school. Again I found Psalm 27:10 to be so true, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." I was privileged to live in a true Christian home where love was real. I owe so much to Jesus, and to Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Bartley.

After finishing high school I moved into my own place again. God had provided a job. After some time I began to pray for a Christian girl to marry. Again God answered prayer. I was drafted into the Army in 1966, about two months after praying for a wife. While stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., I began to attend Park Lane Church of the Nazarene in Clarksville, Tenn. Here I met my wife-to-be. Her father was the minister of the church. Late in 1967, while I was still in the army, Carolyn Donegan became Mrs. Louis Medaris, with her father performing the ceremony.

Shortly before our wedding I had received orders to go to Viet Nam. God was with me there, and after several months He called me to preach the gospel. On returning to the States I heard about Nazarene Bible College and in 1970 I was accepted as a student. I graduated in 1973 and have pastored since then. It is truly a privilege to serve God and live for Him.

Seventeen years ago I thought I had lost everything. But just around the corner I was to find it all. As I write this account I hope someone who reads it may take courage, realizing that God cares for him. His concern for the lost was proven at Calvary. □

## Deliverance

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*All photos are stills from "Family: Handle with Care," produced for television by Nazarene Communications.*



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We expect to have a 20/20 VISION representative serving in the majority of local U.S. churches by October of 1979. You may wish to make your pledge this fall when asked by the representative in your church. Or you may make your pledge now on the coupon found on page 18-D of this insert. If you decide to pledge now, your local church representative will be notified of your pledge and credit will be given to your church.

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# 20/20 VISION



**M**Y ATTENTION was arrested by a strange scratching noise in the far corner of our Fellowship Hall. Investigation revealed that it came from a short length of capped flue pipe extending a few inches below the ceiling where a heating device had once been located. With the aid of a stepladder and screwdriver, I lowered the cap enough to discover there were two sparrows trapped within the flue. I released them to the out-of-doors and went to eat my lunch.

Then it hit me. *Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows* (Matthew 10:29-31).

A very warm feeling stole over my spirit as I realized afresh my Heavenly Father's providential care. As insignificant as were these two small birds, He cared enough to make me the instrument of their deliverance. Words of the familiar song "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" came to mind again. I lived those moments in the glow of the comforting reassurance of my Father's watchful care.

But after lunch, I further examined the flue pipe. Removing the cap completely, I made a rather shocking discovery. The inside was covered with about an inch and a half of feathers and there lay the skeletons of at least six other birds. Like the ones I had set free, they too had become trapped at some previous time but no kind providence had brought their release! Suddenly the song in my heart was stilled. Why, under the same circumstances, did two sparrows find deliverance, while six others had died? Could I still draw comfort from the fact that "*His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me*"?

As I thus mused, the Lord seemed to whisper to me that here is a parable of life in some of its deeper meanings. I remembered a young pastor's wife who, many years ago, had been given up by her doctors to die of cancer. I was in the meeting when the One whose eye is on the sparrow saw fit to gloriously heal her. She is alive and well today with no recurrence of the former problem. Then I recalled one of the most godly, dedicated men I have ever known, the founder and president of a holiness Bible school who, in the very prime of life, was stricken with cancer. When it became evident that all medical and surgical procedures would fail, the church prayed for his healing. Friends from across the country wrote him that they had prayed through and knew that God was going to raise him up. He himself firmly believed this—until the day he died.

Two sparrows were delivered . . . six sparrows died.

By divine intervention, Peter was delivered from prison and from death, while James the brother of John was killed by the sword and Stephen was martyred by stoning. Some "through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises,



# A PARABLE OF THE SPARROWS

by ROBERT L. SMITH

Oak Park, Illinois

stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again . . .

"And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; ( of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth" (Hebrews 11:33-38).

Two sparrows delivered . . . six sparrows died.

Did God love the two sparrows more than the other six? Did He love James and Stephen any less than He did Peter? Was Daniel a special favorite while numbers of early Christians were thrown to the devouring lions without any divine intervention?

Can we explain why one is healed and another is not? Why one is miraculously protected in a time of accident and another is taken? Here is a secret that is hidden in the mind and heart of an all-wise Heavenly Father. And here is the area where faith is most severely tested.

Tested? Yes. Tried? Yes. "For a season . . . ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:6-9).

Yes, His eye *is* on the sparrow; and I *know* He is watching me! □

**A**T 73, KARL WALLEDA was walking across a cable stretched 300 feet between two beachfront hotels in San Juan. He was 100 feet above the sidewalk with no net below, for Wallenda never worked with such safety devices.

There were 200 spectators on the ground. They had known of the legendary artist from Germany. He was the one who had walked the wire—but more, he rode a bicycle on it with human pyramids atop his shoulders. On one such journey in January, 1962, Wallenda's nephew, Dieter Schepp, lost his grip on the balance pole and fell to his death. At the same time, Wallenda's adopted son Mario was paralyzed from his waist down.

With his bright blue eyes glimmering in the March sun, Wallenda scanned the cable. The wind played games with his gray hair. The muscled body stepped out once, then back to the start again because strong gusts caused the wire to vibrate. The crowd stood still in apprehension. Granddaughter Riette, 17, looked on; she was the only relative then performing in Wallenda's act.

Again he stepped out, edging a little farther than halfway. The wire started to sway. The artist tried

to gain his balance by stooping lower, leaning a bit more forward. From an adjoining rooftop a voice cried out, "Sit down, Poppy, sit down!" It was the cry of a youth, a member of Wallenda's troupe.

Karl Wallenda attempted to crouch down. But the wind quickly tossed him to one side of the cable. The crowd watching from the pavement below saw him begin to fall. He reached out for the wire with a frantic gesture but was yet clinging to his balancing bar and could not get hold of the cable. His body fell, his hands still clutching the pole. Plunging 10 stories, he landed on a taxi roof and then bounded onto the ground. He was pronounced dead at the hospital, the cause being massive internal injuries.

"The wind is my worst enemy," Wallenda had once stated concerning his outside performances.

The wind. The Bible speaks of the spirit as "the wind." There are demonic spirits; there is a divine Spirit. Destiny depends on which wind is at your back.

Judas gave way to the wind of plotting. It was a scheming gust, political conniving to get his break within the group of a dozen. He became pay-hungry, and sold Jesus out for 30 dirty coins in a worn bag.

by J. GRANT SWANK, JR.  
Talmadge, Ohio



## the Wind: friend or foe

It was the wrong wind. Judas yielded to the gentle breeze with its devil-whisper that said, "Polish your own future. Everyone else is doing it." But it was the wrong wind. And so it finally blew through his soul as the night storm blew through his hair, the rope pressing tightly against his neck.

Peter felt that hot wind. On that Thursday night all else was still except for that hot wind against his heart. Pushover Peter. Playing-both-ends-against-the-middle Peter. The wrong wind blew him off the cable, his balance jarred. Jesus watched from yards away, and a rooster crowed, as a fisherman fell from a swaying wire strung between heaven and hell.

Yet elsewhere the Scriptures state that "they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:1-3). This was the right wind blowing.

The divine wind blew through souls that opened their springtime doors for purging and plenty of heaven's light. The disciples were overcome with a new power. (And included among those followers was one named Peter who had changed his directions; he was on balance again). They remembered when

Jesus said beforehand: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8).

They were steadied with a new *perseverance*. They could now walk the wire; before they had had a rough time of it. Stephen persevered, even though stoned. James persevered, even though killed with the sword. And even Peter persevered, though tossed into prison.

The right wind brought a new *proclamation*. Peter preached it to the metropolis: a hallowed Jesus (more than just a man). Peter and John spoke it to a lame man: a healing Jesus. Again, Peter and John presented it to the priests: a heavenly Jesus (ascended, at the right hand of the Father).

That Spirit-wind blew a new *purity* into the souls of the redeemed. Imagine 120 men and women blown clean by this wind, clean of self-centeredness and discouragement, of confusion and carnal rivalry. It certainly was the right wind—divine.

Karl Wallenda faced the wind, but on that day in Puerto Rico it was not a pleasant breeze to cool his cheek. It was the wrong wind and so he toppled to his death. On Pentecost Day, following Jesus' ascension, the disciples faced the wind, too, and it proved to be a Friend. There are two kinds of wind. □



# IN THE NEWS

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**Kenneth D. Rexroth** of Oskaloosa, Ia., was chosen one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1979. Rexroth, owner of Ken's House of

Heating in Oskaloosa, is an active member of the Oskaloosa Church of the Nazarene. He has headed the Men for Missions program in his church. He has been involved in Work and Witness teams to the Republic of South Africa and Guatemala. He is planning for a third such group to go to Johannesburg in February, 1980, to build a chapel. □

**Dr. Kent E. Brower**, bursar and lecturer in Old and New Testament at British Isles Nazarene College for the past six years, has accepted an appointment to Canadian Nazarene College. He received his education from Canadian Nazarene College, Eastern Nazarene College, and the University of Manchester.

Dr. Brower, with his wife and two children, begins his new assignment in September. □



Five generations are involved in the Wyoming, Ill., church. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Tammy and Sarah Shane, Joe Ballard, Eileen Ballard; and (front center), Lee Foiles.



Pastor F. B. Whittaker (r.), of Oklahoma City Southside Church, received a check from Mr. and Mrs. Everette Wilder (l.). The Wilders donated \$4,000 from the estate of their son, Don, who went to be with the Lord in February.

**Dr. Fordyce Bennett**, assistant professor of English at Mount Vernon Nazarene College, was the recipient of a summer fellowship for The National Endowment for the Humanities during June 25 through August 17. The fellowship is meeting at Concord, Mass., home for many of the authors being studied.

The studies are being broken down into two parts, lecture/discussion, and independent study. Heading the lecture is Dr. Walter Harding, leading Thoreau authority. During the independent study, Dr. Bennett will be researching his materials at Harvard's Houghton Library, the Concord Free Library, and the Boston Public Library.

Dr. Bennett's graduate work deals with the subject of New England transcendentalism. Thoreau, Emerson, and Channing are a few of the transcendentalists that he is studying. □



The Charles Walker family at Portland, Tenn., are shown in the act of dedicating their new home to the Lord. Facing Pastor Carlos H. Sparks (l. to r.) are: Charles, daughter Melanie, wife Alice, and son Patrick. Responding to a key question in the service which included song, prayer, poetry, the Walkers said in unison, "We do dedicate our home and grounds to the glory of God." Pastor Sparks responded from Matthew 10:13a, "And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it." Benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Yvonne Givens, sister of Mrs. Walker.

**WILCON CONCLUDED WITH HIGH PRAISE**

WILCON (Wives' Leadership Conference) held at Mid-America Nazarene College July 18-20, and at Bethany Nazarene College July 24-27, continued with a high percentage attendance and interest at both colleges.

The deep appreciation of ministers' wives for these helpful and inspirational gatherings was expressed by many local congregations who underwrote the expenses of their pastors' wives and looked forward to their return with warm reports of the four-day reflection on their spiritual journey.

College personnel joined the team of speakers and workshop leaders in providing a well-organized and deeply satisfying experience for the conferees.

By August 1 the Wives' Leadership Conferences which are being held on Nazarene College campuses in the United States and Canada this summer, had registered 3,073 parsonage women in seven conferences.

August 6-10 the Conference on the campus of Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Ida., recorded a 100

percent registration, an equal number registered to the total number of churches on the Northwest Educational Zone.

Mrs. Marion Rich, coordinator for the conference, expressed satisfaction for the project as the final conference began at San Diego, Calif. on the campus of Point Loma College, August 20. She thanked the colleges for the use of their facilities. On each campus, she said, the conference received the "red carpet" treatment by the college officials. □

—NCN

**MALAWI FIELD COUNCIL MEETS**

The Malawi Field Council was held July 20-22 near Dedza, Malawi. Mission Director L. J. Hagens announced substantial growth on both districts.

The Drinkwaters were welcomed back to our field, and new recruits, Lowell and Marilyn Clark, were greeted.

Rev. Selfridge, guest speaker, challenged the gathering on the different aspects of prayer. □

—Beth Waltermire, Reporter

**NAZARENE BROADCAST TO BE HEARD IN PORTUGAL**

The Department of Communications has signed a contract for the airing of A HORA NAZARENA on Radiodifusora Portuguesa in Lisbon and in Oporto. Beginning August 15 in Lisbon, the Portuguese broadcast will be aired weekly at 9:05 p.m. each Wednesday. In Oporto, it will be heard each Saturday from 7:05 to 7:20 a.m., beginning August 18, 1979.

This Portuguese language broadcast features messages by Dr. Jorge de Barros and is financed by the World Mission Radio offering. □

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**IT NEVER HURTS TO ASK**

Pastor Clyde McCune of the brand-new (Oct. 8, 1978) Kingman, Ariz., Church of the Nazarene is planning big for his church's first vacation Bible school this summer.

During a call to the Department of Home Missions to confirm the approval of his church for Pioneer Vacation Bible School assistance, he related the following incident:

"I'd met the Roman Catholic priest in Kingman in the Ministerial Association, and knew that his church had a 60-passenger bus. Since it never hurts to ask, I called him last week and said, 'Say, Bob, what are the chances of us using your bus for our Bible school this summer?' 'As long as you're willing to pay the [extra] insurance, fine,' was the response. So, I've routed the whole city for the bus, and we're looking forward to a great outreach through our VBS this year."

Who in your area can help you reach your city for Christ? After all, as Pastor McCune says, "It never hurts to ask!" □

**TREVECCA DEBT CAMPAIGN NEARS GOAL**

Dr. Homer Adams, president of Trevecca Nazarene College, announced August 8 that the total in cash pledges for the campaign to erase Trevecca's million dollar debt has reached \$728,602. He also stated that the Southern Association of Colleges, which is insisting on assurance of the debt removal before accreditation is renewed, has postponed their visit one month. This will give added time to complete the campaign.

To date, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina have reached 100 percent of their goals. Tennessee has reached 90 percent. The Florida districts are at approximately the half-way mark, as is Kentucky. East Tennessee has reached one-third of its goal. □

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## SMITH SPEAKS TO WORLD METHODISTS

Dr. Timothy L. Smith, professor in American Religious History at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, gave the keynote address July 20 at the North American Section of the World Methodist Council at Lake Junaluska Assembly Grounds, N.C.



His address was entitled "John Wesley's Hope." Smith spoke on the broad optimism of John Wesley, grounded not in humanistic faith of the Enlightenment, but the promises and commands of Scripture, and its relevance for today's despair.

He said that Wesley found hope in Scripture for (1) the triumph of the kingdom of God on earth as in heaven, through the work of the sanctifying Spirit; (2) the unity of His Church, grounded in the authority of Scripture and the experience in power of the sanctifying Spirit whose presence in the Church was proof of its apostolic succession, and expressed in total commitment to evangelizing the whole world; and for (3) the fulfillment "now and by simple faith" of the biblical promise that personal righteousness in both inward and outward holiness is available to all believers who earnestly press forward in seeking the grace of love made perfect.

Dr. Timothy Smith, who is also a well-known minister in the Church of the Nazarene, expressed his pleasure at the numerous holiness Methodist denominations whose leaders were present for the conference. □

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## KRESGE GRANT RECEIVED

Dr. L. Guy Nees, president of Mount Vernon Nazarene College, announced August 14 that the college has received notice of a grant of \$100,000 from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich. These funds will be applied to the construction and renovation phase of the Campus Center Expansion project.

The Kresge Foundation Grant is in the form of a challenge grant. The college must raise the one-quarter-million-dollar balance of the \$887,000 project by December 15, 1979, in order to receive the grant.

Nearly 1,200 qualified proposals were reviewed in 1979 by the Foundation which made new grant commitments totaling \$35.1 million to 177 organizations in 35 states, the District of Columbia, and 3 foreign countries. These grants were generally toward projects involving the construction

and major renovation of facilities.

The Kresge Foundation was created by the personal gifts of the late Sebastian S. Kresge. Since 1924, appropriations of over \$346 million have been made to institutions in the areas of higher education, health services, the arts, social welfare, and conservation, several of them to Nazarene colleges. □

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## CANADA CENTRAL GIVES CHURCHES TO LAUNCH MISSION DISTRICT

The immediate creation of a pioneer mission area in Quebec has been announced by the Board of General Superintendents. The Quebec area is under the field supervision of Rev. Roy Fuller.

The Canada Central District assembly enthusiastically endorsed the recommendation of Superintendent Lorne MacMillan and the Advisory Board to transfer three churches in Quebec Province to Superintendent Roy Fuller for the purpose of providing a basic group of Nazarenes to form a Pioneer District structure.

The action of both the Canada Central District and the Board of General Superintendents was unanimous.

The new Quebec pioneer area is slated for organization as a Pioneer District in the spring of 1980.

Meanwhile, Fuller and his helpers have been busy with French radio broadcasts, launching the Italian broadcasts, and pioneering French language TV.

Pastor Adrien-David Robichaud is leading a group in Montreal.

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, executive director of the Department of Home Missions, told Superintendent MacMillan that the unselfish action of the Canada Central District in providing a voluntary nucleus for the new district, even at considerable cost to themselves, will set a model which could be duplicated in numerous other areas.

The three churches transferred from Canada Central include Montreal First, Franklin Centre, and the Armenian church in Montreal.

The action by the Canada Central District is the latest in a series of significant accomplishments by the Church of the Nazarene in Canada, including the establishment of the Canadian Executive Board and the creation of a national General Church Loan Fund—Canada.


The Canadian Zone is leading out in aggressive church planting, having increased in number of churches planted this quadrennium, going from 1 last quadrennium to 13 so far this quadrennium. □

## WIFE OF SWAZILAND SUPERINTENDENT DIES

Mrs. Leonard Sibandze, wife of the district superintendent of Swaziland North district, died Wednesday, August 8.

She had been ill for some time. □

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### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT TRAINING RETREAT

Tennessee District campground was the site of the church's second training retreat for Marriage Enrichment applicant couples. Three districts were represented: East Tennessee, Philadelphia, and Tennessee.

The event was coordinated jointly by **Christian Counseling Services** of Nashville and the **Tennessee District**. Dr. Norman Henry worked for a year on the plans and was the chief person for coordination.

Retreat leaders J. Paul and Marilyn Turner led the couples through 7 three-hour sessions. The basic ingredients in the retreat were community and skill-building, modeling, theory,

and the in-depth marital exploration. The seven sessions were structured from five major areas: marital growth, communication styles, conflict resolution, esteem building, and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The retreat ended with prayer, praise, and Wayne Gallup singing, "Oh, to be like Thee! . . . stamp Thine own image deep on my heart." It was a beautiful time of learning, loving, and sharing. □

### ANOTHER DR. HYND IN SOUTH AFRICA

Dr. Margaret J. S. Hynd, daughter of Dr. David Hynd, retired Nazarene missionary in Swaziland, and sister of

Dr. Samuel Hynd, Minister of Health in the government of Swaziland, has been appointed superintendent of Barberton Hospital in the Eastern Transvaal.

Born on the mission field of the church in Swaziland, she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and completed medical training at the University of Glasgow in 1961. She has spent 11 years in mission hospitals in the Eastern Transvaal, and three years in England where she obtained several diplomas. She has served one term as a Nazarene missionary. □

—NCN

### STOWE'S GRANDSON INJURED


Brian Stowe, two-and-a-half-year-old grandson of General Superintendent Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stowe, fell into a swimming pool Monday afternoon, August 6, and was seriously injured when he struck his head. He is unconscious and in critical condition in Loma Linda hospital.

His parents, Don and Kathy Stowe, live in Alta Loma, Calif. □

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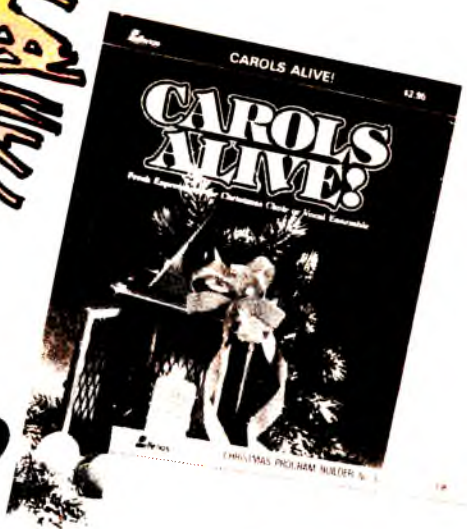
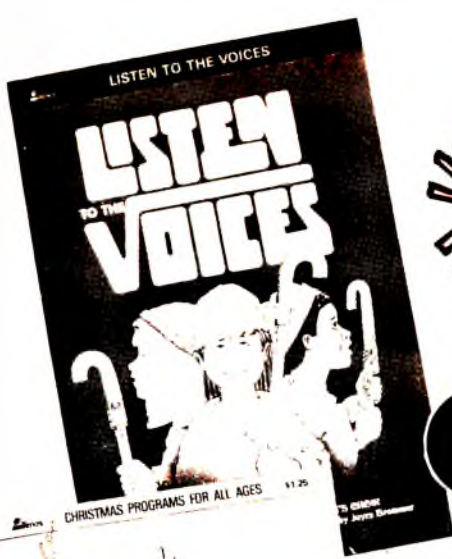
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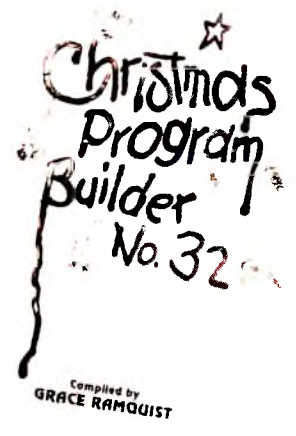
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Pictured (l. to r.): Pastor Eugene Simpson and Missionary President Darrel Thorp look on as Donna Jackson puts the finishing touches on the Missions poster indicating that Wichita, Kans., Linwood Church reached her Missions Giving Goal of \$24,000 for the 1978-79 church year. Linwood has been a 10 percent church for world missions for 20 consecutive years. Giving the past four years for General Budget and specials has reached \$80,000. In addition to paying all of the General Budget, the Linwood people paid for a chapel in Korea in 1976 and a chapel in Curitiba, Brazil, in 1978. Pastor Simpson and 16 of the Linwood members went to Brazil in January of 1979 and built the Linwood Chapel in Curitiba with Missionary Rex Ludwig, who is a member of the Linwood Church.

### LILLENAS-HANSSLER PACT SIGNED

Lillenas Publishing Company announces the signing of a sub-publishing agreement with Europe's largest sacred music publisher, Hanssler-Verlag, of Neuhausen-Stuttgart, West Germany. The agreement gives Lillenas rights of first refusal on Hanssler

songs for publication in the United States and British Commonwealth.

This contract strengthens long-standing relationships between Lillenas and Hanssler-Verlag under which the musical *Life* was published in German and Hanssler titles were released in Lillenas's *Joyspring* songbook and *Morning Has Broken* choral collection. Lillenas plans more extensive and varied exposure for Hanssler music.

In addition to sacred and classical music, Hanssler-Verlag is the German publisher for such authors as Charles Colson, Francis Schaeffer, and the *Decision* magazine. Their songbook *Jesu Name Nie Verklinget* is one of the most widely circulated Christian songbooks in the German language. □



The Lake Placid, N.Y., church is preparing for "Olympics 1980." The church is located on the main street and in the downtown business area overlooking Mirror Lake. Pastor Don LaDue and his people have erected a sign in keeping with the environment of the Adirondack Park. The base of the sign is native stone, matching the church. The wood is Douglas fir with raised grain in natural finish. The church plans a witnessing ministry to the throngs who will attend the Olympics in February of 1980.



The deed to a residential lot was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Ivey to the Greenville, Tex., Peniel Church for the relocation of the church parsonage. It was necessary to move the parsonage for an addition to the church which is now under construction. Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Ivey and son Sidney, and (l.) Pastor Marvin McDaniel.

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## FOR THE RECORD

### DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

#### TENNESSEE

The 68th annual assembly of the Tennessee District convened at Nashville First Church, with District Superintendent H. Harvey Hendershot reporting. He was reelected for a four-year term.

John Conard, Teclamarium Wubneh, and William Ronald Skeeters were ordained by General Superintendent V. H. Lewis.

Elders James Craig, Harold Latham, and Millard Reed; and laymen Levi Barnes, Leon Guill, and Wendell Poole were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Ruth Leviner was reelected NWMS president; William Strickland, Jr., was elected NYI president; and Edmond Nash was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

## WEST VIRGINIA

The 40th annual assembly of the West Virginia District convened at Summersville. W. Va. District Superintendent M. E. Clay was re-elected for a four-year term. He reported the organization of the Pierpont Church of the Nazarene.

General Superintendent William M. Greathouse ordained William A. Brown, Keith A. Hostuttler, Rodney P. Kuhn, Edward L. Midcap, Thomas W. Taylor, and Gerald T. Wilson. Mrs. Pauline Wright was consecrated as Deaconess, and Mrs. Helen Radcliffe was commissioned for Christian education.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders James Boshell, Franklin Goff, Kenneth Maze, Merlin Provanco, and C. Harold Smith. Laypersons elected were Russell Bailey, Donald Estep, Jan Forman, John Jenkins, and Elmer Snodgrass.

Mrs. M. E. Clay, NWMS president; Rev. Terry Solina, NYI president; and Jan Forman, chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were re-elected to their respective positions.

## SOUTHWEST INDIANA

The 31st annual assembly of the Southwest Indiana District met at the Convention Center, Evansville, Ind. District Superintendent B. G. Wiggs, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Leslie F. Grimsley, James L. Hedrick, Paul D. Shear, and Rodney Osborne, and recognized the credentials of Herschel P. Duncan.

Elders B. W. Downing, Paul T. Byrns, and Darrell Wineinger, and laymen Byron Buker, Edward Mason, and Jesse Pitts were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Barbara Wineinger, NWMS president; Rev. Roy Shuck, NYI president; and Rev. Gerald Green, chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were re-elected to their respective positions.

## NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS

The 31st annual assembly of the Northwestern Illinois District met at the Manville Camp, District Superintendent Floyd H. Pounds, completing the second year of an extended term, reported the organization of the Morton church.

Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent presiding, ordained Gary Lynn Cable, Larry Ronald Phelps, and Terry Quinn McCrory.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders J. E. Hazelwood, Donald G. Turner, and Donald Tyler. Laymen elected were John Alderson, Bill Greer, and Dan Roat.

Mrs. Floyd Pounds was re-elected NWMS president; Rev. Jerry Thweatt was re-elected NYI president; and Rev. Duane Kaufman was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

## CENTRAL OHIO

The 36th annual assembly of the Central Ohio District met at the Columbus, Ohio, campground. District Superintendent Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Wayne F. Beard, James Walter Broome, Lewis Eugene Brown, Kenneth Ray Carney, J. Harold Harness, William Nelson, and Claude J. Sisler.

Elders J. Donald Carrico, Gerald L. Morgan, E. K. Richey, and Robert F. Styers and laymen James C. Cline, Paul Forgrave, Jack C. Hansher, and Ray Horton were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Terrell J. Sanders, Jr., was re-elected NWMS president; Rev. Ronald E. Ellington was elected NYI president; and Rev. Jerry D. Lambert was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.



Northwest Oklahoma District ordinands: (l. to r.) Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent; Rev. Elbert Isley; Mrs. Elbert Isley; Mrs. Kerry Lumley; Rev. Kerry Lumley; and District Superintendent Bill Burch.

## NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA

The 31st annual assembly of the Northwest Oklahoma District met at Bethany, Okla. First Church District Superintendent Bill E. Burch was re-elected for a four-year term.

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Elbert Thornton Isley and Kerry Robert Lumley.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Ponder W. Gilliland, Loy Watson, and Gary F. Powell. Laymen elected were Dr. J. Dudley Powers, Don Schuneman, and Harold Mullins.

NWMS President Rev. Jerry Demetre, NYI President Rev. Loran Forbes, and Chairman of the Board of Christian Life Bud LeCrone were re-elected to their positions.

## EAST TENNESSEE

The 32nd annual assembly of the East Tennessee District convened at Knoxville, Tenn. District Superintendent Glen Jones, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent Dr. William M. Greathouse ordained James Elbert Smith.

Elders John Andrus and Charles Patton and laymen Don Moore and Oscar Wheaton were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Glen Jones, NWMS president; Jimmy Hodge, NYI president; and Merle M. Mead, chairman of the Board of Christian Life, were re-elected to their respective positions.

## CENTRAL LATIN AMERICA

The 33rd annual assembly of the Central Latin America District met in the San Antonio, Tex., Central Church. District Superintendent H. O. Espinoza was re-elected for a three-year term. He reported the organization of two new churches.

Presiding General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe ordained Jose Davis and consecrated Mrs. Raquel Herrera as a deaconess.

Elders Cleto Rodriguez and Alejandro Sandoval and laymen Roberto Maldonado and Rafael Rosa were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Virginia Hernandez was re-elected NWMS president; Nelson Herrera was elected NYI president; and Rev. Mario A. Cintron was re-elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.



Central Ohio District ordinands are pictured above (l. to r.): Dr. Terrell C. Sanders, Jr., district superintendent; Claude J. Sisler; J. Harold Harness; Kenneth R. Carney; William Nelson; James W. Broome; Lewis Eugene Brown; Wayne F. Beard; and Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent.





1979 Akron District ordinands and their wives: (l. to r.) back row: Gerald Whetstone; Charles Ruby; Richard Schenck; Dr. Floyd Flemming, district superintendent; front row: Dr. George Coulter, general superintendent; Ellen Whetstone; Dorothy Ruby; Carol Schenck; and Barbara Flemming.

#### AKRON

The 37th annual assembly of the Akron District met in Louisville, Ohio. District Superintendent Floyd O. Flemming, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Charles LeRoy Ruby, Richard Lee Schenck, and Gerald Lee Whetstone.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Paul Merki, Austin H. Wright, J. B. Rose, and Russell J. Long, Sr., and laymen James Couchenour, Gene Frye, Del Sanford, and Glenn Thorne.

NWMS President Barbara Flemming, NYI President Dennis K. Yingling, and Chairman of the Board of Christian Life Paul Merki, were reelected to their respective positions.

#### CHICAGO CENTRAL

The 75th annual assembly of the Chicago Central District convened at Kankakee, Ill., College Church. District Superintendent Forrest W. Nash, completing the second year of an extended term, reported the organization of the Palatine Northwest Korea Church in Palatine, Ill.

Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent, ordained Stephen L. Borger and John L. Kizsee.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders John J. Hancock, Keith Bottles, and Harold 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.

#### NORTHEASTERN INDIANA

The 37th annual assembly of the Northeastern Indiana District met in Marion, Ind. District Superintendent Bruce T. Taylor was reelected for a four-year term.

Presiding General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained Ronald J. Moore.

Elders elected to the Advisory Board were Carl E. Greek, Robert E. James, and Wilmer R. Watson. Laymen elected were Elmer Pasko, Jack Snowden, and Fred Wenger.

Mrs. Bruce T. Taylor was reelected NWMS president; Dale Hawkins was elected NYI president; and Verdean F. Owens was elected chairman of the Board of Christian Life.

#### PITTSBURGH

The 72nd annual assembly of the Pittsburgh District met at the District Center in Butler, Pa. District Superintendent William J. Prince, serving under appointment, was elected for a four-year term.

Presiding General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland ordained Mervin Thomas Adams, Richard William Baker, Sr., Richard Lee Brest, Dennis Lee Hancock, Brian Denis Kerry, and Paul Kenneth Klein.

Elders Wayne H. Acton, Jack Christner, and Dallas D. Mucci were elected to the Advisory Board, with laymen Lauren Cousins, Ronald Rieder, and Willis Whiting.

NWMS president Mrs. Evelyn Prince; NYI president Rev. Terry Sowden; and chairman of the Board of Christian Life, Rev. Louis Staubs, were reelected to their respective positions.

#### MOVING MINISTERS

WILLIAM ARNDT from Mount Vernon (Ill.) Trinity to Denver City, Tex.

ROY BERKLEY from Walters, Okla., to Oklahoma City Crown Heights

JAMES G. BLACK from student to Markdale, Ontario, Canada

JOHN C. BOWLING from professor, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., to Dallas First

LEONARD COLONEY from Ada (Okla.) Arlington to Hominy, Okla.

JAMES CROWLEY from associate, Roxana, Ill., to Seaside, Ore.

OTTIS M. DONEGAN from Tennessee District Camp Center to Clarksville (Tenn.) Park Lane

EMMANUEL E. ETTER from Powell, Wyo., to Medford (Ore.) Rouge Valley

LOWELL P. FORD to Killbuck, Ohio

STANLEY HAMILTON from DeMotte, Ind., to LaPorte, Ind.

GARTH HYDE from Missoula, Mont., to Lancaster (Calif.) First

ORVILLE JACKSON from Peru, Ill., to Mobile (Ala.) Parkview

LYLE KNEBEL from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, to Fenton, Mo.

CHESTER L. KNEIR from St. Louis Lemay to Malden, Mo.

PAUL A. LAIRD from Congo, W. Va., to Grafton (W. Va.) Parkview

CARL N. LEE from Ridge Farm, Ill., to Mansfield, Ill.

CLAUD LUFF from Columbus (Ind.) Calvary to Francisco, Ind.

PAT McCOWN from student, Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla., to Vinita, Okla.

MIKE MARTIN from Blossom, Tex., to associate, Grand Junction, Colo.

HAROLD MacMILLAN from Monticello, Ia., to Albia, Ia.

DAVID R. OLIVER from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, to Kansas City (Kans.) Stony Point

DONALD R. REED from Beebe, Ark., to DeRidder, La.

LARRY D. REINHART from Niles, Ohio, to faculty, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill.

RONALD ROTH from Malden, Mo., to evangelism

ALAN ROSEGRANT from Terrell, Tex., to Sinton, Tex.

JONATHAN D. SPARKS from Fenton, Mo., to Paris, Ill.

THOMAS J. STINSON from student, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, to Creston, Ohio

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

DAVID W. TAYLOR from Bass River & Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada, to hospital staff, Grace Children's Hospital, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, West Indies

EUGENE TURNER from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, to Portland (Ore.) Parkrose

JERRY WARREN from Milton-Freewater, Ore., to Sheridan, Ore.

WILMER WATSON from Fort Wayne (Ind.) South Side to Muncie (Ind.) First

EDWARD WILSBURG from associate, Elkhart (Ind.) First to Rensselaer, Ind.

JOHN R. WILLIAMSON from New Albany (Ind.) First to St. Mary's, Ohio

CARLTON R. ZEHRT from Antigo, Wis., to Woodruff (Wis.) Arbor-Vitae

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PETE HAGENS, Malawi, Furlough Address: 10774 102nd Ave. N., Maple Grove, MN 55369

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RICHARD REYNOLDS, Swaziland, Furlough Address: 4944 Teays Valley Rd., Scott Depot, WV 25560

STEVE WEBER, Haiti, Field Address: P.O. Box 1323, port-au-Prince, Haiti, West Indies 70320

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JOHN SLUYTER, Ecuador, New Field Address: Casilla 6316 CCI, Quito, Ecuador, South America

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ontario, Calif., First Church** will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Sunday, December 2, 1979. Dr. Stowe will be the speaker and the Sherman Quartet will sing. Former pastors and members and friends of First Church are invited to attend. For further information contact First Church, 1311 W. Fifth St., Ontario, CA 91762 (phone 714-986-6776).

**Clarence, Mo., church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary on November 4. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend this event. For further information contact pastor, Rev. Kenneth Williams, P.O. Box 306, Clarence, MO 63437 (phone 816-699-3750).

The **Caruthersville, Mo., church** is planning a "Homecoming" week to celebrate its 65th anniversary, November 6-11. There will be special services each evening with Rev. Bill Grigory as evangelist. All former pastors and members are invited. Contact Rev. Gilbert Hollandsworth, 202 W. 10th, Caruthersville, MO 63830, for details.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is our pleasure to recommend REV. AND MRS. PAUL TRISSEL to the field of evangelism. Paul and Mary Trissel carry the entire program. The talented couple are reentering this ministry after a successful pastorate as well as previous years of service in evangelism. Their address is: P.O. Box 2431, Leesburg, FL 32748 —J. V. Morsch, *Central Florida district superintendent*.

This is to recommend REV. PAUL SEYMORE who has taken retirement at our recent district assembly and who will be holding evangelistic meetings. He has had many years of experience as a pastor and an evangelist and will render valuable service to those who call him. Contact him at: 1315 W. Hawk Circle, Horseshoe Bend, AK 72512 —James E. Hunton, *Illinois district superintendent*.

I wish to recommend REV. JANE BREWINGTON to our churches. She has served commendably as a missionary nurse, most recently

in the leprosy colony in Swaziland. Jane has returned to the U.S. and has felt a call to full-time evangelism. I believe she has a message that all need to hear. She can be reached for available revival dates through the Nazarene Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City, MO 64141 —Wil M. Spaite, *Central California district superintendent*.

REV. ELLIS G. BLYTHE, 7810 S.W. 36th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601, of the North Florida District, is reentering the field of evangelism. He is an effective soul winner.—Jonathan T. Gassett, *North Florida district superintendent*.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### PAUL JERNIGAN DIES IN WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

Paul Jernigan, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Jernigan, died July 29, in Wichita Falls, Tex., where he lived for 35 years. His father, C. B. Jernigan, was one of the founders of the town of Bethany and of Bethany Nazarene College. As a young lad, Paul helped clear the brush to form streets in the town of Bethany and helped to build the first house in Bethany. He also played drums and trombone in the first college orchestra.

During World War II, he was Chief Administrative Technical Advisor of the 8th Service Command, for which he received a meritorious Civilian award from the government.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby, of Wichita Falls, Tex.; two daughters, Eloise Johnson of Nicerville, Fla., and Joan Goodwin of Houston, Tex.; and two sisters, Johnny Jernigan and Margaret Ramsey, both of Nashville, Tenn.

### DEATHS

HAROLD V. BECKWITH, 69, died July 26 in Keene, N.H. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James M. Kelley. He is survived by his wife, Cecile (Towsley) Beckwith; two sons, Ralph V. and James G.; one daughter, Sharon Alexander; three grandchildren; and two brothers.

HAROLD K. BENTLEY, 63, of Phoenix, Ariz., died June 11 in an accident in California. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Heizer and Rev. Dean Freed. He is survived by his wife, Etta-Mae; one daughter, Mrs. Donna-Mae Allen; one son, Eric K.; and five grandsons.

FRANCES ELIZABETH BOWEN, 81 died Aug. 1 in Redding, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. O. J. Finch. Interment was in Los Angeles. Surviving are three children, Geraldene Olinger, and C. Neal and Gerard Bowen; three grandchildren; and two sisters.

MRS. BERTHA BOYD, 86, died July 17 in Erie, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. George L. Wolf. Interment was in Leavittsville, Ohio. Survivors include 1 son, G. Carl Boyd; 3 daughters, Mrs. Garnet Smyklo, Mrs. Arthur (Ethelyn) Schwartz, and Mrs. James (Laura) Potts; 9 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

ANNA F. BRANDON, 77, died June 20 in Bartlesville, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert L. Leffel. She is survived by her husband, Arthur L.; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Courtney; three grandchildren; five brothers; and five sisters.

ANNIE T. BROWN, 78, died July 10 in Williams, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. B. Stack and Rev. Grady W. Cantrell. She is survived by her husband, Harvey; two daughters, Roberta Young and Betty Anne Azzopardi; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

MISS MILDRED E. DURIGG, 82, died July 26 in Wadsworth, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Roy O. Watson. Interment was in Armstrong Mills, Ohio. Surviving are three sisters, Rose Winland, Beulah Perry, and Winemah Refert.

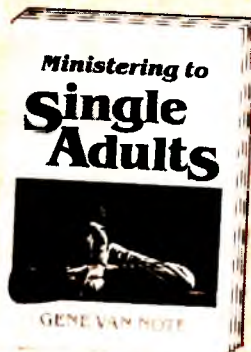
NATHAN WAYNE HILL, 16, drowned at the Virginia Nazarene Senior High Camp, July 23. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Carl M. Sherman and Rev. Richard N. Shomo at the Harrisonburg, Va., Church. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill, Sr.; two brothers, Ralph E., Jr., and James H.; one sister, Miriam Frances; and his grandparents, Mrs. Lena S. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cootes.

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REV. ROBERT E. LONG, 66, died July 19 in Arlington, VA. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. John May, district superintendent of the Eastern Kentucky District, and Revs. Donald Mank, Daniel Thew, and James Ahleman. A memorial service was held in Lansdale, Pa., by Rev. Howard Chambers and Rev. C. A. Way. Interment was in Prospectville, Pa. He pastored in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland. He is survived by his wife, Helen, one son, Robert Earl; one daughter, Leona Dell Foulds; three granddaughters; five step-grandchildren; and one sister.

JAMES ERNEST MAXWELL, 82, died July 20 in Mineral Wells, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul Grundy. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; two sons; and one daughter.

LILLIAN A. MICKEL, 71, died Aug. 6 in Alum Bank, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by retired District Superintendent E. E. Grosse, District Superintendent Roy E. Carnahan, and her pastor, Rev. Alan D. Smith. Survivors include her husband, Ralph A.; two sons, Ronald and Hubert; and four grandchildren.

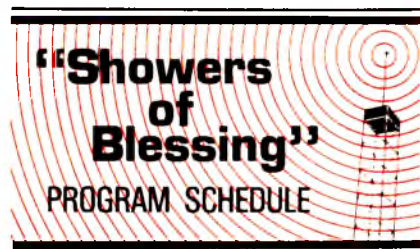
REV. WILLARD NABORS, 68, died June 4 in Corpus Christi, Tex. Funeral services were conducted in Kingfisher, Okla., by Revs. Wesley Hoeckle, Bill Burch, Jerald R. Locke, and Keith Maule. Rev. Nabors pastored in Illinois, New Mexico, Indiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Survivors include his wife, Louise; one son, Rev. Monte Nabors; two daughters, Mrs. Jean Reddick and Mrs. Cherree Hancock; six grandchildren; and five brothers and sisters.

THOMAS LEE ROBINSON, 23, died June 28 in Lenoir City, Tenn. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wayne Rutherford and Rev. Charles Patton. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Nellie) Robinson; one sister, Mrs. Donna Couey; and a grandparent, Mrs. Irene Robinson.

ROY W. WEBB, JR., 57, died June 28 in Junction City, Kans. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Sumner Morrison. Surviving are his wife, Ruth; two sons, Rev. Bill Webb and Rev. Tom Webb; one daughter, Mrs. Tom (Nancy) Young; and four grandchildren.

#### BIRTHS

to REV. BILL AND JEAN ANN (BUCKLES) BURKE, South Bend, Ind., a boy, Benjamin James, Apr. 7



September 23  
**"God and Government"**  
*by W. E. McCumber*

September 30  
**"The Living God"**  
*by W. E. McCumber*

October 7  
**"God's First Requirement"**  
*by W. E. McCumber*

October 14  
**"The Big Giver"**  
*by W. E. McCumber*

**BIBLE TRANSLATORS OBSERVE SPECIAL DAY.** Wycliffe Bible Translators will observe Bible Translation Sunday September 30, thankful for the first 100 New Testament translations.

The Amuesha people of Peru, South America, received the 100th Testament completed. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fast started the work in 1946 and were succeeded in 1953 by Martha Duff (now Mrs. Robert Tripp) and Mary Ruth Wise.

Ninety-nine other New Testaments have been printed and distributed by members of Wycliff and the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

Since 1934 when the first Wycliff linguists were trained, specialists have started translation in more than 700 languages and dialects in 38 countries.

Though it has taken 45 years to complete the first 100 New Testaments, computerization and other technologies are expected to help specialists complete the second 100 within the next two years.

Wycliffe surveys show that most of the more than 5,000 languages spoken in the world have never been reduced to writing and Bible portions have been translated into only a fourth of them.

That leaves over 200 million people with no Scripture available in their more than 3,000 languages.

The U.S. Congress recognized the significance of this task. A joint Senate-House resolution authorized then-President Lyndon B. Johnson to designate September 30, 1967, as the first Bible Translation Day. □

**BIBLE, TAPE, AND RECORD SALES UP.** Thirty-three publishing houses participated in a statistical survey conducted for the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association by John P. Dessauer, Inc., at La Habra, Calif.

The report, recently made available to participants, showed net sales totaling over \$175 million compared with \$154 million in 1977. Largest dollar and unit gains among the 10 product categories in the survey were posted by Bible sales, but sales of training materials, records, and tapes also advanced significantly. Books showed modest dollar-gains overall, but declined in the unit column. Paper-bound books lost ground in both dollars and units.

Religious bookstores will constitute the principal market for survey participants. Sales to "rackers and distributors" ranked as the second largest market and "direct-to-consumer" sales placed just ahead of "churches and other institutions" as the third ranking market category. □

**YOUTH CONGRESS OPPOSES ABORTION, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.** Christian young people from 21 denominations voiced their opinions on a variety of issues at the National Christian Youth Congress July 19-22, in Estes Park, Colo.

Delegates approved a proposition that condemned capital punishment. Some 48 percent of the youth voted for the anti-death-penalty proposition; 43 percent voted against it; and 9 percent abstained.

A proposition condemning abortion (except when the mother's life is in danger) was passed by 48 percent of the youth; 42 percent voted no; and 10 percent abstained. Another proposition that advocated raising the legal drinking age to 21 in all states, was defeated. Only 33 percent voted yes; 60 percent voted no; and 7 percent abstained.

A proposition that would grant public school teachers the freedom to teach the biblical story of creation passed by 78 percent.

Delegates from 33 states came to the Congress. The event is sponsored by GROUP, a magazine for Christian youth groups. The Congress featured workshops and seminars, concerts and recreation. Nearly 1,600 youth and leaders attended. □

to DAVID AND PAMELA (LANCE) CLAYTON, Arlington, Va., a boy, Stephen Carl, May 27  
 to REV. WILLIAM R. AND JEAN A. DILLON II, Canton, Ohio, a girl, Courtney Linn, May 17  
 to DAVID AND KATHY (BOGGS) GARRISON, Oxford, Ohio, a girl, Heather Dawn, July 22  
 to REV. GENE AND RONOYCE (BARNES) GRATE, Harvester, Mo., a boy, Christopher Ryan, July 27  
 to REV. DAVID AND PHYLLIS (ROBERTS) HOFFPAUIR, Moore, Okla., a boy, Brett Jason, July 27  
 to WILLIAM AND BRANDY (ANDERSON) HORNING, Bolingbrook, Ill., a boy, Seth William, July 21  
 to TERRY AND AVIS (WILSON) JOHNSON, Olathe, Kans., a boy, Troy Manuel, Aug. 8  
 to RONALD AND NANCY (GUNDERSON) KIRK, Baker, Ore., a boy, Timothy Nathaniel, July 18  
 to DAN AND DEBBIE (OWENSBY) MADASZ, Kansas City, Mo., a girl, Deborah Elaine, July 23  
 to BILL AND CHERYL (CUTLER) MASSIE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, a girl, Kendra Joy, July 13

to BOB AND PENNY (PATMORE) PETERS, Kennett Square, Pa., a boy, Nicholas Ryan (Nicky), July 27  
 to R. V. AND JOY REESE, Fitzgerald, Ga., a boy, Chadwick Alan, June 6  
 to GARY AND CHERYL (THAYER) SLUSHER, Colorado Springs, a boy, Joshua Rubert, July 12  
 to REV. AND MRS. DAN WALTERS, Cincinnati, Ohio, a boy, Devon Paul, June 21  
 to CHARLES AND JOYCE WARREN, Oxford, Ohio, a boy, Richard Eugene Albert, June 22

#### ADOPTION

by JOHN C. AND CONNIE (REMOLE) ALEXANDER, Potomac, Ill., a girl, Jill Angela, adopted May 30

#### MARRIAGES

RHONDA REGINA CARTER and RICHARD KIRK SNEED at Kansas City, Mo., June 3  
 SANDY CATTERSON and RANDY RAYBORN at Twin Falls, Ida., June 15  
 DEBRA JEAN WYMORE and KENDALL WILLIAM FREDRICKSON at Oskaloosa, Ia., June 16  
 DEBORAH K. PASKO and ROBERT DALE

ZURCHER at Huntington, Ind., June 23  
 SHERYL LYNN SLONAKER and BILLY NEAL SANDROS at Palouse, Wash., July 14

#### ANNIVERSARIES

REV. AND MRS. ARTHUR J. STOTT observed their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Webber. It was held in the Golden-dale, Wash., church July 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Stott have been members of the Northwest District for over 50 years. They pastored eight churches over a period of 40 years, all on the Northwest District.

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# THE ANSWER

## CORNER

Conducted by W. E. McCumber, Editor

**I heard a preacher say that David and Jonathan were homosexual lovers. He based his remark on 2 Samuel 1:26, where David says, "Thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women." What do you think of this?**

I think the remark was stupid and slanderous. There is not an iota of evidence that such a relationship existed between David and Jonathan. The Bible is unsparing in its description and condemnation of David's sins. If he had been guilty of such an abomination, that too would have been exposed and denounced. David had enough to answer for, without additional charges based on groundless slander being brought against him. And Jonathan was too fine a man to deserve such verbal abuse from a modern critic. Jonathan was, in Eric Rust's phrase, "David's covenant-brother," a beautiful relationship without any sinful or sordid elements.

**Where, besides Ecclesiastes 11:3, does the Bible say, "Where the tree falleth, there it shall be"?**

Nowhere else.

**What is the "rock" in Matthew 16:18? Is it Peter? Christ (NASB prints "rock" without a capital "R")? Divine contact or revelation with the human soul?**

I am sure that you know how controversial this passage has been through the centuries. Three views have prevailed.

1. The rock is Peter.
2. The rock is Jesus, in His essential deity.

Rock, in its figurative use in the Old Testament (over 40 times) refers to deity, and 1 Corinthians 3:11 speaks of Christ as a foundation.

3. The rock is the divine revelation concerning Jesus' person and mission, referred to in verses 16 and 17.

I favor the second interpretation because of the consistent use of "rock" figuratively for deity, and because of the Greek change of words: "You are Peter (petros, a detached piece of rock), and upon this rock (petra, massive, underlying rock) I will build my church."

However, Jesus may have spoken in Aramaic, and it would not contain this distinction; the one word *kepha* would be used for "Peter" and "rock." And Ephesians 2:19-20 speaks of apostles and prophets as the foundation of the church. If the "rock" were Peter, this does not validate at all the extravagant and erroneous claims of the papacy.

Peter's office was not transmissible. The apostles had no successors, for foundations are not repeated, only built upon.

The first interpretation seems the most natural. If Peter was not the foundation, why would Jesus even insert the words, "You are Peter," in His response?

And yet . . .

**Do you think the garden of Eden is still here on earth or was it destroyed by the flood? If it is still here on earth, where do you think it is?**

I am confident that the location of the garden is still part of the earth. The extent to which the form of that part of the earth has changed is another question, and one I cannot answer. Wherever Eden was it still is, however altered. According to Genesis, it was in the Tigris-Euphrates area of ancient Mesopotamia.





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**Gallatin, Tenn.:** First Church had a revival with *Evangelist Ben Marlin* and *Song Evangelists Wally and Ginger Laxson*. Many definite needs were met in saving, reclaiming, and sanctifying power. Shouts of praise, tears of joy, love feasts, and testimonies of victory were all evidences of renewal. □

—Doyle C. Smith, pastor

**Owensville, Ind.:** First Church had a revival with *Evangelist Harold C. Frodge*. There were 610 personal invitations made during the week. Eighty-eight new people came. There were 16 seekers at the altar for salvation, and 3 for sanctification. Every night there were people at the altar praying for a closer walk with Christ. □

—Thomas Hackler, pastor

**Cass City, Mich.:** The church had a revival with *Evangelist Gerald Laing*. God moved throughout the meeting and stirred hearts of the congregation. The breakthrough came on Sunday morning when 11 came forward for prayer. Three came for the first time to be saved. □

—Jerry D. Deatherage, pastor

**Farmington, N.M.:** First Church had a revival with *Evangelist Fred R. Lester*. God used his dynamic preaching. On Sunday morning, the Holy Spirit moved in and the altars were filled; people all over the sanctuary were on their knees praying. One Catholic lady was saved, along with several others and in all, over 50 souls found help. □

—John K. Greeno, pastor

**Cassville, Mo.:** The church had a revival with *Evangelist O. A. McGuire*. Ten new teens were taken into membership as a result of this revival. Cassville Church is a new church started four years ago. □

—B. C. Hunt, pastor

**Minot, N.D.:** First Church had a revival with *Evangelists Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Brooks*. With very pointed preaching, Rev. Brooks laid out the way of scriptural holiness. A number received the clear witness of the baptism with the Holy Spirit while many more responded to the call for more obedient holy living. The children's services, led by Mrs. Brooks each night, provided special ministry to children on their own level. □

—Mervyn Friberg, pastor

**Arenzville, Ill.:** Bethel Church had a revival with *Evangelist Ottis Smith*. He preached in love, loved the people, and took time to care. Souls were reclaimed, many were sanctified, and there were several new converts. □

—James Lester, pastor

**Smithton, Pa.:** The church had a revival with *Evangelist Clyde B. Rogers*. The preaching of Rev. Rogers was clear, anointed, and God gave the increase. On the final night of the campaign when the altar call was given, 21 people came almost simultaneously to seek salvation or sanctification. Nearly all testified of the victory God gave to their hearts. □

—Glenn W. Eagle, pastor

**Los Angeles:** El Sereno Church had a revival with *Evangelist Luther Collins* and *Song Evangelist Renee Reyes*. The Holy Spirit manifested his presence and power by giving 36 seekers at the altar. Twelve accepted the Lord as Savior for the first time; 10 were anointed with oil for healing and claimed a touch of the Lord's hand in healing. In Saturday visitation, one family was saved in their home and another lady was gloriously sanctified. As a result of the revival, 11 prospective members were gained and a definite spiritual uplift was experienced. □

—Roy L. Hotchkiss, pastor

**Minford, Ohio:** The church had a revival with *Evangelist Edna West*. Service after service, sinners were saved, believers were sanctified wholly, and new commitments to God were made. Rev. West conducted morning Bible studies on the atonement with a great emphasis on "The Blood." □

—Lewis Brown, pastor

**San Antonio, Tex.:** Valley-Hi Church had a revival with *Evangelist Jimmy Dell*. Record attendances were made in every service as God came in an unusual way. Some came who had never attended a revival service. Nine joined by profession of faith on Sunday and many more were reached who indicated a desire to become Nazarenes. Seekers came in every service, with over 72 at the altar during the six services. □

—W. E. Rhodes, pastor

**Jamestown, N.D.:** The church had a revival with the *Musical Bertolets*. The average nightly attendance was over 100 persons. Over 35 persons bowed at the altars of the church—some finding Christ for the first time, and others making full surrender to the Holy Spirit for heart holiness. □

—Dan White, pastor

**Buffalo, N.Y.:** First Church had a revival with *Evangelist Tom Roat*. The Holy Spirit prepared the way through daily telephone prayer partners for the biblically centered messages. The altars were lined, with many finding help. The Holy Spirit descended upon the Friday night service with 25 seekers at the altar. □

—Bill Wiesman, pastor

**Swartz Creek, Mich.:** Lindenwood Church had a revival with *Evangelist Ron Richmond*. A new and fresh spirit was felt in each of the services. A number of people found definite help around the altar both on Friday evening and Sunday morning. Six people testified as finally being able to turn everything over to God. □

—Gregory L. Chambers, pastor

**Crestwood, Ill.:** Calvary Church had a revival with *Evangelist Nelson Purdue* and the *Kaegle Trio* as song evangelists. God's Holy Spirit was present in every service. His anointing was on the evangelist, directing him in his ministry on holiness as an experience and living the life. Sixteen people sought help at the altar and many received the truth as it came close and searching. □

—W. D. Huffman, pastor

**DeKalb, Ill.:** First Church had a revival with *Evangelists Jerry and Mady Cline*. The church was renewed from the youngest to the oldest. The Holy Spirit was so real as Rev. Cline preached with moving authority. Seventy-seven people found help at the altar. It was a tremendous revival in every way. □

—David Glick, pastor

**Grand Rapids, Mich.:** Fuller Avenue Church had a revival with *Evangelist Carl Hall* and the *Ray Overholt Family* as song evangelists. The revival was the best attended during the pastor's four years at Grand Rapids. Over 25 people found help at the altar. Rev. Hall's "Magic with a Message" brought in many young people. □

—James C. Brillhart, pastor

**Clarksville, Ind.:** Parkwood Church had a revival with *Evangelists Rev. and Mrs. Harold Glaze*. God moved on the congregation and two of the teens were saved, a lady was sanctified, and another lady was reclaimed. Christian people were brought closer to the Lord by the anointed preaching of Harold Glaze. Our hearts were blessed also with the singing of Rev. and Mrs. Glaze. □

—Mike Kesling, pastor

## THE CHURCH SCENE

The Oxford Church of the Nazarene was honored as the outstanding small church at the Southwestern Ohio District Assembly. In an unprecedented service on the following Sunday evening, District Superintendent Dr. Dallas Baggett and General Superintendent Dr. Orville W. Jenkins visited the church and presented the award personally to the congregation and its pastor, Rev. David Benson.

The Oxford congregation received 19 new members and had a good increase in Sunday school enrollment

and attendance, qualifying it for the Evangelistic Honor Roll for the third straight year. The church was also a gold award missionary society, and paid or overpaid all budgets. In the providence of God, it was possible to baptize two new Christians at the close of this special service. □

The Nazarene churches of the Fort Worth, Tex., area have sponsored a L.I.F.T. (Ladies Inspirational Fellowship Time) for the past two years. The ladies meet once a month for dinner and have outstanding guest speakers and an annual style show. Miss America, Shirley Cothran; Waualea Renegar; Geneva McCullough; Glaphre Gilliland; Barbara Daniels; and Carolyn Lunn have been some of their speakers. □

The Overland Park, Kans., church dedicated its new sanctuary in a special service Sunday, April 15, at 3 p.m.

General Superintendent George Coulter spoke. Pastor J. Dennis Johnson led the litany of dedication and prayed the dedicatory prayer.

Greetings were brought by Ben Sykes, mayor of Overland Park.

In 13 years this congregation, which began with 61 charter members, has grown to 349.

The new sanctuary, which completes the facilities, was built in three stages and is valued at more than \$1,750,000. □

### CHURCH LEADERS MAKE ON-THE-FIELD STUDY OF OREGON CHURCH PLANTING

From various sections of the United States, 24 district leaders have pre-registered for the August 21-22 Church Planter Seminar in Eugene, Ore., to study firsthand the most extensive program in church planting currently operational in the denomination.

Twenty-seven potential new churches have been launched since May. The three Nazarene churches in the Eugene-Springfield area alone are attempting to plant 20 new churches simultaneously.

Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, executive director of the Department of Home Missions, called this a watershed time in denominational history as the Oregon Nazarenes return to the spontaneous church planting efforts characteristic of the early "growth" days of the denomination.

Dr. Hurn says that if 50 new Nazarene churches are organized by the December 31 cutoff date for churches organized this quadrennium, it would bring the quadrennial total to more than the 180 recorded last quadrennium. □

—NCN

### PROGRESS REPORT ON THE OREGON PLAN

Seventeen church planters were at work on the Oregon Pacific District as of July 20, according to a newsletter released by the district.

After recounting the blessings of the dramatic district assembly service which launched the Oregon Plan last spring, the newsletter went on to give an update on the nation's most ambitious program of Nazarene church planting.

A Nazarene mover from Lawton, Okla., assisted in moving the families. The moving bill was approximately \$45,000.

Several pastors have reported that church services have been different since the assembly. People and services have taken on new life with involvement in the church planting. Many are saying it could be the beginning of revival in the local churches.

Each church planter and wife is required to spend 12 hours in orientation sessions. The first orientation was June 11-12. July 26 all church planters met for a day of Bible study, prayer, counseling, upgrading of skills,



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and reports. Each month the church planters will be brought together for mutual encouragement.

Foodstuff is being gathered by local churches to supplement the \$50.00 per week each church planter receives for groceries. Grand Ronde church has had a "dry cereal drive," and will follow this with similar drives. Families are purchasing a food item each week to place in the food barrel. Central "food banks" are being estab-

lished where food will be stored and distributed to the families.

Bertrand Peterson has arranged to include all church planters on the district hospital insurance program. The cost of this program for the 25 or more families will be \$2,100 per month.

Bible studies and prayer groups are meeting each week in 17 places on the district. Sunday a.m. services are being conducted in 7 places. Attendance

in the 7 Sunday services was 202 on July 8 with over 300 persons in attendance at the Bible studies the same week. They meet in pastors' homes, community homes, school facilities, grange halls, and rented church facilities. Chairs, songbooks, study materials, offering plates, etc., are being supplied by sponsoring churches and others. □

by WARD HALL, *Caldwell, Ohio*

## all alone

I WAS ON MY WAY to the church after having called on several parishioners, and stopped by the parsonage for a moment to see if there were any calls while I had been away. My wife, Thelma, opened the door as I was coming up the walk and told me that Effie O'Dowd had just died. I wasn't prepared for the news because Effie, though she complained about her heart from time to time, seemed otherwise healthy. I drove at once to the O'Dowd residence.

Elihew E. O'Dowd, or "Dutch" as everyone called him, was a retired coal miner and a hard worker. He took pride in his work and spent very little time doing anything else, including going to church. When Effie needed to go to town she would get someone else to take her because Dutch was always too busy. I had visited Effie frequently but wouldn't get more than a few words from Dutch as he worked in his well-kept yard. Dutch was always at the top of Effie's prayer list. He hadn't been in a church since he was 24 years old and now he was 79. Now Effie was gone. What would Dutch do without her?

As I drove to the house I could see that others had arrived before I could. Inside the home I went immediately over to Dutch and expressed my sympathy. He grabbed my hand and wept like a baby, saying, "What am I going to do now?" I told him that God was the answer, and asked those present to pray with me as I prayed a simple prayer.

Dutch told me how he had found her in bed, sleeping later than usual, and upon trying to awaken

her realized that she had passed away. He fell to his knees and wept, and God gave him a vision. He saw himself standing in the world all alone. He realized how much time spent working could have been shared with his loving wife. I stayed with Dutch as much as I could the next few days while making the funeral arrangements. Effie was buried on November 11, a beautiful, unseasonably warm day. After the funeral, which was quite hard on Dutch, I went to his house to talk to him about Christ. I reminded him of Effie's prayers and her desire to see him saved. I urged Dutch to come to church and receive strength as the church prayed and encouraged him. He said, "Ward Hall, if I come to your church and I don't think you're preaching it straight, I'll never be back."

I said, "That's fair enough."

He promised, weather permitting, to be at church on Sunday morning. Good weather was necessary because Dutch suffered from black lung disease.

At home I prayed for good weather and guidance in my preaching. God assured me Dutch would be there, and impressed me to preach on "excuses."

Through the week the weather was cloudy and cold, but on Saturday it started to clear. I visited Dutch each day and told him that God had assured me of a beautiful Sunday. Sunday came, the sun shone, the wind calmed, and Dutch O'Dowd came to church.

He was very attentive, taking everything in as the service proceeded. When it was time for the message, the Spirit was graciously present. As I preached I could see tears welling up in Dutch's eyes. When the sermon was finished and the invitation was given, Dutch was the first to come. He prayed through, and he now labors for spiritual treasures with the kind of zeal that marked his work for worldly goods. The odds were against a 79-year-old man finding the Lord as his personal Savior, but he did. Dutch O'Dowd is looking and working for that day when he will see the Lord and his loved one face-to-face. □

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

## SWAZI CABINET OFFICIAL VISITS HEADQUARTERS

Mr. Lawrence Mncina, minister of state for Foreign Affairs in the government of Swaziland, South Africa, visited the International Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene August 17. He was accompanied by Mr. William W. Fager of the Language Service Division of the United States Department of State. He was on an official tour of the country. Raised a Nazarene in Swaziland, Mr. Mncina insisted on the visit to Kansas City as a part of his itinerary.

He was met by Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary, and given a brief tour of the Headquarters buildings and Nazarene Theological Seminary.

A very warm and significant moment came when he met Mrs. Dorothy Davis Cook in the foyer of the main entrance. She is a retired missionary who recently married Rev. Ralph Cook, also a retired missionary. They were in Kansas City at a district missionary convention. Mrs. Cook had known Mr. Mncina when he was a child. As head of nursing in the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital, she had been present when his first child was born. Their tearful exchange in the Zulu language was dramatic. Here was a missionary who had spent most of her adult life in Swaziland, greeting a fruit of missionary labor—now a leader in his nation.

Mr. and Mrs. Mncina and their four children live in Mbabane, the capital of Swaziland. This small country, located between Mozambique and the Republic of South Africa, has been the site of more than half a century of missionary enterprise by the denomination. It now has 74 organized churches, a Bible college, teachers' training college, a nurses' college, 44 schools with more than 10,000 pupils, a hospital, and 22 clinics. There are 4,836 members of the Church of the Nazarene, and more than 20,000 enrolled in Sunday school.

Mr. Mncina says there are a number of Nazarenes in places of high government and civic leadership. Among them are Dr. Samuel Hynd, minister of Health; Dr. Z. M. Dlamini, director of Medical Services; and Rev. Samuel Dlamini, secretary of the Cabinet.

The Church of the Nazarene has enjoyed a good relationship with the government of Swaziland under the leadership of King Sobhuza. □

—NCN

## MILLHUFF AT PALLADIUM

Evangelist Chuck Millhuff will speak at a one-night indoor "Camp Meeting" at the Hollywood Palladium Sunday evening, September 16.

The Speer Family and Doug Oldham will be bringing the musical package. Local Nazarene congregations are dismissing their services to attend the rally.

The meeting is being taped for national prime time television in the spring of 1980. □



—NCN

## PASTOR KILLED WORKING ON HIS CAR

Rev. Bob Myers, pastor of the Lindsay, Okla., church on the Southwest Oklahoma district, was killed instantly when his car under which he was working, fell on him August 14.

Rev. Myers, with his wife and two children, were doing home mission work in Lindsay, where a small nucleus of members is being formed. He had attended Nazarene Theological Seminary part-time during 1972-75.

Since the church building was too small, the funeral, August 16, was held in the Methodist church. □

—NCN

## OWENS TEACHES COURSE IN KOREA

Dr. Don Owens, professor of missions at Nazarene Theological Seminary, has just returned from Korea where he taught 60 Nazarene pastors during a one-day session in Korea on spiritual gifts.

The textbook was *Spiritual Gifts Workshop*, written by Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, executive director of the Department of Home Missions. It has been translated and published in the Korean language.

The participants' manual was reproduced in quantity for the pastors' use. The *Leader's Guide* is currently being translated. □



—NCN

## GENERAL BOARD APPROVES NATIONAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

The General Board, by a mail vote, has approved the National Insurance Program designed by Alexander & Alexander for the Church of the Nazarene, according to word from Leon Doane, executive director of the Department of Stewardship.

This program is to be specifically tailored for the Church of the Nazarene. It will offer better protection and increased limits of insurance at substantial premium savings. The program is available to each local church, district, college/educational institution and/or General Board-related entity on a voluntary enrollment basis. □

—NCN

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS FETE DON GIBSON

Dr. Donald Gibson, who recently resigned as executive director of the Department of Evangelism to accept the election of superintendent of the Eastern Michigan district, was honored at a luncheon Friday, August 17, by the Executive Fellowship.

Tributes to him and his work were given by Dr. Leon Doane, executive director of the Department of Stewardship, and General Superintendent Dr. William M. Greathouse.

Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary, presided and presented gifts to Dr. Gibson on behalf of the fellowship.

Drs. M. A. (Bud) Lunn and W. E. McCumber closed the luncheon with prayer for the Gibsons as they undertake their new assignment. □

—NCN



## GIFTS TEXT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SPANISH

The Spanish translation of Dr. W. T. Purkiser's *The Gifts of the Spirit* has been authorized by the Christian Service Training Commission as an alternate text for the upcoming denomination-wide study, *Finding Your Ministry*, which deals with spiritual gifts.

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